

learning English four months ago, and yet they were actually translating with ease a page of No. 1 Nelson's "Royal Reader" into Arabic.

The first and second class being brought together, I questioned them closely on the infancy of our blessed Lord at Bethlehem, and the answers were surprisingly accurate. They sang the first verse of Keble's

"Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,"

and my thoughts would rush back to Hursley churchyard and our sweet singer of Israel.

The Girl's School.—It cannot be said that the girls' school flourishes like that of the boys. This did not surprise me, knowing the difficulty in the East attending female education. This branch was only opened last March, under considerable disadvantages, and yet it is now slowly increasing in numbers. There is a curious difference as regards the nationalities from the proportion that appears among the boys. Of 41 girls on the December roll, 25 are Mohammedans, only 15 are Jewesses, and there is one Christian (Greek). This child is the only Christian girl under instruction. Contrary to expectation it is found that the Moslem children are more receptive of Christian teaching than the Jewish, whose parents, knowing that they receive definite religious instruction at the mission, try to counteract this influence. One parent said that he carefully disabused his children every night of the teaching they received during the day. Another withdrew his two boys, who were progressing fast, saying that "they were dreaming all night about Jesus Christ"; whereas one Moslem girl was exultingly brought forward by her mother before a Christian doctor visiting her house to repeat her lesson learned at school, upon which she reverently recited those words: "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 St. John i. 7.)

Mr. Marder, one of the ablest Egyptian Government School Inspectors, has stated that "the difficulties in the Mission schools, owing to the different nationalities, are four times as great as in the Government schools. His voluntary weekly visitation is most helpful to the teachers, his position and standing enabling him with ease to improve the discipline."

School Requirements.—Not a Scripture picture, illuminated text or map was to be seen on any wall. A set of large National Society maps would be an invaluable present. A globe also is needed. Two *abaci* (or arithmetical frames) are asked for, as well as several sets of Nelson's "Royal Primers," "Readers" (first series) and "Infant Readers," and 100 each of the National Society's "National Copy Books." An organette, or small harmonium, for use during the calisthenic lessons, would be greatly appreciated by Miss Shaw. £2 will give a boy or a girl an education in the Mission schools for the whole year.

English School for Young Ladies.—This school was commenced by Miss Allen on September 1st, 1890. That such a school is much needed everybody will bear witness who knows Cairo. Most of the children who come to Miss Allen's school are able to chatter three or four languages, but of anything of the literature of those languages they are perfectly ignorant. As for history, they generally confess that they know nothing of it. Of geography they have the vaguest ideas. One girl, who was English by parentage, and was supposed to have had rather a superior education, was unable to name more than half a dozen of the capitals of Europe, and amongst them put down Lisbon as the capital of Norway! Miss Allen makes a great point of the religious instruction, which is taken as the first lesson every day. Lately a young Jew, who came to pay for his sister's schooling, asked Miss Allen if she taught his sister the Bible, and expressed himself as much pleased when she said that was a daily lesson, and always the first. The school is always opened and closed with prayer.

The Dispensary.—In January last Miss Allen opened a dispensary for the poor, Drs. Murison and Scott most kindly attending it to give advice twice a week, without any remuneration. When pressure of business obliged Dr. Scott to cease his attendance, Dr. Lausing, an oculist of great fame in Cairo, took it up, and the work grew so much that Miss Allen found herself quite unable to carry it on with the school. So she was much delighted when her old friend and fellow-worker at Zalzarib, Miss Shaw, came to work with her. The dispensary having lately been moved into the Sharia Darb Saada (to be near the poor part of the city and the Jewish quarter), Drs. Murison and Lausing were obliged to resign their honorary position in connection with it. Dr. Paterson most kindly took the work up, and he comes daily, except on Saturdays and Sundays. Of course with the change of place many old patients were lost to the dispensary, but it is getting known and appreciated in its new quarters. One of the patients spoke most gratefully of the benefit he had received from it. He said he had "been to several doctors, and spent a lot of money, and none had done

