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It remains for the Court to deliver judgment upon the merits of the specific complaints of Rubrical irregularity which have been brought by the promoters of this suit against the Lord Bishop of Lincoln. These complaints may be summarised as follows, viz., that the said Lord Bishop, when celebrating the Holy Communion on certain specified occasions, allowed two lighted candles to stand upon (or apparently upon) the Communion Table; added water to the wine, and administered it so mixed; before the Consecration Prayer stood in what is called the Eastward Position; during the Consecration Prayer stood so that certain "Manual Acts" could not be seen; allowed a hymn, "O Lamb of God," to be sung after the Consecration; made the sign of the Cross at the Absolution and Benediction; and took part in what is referred to in the Articles as 'the ceremony of Ablution.' These acts, it is alleged, are all and each of them contrary to the law.

The responsive Plea for the Lord Bishop submits that the acts which were done by the Lord Bishop or with his sanction 'are not . . . any of them illegal acts forbidden by the Laws, Canons, and Constitutions Ecclesiastical of this Church and Realm'; alleges that the Lord Bishop 'had no wish or intention to prevent the Communicants present from seeing him break the Bread and take the Cup into his hand'; and with regard to the action articulated as the ceremony of Ablution, that 'thus' (as described in the Responsive Plea) 'the remains of that which was consecrated were completely and reverently eaten and drunken in accordance with the Rubric.'

Besides the learned and weighty arguments of the Counsel who have addressed us upon either side, the Court has considered with the utmost carefulness and respect the various decisions which have been given in recent years upon some of the points at issue, and the elaborated reasons upon which these decisions have been based, whether by the learned Judges of the Diocesan and Provincial Courts, or by the very eminent authorities before whom as the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council these matters or any of them in any form have come. It cannot be necessary that the Court should express its sense of the importance attaching to such decisions, so far as they bear upon the present case, for the elucidation of these minute and complicated questions. Inasmuch, however, as the points raised in the suit before us are some of them novel, and all of them are raised under conditions differing from those of former suits: Inasmuch also as the researches of later students have brought much fresh information to bear upon historical points admittedly obscure, the Court has not felt it right so to shelter itself under the authority as to evade the responsibility, or escape the labour of examining each of the points afresh, in the light of this ampler historical research, and of weighing once again all the reasons which may be advanced either for or against any of the actions or usages now under consideration.

In thus sifting to the bottom, so far as it is able, these questions, the Court discharges what appears to be, in the special and peculiar circumstances of this case, its plain and obvious duty. It is worthy of note that a similar course was adopted and explained by the Lord Chancellor Cairns and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the Judgment delivered May 12th, 1877, on occasion of the Appeal brought before their Lordships by the Reverend Charles Joseph Ridsdale. It should be added that in examining the arguments urged by Counsel on either side, the Court has followed out the investigation of such corroborative or independent evidence of a historical character as was accessible upon each and all of those points.

In delivering this judgment I am glad to be able to state that all the assessors concur in all the conclusions arrived at except one, and that upon that point there is one dissentient.

The Articles will be taken in the order in which they are found to be conveniently treated in relation to each other.

(To be Continued.)

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—*St. Matthew's*.—The annual meeting of the St. Matthew's Men's Club was held in their rooms on Dec. 18th, when the following officers were elected: Pres., Rev. T. A. Williams; Vice-Pres., John Hamilton, Esq. and Geo. Lampson, Esq.; Secretary, Geo. E. Borlase, Esq., N.P.; Treasurer, C. M. Teakle, Esq.; Committee, Messrs. W. H. A. Eckhardt, T. Page, Geo. Harvey and Thos. F. Teakle. Weekly meetings will be held as usual during the coming winter.

