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carefully for the great service of God. It is only thus, in fact, that men who have been brought up to be able to endure hardship and to understand the necessities of our country life, can receive a high mental and spiritual training, and can also have, as students, the practical opportunities that are offered by Sunday and vacation visits to some of our parishes, of being early in their career really useful Parish Priests. At the same time, it must be borne in mind that such visits by students to parishes may very easily be overdone, and, consequently, it is my earnest desire that we should at once set to work to form a Diocesan Lay Helpers' Association, into which we may enrol lay helpers, male and female; and from the male branch of which we may be able gradually to choose and appoint, here and there, lay readers, whose duty and privilege it shall be, while continuing in their worldly callings, to do on Sundays just what our students now do, and to make it possible to offer at any rate one Sunday service in every church and school station throughout the diocese. Fortnightly and monthly services are perhaps better than nothing, but very little progress will be made unless there is, at any rate, one service every week. And these services should be so arranged that our people everywhere have the opportunity of the Holy Communion at least once in every month. And whenever and wherever there is a service, great pains should be taken, so that it may be hearty and earnest, and for the good of souls. It matters little whether the service is said or sung, but it does matter whether the minister and people at service are alive or dead, it does matter whether the minister throws his whole soul into the versicles and prayers, and whether the people respond with one heart and one voice; and this can only be done when the minister says the service in such a way as to give the people the opportunity of responding, for it is quite possible, alas! instead of saying or singing the service, so to read it as to make certain of killing all possible response, and thus to reduce our beautiful liturgical service to the silence and deadness of the grave.

(To be continued.)

Rural Deanery.—At a meeting of the Rural Deanery of Quebec, the Rev. I. M. Thompson, rector of Levis, was elected Rural Dean.

The Lord Bishop.—The Lord Bishop leaves Quebec the second week in June for a pastoral tour in the Eastern Townships, returning about July 4th, and leaving again almost immediately for an extended tour in Gaspé district, Labrador and the Magdalen Islands.

GROSSE ISLE.—The Lord Bishop has appointed the Rev. T. Rudd Incumbent of Melbourne, P.Q., as Quarantine chaplain for July, and the Rev. H. E. Wright of East Angus, P.Q., for August.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—It is very gratifying to the many friends of the Right Rev. Bishop Bond to know that he is steadily improving and that there is every hope of his recovery.

St. John the Evangelist.—The attendance at the morning and evening services on Sunday at this church was very large. The Bishop of Nova Scotia preached at the 11 o'clock service, taking as his text Revelations chap. xxi, verse xxii, 'And I saw no temple therein, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple thereof.' The various material temples of this world were shown by the speaker to be merely types of that spiritual temple hereafter to be met with in heaven. In the city of God there will be no haunts of misery and sin. So in the cities of the world the presence of God is more distinctly recognized in proportion to the lessening of the number of the abodes of vice and crime. During the afternoon about forty candidates presented themselves at the confirmation service. The ceremony was conducted by the Right Rev. Bishop Potter of New York. At the evening prayer the Rev. Arthur French spoke of the different kinds of personal service which might be performed by those desiring to please God.

ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—Lord and Lady Derby, who arrived here on the 5th, accompanied by Capt. Walsh, A.D.C., were the guests of His Grace the Metropolitan. A reception was held in the evening, at which all the elite of civil and military circles took part.

NAPANEE.—Mr. Jarvis left home to attend the funeral of his sister and to be present at Quebec during the meeting of the Quebec Diocesan Synod, when a memorial service was held commemorating the centennial of the late Bishop Mountain, Mr. Jarvis being one of three representatives of the late bishop's family now living. Rev. Mr. Geen, of Belleville, took Mr. Jarvis' place at both services on Sunday.

SELBY.—Rumors have been circulated to the effect that the scheme for building a church at Roblin has been abandoned. The work however will begin as soon as certain preliminary matters are arranged. Miss Bowen, public school teacher, of Roblin, is canvassing the village for funds to assist in the erection of the church.

BATH.—Saturday, 3rd June, was the 98th anniversary of the opening of St. John's church. The rector in charge held the feast of dedication on Sunday, the 11th of June, assisted by a visiting clergyman. Every effort was put forth to make the services on that day worthy of the occasion.

OTTAWA.—At a meeting of the committee of the endowment fund for a new diocese, Archdeacon Lauder stated that the Governor-General had donated \$1,000 and wished the movement every success. The two English societies had been communicated with, and had replied that they would grant \$10,000 towards the fund, \$5,000 when the subscriptions reach \$20,000, and \$5,000 when the whole sum of \$40,000 is completed.

PICTON.—The woman's auxiliary presented Mrs. (Rev.) Loucks recently with a life membership of the woman's auxiliary. The amount paid, twenty-five dollars, goes unappropriated to the domestic and foreign missionary society.

