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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

Diocesan Synod.—Among the notices of resolutions on the order paper to be brought up at the approaching meeting of the Synod of this Diocese, is the following by W. G. Wurtele, Esq. "That a Committee be named by the Lord Bishop to make preparations for the Celebration in 1893, of the Hundredth Anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Quebec, it being the second Colonial Diocese formed; the said Committee to have full power to mature plans for the Celebration, and to report to the Synod in 1892."

St. Matthew's.—The St. Matthew's Branch of the Ministering Children's League is in a most flourishing condition. In addition to maintaining a full equipped bed in the Jeffrey Hale Hospital, which has been occupied all winter, they render most valuable assistance to the Nursery of the Sisters of St. Margaret, Montreal, and to the St. Andrew's Indian Mission, at Fort Pelly, of which the Rev. L. Shaft Agaziss is the Missionary in charge. A sale of work is being held this week in the St. Matthew's Parish Rooms in aid of the League.

Indian Missions.—The Rev. E. F. Wilson, of Sault St. Marie, long known for his self devoted labors in connection with the Indian tribes of the Dominion, spent the Sunday after Ascension Day in our City, and preached at the Cathedral in the morning and St. Matthew's in the evening. In the afternoon he had his two Indian boys with him and visited St. Matthew's Sunday School, and at the four o'clock service addressed the children. On the Tuesday evening following he delivered a lecture in the National School Hall to a crowded house, giving an account of his important work, and also brought before the audience the subject of the recently founded "Indian Research and Aid Society," of which he is the Secretary. By way of variation the two little Indian boys sang and recited to the audience, and just before the close they appeared on the stage in the costume of the Blackfeet Indians. Mr. Wilson accompanied by the boys sailed on the "SS. Parisian," on the 22nd inst., for a short visit to England, during which time he intends to endeavor to raise funds for a new Indian School at Medicine Hat, Diocese of QuAppelle.

The Cathedral.—Workmen are engaged erecting the new Sunday School building on ground adjoining the Cathedral. The building bids fair to be a handsome and much needed structure. Besides having accommodation for the Sunday School, there will be a room for meetings of the Clergy, Bishop, and also a special room for Dean Norman's popular and largely attended Bible Class. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupation about the first of August.

ONTARIO.

MARMORA.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese confirmed forty-five persons in this Parish on May 9th. Twenty-seven were presented at Marmora, and eighteen at St. Mark's, Rawdon. Rev. Messrs. Codd, Harvey, and Armstrong, were present. There were large congregations and hearty services. His Lordship's addresses were very forcible and made a great impression.

TORONTO.

The synod of Toronto will open its annual meeting in the school house of Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday, June 20th. Holy communion will be celebrated at 10 o'clock, and business will be entered upon at 11.30, an evening service being held at 8 p.m. in St. James' Cathedral. The annual missionary meeting will be held on Wednesday evening in St. James' School House.

PETERBOROUGH.—The gifts of the late Mrs. Nichols, the Peterboro' millionaire, to the religious communities of the town have been of the most bountiful character. Out of the bequest to the Protestant Sunday Schools the two Sunday schools of St. John's will receive \$500 each. Mrs. Nichols left \$20,000 to the two Presbyterian Churches in Peterborough and \$5000 to her Minister, besides enormous sums to different objects of the Presbyterian Churches. "Leaving us an example."

Mr. Davies the well-known organist has lately accepted the post at St. John's church vacated by Mr. L. Seward, whose name and brilliant execution have been connected with St. John's organ for several years. The Ottawa Free Press thus comments

on Dr. Davies departure. Dr. Davies the well known and popular organist of St. Alban's church, has received an invitation to go to St. John's church, Peterborough, and it is understood has accepted the offer. Dr. Davies is a native of England, and possesses the degree M. A. of London University, and D. M. of Berlin University. When organist of St. Paul's church Knightsbridge, he came at the request of the Rev. Mr. Ellegood, of Montreal, to this country, and took charge of the organ at the church of St. James the Apostle. He was afterwards organist at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. He has also had charge of the organ at Toronto Cathedral and the Church of the Ascension in that city, as well as Kingston Cathedral. The Dr. has been in Ottawa four years and when he goes his numerous friends and pupils will sorely miss him. As organist of St. Alban's, Dr. Davies has given the utmost satisfaction, and he has occupied a foremost place in musical circles at the Capital. He is the author of several pieces of music of great merit, some of which are used often in church worship. Dr. Davies has discharged his duties so well that his successor will find it very difficult to fill the position he vacates.

ASHBURNHAM.—The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, now in Denver has definitely severed his connection with St. Luke's; this resignation will take effect on the 1st of July. It is understood that the incumbency will be offered by the Bishop to the Rev. J. W. McCleary, curate in charge, at the request of the congregation. Mr. McCleary took his divinity course at Trinity College, and formerly served in Norwood, and for two years in Detroit. Mr. Bradshaw has left a monument of his energetic work in the present state of the parish and buildings, which have been raised entirely during his incumbency.

COLBORNE.—Rev. Canon J. Davidson, R. D., has been suddenly called to England by the serious illness of a near relative, and left the week before last by the Parisian.

LAKEFIELD.—At the funeral of Mr. G. W. Strickland, a prominent member of the church of St. John the Evangelist, on May 10th, the whole community turned out in testimony of their respect for the deceased, who was a member of the widely known and much esteemed family, and a leading supporter of the Church of England in that district.

A meeting of the Ruri-decanal chapter of West York was held at Lloydstown, May 21st and 22nd.

