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The Lord Bishop occupied the chair and was supported on the platform by the members of the Capitular Body, the city clergy and several clergy from a distance, the Hon. Geo. Irvine, Hon. H. G. Joly de Lotbiniere, Col. Forsyth, Messrs. W. G. Wurtele, John Hamilton and other prominent laymen, and last but not least, Bishop Hall. After the opening hymn, prayers were offered by the Very Rev. the Dean, when the Lord Bishop called on John Hamilton, Esq., who gave an address on the objects and work of the Church Society, in which he showed that after being established some 50 years, they had now upwards of half a million dollars invested. During 1893 they had paid stipends to missionaries amounting to \$25,592, more than ever before. \$2,500 had been paid to infirm clergy, and \$3,087 to widows and orphans of the clergymen. Sixteen schools had been aided and \$740 given towards the education of clergymen's children. Four young clergymen had been granted outfits, and three churches and two parsonages had been assisted. Besides all this, the society had been the means of circulating many hundred Bibles, Prayer Books, etc., and the sum of over \$40,000 raised for the Bishop Williams Memorial Mission Fund. In fact everything was in a most prosperous condition, but there was still room for more interest to be taken in the society. Rev. Canon Thornloe, of Sherbrooke, was the second speaker. He was specially the representative, on this occasion, of the St. Francis District Association of the Church Society, and gave a very able and interesting account of the work in the Eastern Townships, and referred to the similarity of the Church's position there and in the neighbouring diocese of Vermont. Referring to the management of the funds of the Church Society, he brought out the fact that of the more than \$600,000, not one cent had been lost by bad investments during the first 50 years of the Society's existence. It is due to the Society that the diocese of Quebec is to-day, of all Canadian dioceses, the best equipped in its beneficiary connections. This was not altogether due to the best business talent of able and noble laymen who had charge of the funds, but because the hand of God is resting upon it. The speaker of the evening was the eloquent Bishop of Vermont, who was most heartily applauded on rising. He expressed his hearty thanks at the warm reception given him. Neighbours, he said, should be friends, and there was a certain amount of intercourse between Vermont and Quebec. One mission in Vermont was actually served by a priest from Quebec diocese. When elected to the Episcopate he was glad that his diocese was a border one, and he felt that he ought to be able to help the Canadian Church, having been an English priest, though now an American Bishop—a British subject and an American citizen. He was not a stranger in Canada, having preached missions and held retreats for clergy and laity from Halifax to New Westminster. Nor was it from pure generosity that he had come to Quebec to assist at this meeting. He had heard so much of the excellent central plan of the Quebec Church Society, for the payment of country clergymen, that he had determined to come up and learn all about it when the opportunity offered. Despite all disadvantages he was glad to look encouragingly to the future. But, then, he was only a young Bishop. There were four points of encouragement about the four great difficulties of which he had spoken. First of all, the diocese of Vermont was small and poor, but as it was small he hoped to do something for it; so in small missions, though the clergy could not do so conspicuous work, they might do more of a pastoral character and in training their people in Christian work. Then we are told that from Vermont, as from Quebec, people go West, and you cannot keep them long enough to get any good out of them. Well, he said, let them go; only give them something to take with them. Let them be well instructed Churchmen when they go, devout Christians, good Quebec Churchmen, good Vermont Churchmen. In the third place, we are told that we are small bodies in the midst of hostile populations. You, he said, give us many Roman Catholics; we have given you many Puritans. The Church has much to do for both these

