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From our own Correspondents

DOMINION.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—The Rev. Mr. Loyde, of Lewis, having definitely declined the offer made him by Mr. Housman of the assistantship of the English Cathedral at \$1,000 per annum, has formally accepted the incumbency of the Holy Trinity Church, Lewis, at \$600 per annum, and was inducted on Sunday last with the usual formalities.

MONTREAL.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—It is reported that the troubles of this congregation are likely soon to arrive at a crisis by the secession of a certain party who object to any change being made in the services. The origin of the division is certainly not over a matter of doctrine or the principles of the Church of England, and the orthodoxy of the present rector, who is an Irishman and graduate of the old evangelical Trinity College, Dublin, is not even questioned, the whole trouble having arisen out of changes in the choir at the request of a large proportion of the members of the congregation. In September last a radical change in everything connected with the musical services was introduced in conformity with the proposition of the rector. A new and eminent conductor has been engaged, and the choir augmented to eighty or ninety voices of ladies, gentlemen and boys, none of whom wear surplices. Full choral services are celebrated every Sunday, and seem to be appreciated by the congregation and popular with the public, as the attendance is immense.

The *Mail* says: "There are no misgivings manifested by the members of the congregation, except a few who have been the persistent promoters of the secession, that even if the division, as contemplated, is consummated, the future prosperity of the church will be imperilled, as the situation altogether at present gives an earnest of as great success hereafter as in the past. In conversation with a large number of members of the church who have not identified themselves in any way with the agitation and caucus meetings held at intervals by the discontented, your correspondent has been assured that the more the rector is known an increasing feeling of attachment on the part of the great body of the congregation is attracted to him by his zeal and attention to the interests of his parishioners."

A SUGGESTION.—In the *Mail* of the 29th Oct., we read in an article upon Christ Church Cathedral, that

"A very unusual advertisement appears in some of the Montreal papers by a firm of auctioneers, announcing the sale of a number of proprietary pews in the cathedral on the 30th inst. This mode of proceeding is not generally considered in very good taste, but the legal right of the owners is unquestionable. However, the members who are staunch supporters of the rector, will be pleased to see the pews transferred to those who are anxious to attend the service, rather than be retained by people who have practically left the church."

We take leave to suggest that the pews offered for sale be bought in on behalf of the congregation, and the proprietorship for all time vested in the Church officials as free pews, inalienable and unpurchaseable. Such a gift to God would set a noble example to other churches where pews are articles of merchandise, and so liable to be held even by "Jews, Turks, Infidels or Heretics." The new life of Christ Church will surely be strong enough to cleanse the Church from this scandal.

ONTARIO.

TWEED.—Roslin Parish.—The Bishop visited this place on Monday, 12th ult., for the purpose of consecrating the church and cemetery and administering the rite of confirmation. Thirty-three candidates were presented to his lordship by the incumbent, Rev. S. Bennetts. His lordship, however, before proceeding with the confirmation service, went to the entrance of the church, attended by the Rev. A. Geon, Mr. W. A. E. Lewis, catechist, Madoc, and the catechist of this parish. The Bishop was met at the door by the Rev. S. Bennetts, incumbent of the parish, and Messrs. Rath and Robinson, churchwardens. The petition asking that the church be consecrated, was read

by the Rev. S. Bennetts, and received by the Bishop, who forthwith proceeded with the act of consecration. This done, the confirmation service was begun, and before the laying on of hands, the Bishop delivered one of those characteristic addresses for which he is famous. After the confirmation of the thirty-three candidates, the Eucharist was celebrated by the Bishop, the Revs. A. Geon and S. Bennetts, being respectively deacon and sub-deacon. During the celebration, the entire congregation remained, and besides the thirty-three who had just been confirmed, upwards of forty communicated. At the conclusion of the celebration, the Bishop with the clergy, lay readers and congregation, went to the cemetery which he duly consecrated. The services were indeed most impressive, and tended to the edification of the assembled crowds, the majority of whom were not "within the pale." During the afternoon, the Rev. R. G. Sutherland, M.A., rector of St. Mark's, Hamilton, arrived at Roslin to hold an eight day mission there and at Tweed.

On Tuesday, 13th Oct., the Rev. R. G. Sutherland, M.A., rector of St. Mark's, Hamilton, began a mission here. The attendance at first was not large, but it increased to such an extent that many were unable to get even standing room. The result of the seven days mission is most satisfactory, and the manifest renewing of church life and spirituality is indeed a matter for devout thanksgiving. At Roslin a confirmation class of eighteen has been formed, and fifty-three signed the pledge, which was taken at the time. A purple altar frontal, purple dossal and pulpit and prayer desk hangings, made by the ladies of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, for the occasion, were used for the first time. They were beautifully worked, and of their possession any congregation might well be proud. On Thursday, the 22nd, the mission began at Tweed, and the immediate result was the same as that at Roslin. On the evening of the 29th, when the mission was closed, and the service of the renewal of vows was begun, the entire congregation rose to their feet in response to the Rev. R. G. Sutherland's question as to who had been benefitted by the work, and then solemnly renewed their baptismal vows. The service ended, the churchwardens, Messrs. Jas. Rath and Robert Robinson, read an address to and presented Rev. Mr. Sutherland with \$20. The missioner is followed by the affection and prayers of the whole parish, and the regret that he could not stay longer is universal. The prevailing sentiment is, "Thanks to God for the mission."

