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Our Approaching Synod.

There are no occasions of greater importance in the history of any Canadian Diocese than its Sessions of Synod. For the Synod has great powers and these powers have need to be used with great judgment, so that what is done may be for the common weal.

At the time of our last Synod, we were celebrating the centenary of the existence of our Diocese, and consequently much time was subtracted from that which is usually given to the business of Synod and was devoted to the centenary celebration. The result is that there is a very large amount of work to get through this time; for, besides a large number of Reports, including one as to the formation of the General Synod and as to the probable effect of this step upon the several Dioceses, there are Canons which it is proposed to amend, as regards certain points in our Constitution, and also as regards certain matters of Discipline. These things touch the interests both of our Clergy and lay people, and therefore we hope that the Clergy will put aside all else in order to be present, and that the Lay Delegates, having been elected to so high and responsible a position, will also make a point of attending, so that there may be a full and well balanced representation of the whole Diocese.

We hope to be able to print the Bishop's Address to Synod and also to give some account of the proceedings, before these things can reach our different Parishes through the medium of the Synod Journal.

The Session of the Synod has been called for Tuesday, May 28th, and the following days, and the Lord Bishop desires that the following Prayer should be used immediately after the Prayer for Clergy and People, or in the Litany before the Prayer of S. Chrysostom, at all Church Services, until the Synod is over. And the Bishop also suggests that our Clergy and people generally may well use this Prayer over and over again in their private prayers, so that many may unite in seeking God's blessing :—

Almighty and Everlasting God, who by the Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles and hast promised through Thy Son Jesus Christ to be with Thy Church to the end of the world we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of thy Church about to be assembled in Thy Name. Save its members from all ignorance, error, pride, and prejudice, and, of Thy great mercy, vouchsafe so to direct, govern and sanctify us in our important work by Thy Holy Spirit, that through Thy blessing on our deliberations, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and

the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained amongst us to the overthrow of Satan's power and the final establishment of Thy heavenly Kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Lord Bishop's Engagements.

Wednesday, May 1st—(S. Philip and S. James)—Celebrate the Holy Communion at All Saints' Chapel, Quebec Cathedral, at 8 a.m., and give Address at 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 4th—Go to Bourg Louis.

Sunday, May 5th—Confirmation at Bourg Louis in the morning and preach in the evening.

Monday, May 6th—Return to Quebec.

Sunday, May 12th—Preach and celebrate the Holy Communion at Montmorency at 11 a.m.

Sunday, May 12th—Preach at Levis at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14th—Go to Compton; Confirmation at 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 16th—Lecture at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, on the Canons.

Friday, May 17th—Lecture at Bishop's College on the Rules and Regulations of the Quebec Church Society.

Saturday, May 18th—Travel to Hall's Stream.

Sunday, May 19th—Confirmation, &c., in the Mission of Hereford.

Monday, May 20th—Confirmation at S. Peter's, Sherbrooke, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21st—Confirmation at S. Anne's, Richmond, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22nd—Return to Quebec.

Thursday, May 23rd—Ascension Day—Celebrate the Holy Communion and preach at Cathedral, 11 a.m.

Thursday, May 23rd—Preach at S. Matthew's, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 26th—Celebrate the Holy Communion at Cathedral, 8 a.m.

Sunday, May 26th—Preach at Cathedral, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 28th—Celebrate the Holy Communion at the opening Service of Synod, at 9.30 a.m. and preside at Synod and deliver the "Bishop's Address."

Wednesday, May 29th—Preside at Synod.

Thursday, May 30th—Preside at Synod.

Friday, May 31st—Preside at the closing of Synod.

Church Society.

CENTRAL BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Board was held on the 16th of April. The Report of the Land Committee re: Glebe Land in Inverness was postponed, awaiting the legal opinion sought of the Honorary Counsel. The explanation regarding the management of the Nicolet Endowment Fund and smaller revenue accruing therefrom, which had been furnished to the Rev. T. L. Ball, was acknowledged by that gentleman as satisfactory. Application for participation in the benefits of the Pension Fund, and W. and O. Fund was made by the Rev. R. A. Parrock and accepted. Mr. Balfour, secretary of the Church Society, again asked to be relieved of the Secretary-Treasurership of the Church Depository. Mr. W. H. A. Eckhardt was elected to fill this position. All communications in connection with the Church Depository should in future be addressed to Mr. W. H. A. Eckhardt, Post Office, Quebec, and not to the Rev. A. J. Balfour. A new stock of Books from Clowes & Sons, and from the S. P. C. K., will be on the shelves before the meeting of Synod.

