

undertaken, it must be reckoned as a real advance towards Unity, and towards a casting aside for ever of those bitternesses which not only existed between Churchmen and Dissenters, but which in old times set sect against sect in an unholy warfare of Christian against Christian through the length and breadth of our dominions.—*Earl Nelson.*

A RABBI'S TRIBUTE TO A CHRISTIAN BISHOP.

The following words are from the address delivered by Rabbi Solomon H. Sonnenschein, of St. Louis, on July 20th, before the National Conference of Charities and Correction, held at St. Paul, Minn.

"Mr President and Members of the Conference: "I am called upon to pronounce a few timely sentences of praise in commemorating our late lamented co-worker, Bishop Charles F. Robertson, of Missouri. In thinking of him and calling to my vision the presence of the noble bishop whom we so sadly miss from our ranks, I cannot resist quoting that Scriptural word of sweet pathos and longing: 'I am asleep but my heart is awake.'

"I am with you no more in body, but I abide with you in that heartiest of living sympathy which forever attaches men to men, linking together the entire race of humanity in the name of their Eternal Father who is in heaven, and whose everlasting love vouchsafes our life immortal.

"In proportion as we firmly believe in our heavenly immortality, in the same ratio the despairing dread of death and oblivion loses its force and exhausts its fearfulness.

"To fully believe in the immortality of the soul, we must witness the death of the just. I can bear testimony to the saintly death, and I can bear testimony to the saintly life of Bishop Robertson. A sweeter and a more upright man never lived and never died in the harness of unswerving loyalty to a sacred trust and a divine mission.

"His life was comparatively short. Just at that station of human pilgrimage, when the hilly and rough roads are left behind, and the broad and fertile plains are entered upon by a straight and well-paved highway, just at that junction the beloved bishop was summoned to the higher, to the heavenly walks of life. Those who so well remember his exquisitely serene and sympathetic countenance, will understand the main-spring of that love and esteem which he commanded among all classes and masses of my city and State.

"He was one of the genuine scholars who never flout their learning before the world. His leisure hours were given to the reading of profound works, not to the writing of shallow ones. He was one of those rare and gentle souls who are among the very first to discover even the most hidden vein of nobility in every other human soul. He was one of those precious and saintly priests of God, who, when at the very height of their ambition are best adapted and equipped to actively sympathize with such of their pitiable fellow-beings as are despairing in wretchedness and depravity.

"And how broad and genial was his religious temper and discretion! I, the Hebrew, ought certainly to be believed, when I say that Bishop Robertson was made of that Christian metal which is as pure as gold and as true as steel.

"How well do I remember the scene, which, for the first time, gave me the best opportunity to study and admire his religious broadness, generosity and unstinting Catholicity. It happened about eight years ago. The clergy of St. Louis, representing all denominations, met together to discuss and to ratify the Bill for Licensing Marriages then pending before the Legislature of our State. There were more than a hundred ministers present. Roman Catholics, Protestants, Unitarians and Hebrews. The bishop presided. In the heat of debating the merits and failings of the bill, one gentleman—one of those rampant fanatics who cannot see beyond the walls of their own church, and who are totally incapable of grasping the [real American idea of mutual good-will and toleration, began to denounce in some hackneyed phrases, the Roman Catholic clergy for their alleged disloyalty to American law and discipline. He said that a priest who submits to the dictations of Rome, first and last, cannot be a true American patriot. You should have seen Bishop Robertson as I did then and there. In his calm way, half dignity, half modesty, he rose and called the effervescent brother to order by simply telling us: 'I beg your pardon, gentlemen; our friend yonder, himself, seems not to understand yet the very first principle and the paramount obligation of American citizenship!' You ought to have heard the outburst of acclamation, and seen the sneaking away of the censured gentleman as I did. We were more than one hundred clergyman, many

old and some young, many orthodox and some radical, but every one of us went home from that meeting a wiser, a better, and a truer teacher of religion than before. You never heard of Bishop Robertson's vast activity, in behalf of private as well as public charity, but you could see it wherever you went, through the entire length and breadth of the State of Missouri.

"His was the work and method of Nature Divine. Not in the roaring tempest of clashing theological systems did you discern his doctrine. Not in the hissing and lashing of the fiery tongues of fanaticism did he delight. Not the thundering earthquake of uprooting reforms was to be expected in his wake. His was the still small voice of a divinely consecrated conscience.

