

response as shall be the best reward of your disinterested effort, I am, yours very truly,

ARTHUR TORONTO.

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REVIEWS.

MAGAZINES.—*Scribner's Magazine* for February contains some excellent contributions. Amongst them, "Life in the Altitudes" is a delightful piece of gossip of physically "high life," and is as exhilarating to read as a walk up hill. "The Ascent of Mount Ararat," with some lovely photographs of the mountain and its environment, are worth preserving. "Sentimental Tommy" is continued. What a pathetic story it is! In those who have a leaning towards the "syllable of dolour," and would learn something of the violence of crude passion, the confession of poor Mrs. Sandys may awaken both surprise and pity. "Hunting the Musk Ox," by Frank Russell. This narrative contains some thrilling experiences in the North. A good deal of it reads like wanton slaughter, but the hunters suffered considerably themselves, which fact establishes one's humane equilibrium somewhat. Two short stories above the average, and "The History of the Last Quarter Century United States," in which is an account of the Johnstown disaster, and the lynching of the Italians. This, and some clever editorials, make up a capital number.

*Harper's New Monthly Magazine* is excellent as usual. It opens with a short "History of Baltimore," with eighteen illustrations, including a superb portrait of Cardinal Gibbons. Fact and figures connected with the rise and progress of the city are made as interesting as one might wish, and in some instances are quite a revelation. "On Snow-Shoes to the Barren Grounds," is a good piece of descriptive work and exhaustively written; with adventure enough in it for a romance, and sufficient statistics for a blue-book. "St. Clair's Defeat" is an interesting sketch accompanied by some spirited engravings. The painful events of that time are graphically told, and much light thrown on the whole deplorable business. "The German Struggle for Liberty" is continued. The history is lively just now, having reached the spring of 1813, and the plot thickens. There are several short stories, mostly readable, especially "A Snipe Hunt."

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

FREDERICK COURTNEY D.D., BISHOP, HALIFAX.

HALIFAX.—*St. Luke's Cathedral*.—Ladies of the congregation gave a very successful birthday party in St. Luke's Hall, on Thursday, January 30th. The sum of \$175 was added to the Organ Fund.

QUEBEC.

ANDREW H. DUNN, D.D., BISHOP, QUEBEC.

EAST SHERBROOKE.—*Church of the Advent*.—A new room has recently been built as a vestry. The room also serves as a covered approach from the Church Hall to the church. The church was decorated with remarkably good taste. The assistant, Rev. H. E. Wright, M.A., as well as Canon Thorneloe, D.C.L., the rector, are graduates of Bishop's College.

MILBY.—*St. Barnabas*.—The Professor of Pastoral Theology of Bishop's College, Rev. B. G. Wilkinson, M.A., is the incumbent of this church. The congregation had adorned the church with evergreens, for Christmas, very tastefully arranged, and English holly filled the altar vases. The service on Christmas Day consisted of matins and celebration of Holy Communion, the greater part of those present communicating. Service is held each Sunday at 11 a.m., the incumbent being assisted in Sunday-school work by a student from Bishop's College.

MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

*Diocesan Synod Report concluded from last week.*

"V. That your memorialists are aware that this oppressive and odious tax is defended under pleas (1) that it is tacitly acquiesced in, and (2) that the

revenue therefrom acquired is administered for the benefit of superior education among Protestants in this province, but your memorialists emphatically aver that there are, under such specious pleas, slightly veiled—an alarming economic blunder—a suicidal offence against our race, nationality and faith, and such an ungenerous imposition upon our population as can find justification in no higher principle than a conspicuously repudiated one—that 'the end justifies the means.'

"VI. That your memorialists would, particularly, signify the disintegrating, far-reaching and alienating effects which follow from the adoption of such an imposition—notably upon our border citizens—and the reckless sacrifice of influences which are too sacred to be cast into the scale of self—implying a bartering of Divine sanctions for educational and secular equivalents.

"VII. That your memorialists desire, on behalf of the members of the Church of England in this province, that equality of privilege and integrity of right which will afford them the immunities and enjoyments of the most favoured, and they humbly pray that, through action of a committee to be named, and to be qualified to act with the diocesan authorities, immediate relief of deprecated disabilities and impositions, effecting fundamental, social, theoretical and practical ethics, should be sought from the Legislature and otherwise. J. Burrows Davidson, M.A., rector of Frelighsburg; N. A. F. Bourne, B.A., rector of Dunham; W. H. Nye, M.A., rector and Rural Dean of Bedford; Chas. G. Rollit, rector of Stanbridge East; Edmund L. Watson, M. S. Cornell, L. F. Streit, G. F. Jones, Dr. Slack."

The Foreign Missions report was then read by Rev. Mr. Renaud, who also presented the deanery reports of St. Andrew's and Clarendon, after which the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, N.W.T., was introduced and conducted to the platform by the Dean of Montreal.

Rev. J. H. Dixon, convener, read the report of the committee appointed to consider the best means of reaching people who came to the city from country parishes. The report held that the country clergy would greatly aid the cause if they would notify the city churches of all such changes on the part of their parishioners. The report of the Dunham Ladies' College was read again by Rural Dean Longhurst, who made a very strong appeal for that institution.

Rev. Canon Davidson, Dr. Davidson and others also supported the appeal that was now being addressed to the Montreal Diocese, and Rural Dean Lindsay moved a resolution to the effect that the Synod accord the College a generous support. He thought, however, that the fee of \$150 was a barrier, and that, if the sum could be reduced to \$100, a great many more of the clergy would be able to send their daughters to Dunham College to be educated. Principal Bourne also spoke and advocated the reduction.