There were present Revs. Rural Dean Shortt, Canons Oster and Farncomb, R. H. Harris, E. W. Sibbald, and Mr. R. H. C. Brown, lay reader. At Evensong in St. Mary Magdalene's church on the 21st, addresses on "Liberality" were given by Messrs. Sibbald, Farncomb and Shortt, and the other clergymen present also gave brief addresses. A goodly number of parishioners assembled at the celebration of the Holy Communion, the next morning at the business meeting it was decided, on the invitation of the Rural Dean of Peel, to hold a retreat of the clergy of W. York and Peel, at Woodbridge, on the 15th, 16th and 17th of July, to be conducted by Rev. J. C. Roper, M. A. It was resolved that the next regular meeting of the chapter should be held at King in Sept., and that the first day should be devoted to a Sunday school teachers convention. The proposal of the W. A. of Woodbridge to arrange a gathering of neighbouring branches in Aug. was heartily approved.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.—Canadian Chapters. First annual convention, Monday, June 9th, 1890. Celebration of the Holy Communion at St. George's church, John St., 7 a.m. Business meeting with addresses by Mr. Aikman, delegate, and others from the American Brotherhood, 8.30 p.m., sharp. Service for men only at St. Margaret's church, Spadina Ave., with sermon by Rev. Dr. Mockridge, 8 p.m. All men cordially invited. Offertory in aid of the expenses of the Convention.

Retreat.—It has been decided by the chapters of the deaneries of Peel and West York, to hold a retreat at Woodbridge, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 15th, 16th, 17th, to be conducted by the Rev. T. C. Roper, M. A. A copy of order of proceedings will be mailed to the clergy in a few days. Any further information the clergy may desire will be gladly furnished by the Rev. Geo. B. Morley, Tullamore, Sec. R. D. of Peel.

NIAGARA.

GUELPH.—St. George's.—The Sunday School teachers presented Miss Agnes Holliday with a very handsome present and an address on her approaching marriage. Miss Holliday has been one of the most faithful and earnest of the Sunday-school teachers,

and was zealous in all good works connected with the Church.

The Bible Association.—This vigorous and enthusiastic organization held a very successful entertainment in the City hall, on the evening of the 13th. Refreshments were furnished to the guests in profusion. The young ladies belonging to the Association discharged the duties of waiters in a pleasing manner, and were attentive to the requirements of their guests. Dr. Lett took the chair at 8 o'clock, and filled that office in his usual happy style. The musical programme was opened by the singing of "God Save the Queen." The Bible Association of St. George's church is to be congratulated on the success which attended their concert. The working Guild had a table in the hall and sold a great many useful articles. The proceeds of the sale go towards the new carpeting of the chancel. The Association entertainment added between \$30 and \$40 to the Church Improvement Fund.

St. James'.—The Rev. Alfred J. Belt, M.A., has entered upon his duties, and services are now held regularly in the gymnasium, and will be until a church is provided. Mr. Belt is a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto, and took a high position in his examination for holy orders. His younger brother, the Rev. C. E. Belt, formerly curate of the Church of the Ascension, in Hamilton, has been appointed as his successor at Harriston.

HURON.

LONDON.—St. John the Evangelist Church. The W.A.M.A. of this Parish, organized in November last, completed its winter work by placing the result of its labors on exhibition in the School House on the evening of the 22nd of January, the numerous visitors were astonished at the result of the few months work. As all the articles, too numerous to mention, were particularly suitable for the Mission to which they are being sent, viz.: to Rev. Mr. Price, Gristwold, Manitoba, some twenty bed comforters, clothing of all kinds, and innumerable articles useful in a new Mission, composed the six large sacks ready for shipment, which at a fair valuation may be considered worth \$250. A particularly pleasing feature in connection with this work has been the assistance of the Juvenile Branch of the W.A.M.A., composed of some forty girls of the Sunday School, their contribution of scrap-books, dolls and innumerable fancy and useful articles, will we are sure, prove to be most acceptable. With the advice of the shipments of these goods, is a letter, from this Branch to the Rev. Gentleman, asking as a favor, that he would select any articles that may be useful to himself and family, as the prevailing feeling is that while we are ministering to the wants of the Indian and settlers, the faithful Missionary should be also remembered for his works sake.

STAFFA.—The anniversary of the Church here was celebrated a few days since, when the Rev. W. J. Taylor gave a selection upon "Habit." For over an hour he held the undivided attention of the large audience, evoking alternate laughter and applause. The Rev. O. Bridgman presided, and the choirs of Staffa and Hensall sang some capital anthems.

MITCHELL.—The Ruri-Decanal meeting of Perth was held here last week, and was very interesting. In the evening the Rev. D. Deacon, of Stratford, preached a thoughtful and helpful sermon. Trinity Church has recently declared all its pews free, and so well has the congregation responded to the appeal of the Rector that over \$400 more has been promised by voluntary giving than was raised by rented pews.

PETROLIA.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, administered the apostolic rite of confirmation to fifty-nine candidates in Christ church on Whitsunday. The candidates were presented by the rector, Rev. R. McCosh. By a hearty and unanimous vote of the vestry, the rector's stipend has been advanced two hundred dollars.

ALGOMA.

PORT CARLING MISSION.—The Rev. P. S. M. Podmore, desires to inform the friends of the above Mission that the total received and forwarded to him on behalf of Beaumaris Church, and the Parsonate Fund since January 14th, 1890, is \$90. This money is in the hands of the Lord Bishop of Algoma. Mr. Podmore will be glad to hear of any other friends who may have monies for these objects, and that information may be given to the Bishop. The Treasurer for Grefry Church is Mr. Kimpton, of Toronto. Kindly address correspondence to Rev. P. S. M. Podmore, the Rectory, Cowfold, Sussex, England.