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Episcopal Tours in the Diocese.

OUR BISHOP AMONG THE INDIANS.

One of the great charms of the work of a Bishop in the Colonies is its wonderful variety. For not only is there all the difference in the world between winter and summer travelling, there are also great differences of country and of people, which, of course, cannot be looked for in the more compact and densely populated Dioceses of the old country. In the Diocese of Quebec, for instance, there is work in towns and work in the country, work in Lake and Mountain Districts, work along the Coasts among the fishermen and work also in the Islands of the sea. And this work has to be done among all kinds of people—people of English, Scotch, Irish, French, German and Dutch extraction—people too, who out of loyalty to the British Crown, left the United States at the time of the war of American Independence, and there is also work among two different tribes of Indians, the original possessors of the soil.

Some idea of this latter portion of the Bishop's work will, it is hoped, be obtained from the following narrative :

Some years ago the Rev. H. C. Stuart, Rector of Three Rivers, who had been up to Lake St. John to baptize some English children, informed the late revered Bishop of Quebec (Dr. Williams), that while the majority of the Indians in the Reserve at Pointe Bleue, on the Lake St. John, about two hundred miles north of Quebec, were Roman Catholics, there were many who had received the principles of the Christian religion far away in the north or north-west, and had been baptised into the Anglican

Branch of the Holy Catholic Church, and that these poor people had lived on for a long time as sheep without a shepherd, refusing to leave the Church of their baptism and to join the communion of Rome, hoping that some day there would be sent to them in their new home the ministrations of their own Church. The Bishop having begged the Rev. H. C. Stuart to inquire into the matter, the result has been that Mr. Stuart has thenceforth paid periodical visits to the Reserve, and the work has progressed so well, that the Indians, with considerable help, procured for them by Mr. Stuart, have built themselves a Church. It was a grave disappointment to these poor people that, owing to the decease of Bishop Williams, their Church could not, for a long time, be duly consecrated. But after long waiting, and at the request of the Rev. H. C. Stuart, the present Bishop left Quebec on Tuesday, July 11th last, by the Lake St. John Railway, reaching the well appointed Roberval Hotel, on the borders of the beautiful Lake St. John, the same evening, and on the following day, there was quite a little procession of buggies, kindly supplied by B. A. Scott, Esq., and others, passing along in the direction of the Reserve. On reaching Pointe Bleue, all was alive in the Indian Camps, and on arriving at the point in the road where the side-way leads up to the Church, the Bishop was requested to descend from his carriage and to walk up through a long artificial avenue of trees and flags to the Church-yard, where a large body of Indians fired a grand salute, after which his Lordship shook hands with all—with the men first, the women in their picturesque costumes second, and the children

last. All then went into the Church, which was duly consecrated, the Indians following in their Cree Prayer Books, prepared for the S. P. C. K. by the late lamented Bishop Horden of Moosonee, and also listening with the utmost attention to the Bishop's address, given to them, sentence by sentence, through an interpreter, and nearly all of them receiving the Holy Communion with the utmost seriousness and devotion.

After Service the Bishop and his party were driven on to luncheon at the Hudson Bay Post, where they were most heartily welcomed by Mrs. T. E. Ross, and after luncheon there was Evensong in Church with Holy Baptism administered by the Bishop to four little Indian children. It was quite amusing to note that these people have only Christian names and no surnames and that the parents could not give the dates of their children's births, but could only say, it was some time in the Fall, or about so many moons ago—reminding one forcibly of the primitive days in ancient Britain, our old beloved land.

After Service, the Bishop returned to the Roberval Hotel, and later in the evening, started on his return journey, reaching Quebec early the next day.

The Lord Bishop's Engagements.

The Bishop's preaching engagements in the Cathedral will be found in the list of Cathedral Preachers. In addition to these, there are other engagements, as follows :

Wednesday, April 4th—Take part in the Special Festival Service in connection with the Church Society of Quebec, at the Cathedral, at 8 P.M.

Thursday, April 5th—Celebrate the Holy Communion at the Special Service for seeking God's blessing upon the Church Society, at the Cathedral, at 8 A.M.

Preside at the Public Meeting in the Tara Hall, to promote the interests of the Church Society, at 8 P.M.

Sunday, April 8th—Confirmation at Levis, 10.30 A.M.

Confirmation at New Liverpool, 3 P.M.
Tuesday, April 17th—Preside at Meeting of the Central Board, 4 P.M.

Wednesday, April 18th—Preside at Meeting of the Clergy Trust Fund Committee, at 4 P.M.

The Monthly Calendar.

On consideration, we have discontinued the monthly calendar, as it seemed impossible to fill it with information that should be really useful to the great bulk of our readers, and its insertion in each number would tend to spoil the *Gazette* afterwards, when bound as a permanent book of reference.

Ad Clerum.

The Bishop asks the Clergy to give him timely notice, when they wish for Confirmations, so that the necessary arrangement may be made.

The Bishop begs the Clergy to keep before them the proposal for the formation of a Diocesan Association of Lay Helpers, as portrayed in our March issue, for it is certain that such an Association will result, under God, in much good.

The Bishop reminds the Clergy that he has invited those Clergy who wish for holiday appointments, to write to him on the subject. The arrangements for the Summer must now be made at once.

Quebec Cathedral.

SUNDAY PREACHERS DURING APRIL.

