

ship, when the people's prayers and the people's alms are offered together." As the jubilee of St. George's approached, the congregation had a natural desire that it should have a fitting celebration: accordingly, the church tower was completed, and the approaches to the church were improved, the only disappointment in the Jubilee services being the absence of the Bishop and the Dean, and both through illness. Outside of his regular ministerial life, the Dean is a busy man. He lectures on Apologetics and Patristics in the Diocesan College, and identifies himself fully with the church work of the city. A practical microscopist, and a student of Natural History, he has twice filled the office of President of the Montreal Microscopical Society, and twice that of President of the Natural History Society. He has published a volume of sermons following the Christian Year. A series of sermons on the Prayer Book, a work on Design and Darwinism, and his Sunday courses of lectures to men from October to April, in each year, have mainly been on scientific subjects that touch religion. His present course has been on the Pentateuch in connection with the Higher Criticism. Dean Carmichael all through his record as rector of St. George's, has been nobly aided in his work by singularly able assistants: the Rev. Gilbert Baylis, D.D., now rector of Longueuil, and the Rev. L. Norman Tucker, M.A., now rector of Christ Church, Vancouver. This important position is now filled by the Rev. C. J. James, M.A., whose influence on the life of the congregation is clearly marked. Long may Dean Carmichael be spared to preside over St. George's parish and congregation, and to fill the numerous positions of honour and usefulness where his talents and energy, under the Divine blessing, have placed him, an eloquent orator, an able administrator, a faithful friend!

THE INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL COMMENTARY.*

At last we seem likely to have a commentary, every volume of which will be a real addition to every student's library. It is a common question that is put by young men entering upon the ministry of the Church: What complete commentary on the whole Bible is there, that will be likely to give me the help that I need? And the answer has been, none. There are several good commentaries on the New Testament—notably Meyer's, although the later volumes are by other hands. But Meyer's and Alford's commentaries are of little use to those who are unacquainted with Greek; and we have absolutely no commentary on the Old Testament, either written in English, or translated into English, which is above the level of mediocrity. Up to this time the student could only be advised to get special commentaries by different hands—by Godet, by Lightfoot, by Westcott, by Delitzsch; and any commentary bearing any of these names the student will be wise to obtain. But now, for the first time, it seems likely that we are to have a commentary every volume of which will be of first-rate value, and the whole of which, when completed, will furnish the kind of guidance and information on the whole collection of sacred books which a serious student will require. The project has its origin in the two great publishing firms of Scribner's in New York, and T. & T. Clark, of Edinburgh, to whom all theologians are under immense obligation for the valuable series of works, mostly translations from the German, which they have provided for English readers during the last fifty years. The editors are, for the Old Testament, Professor Driver; for the New Testament, Dr. Plummer, in Great Britain, and Prof. C. A. Briggs in the United States. They tell us: "The commentaries will be international and inter-confessional, and will be free from polemical and ecclesiastical bias. They will be based upon a thorough critical study of the original texts of the Bible, and upon critical methods of interpretation. They are designed chiefly for students and clergy-

*A critical and exegetical commentary on Deuteronomy. By Prof. S. R. Driver, D.D. Price 12s. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark; New York: Scribner; Toronto: Revell Co.

men, and will be written in a compact style. Each book will be preceded by an introduction, stating the results of criticism upon it, and discussing impartially the questions still remaining open. The details of criticism will appear in their proper place in the body of the commentary. Historical and archaeological questions, as well as questions of Biblical Theology, are included in the plan of the commentaries, but not practical or homiletical exegesis. The volumes will constitute a uniform series." Nothing better than this could possibly be planned. If this is done, students will have what they want. We have two means of solving this question, the names of the commentators and the special volume before us. As regards the contributors to the series, we may say that all the greatest names in Biblical criticism of Great Britain and the United States are here. Besides the editors, we have Sanday, Davidson, Cheyne, Edwards, Abbott, Lock, G. A. Smith, Kirkpatrick, and many others. The volume before us is simply admirable and great. We may not agree with all Dr. Driver's conclusions. We do not. But he states his case reverently and carefully, and places us in a position to judge for ourselves. We shall hope to return to his volume.

DEAN CARMICHAEL ON THE HIGHER CRITICISM.*

Every one knows that Dean Carmichael is one of the most eloquent of preachers. Many know that he has a good deal more than a popular knowledge of the natural sciences. But here he adventures into the field of the Higher Criticism—not quite for the first time, we imagine. The pamphlet before us displays great ingenuity, and this not merely of a kind which excites our admiration, but of the sort which carries a considerable amount of conviction with it. The Dean selects some portions of the writings of modern English authors and shows how it is possible to resolve them into two documents of somewhat different character, so as to justify the theory that they are not the work of one man, but originally were produced by two, and were fused by a third. He gives examples from Stanley's description of the "Passage of the Red Sea," from Dean Farrar's "Life of St. Paul," from Pressense's "Life of Christ," Kinglake's "Description of Louis Napoleon." It cannot be denied that the Dean gives us here some first-rate work, and that he offers enough at least to justify him in appealing to students for an arrest of judgment in regard to the criticism of the Old Testament documents. On the larger question we cannot here enter.

