

sponsibility of bringing to these people the sacraments and religious instruction to which many of them had been accustomed in the homes they came from.—A special musical service was held on Sept. 22nd, in the Church of the Advent, when the new organ was dedicated.—The Rev. Professor Steen, of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, has been appointed to the office of "special preacher" in Christ Church Cathedral. This does not include pastoral duties.—Dean Carmichael, of Montreal, has returned from England. His health has been greatly improved by his trip.—St. Thomas' Church, Montreal, is now entirely free from debt.

The Board of Missions of the Church of England in Canada.

The first meeting of the Executive of the General Board of Missions, created by the General Synod in 1806, was held at Montreal on the 13th of October.

The following were the appropriations made by the Board: Diocese of Algoma, \$2,000; Diocese of New Westminster, \$500; Diocese of Selkirk, \$500; Bishop of Athabasca, \$250; Bishop of Qu'Appelle, \$100; Shingwauk Indian Mission, \$787; Bishop of New Westminster, for Chinese work, \$500; Diocese of Columbia, for Chinese work, \$200. It was also decided that the Bishop of Ottawa be requested to prepare the Ascensiontide appeal; and it was also resolved that the next meeting of the board be held in Montreal.

In the evening a missionary meeting was held in the Convocation Hall of the Diocesan Theological College, and was largely attended. Bishop Bond presided, and with him on the platform were the Bishops of Toronto, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Ottawa, and Algoma; the Rev. Canon Matheson, of Winnipeg; Rev. L. N. Tucker, of Vancouver; Very Rev. Dean Carmichael; Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, and Messrs. A. F. Gault and Geo. Hague. The addresses, each of which put forth the claims of a special district in a very strong light, were interspersed with the singing of missionary hymns by a choir of boys from St. George's, under Mr. Illsley.



Preaching lately in St. Matthew's Church, Northampton, the Bishop of Salisbury described the reunion of Christendom as the problem of problems of the present day. The great difficulty in the way of the Church uniting with the Nonconformists was that people who had been accustomed to one religion would find it difficult, as it were, to belong to two congregations at once, but there was no doubt that the barriers of self-interest were being to a great extent broken down. There was greater readiness on the part of Nonconformists to approach the same type of worship adopted by the Church, whilst they had much greater regard

than formerly for the festivals of the Church. There was less bitterness on purely religious subjects than existed a few years ago, but much still remained in regard to semi-pontifical questions, such as education. Still, there were evidences that there was a softened feeling on both sides, and he hoped his hearers would try to show their dissenting friends that the Church very much cherished and honored what they had done in many places in keeping alive the Gospel where it would otherwise have died out. His own desire was that the narrow walls of separation which at present divided Church and Dissent into hostile camps might be speedily broken down.

A novel scheme is being floated at Eastbourne. The Education Department requires the provision of 400 additional school places. Mr. J. G. Langhain, a local solicitor, proposes the formation of a joint-stock company to raise the funds required for additional buildings, and to aid in placing the schools on a sound financial footing for the future. The promoters believe that the project, if speedily taken up, will keep out a School Board and yield a moderate return of interest to the investors. The Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, has taken shares to the amount of £500. Mr. Davies Gilbert, the other local landowner, the Archdeacon of Lewes, the Mayor of Eastbourne, and others, have also consented to take shares. The capital is £10,000, in £1 shares. The proposal has been before the Education Department, and no objection has been made to it. The hire of premises for school purposes, provided they are properly constructed to meet the sanitary and other requirements of the Department, is, in fact, recognized, and the rent of such premises is allowed in the school accounts as a legitimate part of the annual expenses of the school. The scheme has also been laid before the Bishop of Chichester, who has given it his sanction. The Duke of Devonshire has offered to convey to the company the fee simple of a site in Bourne Street, in consideration of a rent-charge of £12 a

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