1st after Easter, April 1st.	}	11 a.m.—The Lord Bishop.
		7 p.m.—The Very Rev. the Dean.
2nd after Easter, April 8th.	}	11 a.m.—The Reverend Canon Thorneloe, M.A., Rector of Sherbrooke.
		7 p.m.—The Reverend Canon Foster, M.A., Rector of Coaticooke.
3rd after Easter, April 15th.	}	11 a.m.—The Lord Bishop.
		7 p.m.—The Very Rev. the Dean.
4th after Easter, April 22nd.	}	11 a.m.—The Very Rev. the Dean.
		7 p.m.—The Rev. H.J. Petry.
5th after Easter, April 29th.	}	11 a.m.—The Lord Bishop.
		7 p.m.—The Very Rev. the Dean.
S. Mark April 25th.	}	5 p.m.—The Lord Bishop.

During the Lenten season, ten adults, members of the Cathedral, were confirmed by the Bishop.

On the 19th instant, a class of twelve girls was confirmed in the Cathedral, at 8 p.m. The Bishop gave two addresses of a most impressive character.

Letter from the Bishop.

The following letter has just been circulated in Quebec city. We give it in our columns, in order that it may thus reach a wider range of readers, some of whom, we hope, will be led to take a deeper interest in our Church Society, and will also subscribe to its funds :—

QUEBEC, MARCH, 1894.

MY DEAR SIR,

I have now been long enough in Quebec to understand and appreciate the various plans which have been set on foot for the accomplishing of our Church work ; and I have come to two distinct conclusions :—

- (1) That the prosperity of "the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec" is a necessary factor for our continued well-being.
- (2) That while the Great God has blessed us marvellously hitherto, and while the interests of the Church Society are at present in well tried, earnest and able hands, yet that it is highly necessary, if our prosperity is to continue, that many more of our Quebec City Churchmen should be led to take personal and enthusiastic interest in the matter, not merely by subscribing to our funds, but also by coming to our Public Meetings and by serving on some one, at any rate, of our various Boards.

With a view, therefore, to enabling all to understand the importance of the whole subject, we have invited the Right Rev. Dr. Hall, the newly consecrated Bishop of Vermont, well known as a most able Preacher and Speaker, both in England and America, to come up to Quebec and help us. And the good Bishop, I am thankful to say, has accepted our invitation, and will be with us at the beginning of next month. On Wednesday evening, therefore, April 4th, there will be a Special Service in our Cathedral, on the model of the Service of Praise in connection with our late Centenary Celebration on the 1st of June, last year, and at this Service Dr. Hall has kindly promised to preach. On Thursday morning, April 5th, we earnestly invite all the Communicants of all our City Churches to unite in an early Celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral, at 8 o'clock, with a view to seeking God's blessing upon our common work. At these Services all the seats in the Cathedral will be free. And on Thursday evening, we trust that all the English Church people in Quebec and its neighbourhood will muster to a great meeting to be held in the Tara Hall, St.

Anne street, when speeches will be made by the Bishop of Vermont, the Rev. Canon Thorneloe, M.A., Rector of Sherbrooke, Dr. Heneker, Chancellor of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and others. The doors will be open at 7.30, and I propose to take the chair at 8 o'clock.

In a short letter, like this, I cannot profess to bring the whole subject fully before you—you will have this opportunity at the Evening Service and Meeting. But I would just venture to suggest the following points for your most earnest and careful consideration :—

- (1) That our people in the country parts are not, on the whole, decreasing in numbers, but that, in many places, they need more and more of our help.
- (2) That we have thought it right to offer to give up S. P. G. Grants to the extent of \$4,500 per annum in favor of those who are worse off than ourselves, and we have not yet been able to raise near enough money to replace this great loss. For the interest on the Bishop Williams' Memorial Fund does not amount at present to more than \$2,000.
- (3) That, owing to the fall that is taking place in the interest of money, our invested capital is yielding less and less income every year, and consequently it is absolutely necessary, if our work is to go on, that we should increase our capital.
- (4) That, considering the increased expense of living, the scale of stipends, according to which almost all our country clergy are paid, ought to be increased.

For the sake, therefore, of the families of these devoted men, and for the sake of the souls of our people scattered up and down in small numbers in this great Diocese, I would earnestly beg that all Church people, who are not already subscribers to the funds of our Church Society, should make up their minds to offer to the Mission Fund of the Society a self-denying annual subscription, and I would urge that all our kind subscribers should consider whether they cannot increase their subscriptions to the Mission Fund, so that we may be enabled to do what is necessary and what is right.

Trusting that you will kindly note the above dates and put all else aside, so that you and yours may all be present at our Services and Meeting.

Believe me, dear sir,

Yours very sincerely,

A. H. QUEBEC.

P. S.—An annual subscription of \$2 qualifies for membership of the Church

Society, and a donation of \$50, in one sum, qualifies for life membership. Subscriptions and donations should be sent to Edwin Pope, Esq., Treasurer of the Church Society, 10 DeSalaberry Street, Quebec City, or to the Clergy of the Cathedral, S. Matthew's, S. Peter's, S. Paul's, or S. Michael's, Quebec, or of Holy Trinity, Levis.

Church Society.

CENTRAL BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held at the Cathedral Church Hall, on Tuesday, 20th ult., the Lord Bishop in the Chair, when the Report of the Finance Committee was adopted recommending the Grant of One Hundred Dollars towards the purchase of a Parsonage House at Scotstown, in this Diocese.

