

not require a dozen Societies for this purpose, but it requires the Church to arouse herself, in the time of this terrible revelation of uncleanness and of lack of principle, and by her own people's lives and conduct, to effect a reformation. Bishops, Priests, and Deacons must, of course, teach and preach the truth in all its bearings and in its practical importance; but the laity of the Church must consider how important it is for them to live a consistent life. If only the laity who attend Church would forthwith begin to amend matters, the state of things would soon become bright and happy. Let them do all they can when at Church to give life, heartiness, and reverence to the worship. Many of the laity do nothing of this kind, and though it be admitted that the clergy might often improve the services, the laity must see that as long as they take no part in public worship, and find fault with the clergy and lay the blame on them, the services cannot be what they ought to be and might at once become. And the Lord's Day, surely, is hardly valued as it ought to be.

Do the laity value the Holy Communion? Does their example in this particular tend to lead others on aright? Then, what cannot the laity do with their equals, friends, and neighbours, wherever they may dwell? Thousands upon thousands would be brought to Church, thousands upon thousands would be won into good ways, thousands upon thousands would soon raise the tone of morals about them, if the laity who now attend Church would call on any whom they can influence, talk kindly to them, and persuasively try to lead them; but in this Christian land the laity must show by their life and conduct that they know the value of Christianity and of the Church of God, the Word, and the Sacraments. Will laymen and women think over these suggestions? There may be twenty Societies for the 'reformation of manners,' but they may every one become vapid and dead. The Church is the one divine institution for all the moral and religious influences and privileges which man can enjoy. We need hearty services, but we need heartfelt services also. We need the quiet, homely, practical, honest religion in the hall and in the homestead, in the manorial building and in the cottage, worthy of men of conscience and of good understanding. And the Church laity must bestir themselves, and must resolve that they will do their utmost to thoroughly banish the immoralities which are a shame and will be a curse, if continued, to this country; and they must promote by example, and by every sensible and proper method, the practice of true godliness in the land.—H. G. O., in *Church Bells*.

THE JUBILEE OFFERING TO ALGOMA.

WE are most thankful to find the appeal it was our privilege and pleasure to make on behalf of the movement to establish the Widows' and Orphans' fund in Algoma, on a sound financial basis, has met with warm sympathy. We trust that the various branches

of the Women's Auxiliary Mission Society will at once take up the detail work necessary for success. We shall be pleased to acknowledge any list of contributions sent or paid to the Treasurers, so that the progress made may be seen and stimulate this work of faith and labor of love, "as we all know the blessed infection of a good example."

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

SOME NOTES ON THE CHURCH IN CANADA.

The following interesting letter appears in a recent number of the *Literary Churchman*.

SIR.—In your issue of Nov. 19th, 1886, under the above heading, "A Correspondent" gives a very full and doubtless accurate account of the Church in the city of Toronto: but his information respecting the Church in other parts of Canada is both defective and erroneous. He does not even allude to the existence of the three great dioceses of Fredericton, Nova Scotia, and Ontario, which, in respect of Church teaching and ritual, are by far the most advanced in the Province of Canada. Our beloved and honoured Metropolitan, Dr. Medley, has had for more than a generation, a beautiful Cathedral at Fredericton, with a service more advanced than could be found in any Cathedral in England. The Cathedral of Halifax is thoroughly Anglican in its worship; and so is the Cathedral of London, in the Low Church diocese of Huron. The same may now be said of the Cathedral of Hamilton, in the diocese of Niagara. But your "Correspondent" ignores all these, as also the Cathedrals of the North West; and judging evidently from the Cathedrals of Toronto and Quebec, with which alone he appears to be acquainted, he passes the following sweeping condemnation on all the Cathedrals of Canada: "Indeed, of all the Cathedrals throughout the Dominion, the less said, the better—dull and infrequent services are the rule." He then proceeds to apply this unfair description to the present condition of Montreal, the largest city in the Dominion: "At Montreal, we meet with a similar state of things." But here, again, his information is entirely at fault. He is not aware that there is daily Celebration of the Holy Communion in St. John's, Montreal, although he informs his readers that "early Celebrations are frequent during the week." He appears to confound St. James', where Canon Ellegood has long had a perfect Anglican service, with St. George's, where a surpliced choir and the singing of the Psalms would be regarded as abominations. Of the Cathedral of Montreal, and the work done during the last 2 years by its new rector, the Rev. J. G. Norton, he has nothing to say. Yet, in the short time that Mr. Norton has been amongst us, many things worthy of note have been accomplished, which would have been regarded as impossibilities three or four years ago, when Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, was the centre of Plymouth Low-Churchism in Canada. The Church Catechism has been introduced into the Cathedral Sunday School. Guilds have been formed, putting the entire administration of the Parish on a proper Church of England foundation. Evening Communion has been abolished, daily Service has been established, with early Celebration of the Holy Communion every Sunday, and Celebrations on Saints' Days. A full Cathedral Service has been introduced on Sundays, when the large and beautiful building is crowded to the doors. Choral Celebrations are frequent. The great Festivals are duly observed. And during the whole season of Lent, the rector preaches daily at the afternoon Services in his Cathedral to congregations numbering hundreds. The music in Montreal Cathedral is now generally regarded as the finest in any Anglican Church in Canada; and the Cathedral is exercising an enormous influence in raising the Church life of the city.

