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NOVA SCOTIA.

FREDERICK COURTNEY, D.D., BISHOP, HALIFAX.

The Rev. R. F. Dixon, who is on leave from the Diocese of Nova Scotia, has been re-engaged by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts to go on a lecturing and preaching tour in the Counties of Yorkshire, Durham, Cheshire, and Northumberland. He is at present in the County of Durham. Last month he took the Whitby district and preached in the parish church, and addressed a meeting of the Junior Clergy Association. At the beginning of October he preached and lectured in Blyth, Tynemouth, North Shields, and other places. Last year he travelled in Derbyshire and Lincolnshire (when he preached in the cathedral) Yorkshire, Cheshire, and Cumberland. He hopes to return to Canada at the beginning of the year, and to take permanent work in the Canadian Church. His present address is Burgh House, Burgh by Sands, Cumberland, England.

Halifax.—St. Luke's, the Cathedral Church.—Annual Festival of C.E.I.—The festival service was held in the above church. The congregation present was certainly not so large as one expects to see on such occasions. The service was fully choral. The assisting clergy were the Rev. Dr. Bullock, Rev. W. Bullock, Rev. H. H. Pitman, Rev. F. Webster, and Rev. Mr. Almon; the latter reverend gentleman occupied the Bishop's throne. A sermon of 40 minutes was preached by the Rev. W. J. Armitage, from the words: "Be ye not weary in well-doing." The singing of the boys, and Mr. Wiswell's tenor solo was a special feature. The hymns were well taken up by the congregation. The offertory was in aid of the C.E. Institute.

FREDERICTON.

HOLLINGWORTH T. KINGDON, BISHOP, FREDERICTON.

Lennoxville.—Bishop's College.—The September meeting of the corporation, held in Quebec on the 23rd of that month, appointed a representative committee to consider the question raised by the principal, as to how to obtain increased accommodation. Incidentally the suggestion was made that more room would be made for the arts students, if the students in the Divinity Faculty were removed to Quebec, and the Divinity Faculty established in that city. The whole question was referred to a representative committee, the members of which should be chosen from amongst the members of corporation of the School Association, and of the Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal. The following assembled at the Church Hall, Quebec, on Oct. 28, under the presidency of the Bishop of Quebec: R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L. (Chancellor of the University); the Very Rev. Dean Norman, D.D. (vice-chancellor); John Hamilton, Esq., M.A. (chairman of trustees); Canon Adams, D.C.L. (principal and chairman of Council); the Rev. F. J. B. Allnatt, D.D. (Dean of Divinity Faculty); the Rev. Prof. Scarth, M.A. (Lennoxville); R. P. Campbell, Esq. (Quebec); R. White, Esq. (Montreal); W. Morris, Esq. (Sherbrooke); the Rev. Canon Foster, M.A. (Coaticook); the Rev. L. W. Williams, M.A. (Quebec); J. Dunbar, Esq., D.C.L. (Chancellor of the Diocese of Quebec). Expressions of regret at inability to attend were read from the Bishop of Montreal (president of the corporation); Dean Carmichael, D.D., and Archdeacon Roe, D.D. After a full discussion of the matter from various points of view, the meeting unanimously resolved: "That after a very full statement by the Bishop, the Chancellor, and other members of the committee, and in view of the conditions of the establishment of the University and its present successful position, they recommend that it is not expedient that any change be made in the direction suggested." This further resolution was subsequently carried: "That the committee recommend to the corporation that an architect be asked to visit Len-

noxville and draw a plan to remodel the buildings in such a way as to give such increased accommodation as the corporation considers sufficient." It is worthy of note that there are 67 students now attending the College, of whom 54 are resident. That 25 new students have entered in the present Michaelmas term. There are ten students in attendance above the number for whom rooms have been provided; that is to say, ten rooms more than are available could be filled with the students now in attendance. The following are the numbers for five sessions, beginning with 1893: 31, 40, 44, 60, 67. The school in 1897, as in 1896, shows a decided increase. The corporation will be called together probably early in December to consider the above report.

B.C. School Mission.—Services have been resumed in three stations: (1) Moulton Hill School-house; (2) Belvedere school-house; (3) Haskell Hill school-house. A concert was given in aid of this mission on Oct. 11, Miss A. Dumbell and Miss Scarth assisted.

MONTREAL.

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

Montreal.—Bishop's Court.—Festival of All Saints' Nov. 1. Notwithstanding the wet night, a large number of the local clergy assembled for the monthly Clerical Society, when an interesting introductory paper on the Epistle to the Ephesians, was read by Rev. H. Kitson, M.A. Principal Rexford was appointed by the Lord Bishop to address the Montreal District S.S. Association at their next regular meeting, at the Synod Hall. The Dean kindly offered St. George's Hall, but it was decided not to change the place of meeting. The clergy and the numerous friends of Rev. B. P. Lewis, M.A., will regret to hear that he is seriously ill. Canon Davidson, writing from Frelighsburg, reports favourably of the result of his recent treatment, with cordial thanks for kindness and sympathy during his recent illness.