The Report of the Committee appointed to consider the best means to be adopted of advancing the interests of the Church Society was then read and adopted, containing among other recommendations the following:—

“That the Leaflet on the aims and work of the Society should be revised and issued anew, and distributed generally throughout the Diocese: and that the Clergy should be requested to read the Leaflet in their Churches as coming from the President, and to supervise the distribution of the same throughout their Parishes.”

“That the Lord Bishop be requested to write a brief letter, to be printed on a card, and addressed to all the Church people in the Diocese, drawing their attention to the great need for liberal offerings to the Society's Funds; such letter to be distributed by the collectors when making their rounds.”

That the Lord Bishop be further requested to call the attention of the Clergy to the special Collection appointed to be made for the Mission Fund, on the Sunday nearest Michaelmas.

The Bishop then reported that the Committee of Management for the Anniversary Meeting of the Church Society had arranged for a Service to be held at the Cathedral, on Wednesday evening, the 4th of April, at 8 o'clock, when the Right Revd. Dr. Hall, Bishop of Vermont, would preach, and that on the following day, Thursday, the 5th of April, there would be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at the Cathedral, at 8 a.m., and that a Public Meeting would be held the same evening, at 8 p.m., at the Tara Hall, when addresses

would be given by the Rev. Canon Thorneloe, Rector of Sherbrooke; R. W. Heneker, Esq., Chancellor of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and the Right Reverend the Bishop of Vermont.

The next meeting of the Central Board will be held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at 4 p.m.

A meeting of the Clergy Trust Committee will be held the following day, the 18th inst., at 4 p.m.

DIOCESAN BOARD.

A meeting of the Diocesan Board was held on the 15th March, when resolutions were adopted, requiring the Wardens of several congregations to return the memoranda of agreement by a certain date. A few congregations, from various causes, have delayed the completion of their financial arrangement with the Board, but it is hoped that, within a very few days, every agreement will have been signed.

The Ven. Archdeacon Roe was appointed, at his own request, to the new Mission of St. John's, Melbourne, and outlying stations, the appointment to take effect on 1st July next, when his duties as General Missionary Agent will be brought to a close. It ought to be stated that the Archdeacon, several months ago, informed the Bishop that he was prepared to resign his work as G. M. A., and that the Board, in view of its financial necessities, deemed it right to limit the office to the period for which it was originally formed.

The Principle and Practice of Christian Almsgiving.

The Chapter of S. Andrew's Brotherhood in connection with S. Matthew's Church, Quebec, have been hearing from different members, some most interesting papers. The following on Almsgiving by W. H. A. Eckhardt, Esq., is so good and helpful that we give it in extenso:—

True Almsgiving *i.e.* Almsgiving which involves real self-sacrifice, is both a law to our being and a spiritual exercise of high value, placed by our Blessed Lord on the same level with the spiritual exercises of Prayer and Fasting.

But the wealthy man, who spends no more on his religion than he does upon his wine cellar, or his green-houses, or the poor man whose weekly expenditure on beer and tobacco exceeds his contribution to charitable purposes, and the lady whose

superfluities of dress or adornment absorb a larger share of her allowance than do her alms—none of these can be regarded as fulfilling the duty of Almsgiving, or as likely to profit in their spiritual life by such a sham observance.

As regards the Church, Almsgiving is, humanly speaking, necessary for its life and growth, it is part of God's way of dealing with us to make His work in great measure dependent on our efforts. He commits the progress of His work, to our care and keeping; if we neglect our part His work will be hindered. Almsgiving provides the material organization for the carrying on of the Church's work.

In a matter of such importance, both to our own spiritual life, and to the growth of the Church's work, we may expect to find principles and directions for our guidance in Holy Scripture, and as a matter of fact they are not hard to find.

The following are plainly written:—

1. *Every one must give.* "None shall appear before Me empty." Giving cannot be done by deputy, any more than praying can. The poor may not leave this duty to the rich, nor children to their parents.

2. We are to give in *proportion* to our means. "Every one shall give as he is able, according to the blessings of the Lord thy God, which he hath given thee."

3. Alms are to be a *first charge* upon our income. "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thy increase." With too many of us almsgiving is the very last item of expenditure for which we make any definite arrangement, and the first that we cut off when we find it necessary to retrench.

4. Almsgiving is to be *systematic*, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store according as God hath prospered him."

5. Alms are to be given *willingly*, "of every man that giveth it willingly ye shall take my offering" not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

6. Almsgiving must involve *self-denial*: "I will not offer burnt-offerings without cost."

7. Almsgiving is a high privilege, "Who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort." "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

8. The *tenth* of our substance, like the *seventh* of our time is specially marked out for consecration to God. Abraham gives to God's priest, Melchizedek, the tenth of all, and, as no explanation is given of this proportion being fixed on, we may fairly

assume it to have been even in these early days a recognized institution that the tenth belonged to God. So Jacob promises "of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee." When we come to the time of Moses, we find the payment of the tenth laid down as a rule for all God's people, while offerings of first-fruits are required in addition and free-will offerings are invited besides. In accordance with this Malachi accuses those who withhold their Tithes of "robbing God," and adds that God will abundantly bless and multiply the increase of those who faithfully give God this tenth. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open unto you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

The Christian Church in early days seems to have regarded this portion of the Mosaic Law as still binding, and we see the result of this teaching of early Missionaries in the noble endowments bestowed upon the English Church, of which, however, only a fragment remains to this day. But even if the consecration of a tenth should seem to any to be not binding as a law, undoubtedly the principle of *proportionate* and *systematic* offerings, as opposed to spasmodic giving, is clearly laid down for us by St. Paul, in 1 Cor. XVI. 2, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store according as God hath prospered him."