S. George's Society.

The Anniversary Service of the S. George's Society was held in the Cathedral at 8 p.m., on S. George's Day, April the 23rd, when there was a very large congregation, and, as usual on this occasion, the officers of the Society wore the full dress of their order. The officiating Clergy were the Very Rev. the Dean, the Rev. H. J. Petry and the Rev. R. A. Parrock, and the Rev. Lennox Williams, Rector of S. Matthew's, and Chaplain of the Society, preached an earnest and appropriate sermon from iii, John 5. "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren and to strangers." The Preacher dwelt at some length on the life and character of the writer of the Epistle, and on the occasion which evoked it, and then proceeded to apply the

text to the work of the Society, emphasizing in particular the spirit of patriotism and benevolence which it fostered. He concluded with an earnest appeal in behalf of the Benevolent Fund of the Society to which the Offering was devoted. The musical portion of the Service was very effectively rendered by Organist and Choir of the Cathedral, supplemented by several extra voices. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were especially brilliant, being sung to Gadsby's setting in C, and the Anthem was George C. Martin's "Magnify His Name." At the conclusion of the Service, Mr. Bishop gave a selection of National Airs upon the Organ.

S. Matthew's Church, Quebec.

Easter Services were very well attended, although the day was wet and stormy. It was noticeable that there was no falling off in the number of Communicants at the first Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5.30 a.m., there being no less than 139 present at that early hour. The total number of Communicants during the day was less than that at Easter Day last year, but considerably above the average of the past few years. At the Choral Celebration at 10.30 a.m., the music rendered was that of Dykes in F. Instead of a sermon, the Rector gave a short address more by way of an Easter greeting. At the Children's Evensong at 4 p.m., the Rev. F. B. Norrie gave a very bright and earnest address to the young people, and at 7 p.m. a large congregation assembled for the Festival Evensong at which the Rector was the preacher.

At the Easter Monday Vestry Meeting, the Wardens presented an interesting report, and although the Financial Statement showed a deficit which must be made up at once, the accounts, on the whole, shew good prospect of a healthy financial condition for the coming year.

The Rector nominated John Hamilton, Esq., B.A., as Churchwarden, and the Vestry elected, as the People's Churchwarden, J. A. Ready, Esq. Harmony and good will were marked features of the meeting.

S. Matthew's Guild.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Young Women's Guild of S. Matthew, was held on Easter Tuesday, April 16th, and was well attended.

At the eight monthly meetings held during the past year Instructions were given upon the following subjects:—

"Intercessory Prayer," "The Call of S. Matthew," "The cure of the Paralytic at Capernaum," "The occasional offices of The Prayer Book," "The Solemnization of Holy Matrimony," "Visitation of the Sick," "The Burial of the Dead," and "Meditation."

Three papers have been read, written by members of the Guild on: "Trials of sickness," "The Church and The New Testament," and "God in Nature."

At the Weekly Working Meetings, the following books were read: "Life of Dean Hook," "Life of Bishop Mountain," and "The Divine Liturgy." During the past year, five new members have been admitted.

The orders filled by the Guild Workers comprised amongst other articles the following: 4 Altar Cloths, 5 Sets of Fair Linen, 11 Coloured and 4 Black Stoles, 7 University Hoods, besides numerous Surplices, Cassocks, Confirmation Veils, Kneelers, &c.

Before the organization of the Church Helpers' Association, the country Missions, as a rule, obtained such Church furnishings as the above directly from the Guild, but owing to the larger funds at the disposal of the Association and the wider field they are thereby enabled to cover, the Guild volunteered to give their work gratuitously through the Church Helpers' Association, whenever the latter were in a position to supply the necessary materials free of cost. Thus the usefulness of both organizations has been increased, but the Guild would be glad that their friends in Country Missions should understand that they are still ready and glad to receive any orders and consider any appeals that may be made to them direct.

Our Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials.

Some little time ago, His Honor, Judge Brooks, of Sherbrooke, was good enough to draw the attention of the Revd. Principal Adams, of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, to the fact that there exists some irregularity in the keeping of Registers by Clergymen, Alumni of Bishop's College, in the S. Francis District, such registers containing Acts of Civil Status. This irregularity, the Judge suggested, arises from the fact that some of the Clergy do not understand the Law, and he urged, since this is an important matter affecting civil rights, that steps should be at once taken by the Professors to instruct the Candidates for Holy Orders in the legal requirements of the Province.