RIVER DU LOUP STATION.—A very interesting ceremony for the people of this place was the laying of the foundation stone of the new church, which took place on Thursday, Dec. 18th. The first part of the service, including addresses from the Rev. E. Weary, Incumbent of the mission, and Rev. Dr. Horner, late of Rose Blanche, Newfoundland, was, owing to the inclemency of the weather, held in the school house opposite the proposed site of the church. The service used was that authorized by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. After the addresses and the singing of a hymn, the congregation, headed by the clergy, proceeded to the spot where the stone was to be laid. Rev. E. Weary laid the stone on behalf of Mrs. E. A. Jones, of Quebec, who was prevented from being present owing to the death of a friend. The customary coins and papers were sealed and placed under the stone. The singing of the "Church's One Foundation" and the pronouncing of the benediction concluded the service. The congregation, in thanking their friends and well-wishers, have much pleasure in informing them that within the past month \$200 had been collected, in addition to six stained glass windows from the Rev. Lennox W. Williams, M.A., rector of St. Matthew's, Quebec, and presents of lumber from the generous firms of Price Bros. & Co., Quebec, and King Bros., River Ouelle. The total cost of the proposed building will be about \$700, and it is hoped that it will be completed by Easter. The ladies of the congregation have formed themselves into a Guild for the purpose of forwarding the object.

MONTREAL.

Obituary.—The recent notice of the illness of Rural Dean Lindsay will have prepared his numerous friends for the sad sequel in his removal by death to the rest of Paradise. Until his last illness, Mr. Lindsay took the liveliest interest in everything of general interest, and especially in church and missionary matters. The deceased gentleman was an Alumnus of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, a delegate of Provincial Synod, Rural Dean of Hochelaga, Rector of St. Thomas church, Montreal, and a life member of the Diocesan Synod, and in the last report he appears to belong to 15 committees, among which probably none was more congenial to his kindly nature than that on works of mercy, of which he was convener; and last year he was the Vice-President of the Montreal Ministers' Association. Mr. Lindsay passed away on the afternoon of the 22nd Dec., and leaves his widow, three daughters (one unmarried) and a married son, also grandchildren, to mourn their great loss, as well as an unusually large circle of friends, to whom he was endeared by his kindly, genial and sympathetic nature. Archdeacon Lindsay of Waterloo is his only surviving brother, who has laboured for nearly 40 years in Waterloo and its vicinity; and for 25 years the late Rural Dean Lindsay was Incumbent of Brome. A good man, a faithful pastor, a kind friend.

ONTARIO.

Presentation and Address.—The Rev. William Moore, M.A., Incumbent of St. Luke's church, Lyndhurst, St. Peter's, Seeley's Bay and St. John's, Leeds, all in the Parish of Leeds (rear), was presented, a few days ago, with some splendid and useful presents, by the congregations of the above churches. The congregation of St. Luke's made him the present of a very fine coon-skin overcoat worth forty-five dollars, accompanied by an address. The congregation of St. Peter's made him the recipient of a valuable cutter which cost forty-five dollars. The cutter was built by Mr. William Layng, of Athens, and reflects very great credit indeed on the builder. The congregation of St. John's presented him with a pair of robes worth eighteen dollars and a pair of fur gauntlets valued at six dollars. It is but fair to add that St. John's generously assisted both of the sister churches in the more costly presents. The above presentations speak well for the popularity of the Rev. Mr. Moore. Not wishing to occupy your valuable space with wordy praise of a clergyman so deservedly popular, it may be sufficient to say that his many virtues and sterling qualities have endeared him to his people. He is not only esteemed and respected, but beloved by the several congregations. Even those who do not belong to the Anglican faith esteem him as a true Christian minister. As a worker, the Rev. Mr. Moore is zealous and energetic. Since his arrival in the parish, not yet a year ago, several improvements have been made. The belfry in St. John's has been repaired, the chancel carpeted, the grave-yard cleaned and embellished, and a very splendid "Communion set" has been procured. At St. Peter's the church has been painted and the grounds fenced and the fence painted. At St. Luke's there is a movement on foot to build a shed and Sunday school house. There is also a movement on foot to build a

vault for the use of the parish. Financially, the parish is now in good shape, being entirely free from debt.