And, if some proportion was then to be laid aside, *what* proportion could it be, if not a *tenth*, unless it were a *larger* share. A *less* proportion was never heard of, and surely it cannot be that less is expected of the Christian in the full enjoyment of all the privileges flowing from the Incarnation, than from the Jew, who had but the promise of good things to come!

But, as a matter of fact, we have direct teaching from our Blessed Lord as to this matter. He praises the Pharisees for their strict observance of the law of Tithes, saying "This ought ye to have done," and telling His disciples that their "righteousness" must "exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees" *i.e.*, it must be all theirs was, and something more. The only other persons praised by our Lord for their Almsgiving were: (1) the poor widow who gave "all her living"; (2) the woman who spent a large sum of money, equal to a whole year's wages of a working man, upon the precious ointment.

In view of all this the conclusion is forced upon us, as it was upon such men

as Dr. Watts, Richard Baxter, John Wesley and others in times before our own, that Almighty God still requires that we should honour Him with at least the Tenth of all our income, and that not till after we have done that, does the Christian Duty of Almsgiving begin. What, then, are we Church people, we Communicants, doing in this matter? Simply neglecting our duty. And what are the results? Churches un-built or only half built; Education largely in the hands of the irreligious, or anti-religious; charitable institutions languishing; Foreign and Domestic Mission Work almost at a stand still, and not half the world even nominally Christian.

How different would the case be were the law of the Tenth fulfilled, even by the Communicants of the Church, what progress might be hoped for in the work of Church, what comforts might be provided for the sick, what relief for the poor and needy, what large sums could be devoted to Education, and to the Mission Field. The prospect is so bright and full of promise that some one who has not yet learned to obey this law of the Tenth, may be inclined to say "Well I wish I could feel, that I at least were doing my part, but with my many expenses I really cannot afford to give away 50 cts. out of every \$5 I receive. Stop a moment. Are you quite sure that your income will always remain at its present level? may not sickness, or bad times, or some other cause, over which you have no control, reduce your income by ten per cent or even more? such things are happening every day. Arrange your expenditure now as you would have to do then, and the problem is solved. To do this will doubtless involve some, perhaps much, self-sacrifice; but only thus does your offering acquire any value in the sight of God. The key to the whole situation is Faith and consequent Obedience.

If the command is from God, and who can really doubt that it is so, depend upon it that He, who gives the command, will give also the power to obey as much to us now as of old to the paralytic man to whom he said, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk."

It may encourage some, in entering on the path of simple obedience, to remember that the widow's barrel of meal wasted not, neither did her cruse of oil fail, while she shared them with the prophet of God. They may call to mind also the Psalmist's experience recorded at the end of a long life: "I have been young, and now am old; yet saw I never the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging their bread"; and the Wise Man's proverb: "There is that scat-

tereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

POETRY.

The Soul's Victory.

One moment here, and then away to God,
Leaving, all blank, the path on earth we trod;
Yet not unmarked, for lo! our foot-prints there,
To others tell how we life's burden bare

When we had light we scarcely left a mark,
But we sank deeply toiling through the dark
Of sin and sorrow, for we were but men,
And though forgiven oft, yet fell again.

Almost despairing, still we struggled on,
We prayed and cried for help, till hope was gone;
Our faith was weak, and sorely it was tried,
And, in our anguish, we would fain have died.

Then One came silently, lifted our heavy load,
Showed us the Light divine, guided us on our road,
Led by that loving hand we safely trod the way
That winds through earth's dark valley to the
Heavenly day.

Nearer and nearer to the Throne we drew,
Heeding naught else, if we might but be true,
Our struggle ended now, our sad strife o'er,
We calmly rest on the Eternal Shore.

DOROTHY FORSTER.

Female Orphan Asylum.

The 65th annual meeting of the Church of England Female Orphan Asylum was held on Monday, March 5th.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese presided. There were present the Dean of Quebec, the Rev. Canon Richardson, the Rev. A. J. Balfour, Rev. F. B. Norrie, Rev. H. Petry, Rev. Lennox Williams, Mr. Parmelee, Mr. Wm. Wurtele, and a number of friends of the institution. After the opening prayers, the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the past year were read.

A most interesting address was given by the Lord Bishop; and the Dean, Rev. A. J. Balfour and the Rev. Lennox Williams also spoke most kindly to the children. The boys from the Male Orphan Asylum were present and remained for the "tea" provided for all.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

On this the 65th anniversary of the institution the Committee are thankful to be able to report a happy, prosperous year. The children have all enjoyed good health, and their numbers have been increased by the admission of five new companions, who all seem happy and contented in their new home.

Three of the older girls have been placed out in service during the past year. We now have seventeen children under our care. Five girls received the Rite of Confirmation last Easter.

The Committee wish to express their continued satisfaction with the Matron and Teacher, who give such excellent care to the children under their charge.

They also desire to express their gratitude to Drs. Sewell and Ievers, for their kind services rendered during the past year; to Mr. Veasey, for his valuable advice in financial matters; to Mr. Foote, for his kindness in sending a copy of the *Morning Chronicle* daily to the institution; to the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts; to the many kind friends who, from time to time, and especially at Christmas, are so generous in their gifts to the orphan children.

CAROLINE M. HALL,
Acting Secretary.

Members of the Committee:—Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. F. Wurtele, Mrs. Macpherson, Mrs. E. Sewell, Miss Phillips, Miss Forsyth, Miss Healey, Miss Boswell, Miss Sewell, Miss Burstall, Mrs. Colin Sewell, Mrs. P. P. Hall.

