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dertakes only to collect, not to administer, funds and that any money which it has discretionary power to deal with, shall always be transmitted to the Bishop or head of a Mission, and not to any individual missionary. This rule applies, of course, only to those sums of which the destination is not specified by the donors, and which are allotted to some one or more missionary dioceses at each annual general meeting. For one of the main objects of the Society is to act as a medium of communication between would-be contributors and the missions in which they may happen to feel an interest. There are, no doubt, many persons in Canada who, either from previous association or some chance circumstance, wish to send their contributions to further the Church's work in some distant land. One may be interested in the work among the Zulus, another in the Central African Mission, another in Melanesia, or in Moosence; whilst others may find a difficulty in remitting their subscriptions to the S. P. G. or the C. M. S. Here in our midst is machinery that will do the work for us, saving us all trouble!

It is, moreover, we understand, the wish of the Society to supply subscribers with the latest reports of the Mission to which their money is sent, with the view of fostering an interest in mission work in general. It is a narrow and mistaken policy that would dissuade Churchmen from contributing to the necessities of foreign missions while our own parishes and clergy are so poorly sustained. Those who feel the warmest sympathy in far-off efforts to spread Christ's Gospel are usually the most liberal supporters of the Church at home.

That the members should hitherto have devoted the spare funds of the Society to Algoma is only natural, for what mission can have at present such claims on our support? Notwithstanding that, in consideration of "hard times," small effort has been made to press for the collection of subscriptions, we understand that already some \$800 have been handed over to the Bishop of Algoma by this Society, of which we have said enough to win for it the support of Churchmen of all shades of opinion.

THE BELLS OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. DEDICATION SERVICE.

ON the 1st November (All Saints Day) the costly peal of bells lately presented by the City Companies, Lady Burdett-Coutts, and others to our National Cathedral, were formally inaugurated by a short service of dedication. It is rarely one sees such an enormous crowd in and around St. Paul's as was present on this occasion. The cathedral was filled to the western doors, while thousands congregated in the churchyard. The bells are twelve in number, and are placed in the north tower at a height of about 180 feet from the ground. The largest bell, No. 12, which sounds B-flat and weighs 63 cwt., is given by the Corporation of the City of London; the next largest, No. 11, whose weight is 45 cwt., is presented by the Grocers' Company; No. 10, 33 cwt., by the clothworkers; No. 9, by the fishmongers; No. 8, by the merchant tailors; No. 7, by the salters; Nos. 6, 5, 4, 3, by the Turners' Company and Lady Burdett-Coutts; and Nos. 2 and 1, by the Drapers' Company. The whole peal weighs about thirteen tons, and has cost \$12,500, besides which the Chapter of St. Paul's have expended about \$5,000 in fittings, hoistings, &c. Notwithstanding what has been said by a high authority respecting the quality and tone of the bells, most musicians agree in pronouncing

them entirely satisfactory, excepting that perhaps a slightly heavier clapper might with advantage be added to the No. 11 and No. 12 bells in order to strengthen their tone. Certain it is that the manner in which they are arranged and hung does very great credit to the founders, Messrs. Taylor & Sons, of Loughborough. After the ordinary evening service on All Saints' Day, the choir, followed by the Bishop of London, the Dean, Bishop Claughton, and the Rev. Minor Canons Povah, Webber, Coward, Simpson, Milman and Russell, proceeded to what is called the geometrical staircase, situated in the south-west corner of the cathedral, and, after crossing its western gallery, passed on to the singing chamber, where the dedication took place. The choir having sung psalms *De Profundis*, *Deus misereatur*, *Afferte Domino*, and *Laudate Dominum*, several special prayers were offered by the Bishop and Dean. The hymn, "When morning gilds the skies," having been sung, and the collect for St. Paul's Day said, this very impressive service was brought to a conclusion by the bestowal of the blessing by the Bishop of London, immediately after which the bells struck up a merry peal, and, judging from the delight which greeted the first round, must have given great satisfaction to the gigantic assemblage. The Ancient College Gentle Bellringers then rang a thousand changes in a style which, considering that the bells were comparatively strange to them, did credit to their ancient and highly efficient society.

CHURCH MUSIC.