him so much good as Dr. Paterson's prescription and the medicine he got from the dispensary." Another, an old Jewess, said she "couldn't make out how it was, but the medicine she got from this dispensary at a piastre and a half did her far more good than some she had paid a dollar for at a druggist's shop in the city." As eight-tenths of the patients are eye cases, a set of ophthalmic instruments, costing about £15, has become an absolute necessity.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.—*St. Matthew's.*—The Right Rev. Dr. Williams, Lord Bishop of the diocese, administered the holy rite of Confirmation (as is usual) in St. Matthew's Church on Palm Sunday. There were 29 candidates—13 males and 16 females. For the first time the female candidates wore white veils, which gave them a more uniform and neat appearance, and which was highly approved by the whole congregation, as it is the revival of an ancient custom, and it is to be hoped the day is not very far distant when the female candidates in most parishes will be dressed in pure white, thus doing honor to the occasion when they receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.

Trinity.—The Confirmation service in this church was held on the evening of Palm Sunday, when 3 male and 11 female candidates were confirmed.

The Rector, Rev. W. T. Noble, is leaving on a visit to Ireland, and expects to be away about five or six weeks.

Indian Missions.—The Ven. R. Phair, Archdeacon of Islington, Diocese of Rupert's Land, visited Quebec lately in the interests of the Indian missions in his diocese. On the Fifth Sunday in Lent he preached in the Cathedral in the morning and at St. Matthew's at Evensong. On the Monday evening following he addressed a well attended missionary meeting in the Church Hall, at which a collection was taken up in aid of the Indian missions of Rupert's Land. During his short stay he was able to collect a handsome sum from the Churchmen of Quebec. During his stay he was the guest of John Hamilton, Esq.

Women's Auxiliary.—The members of the Women's Auxiliary expect to hold a missionary meeting sometime in May, when the Ven. Rev. Dr. Reeve, the newly elected bishop of Selkirk, who is now in England, is expected to address them on missionary work in his distant diocese.

Diocesan Synod.—The synod of this diocese will assemble in the Church Hall on May 31st, and the proceedings will open with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral on the morning of that day.

MONTREAL.

Appointments.—The preferment of Rev. S. A. Mills, of the Mission of Bristol, to the rectory of West Shefford, and the removal of Rev. W. C. Dilworth from the Mission of Arundel to Bristol, are reported.

Obituary.—Mr. Thomas Mussen, merchant of Montreal, and father of Canon Mussen, and Mr. John S. Hall, Rector's Warden of St. James the Apostle's Church, and father of the provincial treasurer, have passed away at a mature age, enjoying much respect and esteem.

Hochelaga.—A most interesting and instructive entertainment was given on Thursday evening, 31st March, in the hall attached to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Hochelaga, when Mr. Hugh Russell exhibited his magnificent magic lantern views of Ireland to a numerous and highly pleased audience. Mr. Russell has evidently spared neither trouble nor expense to make his lantern a complete success, as in every detail it cannot be surpassed in Canada, the views being beautifully colored and strikingly true to nature. Appropriate songs were given by Miss Bareham and Mr. S. Dunn in their usual artistic style, and altogether a most enjoyable evening was passed by those present. The rector, the Rev. A. Bareham, occupied the chair, and having warmly thanked Mr. Russell, stated that it was intended to have him exhibit his views of England and Scotland in the near future.