Mrs. Dunn, President.

Mrs. Colin Sewell, Secretary.

Mrs. F. Wurtele, Treasurer.

Members of Advisory Committee:—The Dean of Quebec, G. Veasey, Esq., T. Beckett, Esq., W. G. Wurtele, Esq., Hon. E. J. Price, E. J. Hale, Esq., E. Meredith, Esq.

Auditors:—Erskine Scott, Esq., F. C. Wurtele, Esq.

Matron:—Mrs. Browning.

Teacher:—Miss Ord.

Church Finance.

Our readers will, we hope, be encouraged by the following record of the amount of voluntary offerings in aid of Church work in England which were made during the year ending Easter, 1893. The total is not far short of five and a half millions sterling.

London heads the list with nearly £300,000. Next to London comes Rochester, with £370,000; then Manchester, with £358,000; and then follow, in the order placed, Winchester, Canterbury, York, Lichfield, and Oxford, Gloucester and Bristol comes next, with £197,000; while Bath and Wells raised £114,000. This is but a small part of the total sum given to the Church, because it does not include offerings that have been privately contributed, or conveyed through central societies or institutions; and we know that the sums expended on the fabrics of the Church alone during the eighteen years ending with 1891 came to no less than twenty millions and a half. *Lans. Dec.*

OBITUARY.

Mrs. R. G. WARD.

The Rev. W. G. Falconer sends us the following notice:—

One of the most beautiful and pious of lives, one of the most patient of sufferers, and one of the truest of mothers to her own family, to her Church and to her Parish has just passed away in the person of Mrs. R. G. Ward, widow of the late Rev. R. G. Ward, who was for several years the devoted and esteemed Missionary of Christ Church, Lower Ireland. We have never in this Parish, during my Incumbency, experienced so solemn and sorrowful a day as Wednesday, the twenty-first day of March, when we laid this beloved servant of Christ in her last resting place on earth. Yet we felt though we lingered at the grave, we would not detain so chastened and prepared a soul from her dear Saviour's own divine and comforting presence if we could. Oh! how I trust that as one by one of these dear and aged servants of Christ pass away, that their God may be our God, their Saviour our Saviour, and that Loving Spirit of His Grace which so safely guided them to their eternal rest, may also guide each and all of us to our eternal Home. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, O Lord, for having continued so beautiful a Life so many years in the midst of this part of Thy Holy Church!

Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

Principal Adams and Prof. Wilkinson represented the College at the Missionary Convention of Students in Montreal on the 11th and 12th of January. The meetings took place in the St. George's School House and Rooms with papers and discussions, one of the most striking being on "Associate Missions," by Mr. Young, of the New York General Seminary.

There was a Celebration of the Holy Communion on the Friday morning, at which the Rev. G. Osborne Troop gave an address on "the true and false love of the world."

At the public Missionary Meetings addresses were given by the Rev. Canon Mills, the Archdeacon of Saratoga, the Lord Bishops of Nova Scotia, Athabasca and Montreal, Rev. Dr. Kerr, and Rev. Percy Browne, of Boston. All the proceedings were very harmonious and successful.

Dr. Adams has sent us the following report of College events:

On February 21st we had an admirable

Lecture illustrated by splendid lime-light views by the Rev. Dr. Baum, of New York, editor of the *Church Review*.

The subject of the Lecture was 'Recent Discoveries in connexion with the Bible'; the points touched upon covered a wide area and many scenes of Bible History, both of the Old and New Testament, were given. Some of the inscriptions recently discovered referring to the Hittites and other ancient tribes were thrown on the screen; at the end of the Lecture some of the scenes of our Lord's life were shown. The verification of Bible truths, afforded by many recent discoveries, was dwelt upon, one notable example being the discovery in the treasure city of Pithom of buildings made of several kinds of brick, some made with straw, some with stubble; shewing a remarkable coincidence with the book of Exodus. After the lecture Dr. Baum gave, for the benefit of the boys, a number of views of the Chicago Fair. The lecture as a whole shewed great knowledge of the Bible and of Eastern Lands and was listened to with great pleasure by a large audience.

The next night Dr. Baum lectured in Sherbrooke.

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL MISSION.

Prof. Wilkinson has been licensed to the Mission which contains Milby, Sandhill and Johnville, and has had many Services and visited the districts frequently.

As regards the Mission on the Western side, the Principal has made some beginning of work in this district. On January 28th, the Rev. E. A. W. King, M.A., of Waterville, visited the district which is on the outskirts of his Mission, while Dr. Adams was taking Services at Waterville and Eustis. The result of Mr. King's visit was that he choose two School-houses as places for Service. One of these is the School-house at the Howard Mines, near the houses of Messrs. True and Bean. Service was formerly held here by Mr. Avery and other students while Rev. I. Thompson was Incumbent of Waterville: this is called No. 14 School-house. The other is in the Cotton-Moore-Howard neighbourhood, about 1½ miles from both Eustis and Capelton, and is known as No. 12 School-house.

On February 4th, the Principal had Services in each of these School-houses; but, on February 11th, he was prevented by the blizzard and deep snow drifts from reaching the School-houses, so after three hours drive he had to beat a retreat. Every

Sunday since a Service has been held in each of these School-houses. On February 25th, Mr. C. E. Bishop took the Services while Dr. Adams went to Stanstead and Beebe Plain. The average attendance at No. 14 has been 26, at No. 12 it has been 20. On March 11th and 18th, Dr. Adams has been accompanied by Mr. Barley, one of the Masters of the School, who has been very helpful. On 18th March, a Sunday School was started at No. 12 with an attendance of 12 children.