All Saints' Church.—The Old Boys' Association in this parish is being reorganized. The intention is to hold meetings of the Boys and Y.M. at 599 Cadieux street, on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

B. & F. Bible Society.—The report for 1897 is received. Anent the Diamond Jubilee, the Hon. Home Secretary (Rev. T. Aston Binns), states: "In view of the wonderful expansion of the society's work, which has taken place during the reign of our honoured and beloved Queen, it would be appropriate to make this year the starting point of an effort to enrich our treasury, and thus to commemorate a reign, not only the longest in our national history, but one conspicuously marked by regard for the principles of the Bible and the righteousness by which a nation is exalted." The secretary thanks the friends of the society for generous hospitality and great kindness, throughout the country, and in Canada, Ireland, and the Continent. During the year 12,500 miles were traversed, and during and previous to his official connection with the society he has delivered a total of about 1,000 addresses and sermons on its behalf.

Personal.—Rev. H. Gomery has just resigned the position of district secretary of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, and has been appointed the agent of the S.P.C.K.

TORONTO.

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

General Hospital.—The church chaplain reports as follows for October: Patients admitted, 224; Church of England, 77; daily visits, 24; personal visits, 228; number of services, 5; Holy Communion, 1; deaths, 6; total attendance, 281; average for month, 56; at Holy Communion, 14.

St. Philip's.—On Friday evening, the 29th Oct., a very pleasant meeting of the W.A.M.A. parochial organization was held at the rectory. It was the

first of a series of drawing-room meetings to be held monthly during the winter. The rector, Rev. Canon Sweeny, D.D., presided, and opened it with a short service and address. The Rev. L. Norman Tucker, M.A., rector of Christ church, Vancouver, gave an interesting address, in which he graphically described the physical condition of the country, showing its capabilities, the extent of the population, and its characteristics; the spiritual destitution in many places, and the need of money and missionaries for the Christianizing of the scattered mining people, and the large population (75,000), of heathen Chinese, who have already set up two of their Joss-houses—one in Vancouver, and the other in Victoria. He thought it a providential thing that these Chinese were thrown among us, that they might be Christianized, and return, as they would, to carry the Gospel to their brothers in China. The Rural Dean then brought the meeting to a close, which was then turned into a social gathering, when coffee and light refreshments were served.

All Saints'.—Hon S. H. Blake, Rev. Arthur Baldwin, and Ald. Scott spoke at a meeting in the school-house last week, and raised \$158 in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' and Mission Funds of the diocese.

St. Matthew's.—Special appeals were made in this church on behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Mission Fund. At the morning service the Rev. A. H. Baldwin referred to the needs of the former fund. In the evening the Hon. S. H. Blake addressed the congregation in connection more particularly with the requirements of the Mission Board. In the course of an earnest appeal he stated that the sum of \$15,000 was required to put these funds on a proper basis. Of this amount \$10,000 would be raised in the Toronto deanery, and St. Matthew's was expected to contribute \$165. In addition to the ordinary offertories, \$85 was contributed, and it is thought that the balance will be made up. The necessity for raising the money arises from the fact that there are in the diocese forty-five missions proper, which can only supply one-half of the stipend of the clergymen. During the past six years a deficiency of \$10,000 has arisen, and it is hoped that this overdraft will be paid off as well as nearly \$5,000 due on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund account.

Church of the Redeemer.—There was a large attendance of parishioners on Tuesday evening at the reception tendered to the Rev. G. A. Rix, curate of this church. Speeches, music, and refreshments were the order of the evening. All spent a very enjoyable time.

The Rev. Stanley Stocken, a missionary to the Indians on the Sarcee Reserve, Alberta, is spending the winter in Toronto for the benefit of his health. He is staying at 211 Mutual street.

Creemore.—Rev. Charles Owen, formerly rector of this parish, and Mrs. Owen, left Toronto last week by the train for North Bay, on their way to their new field of work on the Blackfoot Reserve, where Mr. Owen will have charge of the Boys' Boarding School at the South Camp.

Mono Centre.—The Rev. Mr. Mills, who has been in charge of this mission, has been appointed to the parish of Creemore.

NIAGARA.

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

Dundas.—St. James' congregation enjoyed a rare treat on All Saints' Day, and its eve. The occasion was a visit from Provost Welch, of Trinity University. A committee of ladies belonging to various literary societies in the town have organized a series of lectures for the present winter, and have accorded priority to two distinguished Churchmen—the Provost being one, and Professor Clark the other. Taking advantage of the visit of the former, the rector of St. James' church invited him to spend Sunday in the parish, the lecture falling on the Monday following. The invitation was ac-