KEMPTVILLE.—The annual flower show and sale took place on Wednesday, May 31st, and Thursday, June 1st. A continuity of success both of profit and pleasure attends this feature of the Church's work in this parish, inaugurated by the Rector four years ago, with the primary intention of giving the youngsters something to do. Every child in the parish is expected to raise at least one plant during the year for sale. Considerable zeal is shown, and may be illustrated by the following action of a little girl of some twelve years of age. Last year's show was no sooner over than she procured two cuttings of plants which she said she would cultivate for the next year. They grew into lovely plants and were duly presented with her name attached, by her tender mother, but the gentle, loving and faithful little Churchwoman had been called to join the Church Expectant, after a brief suffering from a most severe attack of diphtheria. The cultivation of flowers is growing more and more popular amongst the people in general since this movement began. Abundance of ice cream melts gently away as the multitudes discuss the order of the day to the enchanting sound of inspiring strains of music. The hall is free of access from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day. The people are beginning to ask for further extension to five or six days. Mrs. and Miss Emery went to Kingston on Tuesday, June 6th, to attend the important meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, an active branch of which is well grounded in this parish, under the admirable organizing powers of Mrs. Emery, the president. Preparations are being made for consecrating the parish church, which is to take place about September. The Rev. T. S. Stiles, Incumbent of Frankville, has been spending a week with his friend Mr. Emery, and had the privilege of canvassing the parish in behalf of a new church he is erecting in his parish. His efforts have been heartily responded to by the parishioners. He preached three admirable and practical sermons on Sunday. He is amongst the most energetic and earnest of the Priests of the Diocese of Ontario.

TORONTO.

St. James' Cathedral.—At this church last Sunday the Bishop confirmed a class of 34. Rev. Canon Dumoulin and Revs. Manning and Gardner assisted in the services.

St. Peter's.—A meeting of the combined chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in the school house on Tuesday evening of last week. After the opening exercises, Mr. R. V. Rogers, Q.C., the first vice-president of the brotherhood, addressed the meeting on personal devotion. Mr. Rogers was followed by the president, who introduced the subject for discussion, "Brotherhood work among boys," in which work many of those present are actively engaged. The discussion was followed by a powerful address on the work by Mr. Edwin Arrowsmith of Cambridge University, whose words made a deep impression on all present. The meeting was brought to a close by the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Mr. Howard.

The Rev. Canon Logan received a letter last week from Messrs. J. and W. F. Cowan, of Oshawa, containing a cheque for \$500 for the superannuation fund, which letter contains the following kind words: "The importance of the superannuation fund should commend it to the consideration of the Churchmen of the diocese. I therefore trust you will be enabled

within a reasonable period to attain the desired minimum, which represents a sum barely adequate to the urgent necessities of the case, particularly if the low rate of interest on investments be taken into account."

NORWAY.—The opening service of the new Church of St. John the Baptist was held at 3 o'clock on Saturday, when Rev. Prof. Clark preached. The new building has been erected at a cost of \$5,000 and will accommodate 300 persons. It was erected under the supervision of Architect Chas. J. Gibson, and is very complete in all its details. The opening special services were continued on Sunday. Rev. Provost Body preached at 11 a.m. and the rector at 6.30 p.m.

CREMORE.—A very pleasant and satisfactory meeting of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter of West Simcoe was held at Cremore on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 23rd and 24th. There were present, Revs. the Rural Dean, Kirkby, Lindsay, Owen, Howard-Graeme and Godden. A short session took place on Tuesday afternoon, when subjects of a more minor nature were dealt with. A very cheerful service was held in the church in the evening, and this was followed the next morning by a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. The meeting was carried on throughout the 24th, and the various subjects that were so carefully prepared by the different clergymen for spiritual and intellectual benefit, as well as to strengthen and extend the work of the Church, proved to be most beneficial in every way. These meetings, we must say, are of great value to the clergy, for there subjects can be brought up and ideas put forth, when no other opportunity for such avails. The meeting closed by singing "God save the Queen."

NIAGARA.

On account of want of space we are compelled to hold over the report of the Niagara Synod for our next issue.

HURON.

LUCAN.—In the absence of the rural dean, Rev. Canon Smith, Rev. Canon Richardson presided at the meeting of the Middlesex deanery held in this place. The necessity for good judgment in the use of grants from the mission fund was emphasized. "How to retain the young people in the Church and give them work to do," elicited many practical suggestions. London will be the next place of meeting, when the subject of "Temperance" will be discussed.

CHATHAM.—The grand new \$2,500 organ for Holy Trinity will be placed in the church and be ready for the second Sunday in June.

COURTRIGHT.—The parishioners of this place have presented their clergyman with a horse, harness and buggy as a present. Hitherto he has not been able to visit much, but now will be able to do so. He is one who believes that a visiting parson makes a church-going people. His lectures which he delivers in Corunna and Courtright are very instructive. The subject is the foundation and history of the Church. His wife addresses the Bible class on Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock. She is very earnest and zealous in the work for the Master.

DURHAM.—There has been a change of Incumbent here. In the beginning of March, Rev. Mr. Burt left for Shediac, in the diocese of New Brunswick. At the end of April, Rev. Mr. Connor, formerly of Lucknow, took charge of the parish. The week before he arrived a furious easterly storm occurred, doing considerable damage. The top of the church tower was hurled to the ground, crashing through the fence and breaking the walk leading to the church door, blowing in part of the chancel window, and breaking the tops of two windows in the body of the church. A subscription list was started and the sum of \$150 was raised to make the necessary repairs. An increased interest, caused by the exertions put forth by Rev. Mr. Connor, is apparent in the parish, which extends over a wide stretch of country, entailing much work, the members being widely scattered. A single series of parochial visits to all requires a journey of many miles, through a new country and over rough and hilly roads.

GALT.—The Hon. Winnifred Sugden delivered an address on the evening of the 8th inst., in Trinity Church schoolroom, in which she gave a most interesting account of her work among the Zenana women of that part of India in which she works. Her account of the degraded condition of the women and girl children was most painful, and is such as to call forth strong and severe remedies on the part of the government. At the conclusion, a collection was taken up which resulted in a sum of \$16 for the