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mercy seat of God. This and more may be said in favor of extemporaneous prayer. But the introduction of extemporaneous prayer into the public worship of the Lord's House is another and quite a different thing. There it has no place. Public worship should be common worship. Therefore it must have a fixed order, must be common worship, prayer and praise.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Is the true ancient branch of the one Holy Church planted by Providence in this country. If we ask for "the Church," everyone can point it out. It is the old Historic Church of the land. Even those who do not belong to it call it "the Church." In saying that the Church of England is the English branch of the old Historic Church, we mean, of course, of the Church of Christ, which has been from the beginning.

In some countries which have been heathen till lately the Church is not old, as in Australia, where the Church is hardly a hundred years old. But even where the Church has been newly planted, it is sprung from the One Ancient Church, which is from the beginning; just as, for example, a family newly settled in Canada might be an offshoot from an old family at home. A new Church cannot be a true Church. A Church cannot be of man's making.

There never has been any Church in England before the Church of England. Directly Englishmen became Christians they were, of course, formed into a Church, called at first the Church of the English, which soon came to be called the Church of England, and that is the Church to which we belong.

Before the English came to this island (A.D. 450) it was inhabited by Britons, who were Christians. These were driven by the English (who were then heathens) into Wales and Cornwall. In after years the Britons became reconciled to the English, and the British Church became part of the Church of England.

About 150 years after they had taken possession of this island, the English were converted, partly by Scottish missionary monks, partly by the preaching of St. Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury. He landed in A.D. 597. Our Church then has been the Church of the English race ever since.

I do not mean that our Church began then. It goes back to our Lord and His Apostles, for Augustine was a bishop of the one Church which is from the beginning, and he ordained bishops, priests and deacons in this island. The Church of Christ cannot begin anywhere except at Christ Himself. But it was planted among the Anglo-Saxons A.D. 597. There may be a branch of the great Howard family in America, and it might be said, "the Howards have been here for 150 years." But they would not be Howards at all unless they could trace their connection back with the Howards at home, and were descended from the founder of the family.

The present Archbishop of Canterbury is the 93rd occupant of the Throne of Canterbury. He holds his office of Primate of England by unbroken succession through thirteen hundred years from St. Augustine; and he holds his office as a Bishop of the Universal Church by unbroken succession through eighteen hundred years from the Apostles of the Lord. It is a much longer descent and pedigree than the holder of any ancient earldom or dukedom can show.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW IN CANADA.

In connection with the Convention to be held in Toronto, February 12th, 13th, and 14th, the Bishop of Toronto has issued the following:—

The summoning of the Second Annual Convention of the Brotherhood to meet in the City of Toronto, commencing on Friday, the 12th of February next, gives me the opportunity to call the attention of the lay members of the Church in this diocese to the value of this movement for enlisting our young men in the interests of the Church and bringing them under the influence of religion.

The principles and methods of the Brotherhood have commended it to the confidence of the Bishops and Clergy in the United States, and have secured to it a very numerous and extended membership. The movement is extending in the Dominion, and I heartily welcome the advance it has made in this diocese, recognizing its great power and usefulness as a means of aggressive lay work in the Church.

I desire especially to commend the coming Convention to the interest of the Church, inviting them by their attendance at its various sessions to make themselves acquainted with the Brotherhood work and contribute to the success of the meeting.

ARTHUR TORONTO.

Toronto, Epiphany, 1892.

As the Convention is held in the week of the Quarterly Synod meeting, a large number of the Clergy should be able to be present.

Special emphasis will be laid upon the mass meet-

ing to be held at the Association Hall on the evening of Saturday, February 13th, when the question of the relationship between Christianity and humanity will be discussed in a powerful manner by the Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Mr. G. Harry Davis, a prominent Philadelphia lawyer, and Mr. James Houghteling, of Chicago, President of the Brotherhood in the United States.

Already quite a number of American Brotherhood men have intimated their intention to be present at the Convention. It is hoped that the Canadian Church in all quarters will be strongly represented.

NOTE.—Delegates and visitors intending to be present are requested to notify Mr. L. H. Baldwin, Manning Arcade, Toronto, as soon as conveniently possible, stating whether accommodation is wanted or not.

Residents of Toronto willing to entertain delegates are also requested to communicate with Mr. Baldwin.

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

ONTARIO.

MANOTICK.—A Christmas Tree Entertainment in connection with the S.S. of St. James', Manotick, came off on New Year's Eve, to the great delight of the youngsters. The tree was beautiful and heavily laden, and the gifts were dispensed under the auspices of a veritable Santa Claus. Miss Petapiece, the organist of the church, was specially remembered, receiving a handsome piece of jewellery from the choir. The children and others who took part in the literary and musical part of the programme did well, though some of them could scarcely make themselves heard by the large and densely packed audience. The pecuniary benefit to the S. S. was largely in excess of expectation. The Christmas offerings for the incumbent, both at Manotick and Kars, were considerably in excess of those last Christmas, and at Wellington, the organist, Mrs. Saunders, was largely and generously remembered. St. James', Manotick, now presents a greatly improved appearance, having been completely renovated internally, last fall, with pleasing and cheery effect, under the skilful hands of Mr. Clapp of this place.