classes. But in order to accomplish it, she must be truly reformed, and yet truly Catholic. The Bishop then spoke of the admirable features of the Church Society and its various funds. In regard to the diocese, he said the Church people here had excellent traditions, and he begged of them to adhere to their own best ecclesiastical traditions. The speaker was most heartily applauded on concluding his address, which occupied about 40 minutes. During the singing of a hymn the collection, which was 50 per cent. larger than any taken up at any previous meeting, was taken up. The Hon. H. G. Joly de Lotbiniere and the Hon. Judge Irvine then moved and seconded a vote of thanks to the speakers of the evening. The Lord Bishop of the diocese, before putting the motion, referred to the earnest, self-denying labours of the country clergy, and urged more consideration of their condition. He mentioned that last year he had confirmed 1,150 candidates, and they were as a rule more carefully prepared than similar candidates in England. When such grand work was being done, it was a shame that it should be hindered in remote country parts, where the truth was not known, by the drivelling nonsense sent out from Quebec, which here of course could be productive of no harm. It was indeed sad to think of God's work hindered by the wickedness of man. In conclusion he asked for daily prayer for the Society and for Church work in the diocese. His Lordship closed the meeting with the Benediction.

The Cathedral.—Matters at the cathedral stand in the same position as before the vestry meeting, as the motion to reduce the pew rents to \$1 has been pronounced illegal by the most eminent legal gentlemen in the city who have been consulted on the matter. Notwithstanding that the motion was carried at the vestry meeting, the vast majority of the communicants are decidedly in favour of maintaining a cathedral service, such as is carried on in almost every cathedral on the face of the globe. The cathedral is of royal foundation, and when first opened at the beginning of this century there was a surpliced choir, and proper cathedral service, which was maintained for 40 years. Every cathedral should, as far as its services and appointments are concerned, be the model church of the diocese. This was the earnest wish of the late revered Bishop Williams, as expressed in his charge to his synod delivered at the session of 1888, as also it met with the strong and entire approval of the late Bishop Mountain. It is obviously more fitting that the cathedral should maintain its position as such than to gratify any party feeling among its members.

Mr. Geo. Veasey, who openly admitted in his speech at the vestry meeting that there was a certain Methodist and Presbyterian element among the members of the Cathedral congregation, drew attention to the fact that on the Sunday evening previous he had heard of a new saint being mentioned in the sermon, "St. Mary Magdalene." He had been rather taken back by a correspondent in one of the local papers, who has called his attention to the calendar in the Prayer Book, by referring to which he would have found that such a saint is actually mentioned opposite July 22nd. So much for condemning what is plainly set down in the Book of Common Prayer. It is always best in this enlightened age to be certain that we are right before making assertions in public which can so easily be set right by any school boy or girl.

Misprint.—In the account of the Easter services in our number of the 6th inst., St. Matthew's Church was inadvertently printed St. Matthew's Cathedral; St. Matthew's is only a parish church, while the cathedral is the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

FITCH BAY.—Messrs. B. H. Rider and P. E. Sheldon were elected wardens for St. Matthias' Church; Dr. H. R. Codd lay delegate to synod, and A. Flanders and F. L. Carr delegates to the deanery board.

MARBLETON.—The annual vestry meeting was a most encouraging one. From the various reports given it is quite apparent that during the 6 months of the Rev. Mr. Weary's incumbency, there has been a decided and energetic revival in Church work, with very bright prospects for the future. Messrs. J. E. Bennett and J. H. Barker were elected wardens; Messrs. G. M. Willard, J. R. Andrews, M. M. Longee, and E. J. Westman, sidesmen.

SHERBROOKE.—The formation of a company of the Church Lads' Brigade is spoken of in St. Peter's Parish, Sherbrooke.

QUEBEC.—St. Matthew's.—In connection with the Company of the Church Lads' Brigade formed in this parish some 3 months ago, a most successful concert was held in the parish rooms on the 2nd inst. A lady member of the congregation has very generously presented the Company with a most handsome silk banner, having on one side the crest of the organization together with the name of the Company, and on the

other side the four initial letters of the motto "S. P. Q. R.," together with a St. Andrew's Cross.