THE annual festival of the SION COLLEGE CHORAL UNION took place in St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, the 5th Nov. We notice with pleasure the growing popularity of this service, which, though unassisted by orchestral instruments, must be pronounced to be highly interesting and satisfactory. The prayers were said by the President of the College, Rev. Dr. Simpson, Minor Canon of St. Paul's. The Union, we believe, is composed entirely of city choirs, and numbers about 500 voices. Two psalms were sung to Anglican chants, and the third was set to a Gregorian melody. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis* were sung to a service by Mr. E. H. Thorne, and the anthem, "O, clap your hands," was by Dr. Stainer, who presided at the organ throughout the service. The singing of the anthem must especially be commended; and Mr. Martin, who was the conductor, must have given considerable pains and thought to his work to have insured such precision and power from voices unaccustomed to sing together, and placed in not the most advantageous position in the cathedral. During the offertory, Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and several hymns were sung, after which this interesting service was brought to a conclusion (there being no sermon) by the Dean, who pronounced the blessing.

OBITUARY.

THE Rev. George McCawley, M.A., D.D., whose death has been announced was born at St. John's, N.F., in 1802, and matriculated at King's College in 1817. He graduated B.A. in 1821, and in the following year accepted the Head Mastership of the Grammar School at Fredericton, N.B., a post he filled for six years. In 1824 he graduated M.A., and in 1825 was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, who, in 1826, admitted him to the higher order of the priesthood. In 1828 he was appointed to the chair of mathematics, Hebrew, and logic in the

University of New Brunswick, remaining there until he was elected to the Presidency of his *Alma Mater*. In 1829 the Legislative Council of New Brunswick appointed him chaplain. In 1835 he took the degrees of B.D. and D.D., and on the retirement of Rev. Charles Porter, D.D., became President of King's College, Windsor, holding the combined professorships of classics, logic and Hebrew. He was also a life Governor of the College. In 1846 he was appointed Rector of Falmouth, an office he held to the day of his death, though for some years past he retired from active duty. In 1865 he was appointed Archdeacon of Nova Scotia and Senior Canon of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, in succession to the venerable Archdeacon Willis; he resigned this office in 1874, and was succeeded by Archdeacon Gilpin. In 1875 he also resigned the Presidency of the College, which he had held for nearly forty years, and being succeeded by Rev. Canon Dart, has since resided in Halifax. He married, while in New Brunswick, the daughter of Hon. W. Odell, who held the office of Secretary of the Province under the Imperial Government. He had but one child, a daughter, who married Rev. Charles Bowman, D.D., now Rector of Parrsboro, N.S.—*Herald*.

THE LATE REV. W. F. CHECKLEY.

THE Rev. W. F. Checkley, assistant minister of St. Paul's, Yorkville, whose illness we alluded to last week, died at his residence on the 3rd inst., and was buried on Saturday in St. James' Cemetery. His death took place after a sickness of only eight days, but his constitution had been considerably weakened by an affection of the throat, from which he had suffered since July, so that he easily succumbed to the attack of typhoid fever. The respect in which he was held was shown by the large number of clergy and laity who followed his remains to the grave.

Mr. Checkley, who was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, was born of Irish parents in the West Indies, where after a brief ministerial career, put an end to by his bad state of health, he came to the more bracing climate of Canada. With his work as a clergyman, in which he was indefatigable, the deceased devoted much of his time to laboring in the field of education. He superintended a grammar school, whose site is now occupied by the Normal School. He was one of the first to ally himself with Trinity School, formerly at Weston, now at Port Hope, an institution in connection with the Church of England, was head of a large and successful school at Barrie, and to his exertions and those of his brother, the Rev. Francis Checkley, is virtually due the present prosperity of Huron College. In this city, in conjunction with the Rev. G. H. Moxon, he established a select private school, his interest in education being unabated to the last. The school is still carried on by Ed. Ransford, Esq., LL.D., a gentleman admirably fitted for the work.

Mr. Checkley's loss will be bitterly felt by his widow and children, as well as by his parishioners.

To CORRESPONDENTS.—Many communications have to be held over for want of space.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

FROM THE "CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW."

(Continued).

The attempt to enforce a Puritan Christianity by law had broken down. The country gentlemen were disgusted with a government which