NEW BOYNE AND LOMBARDY.—On the evenings of the 7th and 8th of January, we had our annual missionary meetings at Lombardy and New Boyne. The Rev. E. W. Hannington, of Ottawa, was convener. He was accompanied to Lombardy by Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, of Smith's Falls. Both of these gentlemen made excellent speeches, and have done us much good. We fully expected Judge Macdonald, of Brockville, but unfortunately the sitting of the Courts prevented his coming. We hope to see him on some other occasion. Rural Dean Nesbitt returned home at the close of the meeting at Lombardy. At New Boyne, Rev. Mr. Hannington and Rev. C. A. French made stirring speeches. Here the church was crowded, and as Mr. Hannington remarked, there was quite a "cathedral" congregation present. The collectors will soon go on their rounds, and we bespeak for them a kind reception.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—Rev. C. C. Kemp of Grace Church, and Rev. J. G. Lewis of St. James' Cathedral, received at a special convocation of Trinity University held recently, the degree of B.D., the former in the department of Apologetics and the latter in that of Hebrew.

St. Philip's.—The sermons at this church on Sunday, January 10th, were preached by Rev. J. G. Lewis and Rev. T. O'Meara.

St. James' Cathedral.—The afternoon Sunday school held its annual festival on Friday, 8th inst. A series of lantern views were exhibited, and the children with a large number of friends heartily enjoyed themselves.

Rev. Canon DuMoulin preached at Albany on Sunday and Tuesday, 17th and 19th inst., the sermon on the latter occasion being delivered before the Convocation of the Deanery.

Ruri-decanal Chapter.—At the last meeting of this body, a deputation from the Single Tax Association appeared to set forth the claims of the principles of the Association upon the chapter. After Messrs Bengough and Tyson had spoken at some length, Rev. Dr. Langtry, the Rural Dean, and others, suggested some difficulties in the way of the practical application of their views, at the same time expressing the utmost desire on the part of the Church to

do everything possible to ameliorate the condition of the poor, and to remedy existing abuses so far as they can be lawfully remedied.

A venerable figure has passed away in the death of Mrs. Thomas Brock Fuller, widow of the first Bishop of Niagara, who died Thursday last in her 76th year, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. McMurray, Spadina avenue. Mrs. Fuller was Cynthia Street, daughter of Samuel Street, of Clark-hill, Niagara Falls, one of the first settlers of that district, and known to history as the builder of the first grist mill on the banks of the Niagara river. She was a sister of the late T. C. Street, M.P. In 1835 she was married to the late bishop, who was then an active young missionary in western Ontario. She was a most devoted and helpful wife, assisting greatly in the good work of her honored husband, until in 1884, after a half-century of married life, the bishop was called to his rest. When, in 1875, the diocese of Niagara was set apart, and Archdeacon Fuller elected first bishop, Mrs. Fuller and her sister, Mrs. Macklem, contributed largely to the endowment of the new see. A long and useful life to recall, a large family of sons and daughters to mourn her, and friends in every part of the Dominion to revere her, her end was peaceful and most honorable.

All Saints.—The social gatherings in connection with this church have obtained well deserved recognition for pleasure and thorough enjoyment, and there was no exception to this on Thursday evening last, when the members of the church choir, teachers in the Sunday schools and members of the Bible classes met together to partake of the good things provided. Rev. A. H. Baldwin presided, while Mr. George Goulding, sr., looked well after the general comforts of the guests. Everything passed off to the utmost satisfaction of all present, and at the conclusion of the supper the chairman proposed the health of Mr. Goulding, which was received with hearty enthusiasm. In reply, Mr. Goulding briefly referred to the necessity for all present to be workers in the Church, and thereby prove themselves to be a blessing to all around them. During the evening various games were indulged in, and songs and instrumental music were rendered by several members of the choir.

The Bishop of Toronto left the city last Monday for New York en route for Europe, where his lordship intends to spend a few weeks, returning shortly before Easter. In conversation with a *Globe* reporter he expressed the hope that he would be successful in completing arrangements by which his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury would visit Canada in the fall for the purpose of attending the Provincial Synod, which meets in Toronto in September. The great question of the consolidation of the Church in British North America will then be discussed, and the scheme, if possible, consummated, and the Canadian clergy are anxiously desirous of the advantage of the counsel and advice of the Primate in such a momentous matter.

ROACH'S POINT.—This mission has recently received from the St. Philip's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, Toronto, a barrel and bale of warm clothing of different kinds for the poor of the mission and indigent Indians; also picture books and cards for the scholars of the Sunday school. The recipients desire to return their grateful thanks for the same.

HURON.

FILSONBURG.—A commodious Sunday school building and parish room, in connection with St. John's Church in the town, has just been completed, and is now in use. It is built on to the end of the church, and serves also as a vestry for the surpliced choir, which continues in a flourishing and efficient state. A small debt still remains, to liquidate which before Easter the incumbent is putting forth his best endeavors. The church was tastefully decorated for Christmas, upon which festival there were two celebrations of the Holy Communion. A very successful sale of work, gotten up by the Girls' Society and Ladies' Guild, was held a few days before Christmas, from which \$120 was netted. The Sunday school anniversary and Christmas tree was held Tuesday (29th) and passed off very successfully. Celebrations of the Holy Communion are now held in this parish on all Saints' Days. The daily service, owing to the heating difficulty, will be discontinued until Lent, when they will (D.V.) be resumed and kept up until next winter, and if possible, if some arrangement can be effected, uninterruptedly. The general congregations continue good, and all the parish organizations are in a flourishing condition. It is the intention of the incumbent to hold, if possible, at an early date, a mission. At a largely attended meeting last Tuesday (5th) a "Young People's Society" was formed, with Mr. J. H. Wilson, Principal of the pub-