Accession.—The Rev. T. Z. Lefebvre, formerly in charge of the French Presbyterian Church, Quebec, and a professor in Morrin College, has left and joined the Anglican Communion, and is preparing for Holy Orders in the diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—*Woman's Auxiliary.*—In her lecture in the Synod Hall on Friday, the 6th inst., Mrs. Carus-Wilson graphically sketched the history and progress of Moravian missions, presenting a forcible array of statistics and assertions to prove the zeal and enterprise of this devoted sect. They were the first to begin foreign missions; they went to the natives of Greenland and Alaska, and the most forsaken parts of the globe. They have now a hundred and thirty-eight mission stations, and three hundred and fifty-five missionaries. One out of sixty of them is a missionary, a proportion unapproached in wealthier churches. Bishop Bond presided over the gathering, and at the close of the lecture the Rev. Mr. Troop expressed the unanimous thanks of the audience to the lecturer for her address.

PHILIPSBURG.—During the past six years a little acorn of dependence upon the scriptural method exclusively of voluntary offerings to build a church has slowly been developing a slender growth. How honour shown God's way of church finance has been blessed by Him will ultimately appear. Meanwhile no single dollar may be accepted by the rector or wardens for the new church at Philipsburg raised by any human devices or modern methods of giving to God, without losing all claim to the following sums and forfeiting the whole amount to the mission fund of the diocese, or to the donors. Offerings may be forwarded through the Bishop. Previously acknowledged, \$652.41. Added during 1893: Mrs. J. M. Ferris, \$41.85; cash from 17 parishioners, \$96.85; loose on the plate, \$49.22; interest from last year, \$20.31; J. E. Hill, \$50; J. M. Ferris, \$30; P. C. Moore, \$15; M. C. Gibb, \$10; M. Hutchinson, \$10; S. Carsley, Geo. Hague, G. Harrower, T. Liggett, L. Powell, F. Solomon, Stark, F. Woodward, at \$5 each, \$40; W. Marler, H. Mudge, two cash at \$2 each, \$8; A. Durnford, M. Patterson, Rev. W. Robinson, at \$1 each, \$3; total cash, \$1,026.64; additional promised by nine parishioners, \$199; A. F. Gault, \$100; P. C. Moore, \$45; E. L. Bond, \$30; M. C. Gibb, \$20; Geo. Hague, \$20; the Lord Bishop, \$15; W. L., \$5. Total, \$1,460.64. Sir Donald A. Smith and other kind approvers of God's simple plan have promised generous assistance since the New Year. "I cordially approve of the project and method. W. B., Montreal." So wrote the Lord Bishop some years ago. His approval still rests upon the effort.—F. A. ALLEN.

ONTARIO.

FRANKTOWN.—This parish is just sending in its annual parochial collection to the Diocesan Mission Fund, \$148.25 against \$163.25 last year. The total contribution to that fund for the whole year is \$282.25 against \$211.75 the preceding year. About \$500 has been handed to treasurer of Ottawa Episcopal Endowment Fund since last October. Good Friday services were held in all our churches, the Holy Eucharist being celebrated in the parish church at the morning service, subject of sermons—"The ancient sacrifices and their true significance." On Easter Day celebrations were held in St. John's and Bede's Churches, and evensong with baptism and sermon in St. James at 8 p.m. The candidate for baptism was a new arrival at the rectory, who made his most welcome appearance on Passion Sunday. Mr. Jas. Prescott was re-elected lay delegate (for a period of three years), at the vestry meeting of St. John's. The other gentlemen representing this parish are Messrs. E. D. Edwards and Chas. Leach—good Churchmen both. Your "Historical Pictures" have found their way into this parish and are greatly prized by the fortunate possessors.

TORONTO.

Church of the Redeemer.—The new memorial window is placed in the west one of the three chancel windows, and is composed of three openings and large tracery above. The subjects chosen are, on the left, "Christ Blessing Children," on the right, "The good Samaritan," and in the centre, "Christ in the house of Mary." The drawing and treatment of these subjects are not in the usual stiff and unnatural style, but are on the contrary very life-like, and the colourings are very rich and harmonious. The inscription is at the bottom of the window in very subdued tints. In the large tracery above is the emblem of Unity and Trinity and also the descending dove, the colourings of which blend beautifully with the rich colours of the group below. The window has given the greatest satisfaction, and is pronounced