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From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

QUEBEC.

The Rev. Isaac W. Thompson, missionary of the diocese, has just returned from successful missions in the parishes of Kingsley and Drummondville. A good work we believe, is being done by our enthusiastic and untiring Missioner. If full churches, attentive congregations, reverent demeanour, and increased numbers of communicants are signs of success, there can be no doubt that Mr. Thompson's labours have been largely rewarded.

RICHMOND AND MELBOURNE.—*St. Ann's Church*.—In pursuance of the scheme of diocesan Missionary meetings, a meeting was held last week in St. Ann's Church school house. The speakers were the Rev. Principal Lobley, of Bishop's College, and the Rev. George Thornloe, of Stanstead. Both these gentlemen delivered eloquent addresses upon the Church's missionary work. We feel sure that Mr. Balfour, rector of this parish, has the gratification of knowing that the meeting was a success. Before the close of the meeting Mr. J. Y. Lloyd moved a vote of thanks to the speakers of the evening, which was seconded and most heartily carried.

St. John's Church.—An interesting meeting was held in this church on Friday, March the 16th. The roads in the country are now so blocked up with snow, that many who would have attended, were unable to do so. The speakers were Mr. Thompson, Mr. Balfour, and Mr. Judge. Mr. Harper who has charge of this portion of the large parish, also spoke for a few minutes, drawing the attention of his people to the fact of the rapid growth of the church, as shown forth in the admirable "Year book of the church," lately issued by the S. P. C. K. The collection taken up at this meeting was given to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the diocese of Algoma.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*St. Stephen's*.—There is a good hope that this fine church will be completed during the incoming summer. Last week the stone for the tower was drawn, and work will be pushed forward as rapidly as the weather will permit. When finished, St. Stephen's will be one of the finest churches in Montreal, and what is an additional beauty, it will be wholly free from debt. At present the congregation worship in the lecture-room—one of the most complete and well furnished basements in Canada. The Archdeacon of Iberville, who is rector of St. Stephen's, is a master hand at collecting money. Not only has he kept the new St. Stephen's out of debt thus far, but he also, during the past year, was mainly instrumental in raising the \$40,000 (forty thousand), which rescued Trinity Church from the Trust and Loan Company, and so averted a disgrace from the Church of England in Montreal.

St. James the Apostle.—The Bishop preached at this church on Sunday evening. There was a large congregation, as there usually is at St. James. A Mr. Stuart, lately deceased, has bequeathed \$3,000 to this parish, as well as large sums to charities in the city.

St. John the Evangelist.—The solemn season is being duly observed in this church; indeed, with passing years it does seem that the attendance, the attention, the devotion, and the reverence of the people increase rather than otherwise. Just at present great pains are being taken with the Easter music, and the indications are that, for beauty and solemn pomp, the Easter services of this year will not be a whit behind those of any previous year.

THE CATHEDRAL.—Dean Baldwin's annual course of sermons to young men is now in progress. The subject announced for last Sunday evening was "Temptations to young men in the city." These sermons attract very large congregations, and no inconsiderable number of persons not belonging to our communion, nor, indeed, to any communion. In parochial work of all kinds, the Cathedral leads the way in the city. Between house to house visiting, Bible classes, ladies' societies, temperance societies, special services in the church, and other organizations that need great attention, the Cathedral clergy are very

hard worked. Probably there never was a time in the history of the congregation, when its clergy and members were more abundant in good works than at present, ever a time when the congregation was more strong, or more united. I may just mention that the offertory for the Mission Fund, a couple of Sundays ago, amounted to \$2,600. The Rev. J. Roy, M.A., was announced to preach at the Cathedral on Palm Sunday morning. Mr. Roy is well known in Montreal, and is greatly respected by a very large number of Christian people of all denominations. He was originally a Methodist minister, and what is more, he was an able and scholarly one. More recently, he was pastor of the Wesley Congregational Church in this city, from which position he went to seek Orders, and was ordained in the Diocese of Toronto. Though we have never had the pleasure of seeing or hearing Mr. Roy, we heartily hope that his labours in the Church of England may be a happiness to himself and a blessing to others, and above all, the means of bringing much glory to God. This will be a very busy week at the Cathedral. Mr. Baldwin's annual course of "Evangelical" services for Holy Week is in progress. These services are very well attended indeed; they begin at 8 o'clock p.m. daily, the Dean himself being the preacher. Why the services should be called "Evangelical" any more than others provided in the Prayer Book, we cannot say, nor does it make any great matter; enough that they attract great numbers of persons to join in the worship of God, and to hear the story of the cross, who, wanting these services, would probably never enter an Anglican place of worship during Holy Week. In this matter, as well as in many others that might be named, the Cathedral is doing a mighty work in the City of Montreal.

MONTREAL.—*Trinity*.—Canon Anderson, Rector of Sorel, preached a thoughtful and instructive sermon in this church on Sunday morning.

HEMINGFORD.—Rev. Robert White has resigned the incumbency of this Mission. We regret to say that Mr. White is in poor health, which necessitates his giving up, for the present very active work.

EDWARDSTOWN.—A very pleasing occurrence has taken place here, one worthy of record, and which might serve as a shining example to other missions, a stimulant to "go and do likewise." The Rev. E. G. Sutton has been made the recipient of a valuable new horse, to replace a very old one, that has for many years done good service, the gift of his united congregations. While the greatest credit is due to the people of English River for having conceived the idea of such an offering, and for their exertions in sending forth two of their number to carry it out by collecting \$107, we must not forget the readiness with which those of Edwardstown, Beech Ridge, St. Remi and adjacent places seconded it with their contributions, and the kindness which prompted many not belonging to our church to come forward with voluntary assistance. The great scarcity of horses and their high value, requiring at least \$100, and therefore, placing them beyond the scanty means of a poor Missionary, makes the gift all the more to be appreciated, and such a practical proof of the goodwill borne towards their clergyman will not soon or easily be forgotten.

