

ONTARIO.

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North Hastings—Mission of Dungannon and Mont Eagle.—Rural Dean Bogert, of St. John's church, Belleville, has just completed a visitation of the Mission of Dungannon and Mont Eagle, holding services at different stations, as follows: Ormsby, Coe Hill, Faraday, Bancroft, L'Amable, Bronson, Bird Creek, Peever Settlement, Maynooth, White Church and Mont Eagle, travelling over three hundred miles from his home in Belleville, holding ten services and spending twelve days, from August 2 to 13. Mr. Bogert has come in personal contact with most of the leading families, winning the confidence and hearts of all, and strengthening the Church in the mission, making the different congregations feel that they are part of a great whole, and not isolated bodies. He urged the increase of the contributions toward the missionaries' stipend by means of the envelope system or gifts of kind, where the former was not practicable, and endeavoured to put in motion the machinery for carrying on this work. The Rural Dean expressed himself as being much pleased with the three new churches at the south. The one at Faraday practically finished, those at Coe Hill and Ormsby nearly so, and all nearly out of debt. Also a quaint little log church at the Peever Settlement. The Rural Dean advocates the cutting off of the three stations at the south, Faraday, Coe Hill, and Ormsby, into a separate mission as soon as possible. His visit greatly helped and encouraged the missionary, and much benefit must surely flow from his visit.

Portland.—The beautiful bell placed in this church lately was made by the Meneely Bell Company, Troy, N.Y.

TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

Millbrook.—St. Thomas' Church.—A handsome stained glass window has lately been placed in the nave of St. Thomas' church by the family of the late Mr. Walker Needler. Rich in colouring, and pleasing and satisfactory in its general effect, the work has been well executed by N. T. Lyon, of Toronto. The subject depicted is the sermon on the mount—Christ in the attitude of a teacher, is seated beneath a canopy with the blue sky for a background, and surrounded by His eagerly-listening disciples. The lower part of the window is a ventilating leaf, harmonizing in design with that above the picture, on which are inscribed the words: "Blessed are the pure in heart." In loving memory of William Walker Needler. Born June 15th, 1856. Died Dec. 19th, 1896." The window not only adds greatly to the enrichment of the interior of the church, but is a most suitable memorial to one so distinguished for his high Christian character, and for his devotion to the Church's interests, as was the late beloved superintendent of St. Thomas' Sunday school.

Archdeaconry of Peterborough.—The Council of the Archdeaconry of Peterborough met at the summer residence of F. J. Tate, Esq., Stoney Lake, to arrange the meeting of the Archdeaconry at Lindsay next November. The Ven. Archdeacon of Peterborough presided. The following programme was drawn up:

First Day.—9.30 to 11 a.m., Morning Prayer and devotional meeting, by F. H. DuVernet; 11.15, the Archdeacon's address; 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., discussion of the division of the diocese, 2.15 to 6 p.m.; same subject continued. Proposed speakers: Revs. Dr. Pearson, W. E. Cooper, and C. H. Marsh; Messrs. John Burnham, F. E. Hodgins, and Wm. Grace. 8 p.m., Evening Prayer and sermon by Rev. Dr. Pearson.

Second Day.—9 a.m., celebration of the Holy Communion; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the work of the laymen in the Church. Proposed speakers—(a) In Parochial or other organizations, R. M. Dennistoun, Esq., Peterborough; (b) In support of the church, A. L. Colville, Esq., Campbellford; (c) In the service of the Church, Rev. Canon Spragge, M.A.,

Cobourg; 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., Christian unity; (a) What attitude should the Anglican Church assume to other Christian communions, Rev. Canon Farncomb, M.A., Newcastle; (b) How can we best promote Christian unity? Rev. H. Symonds, M.A., Ashburnham; 8 p.m., missionary meeting, North-West Missions, Rev. F. H. DuVernet, M.A., B.D., Toronto; Diocesan Missions, Rev. Rural Dean Allen, M.A., Millbrook.

Rural Deanery of Northumberland.—The clergy of the rural deanery of Northumberland held a most enjoyable meeting at "Headlands," the Stony Lake residence of Mr. F. J. Tate, on August 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The following clergy were present at the meeting: Ven. Archdeacon Allen, Revs. E. H. Webb (Rural Dean), Canon Spragge, J. C. Davidson, H. Symonds, John Gibson, E. V. Stevenson, W. L. Baynes Reed, R. H. McGinnis, R. L. Weaver, George Scott, W. C. Allen, Christopher Lord, and C. H. Marsh, the number being slightly increased by the meeting at the same time of the Council of the Archdeaconry of Peterborough. For three summers Mr. Tate has offered his beautiful summer home as the meeting place for the deanery, and this offer has been renewed and accepted for another year. The session of the Deanery began on Tuesday by a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m. The meeting opened for business at 10, Rev. Rural Dean Webb in the chair, and after the usual formalities the first subject was introduced by Rev. E. V. Stevenson, in an able paper on the "Seventh Question in the Ordinal for Priests," which enjoins on candidates the promotion of quietness, peace, and love. A very practical discussion followed. Following this the Rev. H. Symonds reviewed at length Dr. Salmond's recent great work on "The Christian Doctrine of Immortality." Dr. Salmond describes the form of this doctrine, which he finds to be universal amongst the human race, as it was held amongst the Hindus, Egyptians, Persians, Babylonians, Greeks, and other people of antiquity. He then expounds the doctrine of the Old Testament, devotes much space to the teaching of Christ, passes in review that of the Apostles, and finally reviews more or less modern ideas as restorationism, conditional immortality, and the like. His conclusions on all these heads are conservative. On resuming, after lunch, Rev. W. L. Baynes Reed described the history and working of the Church in Otonabee, and some difficulties in connection with the work were discussed.

