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ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—This solemn and interesting ceremony was performed last week, at All Saints' Church, according to the ancient custom of the Church of England. The new bell having previously been suspended at a convenient height within the rood screen, the choir and clergy entered, singing a processional hymn. After the chanting of the Litany, the Benediction service followed, which included the antiphonal chanting of Psalms 29 and 150. Several appropriate collects followed, invoking God's blessing upon the bell whenever it may be rung. Following ancient usage, it was also named, and, at the desire of the donor, Mr. Newman, of Hamilton, it was called "Charles Forest, Priest," in memory of his friend, the late Charles Forest, of Merrickville. Many strangers were present at the ceremony. The bell is from the foundry of Meneely & Co., of West Troy, N.Y.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—St. Alban's Cathedral.—There have been several gifts made recently to the Cathedral, of which the most important are a stained glass window, by a donor whose name has not been made public; and a gift of money given by the family of an Archdeacon of the Diocese, part of which is to be appropriated for furnishing one of the Archdeacon's stalls. The Dean and Chapter would be glad to receive gifts of Theological and other works suitable for the library. It has been suggested that all the clergy of the Diocese who have published works, whether theological subjects or not, should present a copy of their works. This Library would be a desirable place for the deposit of works or documents—printed or MS.—bearing on Diocesan or parochial history.

WESTON.—The adjourned vestry meeting of St. Philip's church, Etobicoke, was held in the school-room of St. John's, the Chapel of Ease, when the audited accounts of the past year were handed in by the retiring churchwardens. The financial statements were not as satisfactory as those of the previous year: some of the amounts promised not being paid. It was explained to the meeting that the Endowments cannot be estranged. The Burial Fund Insurance monies etc., belonging to St. Philip's church at the time of its destruction by fire in 1888, will be held in trust by churchwardens elected by the pew-holders of St. Philip's church. Owing to expenses incidental to litigation with the London & Glasgow Insurance Co., the amount of insurance was reduced by \$35.59 leaving the sum deposited in the Dominion Bank \$1064.41.

MARKHAM.—The Rev. Alfred Osborne has just completed a course of five lectures given in Grace church, on Sunday evenings. 1. Egypt and the Exodus; 2. The Passage of the Red Sea; 3. Joshua and his exploits; 4. Solomon and his times; 5. The Moabite Stone. The lectures were well attended and much appreciated.

The Queen's birthday was loyally observed: the afternoon being occupied with games in the fair ground, and evening with a concert in the town hall. We hear that after expenses were paid, about \$80 were secured for the Parsonage Fund.

HURON.

SIMCOE.—A parochial mission held during the latter part of May, in Trinity Church, and occupying nearly a fortnight, closed under circumstances which very clearly indicated the value of such services. At the invitation of the rector, and with the concurrence of his Churchwardens, the Rev. Mr. Moorhouse, of Wingham, was requested to conduct a mission here. After some unavoidable delay he entered upon the services. Two were held each day, including a Bible reading. Mr. Moorhouse has superior gifts and adaptation particularly for the latter work. And all his services are marked by zeal and conducted with ability. His themes and expositions are thoroughly elaborated, and all tend towards the great aim of his special ministrations, the intelligent, scriptural, and spiritual edification of those who hear. In a sermon to children he deeply interested them, and asked them for a report of the sermon, offering a reward. Four very good ones—from mere children—were handed in; and it was thought best to give a reward to each. A sermon on Sunday, at 4 p.m., urged upon the men present, a holy life as the best for time and eternity.

The congregations increased daily to the end. There are unmistakable evidences of the good done by the mission. Mr. Moorhouse left for his home and parish, with the sincere and most cordial gratitude of congregation and rector.

PARIS.—Church Workers' Convention.—The second annual convention of Church Workers, met in St. James' Church, May 15th. All who were present at the morning session enjoyed the privilege of partaking of Holy Communion, when they had a foretaste of the Communion of Saints, and went forth to work strengthened, and with souls refreshed. The Rural-decanal Chapter then met and proceeded with the ordinary routine business. The afternoon session, which was devoted to Sunday School work, was opened by all joining in singing the inspiring hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," after which all joined in repeating the Apostle's creed, followed by prayer by the Rural Dean, Rev. G. C. McKenzie. The rector of St. James' Church, Rev. Mr. Browne, then delivered an address of welcome to the Church Worker's as workers together for Christ; and enlarging on the importance of Sunday School work, and the benefit and necessity of conventions. The Secretary, Rev. Wm. Johnson, then read the report of the Sunday School Committee to the Synod for the current year, which produced considerable discussion, and resulted in the following resolutions. 1. That a sum of one thousand dollars be advanced to furnish a depository with suitable books, where all Sunday Schools throughout the diocese might obtain Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymnals, libraries, and prizes, at reduced rates. 2. That a monthly magazine of an inter-diocesan character be published specially devoted to the Sunday School work, and specially adapted to Sunday School teachers and others interested in the work. 3. That a general Superintendent to visit all the Schools of the Diocese and examine them, had not as yet become a necessity. 4. That an annual convention devoted to Sunday School work alone would be a source of pleasure and profit to all who would attend. 5. That a definite part of the Church Catechism be taught every Sunday. 6. That one Sunday should be set apart during the year for children's Sunday, on which the sermons should be addressed to children and parents. As there was not time for the reading of the Sunday School statistics they were laid on the table, to be published by the Synod. Not the least interesting part of the afternoon session was a chart shown by the Rev. Mr. Caswell. On it he had so arranged all the important doctrine of the Church Catechism with the Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments, that it immediately impressed itself on the memory, and so simplified the youngest child could understand it, while older persons realized it was a great aid to memory, as well as opening up new ideas of thought connecting the truths taught. Letters and symbols connected with the Church were taught in a similar manner. Mr. Charles Watts, of Brantford, then read an excellent paper on Bible class work. He said the Sunday School was often spoken of as the nursery of the Church, and that was a correct view if taken from the standpoint, that there the young were properly trained for their Christian work in the Church, but too often it was regarded as a nursery where the children would be well taken care of for an hour or two on Sundays, while the parents enjoyed in a nap or indulged themselves in some manner. He considered the Infant Class of most importance in the Sunday School, the Bible Class next. He thought it was a good idea to separate the younger members of a Bible Class from the older, so that a new interesting truth to the one might not be considered a childish thought by the other. He also said a successful teacher must be a Christian in order to speak from the heart, that to which his words give testimony. The Bible Class teacher should also be a close Bible student, and familiarize himself with the geography and history of the lesson, but not to the exclusion of spiritual teaching for that is of vital importance. Affability, punctuality, regularity, and self-denial, were regarded as essential for success. Every class should have one who is willing to ask questions, for it not only helps himself, but helps the teacher as well as benefits the rest of the class. This paper was very much enjoyed, and led to a profitable discussion, during which, several valuable suggestions were brought out. It was remarked that the Bible Class was an excellent stoppage for the leakage that drained nearly every Sunday School of those scholars who felt they had arrived at that age when they were too old to join in the ordinary Sunday School Class. Another suggested the Bible Class as an excellent place from which to supply the Sunday School with new teachers from time to time, as even in the best regulated Sunday Schools it is necessary occasionally to engage the services of a new teacher. Another suggestion was, though a pupil who would ask questions benefited the whole class, a crank was not wanted for he could draw the attention of the class from the lesson altogether to some cranky construction of his own, and wander into some unnecessary