GLEN SUTTON.—The Church in this mission has to mourn the loss of one of its most attached and valuable members. After a long illness, borne with the calm patience that comes from a well grounded life, Mr. Alexander Bickford sank to rest, on the second Sunday in Lent, in the 48th year of his age. In the erection of the Glen Sutton Church and parsonage, Mr. Bickford held the "labouring van," giving gladly of his time and of his means to the completion of both undertakings. As a churchwarden, he was painstaking and untiring, and often did his own generosity to the clergyman make up, and more than make up for the lack of service of others. A plain, honest farmer was Mr. Bickford, not very learned nor very rich, but a true man. On the occasion of his funeral, the little church for which he had done so much, was crowded by the friends and neighbours, amongst whom he was respected and loved. May his good deeds find many imitators in Glen Sutton, and may his soul, awaiting the resurrection of the just, enjoy the rest and peace of God.

HUNTINGDON.—The opening of the new church took place on Tuesday, 13th inst. Service commenced at 11 a.m. The Incumbent and Archdeacon Evans reading the services. After the 2nd lesson, the Rev. J. A. Haslam baptized his youngest son. Archdeacon Evans preached an admirable and appropriate sermon from Luke xi. 28: "Yes, rather blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it." At evening service, the Archdeacon again preached, taking for his text, Acts xvi. 9: "There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Collections amounted to \$60.

The congregations were crowded, and singing hearty. At the public meeting in the afternoon, letters were read from the Bishop, who was unable to be present, but sent his congratulations to clergy and people; also from Revs. Canon Carmichael, J. S. Stone, A. Braham, and A. Gowley, Esq. Addresses were given by Rev. A. D. Lockhart and Archdeacon Evans. The Revs. J. B. Muir and J. Wilson being present, offered congratulations. Subscriptions at this meeting amounted to \$107, which, with proceeds of dinner and supper, which were provided by the ladies of the congregation, and the collection at morning and evening service, made a total of \$310, leaving a debt of \$900 on the church. The contract price of building was \$5,386, exclusive of glass, hardware, varnish, and finishing of basement. The building is 34 by 65 feet. Tower, 48 feet high, surmounted by a tinned spire of 39 feet. Walls of stone foundation 3 feet above the ground level, with stone arches over basement windows, and above that brick. The side walls are 19 feet high, pierced for 5 windows, gables being formed over each. The entrance to basement is by a wooden porch in front gable, and a short flight of steps leads to a spacious room 34 by 61 feet, and 10 feet high. The entrance to church proper is by the tower opening into a vestibule of 12 feet square; ascending five steps, the church is gained. The nave is 48 by 35 feet, with open roof, which is supported by four sets of principal framings, boxed with pine and stained. The side and front windows are filled with rolled cathedral glass, of pale tints, with cherry red border, with the exception of one of richer design, and is the gift of Mrs. Haslam, in memory of her son. The rose window is very large: it is a quatre-foil, and filled with richly tinted and stained rolled cathedral glass. The design is very pretty and well executed, by Messrs. J. McCausland & Son, of Toronto. The rest of the tinted glass, including two windows in chancel (given by A. Gowley, Esq., and Mr. Rennicks respectively), is executed by J. C. Spence, of Montreal. There are two rows of pews with centre and two side aisles; they will seat comfortably 260. The chancel has a gothic arch, and is octagonal in shape; its ceiling is groined up with heavy mouldings and bosses of wood. On one side a small vestry, and on the other, a staircase leading to basement. The architect was Mr. Thomas, of Montreal, who presented the plan. In the tower is hung a bell that weighs ten hundredweight, which is the offering of Rev. T. A. Haslam, the incumbent.

DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—No less than six new applications for admission were considered at the last meeting of the Educational Council. If those are admitted, they will bring the number of students in attendance on lectures up to nineteen or twenty, all in training for work in this Diocese. Seeing that even the supply received from this source, the Bishop cannot keep vacancies filled up, and that there are at present no less than seven or eight parishes vacant, what would the state of affairs be in the diocese, if the theological school were not in existence? There are some who look upon these colleges as—not unmixed blessings. Well, few blessings are altogether unmixed. In the case of this diocese, however, the College has enabled us to occupy the ground in a way that, wanting it, we could hardly have done otherwise.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION.—The Bishop begins his annual visitation of the parishes in the Deanery of Bedford, early in May. In accordance with the expressed wish of the Executive Committee, the Bishop requests that on the occasion of his visit to any parish receiving aid from the Mission Fund, a meeting of the responsible members of the congregation shall be called to discuss the temporal affairs of the parish.

ONTARIO.

CLARA.—Much interest and no little curiosity was manifested on the announcement some weeks ago, that the Bishop proposed visiting this distant part of the diocese, and holding a Confirmation in the newly erected church of the Holy Trinity at Mattawa, the head quarters of the mission, Bishop and Confirmation were new terms to some and all but forgotten by many more. The ignorance in some few instances was as amusing as profound. "A Catholic Bishop" they "had seen" but a "Protestant Bishop" was "something new." The Missionary, not having time for a theological discussion, and in this instance the ignorance being more assumed than real, merely acquiesced, and rather non-plussed the sectarian by accepting his statement. Subsequently however, the opportunity was taken of presenting before his people the Scriptural doctrine of Holy Orders, the Apostolic succession, Confirmation and Holy Communion. In several instances this public presentation of Church Doctrine and Bible Truth was followed by personal or private explanation, and the result was several candidates, who had previously been Methodists, Presbyterians and one a Baptist, presented them-