KINGSTON.—Edward J. B. Pense has been appointed treasurer of the diocese of Ontario, vacant through the appointment of R. T. Walkem, Q.C., as chancellor. R. V. Rogers, Q.C., lay secretary, has been appointed agent for the Kingston rectory funds and bequests. Rev. Mr. Cooper, of St. Paul's church, ordained to the office of deacon, has been appointed to the church at Sydenham in place of Rev. Mr. Scammell, who has gone to Birmingham.

BROCKVILLE.—In St. Peter's Anglican church, on Sunday, 21st ult., his Lordship the Bishop of Ontario ordained five priests and two deacons. He was assisted by the archdeacons of Kingston and Ottawa, and Rural Dean Carey, of Frontenac. The priests ordained were: Revs. Arthur Henry Whaley, of Milford; Rev. A. U. Depencier, of Navan, Russell county; Rev. S. D. Hague, of Balderson; Rev. William Johnson, of Wellington, and Rev. Chas. J. Hutton, of Sharbot Lake. The deacons ordained were: John Fairbairn, of Franktown, and J. B. Cooper, of Sydenham. In the evening his lordship held confirmation, when 30 candidates were confirmed. The services throughout were of a most solemn and impressive character.

TORONTO.

Christmas Services.—The services commemorating the incarnation of our Lord and Saviour appear to have been well attended throughout the city, and much care seems to have been bestowed upon both seasonable decoration and music. It would be invidious to select churches for special mention, when all certainly did their part right well. The offertories at these services were, as usual, specially devoted to the clergy.

St. James' Cathedral Young Men held a most successful concert in the school-house on Monday evening, Rev. H. J. Winterbourne in the chair. With him on the platform was Rev. J. G. Lewis. An excellent programme was rendered. The recitations by Dr. Foster were well received, and the large audience applauded to the echo. The vocal solos by Miss Mitchell and Miss Blackhall were well rendered, as were also the recitations by Miss Grey and Miss Ashen. The instrumental solo by Miss Blackhall and duet by the Misses Chaffee were enjoyed by all, and received merited applause. Much credit is due the young men for the way in which their concerts are carried out.

St. Stephen's Re-opening Services.—St. Stephen's church, on the corner of College street and Bellevue avenue, was re-opened for public worship on 24th December, after extensive additions and alterations made in the past five months, during which time the congregation have worshipped in the school-house. The original church seated only about 400 people; aisles were added in 1878, increasing the seating accommodation to about 600; and now, by the addition of a considerable structure on the east, the church has been so enlarged as to contain a congregation of about 900. The new portion of the building has been so constructed as to form a harmonious whole with the old nave, and at the same time to lend itself readily to a junction with a new nave at some future time when the congregation are able to afford to build one. In the meantime the parishioners of St. Stephen's have a dignified and roomy interior—lofty, airy and well ventilated. The old part of the church has also been re-decorated. The expense has been about \$8,000. The whole amount has not yet been raised, but a sufficient amount has been subscribed—including one or two large and generous sums—to warrant the belief that the rest will be readily made up during the next few weeks. The preachers at these re-opening services were Rev. Prof. Clark in the morning, and the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop in the evening. A pound party for the poor was held at the school-house of St. Stephen's, and at other places in the city of Toronto, on Monday 22nd.

Port Hope School.—The result of the recent examinations at the Trinity College School have been issued. The school is in a very prosperous condition and has just had added to its attractions a handsome and commodious gymnasium, which will be ready for use after the holidays. It is about 80 x 50 feet, and consists of two stories, the ground floor being reserved as a play-room during inclement weather. Mr. Meiklejohn, one of the assistant masters, has just resigned his position in order to return to Scotland. His place will be filled by Mr. G. P. Woolcombe, B. A., of Christ church, Oxford, who has been for some time a very successful master in