Principal Adams brought the matter to the notice of the Bishop, who requested the Venerable Archdeacon Roe to frame some specimen Forms, which might be printed, and the Clergy invited to keep their Registers upon these models, and thus to arrive at a uniform manner or system.

In accordance with these instructions from the Bishop, the Archdeacon prepared the following Forms, making them as simple as possible, and forwarded them to Judge Brooks for his criticism or approval, and the Judge returned them "approved" to the Archdeacon, accompanied by the following letter:—

Sherbrooke, 28th February, 1895.

My dear Archdeacon ROE,

I am in receipt of your favor of the 26th instant, enclosing Forms of entries made of Baptism, Marriages and Burial, and I find them in proper form and sufficient. I have also submitted them to the Prothonotary, who approved of them and I return them enclosed.

I would also ask that it be impressed upon the Clergy that in no case can entries be made in the annual Registers, except during the year for which they are granted and authenticated; that Clergy should be particular to return their annual Registers at the end of the year, and obtain new Registers at once to be used for the following year. I am glad this matter is receiving attention, as it is often of great importance in connection with Civil rights.

I am, yours sincerely,

G. T. BROOKS.

To the Venerable Archdeacon Roe,

The Bishop therefore now publishes these model Forms, and he does so through the medium of the *Diocesan Gazette*, in order that this necessary and valuable information may reach not only the Clergy but also the laity in every Parish in the Diocese. And the Bishop, while thanking His Honor Judge Brooks for causing attention to be given to this matter, now hereby expresses his desire that all Registers everywhere shall be kept, as far as possible, upon these models, so that the practice of the whole Diocese may henceforth be correct and uniform.

FORM I.—BAPTISMS.

Smith. John Sutherland, son of James Baptized. Thomas Smith, of the Village of Smithville, Builder, and of Mary Jones, his wife, born the sixth of May, was baptized the second of June, A.D. eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

By me,

Arthur Gregory, B.A.,
Incumbent.

In the presence of

James Thomas Smith, Father,
Mary Ann Smith, Mother,
Thomas Brown, Sponsor,
Marion Jones, Sponsor.

FORM II.—MARRIAGES.

Hill Merry Hill, of the Township of and Marlov, Farmer, widower, and Robinson Margaret Robinson, by her maiden name Jones, of the same place (or of some other place,) widow, were Married. married by banns the first of October, A.D. eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

By me,

Arthur Gregory, B.A.,
Incumbent.

Henry Hill,
Margaret Robinson,

Contracting parties.

John Jones, Bride's Brother,
William Robinson,
Mary Brown,

Witnesses.

OR FORM III.—MARRIAGES.

Smith John William Smith, of the and Village of Canaan, Vermont, U. Brown S. A., Merchant, Bachelor, [or, of Married. major age,] and Rachel Brown, daughter of James Brown, of the Township of Hereford, Farmer, Spinster, both of major age, [or, of minor age,] were married by license and with consent of parents [or guardians] this third of June (&c, as before.)

FORM IV.—BURIALS.

Jones Ethel Harriet, wife of Henry
Buried. Jones, of the Town of Richmond,
Carpenter, aged fifty-seven years,
died on the tenth and was buried
on the twelfth of March, A.D.
eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

By me,

Arthur Gregory, B.A.,
Incumbent.

In the presence of

Henry Jones, husband,
his

John x Smith, brother.
mark

N. B.—All the names written under the
above acts of Baptism, Marriage and Burial,
must be actually subscribed by the persons
themselves unless in any case one be unable to
write, when he may affix his mark.

Quebec Clerical Library.

Our clergy and other readers may not all be
aware that there has existed for many years a
library in Quebec city from which the Clergy
of the Diocese have been permitted to borrow
valuable books. The library, which has been es-
tablished for several years in the Bishop's Office
at the Cathedral Church Hall, has recently
been greatly increased by a most valuable gift
of upwards of a thousand volumes pre-
sented by the Rev. Canon Richardson, and
consequently the Bishop requested his son, the
Rev. E. A. Dunn, to reorganize the whole, and
make it available for use. This has been done,
all the books have been classified and very
soon a copy of the new catalogue, with the con-
ditions of membership, will be mailed to all
our Clergy. The Dean of Quebec has been
always the Librarian and Canon Von Iffland
has been a trustee. The Bishop therefore,
acting upon the Rules of Bry's Associates,
who had assisted under certain conditions in
forming the original library, has now made
certain appointments so that the whole list of
Officers now stands as follows :

Vis. Jr.—The Lord Bishop of Quebec.—
Librarian.—The Very Rev. Dean Norman ;
Trustees—The Librarian (*ex-officio*). Ven.
Archdeacon Roe, Rev. Canon Von Iffland,
Rev. A. J. Balfour, Sub-Librarian and
Treasurer, Rev. E. A. Dunn.