Mr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, very kindly presented the Rev. S. Bennetts with 120 photographed copies of the well-known "Good Shepherd" picture, as mission memorial cards, one of which was presented to each that signed the mission pledge. Mr. Laidlaw's kindness will be long remembered in the parish of Roslin, and his beautiful cards will serve as reminders of renewed vows, and in this manner draw many to the fold of the Good Shepherd.

MABERLY MISSION.—We have to chronicle one of the most interesting events that has yet taken place in this mission, the re-opening of St. Stephen's Church, Bathurst, for divine service on the festival of St. Simon and St. Jude. The clergy who took part in the services were the Revs. J. Osborne, H. Farrar, A. J. Fidler and G. Scantlebury. Morning prayer was said at 11 o'clock, about thirty-three communicated. Miss Dorcas Butler, of Perth, very kindly presided at the organ, the service was well attended. At the 7 o'clock service a splendid congregation turned out and nobly assisted in rendering a bright and hearty service. The feature of the service was the delivery of able and instructive addresses by the Rev. A. J. Fidler on "Return;" the Rev. J. Osborne on "Worship;" and the Rev. G. Scantlebury on "Holy Communion;" these addresses interspersed with thoroughly congregational hymns were most excellent. Miss Mary Cavanagh ably presided at the organ. Mr. H. Marguerett, builder and contractor, Harper's Corners, deserves great praise for the excellent and speedy way in which the restoration work has been done. The missionary and churchwarden of St. Stephen's are deeply indebted to the Rev. R. L. Stephenson, M.A., rector of Perth, for the handsome solid reredos and altar cloth, which in the skillful hands of the young ladies of the congregation looks neat and nice. The Rev. Samuel MacMorine, M.A., rector of Pakenham, for the artistically carved "I. H. S." placed in the centre panel of the reredos. And Miss Jennie Cavanagh for the pair of vases and alms-dish covers. The hearty and soul stirring services of St. Simon and St. Jude's Day will not readily be forgotten.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—Bishop McLean, of Saskatchewan, preached at the Church of the Ascension, on Sunday, Nov. 1, morning, and at St. Thomas' Church, evening.

Rev. Canon Curran is suffering from a severe cold on the chest.

All Saints Church.—No appointment has been made as yet to the rectorate of this parish. The Rev. Dr. Mockridge has withdrawn his intention of accepting it.

Church of the Ascension.—Mr. R. Thos. Steele has been re-engaged as choir master at this church by a vote of 34 to 17.

NIAGARA FALLS.—Christ Church.—Obituary.—The death of William Leggatt, Esq., collector of customs at the Suspension Bridge for many years, has deprived the church of a most useful, upright and devout member. On Saturday, Oct. 31, a large attendance at the funeral, preceded three miles, to the Drummondville cemetery, testifying to the high esteem entertained toward Mr. Leggatt's memory. Pastor and people speak of him with kindest remembrance.

NIAGARA FALLS, SOUTH.—(Drummondville.)—Obituary.—We have with great sorrow to record the death of the Rev. Chas. Leicester Ingles, M.A., rector of the above parish, on the 3rd inst., aged sixty-four years. He was throughout his long ministry there held in the highest esteem, and greatly beloved by all classes. His brethren in the ministry regarded him as one of the most faithful and devout of men, both in his public and private life. Tears are wept, but his beautiful life in Christ assures us of his faith and the blessed hope it is, therein we bless God's name for all His servants departed this life.

WATERDOWN.—The Rev. John Francis, B.D., has returned home after an absence of seven months at Waukesha, Wis., U.S., where he filled the duty of *locum tenens*. It is a large town, and in summer months has a very large population of visitors seeking rest and health. On his leave taking, Mr. Francis was presented with a valuable gold chain, and an address conveying kindest words of esteem and friendship, with a hope that he would soon return for a similar period, if not for the full charge of that parish, which would be still better.

GRIMSBY.—A special leave taking of Mr. A. S. Kemp, a zealous and devout churchman, took place last week by the congregation and Sunday school of St. Andrew's Church. Mr. Kemp and family have removed to Montana, U. S. Our best wishes follow him.

SMITHVILLE.—On Saturday, Oct. 31, the new Church of St. Luke's, Smithville, eight miles south of Grimsby, was duly opened and consecrated for divine worship, by the Bishop of Niagara, who also preached a most thoughtful and edifying sermon from St. Matthew xviii. 20, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." The Revs. Canon Read, Rural Dean Bull, Thos. Geoghegan, with the Rev. F. C. Piper, assisted in the services of the day. Among the gifts presented was an excellent communion set by the Rev. Thos. Geoghegan, from the congregation of Christ Church, Flamboro West. How much true pleasure and benefit may often be conferred by thoughtful and kindly acts of this kind among brethren of the household of faith!

FONTHILL.—This pretty little village was quite bright with lamps and torches on Monday night. The forty-fifth battalion band were out in full force playing some of their latest marching airs, and it was evident from the number of well-dressed persons on the streets, that something more than usual was going on. Bishop Hamilton was making his first visit, and the band met him as he entered the village, and accompanied him to the handsome residence of Mr. D'Everardo one of the oldest residents and the father of the village. Mr. D'Everardo had thrown his doors open and his large house was filled with members of all classes and denominations. Mr. D'Everardo is a capital host, and made every one feel at ease. Mr. Piper introduced his congregation to the Bishop, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. On Tuesday morning a confirmation was held, when Rev. Mr. Piper presented a large class to the Bishop for the apostolic rite. During his stay the Bishop was the guest of Mr. Morris, of the Fonthill nurseries.

ELORA AND ALMA.—The Bishop visited this parish, that of Rev. P. L. Spencer, on the 26th ult. In the afternoon he preached at Alma, choosing for his sub-