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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

On Thursday last, the Lord Bishop of Toronto, along with Chief Justice Draper, distributed the prizes at the Model Grammar School. His Lordship after presenting the prizes to the 5th class, said the Rector, Mr. Cockburn, had spoken of the fear and terror caused him by the information he had received regarding the unruliness of the boys of Canada. Now he (the Bishop) looked upon all the young people in this Province as his children, and he must say Mr. Cockburn had been greatly misinformed. He had taught children at home before he came here, and he had had great experience among the children of this Province for the last 60 years, and if there was any contrast between the boys at home and the boys here, he thought they were rather more unruly at home, and that the young people here were the more docile. (Applause.) He had been very much astonished during these proceedings at the acquirements shown by some of these young men, and the great variety of subjects with which they seemed well acquainted, beyond what would have been expected at their apparent youth. This spoke well for the system under which they were trained, because the capacities of a given number of boys would in general be found pretty nearly equal. When he (the Bishop) was actively engaged in the work of education, he had some plans of his own which enabled him to turn out some excellent scholars, but he must say that his impression was that many of the young men here were far more forward at their age than his scholars generally had been at the same age. This school, however, had peculiar advantages. The great difficulty with our schools hitherto had been that they were impoverished from a want of teachers. But here there was an abundance of teachers, who could divide their labour, and bestow a great deal of attention on each individual scholar. He felt much pleasure at having seen what he had seen to-day, and he thought it argued well for the Province that so much interest was taken in public instruction. The most extensive system of public education that anywhere existed, existed now in this Province, extending to the poor as well as to the rich—and this institution, the chief representative of the higher education appropriate to Grammar Schools, certainly appeared in a most favourable light. If it continued to be conducted with the same systematic care and attention which had characterized it during the past two years, it could not fail to be productive of lasting advantage to the country. (Applause.)

We observe with much satisfaction that the following notice was attached to the doors of the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday last. We have strong reasons for believing that the gentleman, whose name is introduced, is admirably qualified for the sacred task referred to:—“NOTICE.—The Congregation of this Church will please take notice that classes are about being formed for gratuitous instruction in Church Music. Persons desirous of having their boys taught will please give in their names to Mr. Soften, teacher of Music, Church Street, who will also receive applications from Adult Members wishing to fit themselves for, or improve themselves in Choir and Congregational Singing.”

The congregation of St. John's, Toronto, have presented their Incumbent, the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, with a purse of £30 previous to his departure for England.

A meeting of the Music Committee appointed by Synod, will be held on Tuesday morning next, at the house of Mr. Carter, Simcoe Street, Toronto.

OSHAWA.—The churchmen of Oshawa have to congratulate themselves on the erection of a new church in their quiet yet progressive village. For a long time the old church had been much too small. The new one, though commodious, we cannot think sufficiently large for the increasing number of churchmen. It displays much taste and church feeling, considering everything was managed by themselves. There are tower and steeple; three aisles; and a chancel, raised three steps above the floor of the nave. The communion table forms a very prominent object. It is covered with a very handsome crimson cloth, beautifully embroidered with the sacred monogram of our Lord; and a scroll underneath, containing the words “Glory to God on

high.” There are two very handsome Gothic chairs. The chancel is covered throughout with a suitable carpet. The reading-desk, pulpit, stone font, harmonium, and choir, are all in keeping. The church was opened on the Eighth Sunday after Trinity. Matins were said at eleven, and Evensong at three. At Matins, the Rev. C. P. Emery (assistant minister of St. George's, Toronto), read the prayers; and the Rev. the Incumbent read the lessons. The Rev. the Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, read the ante-communion service; the Incumbent reading the epistle. The Rev. Provost then ascended the pulpit, and preached a most able sermon, taking for his text Exodus xxxi. 13, “I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.” He sustained a riveted attention in the large congregation, for the greater part of an hour. Many were the remarks made upon the straightforward and eloquent manner in which he set forth God's mercies to His creatures, and pointed out the house of God as a most important item in the Christian economy. Such evangelical principles that were enunciated by him, cannot fail in building up the true and living temple of God. He is evidently a man that is “not ashamed to confess” his Lord “before men.” At Evensong, the church was crowded to such an excess that many could not find convenient standing room in it, and were obliged to betake themselves to the vestry and porch. The Rev. the Incumbent read the prayers; the Rev. Provost read the lessons; and the Rev. C. P. Emery preached, taking for his text Psalm xxvi. 8. The sermon was very appropriate. It referred to the origin of churches; the great zeal shown at different times,—and especially in our own day,—in building them of a costly character. It spoke of the necessity of having places set apart for public worship, in which all might meet together, and show to the world that, though many members, they were but “one body in Christ Jesus.” Then, in few words, it described the faithful Christian going to church; his behaviour when there—his leaving church—and his manner of living in the world. The two offertories amounted to upwards of \$70; which sum goes towards liquidating a debt of about \$500 still remaining on the church. Too much praise cannot be awarded to L. Fairbanks, Esq., for his indomitable perseverance in raising the money to build. At the same time we must not forget that a debt of gratitude is due to the well-known zeal of Miss Clark and the ladies of Oshawa, for the chancel furniture. The embroidery on the altar-cloth is the work of their own fingers, and would not sink into the shade if compared with the very best specimens of this kind of needle-work. Credit is due to all that have taken an interest in adding yet another to our many beautiful churches. May the people of Oshawa be long spared to tread its courts, and their amiable Pastor live long to minister to them!

The Rev. Jas. Chance, the energetic Missionary at Garden River, has lately been presented with a beautiful Church Service, by the children in the Sunday School at the Bruce Mines.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The Montreal *Herald* says, we understand that a despatch has been received by the Governor General, from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, the Colonial Secretary, stating that the Queen has been graciously pleased to comply with the application made to her Majesty by the Synods of the Diocese of the Church of England in Canada, for the appointment of a Metropolitan; that her Majesty will accordingly issue Letters Patent for constituting such Metropolitan; and that the Bishop of Montreal and his successors will be designated to fill that office. The Letters Patent are expected to arrive by the next mail.

The English *Gazette* contains the following:—The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be issued under the great seal appointing the Lord Bishop of Montreal and his successors to be Metropolitan Bishops of Canada.

GREAT BRITAIN.

It is in contemplation to found, in association with the name of the late Charles Marriot, an exhibition for a poor student intended for Holy Orders, to be educated at any College or Hall in Oxford. Mr. Marriot had long persevered in an endeavour to get a Hall founded expressly for poor students, and something of the kind seemed very near an actual existence when his patient and loving labours closed.