The Bishop also caused to be prepared a

Draft of Rules which were submitted to a first
meeting of the Governing Body, held at the
Bishop's room on Thursday, February 21st,
and were revised and adopted at a sub-
sequent meeting held on Wednesday, March
27th. These rules will be printed and issued
with the New Catalogue.

It was moved by the Dean of Quebec, se-
conded by Archdeacon Roe, and resolved
unanimously :—That in accepting the very
costly and most generous gift of books to the
number of 1074, recently presented to the
Quebec Clerical Library by the Rev. Canon
Richardson, the Trustees desire to express their
sincere gratitude for the same, and to tender
their hearty thanks on the part of themselves
and the Clergy of the Diocese for such munifi-
cent kindness. Canon Richardson's name
will never be forgotten by his many friends,
and will be specially bound up with this ex-
tremely opportune addition to the stock of
Theological works possessed by the Library.

University Intelligence.

BISHOP'S COLLEGE, LENNOXVILLE.

The Principal reports :—

Our College examination for the Lent Term
began on Thursday, March 28, and concluded
on Saturday, April 6. Holy Week was
spent by the students in residence, lectures
being suspended on Good Friday only. Amongst
the features of the commemoration of this
sacred season were a meditation service on
the Thursday evening from 8 to 10, and the
Three Hours Service on Good Friday, beginning
at 12. Both services were conducted by Dr.
Allnatt. The break at Easter consisted of
the days of Easter Week. Lectures were
resumed on Thursday April 22nd.

At a special meeting of the Corporation in
March, the Rev. R. A. Parrock, B.A. was
elected Professor of Classics. Mr. Parrock
was educated at Shrewsbury School and Pem-
broke College, Cambridge, and obtained a
First Class in the Classical Tripos of 1891. He
will reside in College and begin his duties in
September.

We note with pleasure a short visit from Pro-
fessor Ashley, of Harvard, formerly Fellow of

Lincoln College, Oxford, and an authority on Economic Subjects.

Arrangements are in the course of being made for the Jubilee Week, June 23-27.

Some of the Examination Days of the Lent Term the Principal spent in Montreal. He preached at the Cathedral (twice), also at Trinity, St. John's and Grace Church, besides giving several addresses.

Easter Week found him in Toronto, celebrating and preaching once in St. Stephen's Church for the Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A. On April 17th, Dr. Adams read a paper before the Dominion Educational Association, of which body he was elected a Director. The Principal also visited Hamilton, being the guest of the Bishop of Niagara. Here he met very happily Bishop Dunn and party.

A Week in Lent by our Bishop.

On Thursday, March 7th, after giving an Instruction to a crowded gathering in the little Domestic Chapel, at Bishopslirope, Quebec, I crossed the St. Lawrence late in the afternoon and waited at Levis for the departure of the evening train, which landed me at midnight at Danville. Here I was met at the depot by the Rev. T. Blaylock, and after a little refreshment at the Rectory, we were soon all at rest.

The next morning was spent in examining and comparing the several sites prepared for the erection of the new Danville Church; and after dinner at the Rectory, on a most lovely afternoon, I was driven by Major Bernard, in his double seated sleigh, with the Rev. James Hepburn and several ladies, about ten miles through a grand country, abounding in glorious views, from Danville to Richmond. Here the ladies of St. Anne's Church had arranged a quiet parish tea, after which I gave a long promised Lecture on the Reformation period of the History of our dear English Church, shewing towards the close for the sake of a large number of patient young friends a goodly number of beautiful pictures and views.

On Saturday morning, after spending the night at the Honorable C. A. Aylmer's, leaving Richmond by the morning train, I spent a few pleasant hours at the ever welcoming home of

Dr. and Mrs. Heneker and then proceeded by the C. P. R. afternoon train to Agnes, Lake Megantic, where I was most kindly received, as I had been two years ago, by Mr. and Mrs. Stearn.