argument neither edifying nor profitable. After this discussion the meeting adjourned till evening. The evening session was opened by singing hymn No. 816. A very interesting paper was then read by Mr. Geo. Caudwell, of Brantford. He commenced by saying a return to the tithing system would relieve all financial difficulties of the Church, and soon evangelize the world. All should give "according to that a man hath." The Lord commended the widow's mite. God gives answering prosperity to those who freely give to him, but that should not be the motive for giving, failure to give is a crime. Who withholdeth tithes robs God. He gave seven excellent reasons for giving, and drew illustrations from the old and new testaments to prove systematic giving is a privilege and a duty. Miss Weir, of Brantford, then read a paper on "The duty of Church members to become Church workers." We are members by baptism and pledged to be servants, we may choose our work, variety is a necessity. We must keep egotism out, and work for the glory of God. This paper was also discussed when the following points were gained, workers must be developed. The Sunday School a good place to begin spiritual life essential to all workers. If we claim the privileges of the covenant we must fulfil the conditions. While lack of workers was deplored, the clergy and Church system was blamed for not calling on the congregation for more help. Captain Eccleson of the English Church Army gave a splendid address, describing how the Church Army evolved from the necessity of reaching the masses, and how they thus succeeded in gaining those who never attended Church; and the results were far more satisfactory than could have been anticipated. During the evening Miss O'Connors, of Galt, sang two solos, which were much appreciated. The convention closed about 9.30, after an agreeable and profitable day. The delegates were hospitably entertained by the congregation of St. James'.

THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

(Letter from our New York Correspondent.)

This is the season for diocesan conventions, which this year derive additional importance from the fact that at these assemblies are elected the clerical and lay delegates who are to sit at the General Convention in the fall. Up to recent years these conventions have excited little or no attention outside Church circles, and have been passed over by the secular press with only the briefest, if any mention. But the Church is so rapidly making itself known as a factor in the every day life of the American people, that, even in the metropolitan papers, the acts of some of the conventions held in States far distant from New York have not only been reported at considerable length, but even commented upon editorially. Thus those of South and North Carolina have attracted no little attention on account of the colored question, which is very properly looked upon by the whole country as one intimately concerning the welfare not only of the Church, but also of the nation. The convention just held in Florida called forth graceful notices of heroic priests who fell at their posts of duty during the ravages of the yellow fever last summer and fall, and the no less noble work done by Bishop Weed and his devoted surviving followers, clerical and lay, who, though themselves stricken down by the fell disease, were up again and grappling with it, ere they had hardly recovered from its ill effects. From the far coast of the Pacific comes a grand tribute to the veteran and scholarly Bishop Kip, whose infirmities have called either for a coadjutor bishop, or a division of the diocese—the latter course being resolved upon,—with every prospect by the way of a Canadian priest, once of your own city, Dean Trew, being the new bishop. To Bishop Kip's services to the Church and State the Californian correspondent of one of the principal New York dailies—as a rule, not favorable to the Church—bears ungrudging testimony.

PROGRESS ALL DOWN THE LINE.

Why this notice so plentifully bestowed upon these mere local conventions? The answer is ready at hand. The Church leaven is slowly but surely leavening the whole mass of American society. To this the statistics of increase not only in membership, but also in money contributions—and the argument from the purse—one that carries no little weight with it in these days of mammon worship. The missionary work grows apace in every diocese. Not only in the large cities, but in the remoter country districts where mining and manufacturing operations are thickest, the Church is planting her missions, and not least in the diocese of Pittsburgh, Pa., where English, Welsh, and Irish Churchmen are to be found at every turn, not affiliated to any religious denomination, but continuing steadfast in the faith, and only too thankful, when the pioneer missionary enters their borders, to bring their children to Baptism to be prepared for Confirmation, to crowd into the room or hall where the services are held, to "sing the Lord's song in a