It is proposed to have a Service once a fortnight, beginning April 1st, at No. 8 School-house (Belvedere), about 3½ miles from Lennoxville. Rev. Mr. Yates will take this on April 1st; Mr. A. D. Nicolls will take it occasionally. It is hoped that a week-night Service may be held at No. 8, and perhaps it may be possible to hold one in Capelton itself; Sunday School on Moulton Hill is also projected. About 18 families, numbering in all 70 persons, have been visited; the feeling towards the Church is very kindly, but very few of these people have been confirmed, although many of them are baptised. The Principal does not propose to go every Sunday as heretofore; but probably he will go once a fortnight, Mr. Barley taking the work also once a fortnight, and help will probably be given by Mr. Yates and Mr. Nicolls.

Owing to the state of the roads much difficulty has been experienced in reaching the Mission district, and in fact it has been advisable to return by way of Sherbrooke, thus making altogether a round of some 18 miles.

The work of the Mission is interesting and encouraging. The School has appointed officers for the Mission Committee, and it is hoped that subscriptions will soon begin to come in.

On the Tuesday after Passion Sunday, (March 13th), Stainer's Crucifixion was rendered in the Chapel by Mr. Dorey and the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Sherbrooke Choir. There was a large attendance and the Service of song was much enjoyed by all present. An offertory of \$11.83 was made in behalf of the Chapel Restoration, towards which \$30, proceeds of the Bishop's Lecture in Sherbrooke, and \$5, the profit on a similar Lecture at Danville, have also been given.

The Church Homes in the City of Quebec.

One of the happiest features of our common Church life is the fact, that by the kindness and generosity of some who have been taken from us, and of others who are still with us, there are within a mile or so of Quebec City, three distinct Homes or places of rest and education.

The first is the Finlay Asylum on the S. Foye Road, open to old men and women, members of the Church of England, from any part of the Diocese of Quebec.

In a wing of the same building and under the same management are the quarters of the Male Orphan Home, where boys who need it are received, educated and maintained until they are placed out in situations to earn their own living.

And thirdly we have the Church of England Female Orphan Asylum, with large and commodious premises, on the S. Louis Road, where girls, who have lost one or both parents, or are in some special need of help and care, are received and brought in the principles of the Church.

Our Clergy and others who may wish to bring any new case to the knowledge of the authorities, should apply, in the case of the Finlay Asylum and Male Orphan Home, to the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, and in the case of the Female Orphan Asylum, to Mrs. Colin Sewell, Hon. Sec., Quebec City.

All these institutions have a long and useful record. Any friends who would like to help any of them with a donation or annual subscription will, by so doing, be forwarding a truly Christlike work.

DISTRICT NEWS.

NEWPORT.

St. Matthew's Church, Randboro', having been closed for four weeks, while undergoing much needed repairs, was reopened with an appropriate Service on Thursday, January 11th. The plaster on the walls and ceiling had become so cracked and in places dangerously loose, that it was found necessary, in order to avoid accident, to take almost immediate steps towards making it safe and at the same time improving its appearance. This has been done by sheathing the whole with ash neatly arranged in pattern, at the same time adding beauty and comfort to our Church, and reflecting credit upon the workmanship of Messrs. Geo. Hurd and Charles Loveland, who have not only had entire charge of the

work, but have undertaken to raise the amount required. The total cost was about \$160, of which the greater part has already been paid in. The Rev. H. E. Wright, B.A., of Angus, preached the reopening sermon from Heb. X, 25, in which he showed very forcibly not only why the house of God should be repaired and beautified, but especially why the Church should be constantly beautifying herself with truer loyalty of her members.

On January 26th, an entertainment was held in the Labaree Hall, Sawyerville, which was a pronounced success from beginning to end, the weather was favourable, and the programme, which was made up chiefly of local talent, gave general satisfaction. The net proceeds of the evening, amounting to \$45, were given towards the improvement fund of the church at Randboro'.

ACTON.

During Lent, the congregation meets for an Evening Service on Fridays. At the first Service twenty-seven attended and at the second, nineteen. On this last evening the thermometer registered low and there was a bitterly cold wind. This attendance was good, considering the number of families.

The manner of procedure is as follows :

After a Hymn, is used the short Litany Service, found in Bishop Walsham How's Book of Daily Family Prayer.

Another Hymn is then sung, followed by a passage of Scripture containing the salient points in the life of any one of the Scripture worthies.

After a few remarks on this personage, emphasizing the most noted phases of his life, and applying them to our daily life, another Hymn is sung.

Then a few pages in the Rev. C. Arthur Lane's English Church History are read. The Service is then brought to a close by another Hymn and the last four prayers of the Evening Service.

The congregations have shewn great interest in these Services, and, through God's grace, they will, we trust, be the means of great growth in the spiritual life.

FITCH BAY.

Our little church has recently been enriched by the addition of eight stained-glass windows, presented by members of the congregation, and executed by Messrs. Spence & Son, of Montreal.

Although the number of Church families in this village is small, we were, nevertheless,

less able, last Lent, to procure a bell for our Church, at a cost of \$100.

We have commenced this Lent, and hope to continue permanently, two Services every Sunday, at both Churches in this Mission—Fitch Bay and Georgeville—the Rev. W. A. Adcock conducting one Service at each place, and the Lay Reader, Dr. H. R. Codd, taking the other.