"'He is now asleep but his heart is awake.' His heart of flesh is beating no more; it is put away in the dark shelf of earthly decay, called the tomb. But his spiritual heart is quickened with that perpetual pulsation of life which is warranted unto us by faith, hope, and love eternal!"

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From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

In our last issue we gave the constitution of the Provincial Synod, and the names of the clerical delegates. We now add the names of the lay delegates, which are as follows:—

HURON.—Messrs. Richard Bayly, Q.C., London; E. B. Reed, London; A. H. Dymond, Brantford; V. Cronyn, L.L.B., London; Robert Fox, Lucan; N. Currie, Glencoe; W. Grey, Woodstock; H. Crotty, Ingersoll; W. H. Eakins, Woodstock; G. H. Golding, Chesley; R. Martin, Listowel; Dr. Bradley, Belvie.

NIAGARA.—Messrs. Adam Brown, W. F. Burton, Hamilton; George Elliott, Guelph; F. W. Gates, F. E. Kilvert, M.P., Hamilton; S. Macklem, Chippawa; J. J. Mason, Hamilton; C. Moss, Drummondville; H. MacLaren, Hamilton; B. R. Nelles, Grimsby; W. Y. Pettit, Oakville; Hon. J. B. Plumb, Niagara.

TORONTO.—Hon. G. W. Allan, Toronto; Judge Benson, Port Hope; Captain Blain, Lieutenant-Col. Boulton, A. H. Campbell, C. J. Campbell, John Carter, M. Crombie, Major Foster, W. Ince, Clarkson Jones, J. A. Worrell, all of Toronto.

ONTARIO.—J. A. Henderson, D.C.L., Q.C., R. T. Walker, Q.C., Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, D.C.L., Q.C., M.P., Kingston; Lieutenant Colonel Matheson, Perth; Hon. Judge McDonald, M.A., Brockville; R. V. Rodgers, M.A., Kingston; Hon. Judge Reynolds, Brockville; Hon. Thomas White, M.P., Dr. Wilson, Ottawa; Samuel Keefer, C.E., Brockville; James Shannon, E. H. Smythe, L.L.D., Kingston.

MONTREAL.—Strachan Bethune, Q.C., James Hutton, George Macrae, Q.C., James Stevenson, Montreal; Hon. Judge Armstrong, Sorel; Alexander Gowdey, Dr. T. D. Butler, Charles Garth, Montreal; Hon. Thomas Wood, Durham; W. W. Lynch, Knowlton; G. F. C. Smith, W. R. Salter, Montreal.

QUEBEC.—George Lampson, Quebec; R. W. Heneker, D.C.L., Sherbrooke; R. Hamilton, D.C.L., H. Carter, Quebec; E. J. Hemming, D.C.L., Drummondville; Hon. Judge Irving, D.C.L., Jas. Dunbar, Q.C., Lieutenant Colonel Forsyth, Quebec; Lieutenant Colonel Ready, Melbourne; R. G. Wurtle, J. Hamilton, jr., R. P. Campbell.

FREDERICTON.—Hon. Chief Justice Allen, Fredericton; Hon. B. R. Stevenson, St. Andrews; Hon. D. L. Harrington, Dorchester; W. M. Jarvis, Dr. C. W. Weldon, Q.C., St. John; C. H. Fairweather, Rothesay; Hurd Peters, St. John; C. N. Vroom, St. Stephen; Sheriff Sterling, Fredericton; R. T. Clinch, Rothesay; G. R. Parkin, Fredericton; R. R. Haddon, Newcastle.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Hon. Judge Ritchie, W. C. Silver, Professor Hind, A. Vizard, Halifax; E. J. Hodgson, Q.C., Charlottetown; Lieutenant Colonel Stewart, A.D.C., C. J. Harrington, Q.C., J. J. Hunt, D.C.L., J. W. H. Rowley, E. P. Archbold, James Gossip, J. G. Foster, Halifax.

In addition to the business standing over from the last regular session, some very important new business will come forward for discussion.

1. The Bishop of Quebec will introduce a canon of degrees in divinity.

2. Mr. E. Baynes Reed will submit a motion on the question of the position in England of clergymen ordained in the colonies under the Colonial Act of 1874.

There is a large amount of business left over from the last Synod, probably more than will be attended to during the coming session.

1. Mr. W. C. Silver's motion on the relative duties and rights of bishops, rectors, and churchwardens, will come forward again.

2. Also a very important memorial from the diocese of Niagara, in connection with which will be two motions of Mr. George Elliott, and one of Rev. J. D. H. Brown.