Sunday morning was alas! dark with snow storm, and it looked as if we were to have a hard day. But it was not so, for before Church time the storm, although it had somewhat drifted the roads, was over, and we had a large and attentive Congregation at the pretty little Agnes Church, where after baptizing a dear little child, I was permitted to confirm four Adults presented by Mr. Almond, the Bishop's College Lay Reader in charge, under the direction of the Rev. H. A. Brooke of Scotstown. After the Confirmation there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which thirty received the Lord's Supper, the largest number since we began our work there. After dinner, with Mr. Stearn's good horse and sleigh it was no hard matter to drive eight miles out to Ditchfield, where, "away in the bush," I found another large Congregation gathering from the ranges far and near. We had a most earnest Confirmation, with five confirmed; and after Service a short conference of the leading men, at which they agreed to do more to support the Church than heretofore.

In the evening the Church at Agnes was again well filled, and after Service we had a really warm and interesting Parish meeting, at which the leaders of the place agreed, that if the Bishop would send them a resident Minister, they would meet the \$300 a year, which the Bishop is now spending upon the Agnes work by sending a Lay Reader week by week from Bishop's College, by themselves raising \$300 a year in order to make up the Clergyman's stipend.

With this glad fact in my mind, after paying one or two friendly visits, before and after service, and then getting a good night's rest, I bade adieu to my host and hostess and was early on Monday morning on the train to stop off at Scotstown and to drive with the Rev. H. A. Brooke to Lingwick. The road was greatly drifted and there were evidences of more than one upset on the previous day; but the snow plough had done its work early in the morning, and so we were able

without very much difficulty to reach our destination. At Lingwick, we had a meeting upon the question of building a new Church in lieu of the cold dilapidated and wether beaten building, which has served for many a year, but is now beyond repair. There is, however, some exceedingly good wood in the interior of the Church, which will greatly lessen expenses. The middle of the day was spent, after dining with Mrs. McKie, in investigating the question of sites, and then we drove back right through Scotstown and on to Canterbury, eleven long miles, just in time to take Tea with Mr. and Mrs. Shearman. After Tea, by moonlight, I looked at a splendid site offered freely by Mr. Shearman for a new Church at Canterbury, and then we held, in the School House, a well attended meeting, at which it was agreed that the leading spirits in this good work would see all their neighbors, and ascertain whether they could prudently go on this year. This accomplished, we returned to Scotstown, where we found Mr. Brooke and Miss Brooke anxiously awaiting us to offer us supper and rest.

On Tuesday morning, after an early breakfast, I was once more on the C.P.R. train, and in a couple of hours reached Lennoxville, whence, having paid a half hour's visit to the College, I proceeded by the G.T.R. to Richmond. Here our energetic Deacon, the Rev. W. J. Curran, met me at the station and drove me up to Mrs. Gallup's at Melbourne, and on further several miles in order that I might administer the Communion of the Sick to Mrs. McKee, the oldest inhabitant of his Mission. It was a great joy to me to do this with the good woman's sons, themselves grey headed men, receiving the Holy Sacrament with their aged mother. On our way back, we visited a young woman who was very ill. I spoke a few kind words to her and knelt and prayed, and then we returned to Mrs. Gallup's, and found that our hospitable hostess had invited many friends to meet me at Tea. After Tea we had a full Church at St. John's, Melbourne and with the Rev. James Hepburn, Rector of Richmond, acting as my Chaplain, I held a Confirmation at which seven Persons were confirmed. I trust and believe that God was with us and that great good will come of it.

On Wednesday morning we drove down to Richmond in good time, so that the Rev. J. Hepburn was able to take me to the house of Mr. Spier, now laid aside, a good old churchman full of recollections of Bishop Mountain and Bishop Williams. I had only just completed this visit when we heard the whistle of the Express coming in from Montreal and soon I was once more on the train on my way to Quebec, ready on the morrow for my next lecture at Home.

Essential Features of the History of our Church.

CHAPTER I.

Nothing certain is known of the origin of Christianity in Britain. The most probable opinion is, that Christianity was first planted in Britain from Gaul in the latter part of the second century after Christ. Tertullian living at this time, says: "There are places in Britain, inaccessible to Roman arms, which are subdued to Christ."