It was moved by Rev. H. Symonds, seconded by Rev. Canon Spragge, and resolved: That the Rural Deanery of Northumberland hereby expresses its appreciation of the generous offer of the Missionary Deputation Committee, to conduct missionary meetings in the country districts during the winter months, and hereby requests the Rural Dean to communicate this resolution to the chairman, and to inform him that the Deanery hopes to make such arrangements as to enable it to avail itself of this opportunity of stimulating the missionary interest in this part of the diocese as may be convenient to them. Rural Dean Webb was appointed to confer with the Deanery of Durham and to make arrangements for holding the missionary meetings to be addressed by the Toronto deputations.

It was decided to hold the next deanery meeting in Colborne, and an interesting programme was drawn out. On motion of Archdeacon Allen, a vote of congratulation was given to Rev. E. H. Webb on his promotion to the position of Rural Dean. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Tate for his generous hospitality, and the meeting adjourned. The majority of the members stayed over till Thursday on the invitation of the host, and enjoyed a day's fishing. The deanery is decidedly fortunate in possessing such a large-hearted Churchman as Mr. Tate, who is able to offer for meeting a place replete with all the requisites for business and Divine service, coupled with the advantages of an outing on one of Ontario's most beautiful summer resorts.

The Council of the Archdeaconry of Peterborough have arranged the programme for the next meeting, which will be held at Lindsay in October. The division of the Diocese of Toronto will form the chief subject of discussion. Other topics will be:

"The Layman's Work in the Church," and "Christian Unity." The following clergy and laity will be asked to contribute papers or addresses: Rev. Dr. Pearson, Rev. F. H. DuVernet, Rev. Canon Spragge, Rev. Canon Farncomb, Rev. C. H. Marsh, Rev. W. E. Cooper, Rev. H. Symonds, and Messrs. John Burnham, A. L. Colville, R. M. Dennistoun, and W. Grace. Rev. Dr. Pearson will preach the conference sermon.

BRIEF MENTION.

To salute with the left hand is a deadly insult to Mohammedans in the East.

Mexico proposes to issue a new series of stamps bearing a map of the republic. They will be larger than the present ones.

Preserved fruit, in a state fit to be eaten, has been taken from the ruins of Herculaneum.

More than 14,000,000 ten-cent pieces were coined last year at the new Chinese mint in Canton.

France is the greatest wheat-growing country in Europe, not excepting even Russia.

England is secretly laying a military cable between Vigo Bay and Gibraltar, according to the Paris Matin.

Over 500 fossil elephant teeth have been dredged from the sea at Moleasea, on the coast of the Mediterranean, since 1870.

Drimtaidhvekilichattan is the name of a small hamlet in the Isle of Mull, containing not more than a dozen inhabitants.

It is no unusual thing for a vessel plying between Japan and London to carry 1,000,000 fans as a single item of cargo.

The future of Washington, D.C., continues to grow darker. The latest census reveals the presence of 88,000 negroes in a total population of 277,000.

The late Sir Augustus Harris, the theatrical manager, who was supposed to be poor, has left an estate worth a quarter of a million dollars.

In England and Wales the death rate from typhoid fever has declined from 277 per million in 1876-80 to 135 in 1891-94.

Trondhjem, the ancient capital of the Norwegian Kings, is celebrating the 900th anniversary of its foundation.

A Scotch collie has just jumped from a church tower in Norfolk, eighty feet, to the ground, unharmed, save for a shaking up. It was the rector's dog.

Dr. Hu King Eng, the first Chinese woman doctor, is in charge of the Siang-Hu hospital in Foo-Chow. She obtained her education in the United States.

Livingstone's tree at old Chitambo, which shaded the spot where his heart is buried, has nearly fallen to pieces.

In a home for sandwich men in London there are said to be several university graduates and medical men, and a Scotchman who ran through £50,000 in three years.

Secretary Linden, of the Zoological Station at Naples, has invented a boat with steel fins, which is propelled solely by the motion of the sea water. It goes best in rough weather.

Sir John Lubbock, who has been considering the ant and its ways for many years, has ascertained that these active insects live to the age of fifteen years.

The largest telegraph office in the world is the general post-office building, London. There are over 3,000 operators, 1,000 of whom are women. The batteries are supplied by 30,000 cells.

The Empress Dowager of China sent to Queen Victoria as a jubilee gift a picture painted by her own hand on a roll twelve feet long and five feet broad. It consists of an expanse of rocks and trees, with storks wearing red crests, the emblem of longevity.