3. The Rev. J. M. Davenport will ask the Synod to encourage by all the means in its power, the formation of missionary brotherhoods for the pioneer work of the Church of England in Canada.

4. Rev. Dr. Carry's motion, on the question of church wine, will be forward this time, and, it is hoped, will receive proper attention.

The opening sermon this year will be preached by the lord Bishop of Algoma. The first work of the Synod will be to appoint a prolocutor and a clerical secretary. Two names are freely mentioned in connection with the former, viz., the Dean of Montreal, and the Rev. Dr. Roe, of Lennoxville.

ONTARIO.

MADOC MISSION.—On Thursday the 25th inst., the Venerable Archdeacon of Kingston formally divided this extensive mission, inducting the Rev. Mr. Burton, just from St. Augustine's, England, into the Queensboro' section of it, leaving still an extensive field with Madoc for its headquarters, to that energetic and faithful worker the Ven. Archdeacon Daykin.

KINGSTON.—On the evening of the 12th ult., E. R. Doward, organist of the Church of the Ascension, Toronto, gave an organ recital in St. George's Cathedral, before a large number of old friends. His programme was an ambitious one, representing as it did the German, French, and English schools of organ music. It is, however, needless to say that he proved himself at home in each. His playing throughout was characterized by a thorough appreciation of the composer's ideas, and he displayed excellent taste in the registration of the different pieces, notably in Gounod's "Marche Militaire," and in Mendelssohn's Organ Sonata (No. 3). Mr. Doward also contributed two vocal solos, "Calvary," by Rodney, and "Come Unto Me," by Coenen, both sung with that taste and finish invariably given by him. The accompaniments to these were admirably played by Mr. Reynier, organist of St. James' Church. The congregation, which numbered over 500, joined in singing the well known hymn, "Sun of my Soul," after which the Rev. Mr. Cook pronounced the benediction. There were many feelings of regret expressed that an organist of Mr. Doward's ability should have been lost to the citizens of Kingston.

The Rev. I. J. Stiles, wishes to acknowledge, and very heartily thank the following kind subscribers to the Rockingham Mission House fund.

Ven. Archdeacon Innes, \$5; Major Wicksteed, \$5; R. J. Wicksteed, Esq., \$5; A. Friend, \$5; Rev. A. Spencer, \$2; Messrs. Linton & Co., Montreal, \$10; Russell, Forbes, & Co., Ottawa, \$5; S. James, Kingston, per Mrs. Beck, \$40; C. M. Guild, Ottawa, \$40; W. J. Barnhardt, Esq., \$5; T. Milburn & Co., Toronto, \$2; C. D., Nova Scotia, \$2; Two Tithes Payers, Lyndhurst, \$2; Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, \$1; Rev. H. Patton, \$1; Rev. I. Jemmett, \$1; Rev. Rural Dean Carey, \$2; Rev. E. P. Crawford, \$1; Rev. W. Read, \$1; Rev. A. I. Fidler, \$1; Rev. I. W. Burke, \$1; Rev. M. G. Poole, \$1; Rev. F. Pinnie, \$1; Dr. Wright, Ottawa, \$1.50. Total \$143.50.

OTTAWA.—The great event which has occupied the minds of the Anglican Sunday school scholars for a couple of months past, the annual union Sunday school picnic, took place 24 ult., and resulted in the decided success which the well directed efforts of the managing committee deserved. At a very early hour large numbers of the children were out in the streets to join in the grand procession, which marched from Centre Town to the Queen's Wharf in time for the departure of the *Empress* at 7.20 a.m. The contingent from St. James' Church, Hull, were ferried across the river. The Ottawa schools present were those of Christ Church, St. John's, St. Alban's and St. George's, as well as St. Paul's, of Rochesterville, St. Bartholomew's, of New Edinburgh, and Trinity of Archville. The ride down the river on the *Empress* was very pleasantly made, and about eight o'clock the first party landed at the wharf there and proceeded to the meadow a couple of hundred yards off, where swings were put up, race course staked out, tents pitched, refreshment booths opened, and other arrangements made to promote the welfare and comfort of the party. Mr. Ratte had brought down a fleet of row boats, and those so inclined had abundant opportunity to indulge in rowing. About seven hundred persons had arrived by the *Empress*. The next contingent arrived on the *Dagmar* a couple of hours later, and swelled the number present by about 500, many of whom had held back in the early part of the morning on account of the threatening aspect of the weather, but the latter made up their minds that it