Dr. Johnson thought that there should be two classes of pupils, as at Eton and other English schools, one class paying the full fee, and the other being given easier terms, or free tuition, altogether. Rev. Mr. Dixon, Rev. Mr. Ollen, Rev. Mr. Charters, and Messrs. J. Mackinnon and Robinson, having supported the resolution, it was carried unanimously, whereupon His Lordship said, "I wish the resolution had gone even further, for my whole heart is in the work."

Rev. Mr. James here introduced three delegates from the Brotherhood of St. Andrews, and Messrs. Wells, Stewart and Thompson addressed the Synod, setting forth the aims and objects of the Brotherhood, and inviting the co-operation of the clergy of this diocese. The young gentlemen were given a most hearty welcome, and cheered at the conclusion of their speeches.

*The Afternoon Session*.—On re-assembling, after luncheon, Mr. J. W. Tacker moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Education, which had been previously read, and, in doing so, expressed the opinion that the Bible should be made more a text-book in the public schools than it was at present. The law had made ample provision for the teaching of the Bible in the schools, and said that it was for the clergy to take the matter up and see that the spirit of the law was carried out.

In reply to Dr. L. H. Davidson, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, who seconded the adoption of the report, said that, as an official visitor, a clergyman had the right to enquire when and how the Bible was taught in the schools in his parish, and, if there was anything wrong, he was entitled to make complaint to the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction.

Rev. E. I. Rexford spoke of the great privileges enjoyed in educational matters by the clergy of this province, privileges which, he said, were greater than those enjoyed in any of the other provinces of the Dominion. The privileges were very important, and should not be minimized by any means at the present time, when the school controversy was so acute all over the Dominion, as well as in the States

and England itself. A clergyman had the right to inform himself, in every possible way, as to the status of a school, and he had access to every document in the building. If he found a teacher was not taking the proper course, he had the right to say that it would be his duty to report on the matter, unless a change were made. Mr. Rexford said he quite recognized that, in the exercise of these privileges, some clergymen would do more harm than good; but, outside of this, it would be found that teachers felt that they were very much alone, having very few in the community who sympathized with them, or co-operated with them, and when they found a clergyman who sympathized with them and was able to counsel them, he would, as a visitor, become an immense power for education. The privileges were neither appreciated nor used for one-tenth of their possibilities, not only by the clergy of the Church of England, but by the ministers of other denominations throughout the province. If the privileges in regard to education, enjoyed by the clergy of this province, were enjoyed by those in the other parts of the Dominion, there would be a rush to take advantage of them; but here they had been enjoyed for nearly half a century, and had been neglected. The report was adopted.

*About Parish Records*.—Mr. S. Bethune moved the adoption of the report of the Executive Committee, the most important part of which was the following in regard to parish records, and the best means of obtaining prompt and correct statistical reports for Synod:

The paragraph regarding registrations gave rise to much discussion, in the course of which it came out, that, not only, in some cases, were the records badly kept, simply from inattention or neglect on the part of the clergy, but registers had actually been lost, and, so far as the Church was concerned, there was no means of showing the legal status of persons whose names had been inscribed therein.

Finally the paragraph was struck out, and the following, on the motion of Rural Dean Nye, seconded by Canon Davidson, was substituted:

"That the incumbent of every parish be required to present the registration books of the parish to the bishop, for His Lordship's inspection, on the occasion of his annual visitation."

The remaining portion of the report was then taken up, and finally, on the motion of Canon Mussen, seconded by Canon Davidson, all words from "Your committee would aim," down to "record and account have been handed over in proper order," at the end of the last paragraph but one, were struck out, and the report, as amended, was then adopted.

*The Mission Fund Plan*.—The report of the treasurer, Mr. Charles Garth, having been adopted, the report of the sub-committee on the Mission Fund Plan, was taken up. The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Edgar Judge, who strongly emphasized the fact that the country parishes were not doing their duty towards the support of the clergy.

*The Missionary Meeting*.—The missionary meeting, held annually in connection with the Diocesan Synod, took place last evening. Bishop Bond presided, and delivered a brief opening address, after which the Bishop of Qu'Appelle spoke of the extent of his diocese, and then went on to advocate the forming of a General Domestic Church Mission Board, before which would come the wants of every church mission in the Dominion, and which would do the whole of the home missionary work. He believed it would be a lever that would touch the hearts and call forth the feeling of Church people throughout Canada. He spoke of his work among the Indians, and said that a good deal of the weakness in Church work, whether in the mission field or at home, lay in a want of loyalty to Church truth. Rev. F. Charters referred to Diocesan Missions, and more particularly in the Eastern Townships, where, he said, the Church of England, at the present time, stood in the foremost rank, and if the work was carried along on the right lines, they would, in a comparatively short time, ecclesiastically own the Protestant portion of the district. Dean Carmichael spoke very earnestly of the need there was for work among the heathen in Canada, after which the gathering closed with the singing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction by Bishop Bond.

The Andrew Home in Belmont Park was formally dedicated at half past two o'clock on Wednesday, January 22nd, by His Lordship Bishop Bond, assisted by the city and country clergy. Mr. Gault asked His Lordship on behalf of the executors to open the building, which had been established for the purpose intended by the testator. After the invocation by the bishop—"Oh, Lord, protect this house, and all that dwell therein," the hymn, "O praise our God to-day," was sung, after which there was reading of Scripture and prayer. Short addresses were delivered by His Lordship, Dean Carmichael, Dr. L. H. Davidson and the Ven. Archdeacon Evans.

At the Synod a great deal of business was trans-