A MONTREALER.

—Divine providences are dark, but the divine promises are light. And the very billows that swell and foam and surge around you shall but uplift and cast your soul more entirely upon the Rock that is higher than you.

ONTARIO.

BATH.—The Rev. W. Roberts, Mus. Bac., and the Rev. A. L. Geen, P.D., officiate in St. John's Church on alternate Sundays, thus keeping up the services until the arrival of the new rector. The Rev. Mr. Baker is expected to begin his duties in the parish now in a few weeks.

RUSSELL.—Opening and dedication of new Church, Duncanville, Feb. 25th. Service commenced at 2 p.m. The attendance was small, on account of the bad state of the roads. Five or six clergymen were expected, but they all failed us on account of bad roads.

This made the labours of the day fall heavy and trying on our pastor, the Rev. Mr. Pick, who did his part nobly.

In the evening we had a Social in the Town Hall, at which we had speeches, hymns, and songs, suitable for the entertainment, and the friends and neighbors rejoiced with us that a house was built unto the Lord.

This little Church is a solid brick building costing \$3,500, has been built by a very small congregation, and is without any debt.

OTTAWA.—The last meeting of the White Cross Guild, or Purity Society, was held in St. Alban's Church. The secretary reported that he had received a letter from Toronto asking for assistance in the way of literature. It was resolved to forward one copy of all the papers, tracts, etc., in the possession of the Society. The treasurer reported that almost all the expenses connected with the public lecture on "Sexual Impurity," had been satisfied. The counselor of the Guild (Dr. Wicksteed) reported that in answer to his letters to five leading Canadian universities, suggesting that they should offer to their students, and young men in general, annual lectures on the three vices of infidelity, impurity, and intemperance; he had received very courteous replies from officers connected with three of these educational centres.

Sir Wm. Dawson, of McGill University, Montreal, cordially sympathized with their philanthropic efforts on behalf of public morality, but thought that the subject was one better suited for the operations of a voluntary society, than for an educational institution.

Dr. R. P. Howard, the dean of the medical faculty of the same university, wished every success to the good work, and mentioned the names of two of the physicians of his faculty who could do the work of lecturing well if requested so to do, and would not require much urging to consent.

The Rev. Provost Body, of Trinity College, Toronto, had no doubt but that great good could be done in the way suggested; but regretted that he had made it a rule not to open the College Hall for any lecture but one of a distinctly academic and university character.

The Registrar of the University of Toronto was happy to be able to say that the White Cross movement had been emphatically taken up in University College, and meetings had been held, at which the great body of the students, Professors, etc., had attended.

Dr. Wicksteed moved, and it was resolved, to repeat the lecture on "Sexual Impurity," with one of McGill's professors as lecturer; but previous to this to secure, if possible, the services of Mr. S. E. H. Bradley, who had been lecturing on the subject at Toronto with wonderful success.

Mr. Wilson, vice president of the Guild, then addressed the meeting. He said that this branch of the White Cross Army had been started a year ago in St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh, by the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, of Hamilton, and numbers more than fifty members. The parent society originated in the North of England, under the presidency of the Bishop of Durham. The movement aims at becoming an educational force by spreading the principles of purity, rather than a repressive power for dealing with this vice through the machinery of the law. Public opinion, in the matter of purity, is now greatly perverted, there is now one law for the man and another for the woman. This is unjust, it is mean and dastardly. They were banded together to redress this wrong. They were pledged to denounce this iniquity. They must put an end to this cowardly, ungenerous, unequal dealing. They would endeavor to restore the Christian ideal of justice which makes no difference in guilt between the sexes.

LANDSDOWNE REAR.—Acknowledgment.—The Incumbent of Lansdowne Rear and Farmersville desires to return thanks to his parishioners for two loads of oats containing about 85 bushels, of which 55 bushels was collected by Mr. Watson Greene and Mr. Albert Johnston, from Lansdowne Rear, and the balance by Mr. Wm. Osborne, from Farmersville and vicinity. He wishes also to thank his people for a valuable buffalo robe, obtained per kindness of Mr. Anthony Preston and Mr. Valentine Moles.

SOUTH SIMCOE.—Circular from meeting of the Adjala, Mullock, Gwillimbury, Thos. Ball, at March 3rd. election of a formed and Simcoe. After called to order explained. Thos. Ball was of South Sim. On motion and A. C. W. up an address Rural Dean F. The address Family of the We, the mery of South Rev. Thos. B. this our first sincere, heart you have sus beloved husb time, our uni ness, and dev office of Rura You mourn tionate father minister and We unite large, that the severe al bers of the L

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