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVA SCOTIA.

FREDERICK COURTNEY D.D., BISHOP, HALIFAX.

WALTON.—The Sunday School at this place is giving much satisfaction. There is a fine staff of teachers and an energetic superintendent, which is a great encouragement to the rector.

KENTVILLE.—This church has lately been reopened after undergoing internal repairs and renovation and decoration. Expenses have nearly all been met by extra offerings for that purpose.

SOURIS, P. E. I.—A new church has been opened at this place of which the Rev. E. T. Woollard is rector. The Rev. E. P. Crawford of Halifax preached the opening sermon.

ST. JOHN.—While Rev. A. D. Dewdney, rector of St. James' Church, and family, were out boating on the Kennebecasis river, on Saturday evening, a squall struck the sail, overturning the little craft. All were rescued except the infant daughter, which was drowned.

How Two Documents may be Found in One. A monograph in connection with the Higher Criticism, by James Carmichael, D.D., D.C.L., Dean of Montreal. Montreal Gazette Printing Company, 1895.

MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—St. John the Evangelist.—Mr. C. A. E. Harriss, so well and favourably known here, has been engaged as organist for the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The friends of the church and the new organist are to be congratulated at the arrangement. Mr. Harriss' playing should be heard to good advantage on the chancel and west end organs, both excellent examples of the organ builder's art, and the musical service of St. John's will, it is said, give the new organist opportunities which he has not heretofore had in this country.

St. Barnabas.—The city Chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew received material, as well as moral and spiritual "consolation and exhortation" last Monday night, at St. Lambert, when they were hospitably entertained by the rector and Mrs. Dart in the Parish Hall; the rector, Rev. W. J. Dart, M.A., presided. The meeting was briefly addressed by the chairman, Rev. Mr. Flanagan, and Messrs. Craig and White, after which, on motion of Rev. G. Abbott Smith, M.A., it was resolved, if possible, to hold a Sunday afternoon and a Monday evening meeting during the session of Provincial Synod, in connection with the St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

Triennial Meeting of W.A.—The Provincial Woman's Auxiliary is convened for Tuesday, 10th inst., and during the session the meetings will be held in the Synod Hall.

Mrs. Newnham's Long Journey.—Mrs. Newnham, wife of the Bishop of Moosonee, and daughter of Canon Henderson, of the Diocesan Theological College, after visiting friends in the city and accompanied by her family and her sister-in-law, Miss Newnham, is now returning to Moose Factory, on James' Bay, to rejoin her husband. The party were met at Misanabie by a canoe and six Indians, and have started on the long canoe journey of 500 miles.

New Diocesan College Building.—It is expected that the foundation stone of the new college building on University street will be laid during the Provincial Synod.

Grace Church.—The anniversary services of this vigorous parish will be held (D.V.) during Provincial Synod week.

Sixteenth Session of the Provincial Synod.—On Wednesday, 11th September, the Provincial Synod met in the Synod Hall, and proceeded to the cathedral for Divine service at 10.30 a.m. The meetings of the Synod will be held as usual in the school-room of St. George's Church.

Seventh Annual College Conference.—On the 18th, 19th and 20th September, the M.D.T. College will hold their annual conference, when an instructive programme will be discussed.

ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

The Archbishop of Ontario has received over seventy applications for appointments as parish clergymen this year, about one-third of these from the States. Ontario is clearly a popular Diocese. Every station is occupied.

WESTPORT.—Rev. J. W. Jones has just received £30 sterling from England as a subscription towards liquidating the debt on St. Paul's Church of that village.

TORONTO.

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

The Rev. J. S. Roberts, who has been spending some months in Toronto, has returned to his home, Stanley Park, Liverpool, England, and sailed by the "Vancouver" on Saturday last. We wish Mr. Roberts a pleasant voyage, and we are exceedingly sorry he has left this city.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Rev. Edward Ashurst Welch, the new Provost of Trinity University, arrived in Toronto. He was met at the Union Station by Dean Rigby of Trinity College, and proceeded to the Arlington Hotel, where he will stay for a short time, until the repairs on the lodge at the college have been completed. His chief impressions of the country, aside from the beauty of Quebec, of which he spoke in high praise, seemed to be of the magnificence of its distances.

PORT HOPE.—On Sunday, September 1st, the Rev. C. B. Kenrick was inducted rector of St. Mark's by the Bishop of Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Bethune assist-