Grace Church, Point St. Charles.—The last business meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association

was held on Tuesday last, 5th April, when a very interesting and humorous essay by Mr. H. Heath on "Workhouse Life in England" was read, in his absence, by Mr. Manning. The essayist described the condition of workhouse life from experience obtained while filling the post of labor master in a workhouse in one of the provincial towns in England, and generally condemned the English poor-law system, which he said was costly in its working and actually fostered the pauperism which it was apparently instituted to suppress. No classification was permitted. The pauper by misfortune, the pauper from choice, the honest and the vicious, all fared alike, and herded together. A year or two of experience in a casual ward brought representatives of nearly every profession and trade under the essayist's notice. A man formerly in holy orders, lawyers, musicians, clerks and others had come under his charge, and once a former officer of his old regiment—a Victoria Cross man—found shelter. The election of officers for the ensuing session was then proceeded with, resulting as follows:—President, the Rev. John Ker, B.D.; vice-presidents, Mr. W. McWood and Mr. Joseph Farrar; chairman, Mr. C. Manning; secretary, Mr. C. F. Crutchlow; treasurer, Mr. E. T. Cocker; assistant secretary, Mr. John H. Farrar. Committee, Mr. W. Bishop, Mr. J. Hinchliffe, Mr. W. Morgan and Mr. T. White.

COTE ST. ANTOINE.—*St. Matthias Church.*—In response to an appeal recently made by the Rector and Church Wardens to the congregation, a deficit of five hundred and twenty-eight dollars has been just paid off, of which sum three hundred and eighty-two dollars was presented in one Sunday offertory. The above Christian duty well illustrates the Rector's last text, "Whatsoever ye do—do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus." Vide Hymn No. 8 (A. and M.)

"In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will."

"At Home."—On Tuesday afternoon, 5th inst., an "at home" was held in the Montreal Foundling and Infant Nursery, 43 Argyle avenue. A large number of ladies attended. They were received by the members of the committee and conducted through the whole building. The nursery is a very worthy institution, and deserves the assistance of the Christian people of the city. Miss Rideout is a careful and painstaking matron, and credit is due her for the good management of the Nursery. Light refreshments were served, and appropriate addresses were delivered by the Rev. Canon Ellegood and the Rev. Dr. Smyth. Several subscriptions were promised. The names of the lady managers are Mrs. C. MacArthur, first directress; Mr. Thomas Pringle, second directress; Mrs. Hy. Wood, third directress. Committee—Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Lacy, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Darling, Miss Hall, secretary; Mrs. Campbell, treasurer; Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. T. W. Evans. Messrs. Willis & Co. have kindly placed a Bell organ in the Nursery, with which Miss Rideout leads the singing at the services.

MONTREAL.—*Bishop's College Medical Faculty.*—The readers of the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN are probably aware that the Divinity and Arts faculties of the University are placed at Lennoxville. A medical faculty which has been growing in importance has been established at Montreal for twenty-one years, and the annual convocation of this department was held on the 5th of April, at the Synod Hall, Montreal, the vice-chancellor, Very Rev. Dean Norman, D.D., D.C.L., presiding. The number of students in the faculty this year has been seventy-six, and eleven have graduated. The graduates come from Ontario, Quebec, Massachusetts and British Guiana. Some of the students are from the West Indies.

The Dean, in his address, expressed a hope that the medical faculty would be represented on the medical board of the new Victoria Hospital, and deprecated the recent legislation of the Montreal General Hospital, which discouraged the attendance of women students in the wards. This was especially felt irksome in Bishop's College, which was the only College in the Province of Quebec which admitted women as students.

Dr. Campbell, Dean of the Faculty, read the report, and Dr. Burnett read the valedictory to the students.

Dr. England gave a sound, practical address to the graduating class. The Principal of Bishop's College, Rev. Dr. Adams, also gave an address, which was fully reported in the *Montreal Gazette* of April 6th. He spoke of the appointment of Rev. B. G. Wilkinson, B.A., after a year's *wanderjahr* for study at the Lincoln Theological College, England, to the professorship of Pastoral Theology.

The division of work by which the Principal is relieved of the details of school administration, and the conferring of the Head-mastership on a graduate, the late sub-rector, Mr. H. J. H. Petry, M.A., was also referred to.

It was stated that the Divinity House, which cost \$15,000, was paid for, and that all but \$2,000 of the