The monthly subdeanery meeting was held for the first time at Fitch Bay, on Monday and Tuesday, February 12th and 13th. Owing to the bad roads from the heavy snow-storm of Sunday, many of the Clergy expected were unable to attend.

The Revds. W. T. Forsythe, of Stanstead, C. H. Brooks, of Way's Mills, and A. Stevens, of Hatley, were present on Monday, and the Rev. Caouin Foster, Rural Dean, and Rev. R. C. Tambs, of Magog, joined us on Tuesday.

On Monday, there was Choral Evensong at 7 A.M., with a sermon by Rev. A. Stevens.

On Tuesday, there was a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and a special Missionary Meeting in the evening. After a short bright Service at 7 p.m., the Rev. C. H. Brooks gave a most interesting and instructive address on his fifteen years' missionary work in Constantinople, amongst the Greek Christians and the Turks.

BARFORD.

Mr. Dorey, Organist and Choir-master, St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, visited this Mission for the third time on 8th February. On the previous occasions the practices were held at Stanhope and Dixville; this time it was thought desirable to go to Perryboro'. Accordingly, Mr. Dorey left the mid-day Express at Coaticook and was driven to Mr. Perry's, eight miles distant, where he was met by the Incumbent. After a hurried lunch, Mr. Dorey proceeded to the Church, where he spent the two hours, from 3 to 5 p.m., with about twenty members of the congregation, all of whom received the instructions given to them with interest and profit, so much so that Mr. Dorey is anxious to have another practice before the snow-roads break up.

Leaving Perryboro' at 5.45, after a drive of ten miles over a bad road, Dixville was reached at 7.15. A few minutes were spent at the Parsonage for refreshments, after which the Dixville Choir--and several from Stanhope, who drove five miles to be present--received two hours' instruction.

Mr. Dorey's visits are much appreciated

by the people, and already there is a marked improvement in the rendering of the Congregational part of the Services. For this boon the Bishop and Mr. Dorey deserve the best thanks of all.

DANVILLE.

During Lent there were special Services with an address every Friday evening at 7.30. During Holy Week Evensong was said daily at 7.30, except on Good Friday, when there was Morning Prayer at 10.30.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held in January, at the residence of C. C. Cleveland, Esq., M.P. The reports of the treasurer and secretary shewed that the year had been a most successful one. It is hoped that a few more ladies will join the association, which gives such useful assistance in the work of the mission. All the officers were re-elected, and the treasurer and work committee were especially thanked for their efficient services.

The Incumbent holds a class of instruction for young people every Sunday morning at 9.30, and it is hoped that many more will join this at once, especially those who have already been confirmed.

On Monday, March 12th, the Lord Bishop kindly gave an Illustrated Lecture in the Town Hall on the Early History of the English Church. There was a large attendance, and the greatest interest was manifested. The net proceeds were given towards the Restoration Fund of Bishop's College Chapel.

NEW CARLISLE AND PASPEBIAC.

The Rev. E. B. Husband, reports:

The year with us has dawned brightly, notwithstanding the severity of the weather and dull times.

On January 31st, the Sunday School children of New Carlisle were made happy by spending a very enjoyable evening together in the Temperance Hall, kindly lent for that purpose. There were 105 out of 120 children present. The happy faces quite repaid for all the trouble taken. Tea was served at five o'clock, after which games and recitations were thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks are due to the teachers and others, who provided for and helped to entertain the children.

We hope to be in our new Church this year. The ladies have formed themselves into a Guild, and are now working with a will for a sale of work during the Summer. There are 24 members who meet once a week, on Monday evenings, at 6.30, while others unable to attend are working at home. These meetings, I feel sure, are

doing much good work in bringing the congregation together. An interesting story is generally read. Miss E. Murison has been instrumental in collecting nearly \$350 towards the new Church.

Paspebiac, too, has its work, which it is doing. The members of the W. A. have had cause to be disheartened in their first attempt, as the barrel sent to the Rev. Alfred Cooke, Fort Alexander, was not heard of for some months. We are thankful to say it has been found, and will be forwarded, though late, to Mr. Cooke, at Qu'Appelle, near which place he is now stationed.

We are also busy in getting up an entertainment, the proceeds to be devoted to fitting up the Parish Hall.

We have had much sickness this Winter, especially in New Carlisle, but, notwithstanding, our Lenten Services are being fairly attended.

SANDY BEACH.

The Rev. G. T. Harding reports that the period between Christmas and Lent was quite a gay one, no less than three marriages being celebrated during that time.

The Ash Wednesday Service has generally been well attended, but this year an unusual number were present, and the Service was a very solemn one. A short address was given by the Incumbent in explanation of the Communion Service, emphasizing the call to repentance therein contained.

Special Wednesday Evening Services had been arranged throughout Lent with a series of addresses on the Holy Communion, but these have been considerably interrupted by the prevalence of sickness in the Mission, and other special work which was in contemplation, has of necessity been abandoned.

As many as four deaths took place within one week, one of them particularly sad. Miss Lydia Thompson had been for nearly two years the teacher of the Church School in the Barachois district. She had been eminently successful in her work there, and had always done her best to promote the moral and religious welfare of the children. Her loss will be deeply felt by the whole community, whose respect she had deservedly won.

ST. MICHAEL'S, BERGVERILLE.

The quarterly missionary meeting in connection with the W. A. was held at the Mountain School-house, on the evening of Tuesday, the 13th of March.

