

the opportunity given, they would gladly do this to secure to our diocese the crown of our Church of England system—a noble cathedral—the centre and source of the spiritual activities and unifying forces of the Church; the worthy spiritual home of all her children, the pride and glory of our ancient and historic communions. Earnestly hoping that you will receive such a response as shall be the best reward of your disinterested effort. I am, yours very truly,

ARTHUR TORONTO.

A DIOCESAN DUTY.

By unanimous resolution of the Synod of Toronto, passed on the 12th inst., the Church of England throughout this diocese is committed to an undertaking which will undoubtedly enlist the sympathies and secure the co-operation of the members of the Church. It is an undertaking to provide for the immediate discharge of a debt of honour in connection with St. Albans Cathedral. The facts came before the Synod through a special committee, which enquired into the whole Cathedral question and brought in the report printed herewith. The report embodies a strong recommendation to the Synod to take steps to effect an immediate settlement of any claims for which the Synod or Church might be thought to be morally responsible, and the Synod appointed the committee whose names appear at the end of the report to give effect to this recommendation. The committee thus appointed have already taken in hand the matters entrusted to them, and they have reason to believe that these claims, amounting in the gross to \$13,000, can, under the circumstances, be settled to the satisfaction of the various creditors for the sum of about \$8,000, if paid immediately; and they appeal with confidence to the Churchmen of the diocese to contribute this sum. If this is not done the Cathedral Chapter has no prospect of being able to pay these debts, and the committee are strongly of opinion that the various creditors representing the balance of contract moneys and other *bona fide* accounts will feel that they have lost their money through giving credit to what they at least may have considered to be a diocesan matter. But as soon as the settlement now proposed shall have been made by the contribution of the \$8,000, which this committee of the Synod now asks for, all those claims for which Churchmen in the diocese at large might in any way be thought to be morally responsible will have been completely cleared off. The committee also has the assurance of the bishop and the Cathedral Chapter that for the future no obligations will be incurred on behalf of the Cathedral until the funds are actually in hand. The committee, therefore, appeal to all Churchmen and Churchwomen in the diocese, with entire confidence in the response which must be given by every thoughtful person. That this appeal comes with equal force both to those who are in favour of the Cathedral scheme as a whole and to those who are not, is evidenced by the personnel of this committee and by the contributions already made. We ask you, therefore, to bear your share in this undertaking, by filling up the enclosed slip and mailing it to Mr. J. H. Plummer, treasurer, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, *within one week*, if possible, after receipt of this circular, making your subscription payable at a date not later than the end of the current year. Signed on behalf of the committee: John Langtry, Septimus Jones, J. McLean Ballard, T. C. Street Macklem, S. H. Blake, J. A. Worrell, R. H. Tomlinson, N. F. Davidson.

Toronto, June, 1896.

MEMORIAL TO MRS. ALEXANDER.

"C. F. A."

The Duchess of Abercorn has written to the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario asking for subscriptions to the memorial about to be erected in Derry to the memory of Mrs. Alexander, the gifted authoress of so many well-known and beautiful hymns. The following is a copy of the letter and of a circular giving particulars of the proposed

memorial. Any subscriptions sent to this office will be duly forwarded.

Hampden House, Green Street, June, 1896.

DEAR MR. KIRKPATRICK.—I feel diffident to trouble you with a matter which is very near my heart, knowing how many local charities belonging to the place must absorb your time and interest, but I am so anxious to make the memorial to Mrs. Alexander's memory universal, in gratitude for the beautiful hymns she wrote for our children and our Church, which are used in every House of Worship throughout the English speaking world, that I cannot resist writing to ask your Honour if you could and would arrange through your clergy and public press, to get up a one shilling subscription towards the memorial about to be raised to her memory in the city of Derry, where she lived and died. If all parents and children would subscribe one shilling it would be a very touching tribute of gratitude to the authoress of "The Green Hill," "The Roseate Hues of Early Dawn," "The Death of Moses," etc., etc. Yours faithfully,

(Signed) MARY A. ABERCORN.

His Honour, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Toronto.

At a public meeting held in the city of Londonderry, on December 4th, 1895, at the suggestion of the Duchess of Abercorn, and under the presidency of the Mayor, it was resolved:—"That a memorial be erected to the memory of the late Mrs. Alexander, and a committee appointed to carry out the same." Wherever the English language is spoken, and Christians meet together to praise their Maker, the hymns of Cecil Frances Alexander are well-known and highly valued. She understood how to approach and interpret the thoughts and feelings of each maturing year—now teaching us in early childhood, with the most tender pathos, that "we are but little children weak"; and then again, in riper age, calling us with earnest tones "from a worship of the vain world's golden store." These hymns, touching as they do so deeply the feelings of human nature, bring Christians into closer union, and cause them to recognize that they, like the gifted authoress herself, all seek one common object. It may not be generally known that Mrs. Alexander devoted all the profits derived from her publications to the alleviation of sickness and distress, and that she herself bore (as a "ministering angel") to the suffering poor comforts that they could not otherwise have obtained, distinguishing in her charity neither class nor creed. It is now proposed to erect some fitting memorial of her worth and intellect, and it has been suggested that alms houses, named after her, in the city of Londonderry, and open to members of all denominations, would be both suitable to the object and in accordance with the wishes of the bishop. Believing that thousands, whose hearts have been touched and strengthened by her devout spirit and inspired words, would desire to contribute something, no matter how small, we appeal with confidence to the English-speaking people, scattered over the world, to help in worthily commemorating the name of Cecil Frances Alexander.

Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

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

Removals.—It is reported that Rev. A. C. Ascan, of Mascouche and Terrebonne, and Rev. Percy Judge, of Aylmer, contemplate resigning their present parishes for fresh fields of labour, either within or beyond the diocese.

Annual Picnics.—St. Jude's, St. Matthias', and St. Luke's Sunday schools and St. George's choir have been enjoying their summer outings during the past week.

St. Simon's.—A member of the congregation has recently presented this church with two new chairs for the chancel; and on last Saturday, through the kindness of Thomas Ligget, Esq., a successful strawberry festival and garden party was held in his grounds at Thornton Park; the new rector, Rev. F. Charters, is to be congratulated on the success and interest evinced since his appointment two or three months ago.

ONTARIO.

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

MISSION OF DUNGANNON AND MONT EAGLE, NORTH HASTINGS.—Brother Neale has concluded an eight days' mission at Trinity church, Faraday, which has been very well attended. Seventeen have already expressed themselves as desirous of confirmation.

TORONTO.

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

Last Sunday Canon Macnab preached in St. Thomas' Church, Shanty Bay, and Trinity Church, Barrie, on behalf of the floating debt of St. Albans Cathedral. He has also been enlisting the sympathies of Orillia parishioners in this same matter.

At the recent ordination at St. Albans Cathedral some clergyman took away a black stole by mistake leaving another in its place. The one taken had a little crimson bordering or lining in its ornamental parts, the one left was entirely plain. The clergy of the Cathedral would be pleased to re-exchange, as the one taken was a gift and they would be very sorry to lose it.

St. Saviour's will enjoy the privileges of the Toronto Rectory Surplus Fund from the 1st of July. The Church Boys' Brigades will go into camp on the 13th of July, the encampment being, as last year, on the McLean Howard estate, off Queen street east. Better arrangements for their comfort have been made this year, one of which is the loan by the Minister of Militia of 100 tents. The grant was the outcome of the solicitations, among others, of Lord Aberdeen and Major Pellatt of the Q.O.R.

St. Matthew's.—The 22nd anniversary services were held last week. Rev. J. McLean Ballard and Rev. G. J. Taylor, who were in charge of the parish, in its early days, took part in the morning service, with Rev. J. Scott Howard and Rev. J. W. Blackler. In the afternoon Rev. H. P. Lowe, who was also connected with the parish for a short time in 1887, gave an address to the school children, and the same gentleman preached at the evening service.

St. Margaret's.—On Sunday evening, June 28th, the Rev. Prof. Clark gave a very able sermon on the "Encyclical of the Pope and Church Union."

MAPLE.—The Rev. Canon Macnab was last week the recipient of a handsome copy of Dr. Maclear's "Introduction to the Articles of the Church." The volume was presented to him by the rector and parishioners of St. Stephen's Church, as a slight token of their sincere appreciation of his work as a missionary amongst them. It was a kindly act on the part of the donors and the book will be a valuable addition to the Canon's library.

NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

The Bishop of Niagara is desirous of holding Confirmations and visiting as many parishes in the diocese as possible before the next meeting of the Synod. He has requested the Rural Deans to enquire and report to him what parishes will have candidates ready during either July or August.

St. John the Evangelist.—The congregation of St. John the Evangelist Church has selected a new rector in the person of Rev. Samuel Daw, who succeeded C. LeV. Brine last Sunday.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Archbishop Lewis, the Metropolitan of Ontario, who assisted at the services in Christ Church Cathedral Sunday morning, the 28th June, and Bishop DuMoulin, represent the oldest and youngest bishops in the world, the former having been bishop for about forty years.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

HENSALL.—The Bishop of Huron has appointed Rev. C. L. Mills, recently ordained, to the charge of this parish. Mr. Mills is a graduate of Huron College and has done active service as a missionary in the Canadian North-West.

The Rev. G. W. Wye, rector of Christ Church, Amherstburg, has been appointed by the Venerable Archdeacon Marsh his assistant at St. John's, London Township.

INGERSOLL.—The Rev. Arthur Murphy, M.A., and family are spending a month at Niagara-on-the-Lake. The services at Ingersoll are being conducted by Mr. T. Westgate of Huron College.

A farewell missionary meeting was held in this parish on Tuesday, June 30th, on the occasion of Miss Jennie Crawford leaving our midst to go as a missionary to the Sarcee Indians on the Calgary Reserve. The congregation presented her with a purse; her class with a handsome travelling rug, and the Sunday school with an address and a watch. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. C. Farthing of Woodstock, and the rector, the latter of whom