An exceedingly interesting address was given by the Rev. R. A. Parrock, on missions in the East Indies. He described the conditions of the country and the various nationalities of which the Indian Empire is composed, and explained fully the great and peculiar difficulties which the preaching of the Gospel had to encounter, not omitting, however, to point to some features in the religious belief of the natives which seem to offer an opening to the teaching of Christianity. He vindicated the Missions of India against the oft repeated charge of ill-success, and clearly demonstrated the exaggerated nature of the reproach, whilst he was able on the other hand to refer to many proofs of the marvellous fruits with which the work has been blessed. Altogether the address dealt with a most important field of Missionary labour, which might very properly be subdivided so as to furnish matter for more than one address. A hope was expressed that on some future occasion Mr. Parrock would come again to Bergerville and give another account of Indian missions.

MARBLETON.

A branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been started here in connection with St. Paul's Church, Marblerton: already twenty members have enrolled their names. Business meetings are held every Tuesday evening. The following members were duly elected officers: Rev. T. S. Chapman, Vice-Director; J. Andrews, Esq., Secretary; S. Bennett, Esq., Treasurer, and a Committee of the following gentlemen: Messrs. G. Willard, T. Braydon, E. Barter, E. Weston and J. Johnson. There is a Brotherhood Reading Room, which is open to the men of the place every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, from 6 to 9.30 p.m. The Church Hall has been comfortably fitted up with tables covered with papers, magazines and good books, also various games, such as chess, checkers, dominoes, etc. The room has been well patronized since it was opened; an average of twenty men spend their evenings there, and it is hoped that this new effort will result in much good. Books and papers will be thankfully received and also games.

During Lent special Services have been held in all the Churches and School-houses in the Mission. During Holy Week, Services will be held daily and three Services on Good Friday. On Easter Day there will be Services at St. Paul's Church, Marblerton, at 10.30 a.m.; at the Church of the

Good Shepherd, at 2.30 p.m.; and at St. Paul's, at 7 p.m. Special Easter Carols will be sung by the Choirs at the afternoon and evening Services. All the Lenten Services have been largely attended, and it is trusted that they will be crowned by a bright and happy Easter.

SHERBROOKE.

A Lecture on Oriental Discoveries, throwing light upon the statements of Bible History, was delivered by the Rev. Henry Mason Baum, D.C.L., of New York, in St. Peter's Church Hall, on February 22nd last. Unfortunately the notice was inadequate, and, consequently, the audience was very thin.

This was much to be regretted, as the lecture was full of interest, beautifully illustrated with lime-light views and well calculated to strengthen belief in the trustworthiness of Old Testament History.

On Wednesday evening, March the 14th, the Lord Bishop gave a very interesting and instructive Lecture in St. Peter's Church Hall, on the History of the English Church.

The Lecture was illustrated with the Magic Lantern and covered the period ending with the Norman Conquest.

The points brought out most forcibly were the unquestionable antiquity of the Church in Britain and its independence throughout the entire period referred to, of the Roman Sway. These points were illustrated both by word and picture in an exceedingly telling manner, and the whole story of the period was outlined in so bright and pleasant a way, that the very large audience—the room was crowded—applauded continually and went away most happily impressed. Such lectures are certain to remove many prejudices, and to make our people prize the church more highly.

A small entrance fee of ten cents was charged, the net proceeds of which, amounting to \$30, will be given to the restoration fund of Bishop's College Chapel, which requires some \$1400 for its completion.

After the closing hymn the Rector of the Parish, in a few well chosen words, returned thanks to the Bishop, the audience joining with loud applause.

The Bishop has promised to continue the subject in a second lecture and he will certainly receive a hearty welcome.

Mr. Hunter, recently of Lake Megantic, has entered upon his duties as "Reader," in Sherbrooke. He is to live in East Sherbrooke and to make the interests of that part of the Parish especially his own.

His work will nevertheless be done under the direction, control and supervision of the Rector, with whom also he will be associated in the general work of the Parish.

RICHMOND.

The Lord Bishop visited this Parish again for Confirmation on March 13th. There were ten Candidates presented. There would have been a larger number but for the prevalence of scarlet fever.

The Service was bright and very interesting, the congregation large for a week-day. There were 50 communicants including the newly confirmed.

In the evening the Bishop gave a lecture on the early Church in Britain, with illustrations on the magic lantern, his son accompanying him to assist with the lantern. There was a good audience, and for an hour and a half they listened with breathless interest and delight to the sketch of a thousand years, that is to the Norman Conquest.

This was a grand opportunity for the young to gain instruction, and they prized it greatly, but not more than did the older persons present.

The Bishop very kindly promised something more of the same kind later, and when the time comes a larger room will be required for the audience. Such lectures will do great good for the Church. The Clergy cannot be too thankful for them. The entrance money increased the Memorial Fund by nine dollars.

We have been requested to give a brief report of the work and finances of the branch of the Woman's Auxiliary in this Parish.

The membership roll numbers 20. Number of subscribers to leaflet 18.

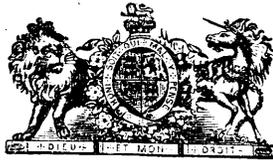
Since the last annual meeting, ten regular meetings have been held, with an average attendance of nine.

During the year, this Branch has been visited by Bishop Sillitoe, of New Westminster, and Bishop Young, of Athabasca, also by the Honorable Winifred Sugden, Lady Missionary of India.

The accounts shew a receipt of \$98.39. The Sec.-Treasurer is Mrs. A. M. Fraser.

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