Referring to the British Church in the third century the Venerable Bede, in his Ecclesiastical History, states that "the Britons preserved the Faith they had received uncorrupted and entire."

In 303 the persecution of the Christian Church by the Roman Emperor Diocletian extended to Britain, where Alban, the chief Martyr of the British Christians, was put to death, because he protected a Christian priest while he was being pursued by his assailants.

In 314 Eborius, Bishop of York, Restitutus, Bishop of London, and Adelfius, Bishop of Caerleon—representing the three provinces into which Britain was then divided—attended by some of their Clergy, took part in a Council at Arles, where they were associated with about two hundred Bishops there assembled as representative of a true branch of the Catholic Church.

In 325 it is possible that Episcopal representatives of the British Church attended the first General Council of Nicaea, where they took part in the formulation of the Nicene Creed, which Creed was received by the whole of the Bishops in Britain.

In 343 or 347 British Bishops were present

at the Council of Sardica, and joined in acquitting S. Athanasius.

In 358 S. Hilary of Poitiers wrote, congratulating "the Bishops of Britain" on having remained "free from all contagion of the detestable heresy."

Testimony to the "orthodoxy of the Faith," as maintained by the British Church, was also borne by S. Athanasius in a letter to the Emperor Jovian, 363, by S. Jerome, 390, who wrote: "Britain observes the same rule of faith as other nations," and by S. Chrysostom, 407, who refers to "the unanimity of the Churches of the British Isles."

Further, in 429 and 447, the British Bishops, aided by Bishops from the neighbouring Church in Gaul, engaged in a prolonged conflict with the leaders of the Pelagian heresy.

There are many noble names figuring in the early annals of the Church in these lands. Patrick, Ninian, Columba, Aidan, and others, and there are also Ecclesiastical Buildings, e.g. S. Mary's in the Castle at Dover and S. German's in the sea on the Coast of Cornwall, which were certainly originally erected by British Christians.

But when the Heathen Saxons had driven the Britons and their Christian worship westward, in the year 597, the monk Augustine was sent on a mission to these Anglo-Saxons or English. and the credit of sending him is entirely due to Gregory, the Great, the Bishop of Rome.

In 669 Theodore, a Greek monk, was enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury, having been selected and recommended by Vitalian, Bishop of Rome, at the request of King Osby. It was a wise choice, and under Archbishop Theodore the whole Church of what we now call England was united and consolidated.

In all this we owe much to those who planted amongst us the British Church and much also to the Church in Rome. But no one dreamt in those days of the Church of England being a part of the Church of Rome, and all history goes to shew that the Bishops of Rome had at this time no power whatever over either Church or State. The Church in England was simply the national Church or in other words the English Branch of the Holy Catholic Church, which has but one Supreme Head, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

The First Principles of Church Finance.

The great obstacle to the freeing of pew-rented Churches is the fear in the minds of the Clergy and Wardens that their revenue would suffer a diminution and that the voluntary and free-will offerings of the people would not equal the amount received from pew rents. Assuming, however, that the giving to God for the maintenance of His Worship is a duty acknowledged by all Christians, there are certain principles which ought to guide us in the fulfilment of this duty. They are as follows:—

1.—All Giving for Church work should be determined by high Christian motive, such as gratitude, or a desire to promote Christ's Kingdom or a sense of duty and responsibility. Any method that tends to lower the motive, or to make a contribution less an act of consecration to God than it ought to be, is clearly faulty and injurious.

2.—All Giving should be *voluntary*. Any thing of the nature of a fixed or commercial contract will check rather than foster the growth of the spirit of liberality. All methods, therefore, which prescribe the amount to be given, and equally those which succeed by securing unwilling gifts, ought to be discarded by the Church.

3.—Conscientious Giving for the support of religion ought to be made *prominent* as a Christian duty; and lastly, giving should be *frequent* and *regular*.

Does the pew-rent system harmonise with these principles? We think not.

Easter-Day-Dawn.

Dark and deep night's shadows hung,
Over hill and vale and plain;
Now at dawning songs unsung
Come swift coursing through my brain.

Only those who onward press,
Through the dark, along their way,
Fully joy at light's caress
On their brow at break of day.

Smiling faces watch her soar,
Gray, a fuller mellow white;
Then the East suffused o'er
Set with varied tints and bright.

Soon the eyelids of the dawn
Steal aloft, mount higher, higher,
All the shadows leave the lawn,
Filled with morn's exultant choir.

Hark, some twittering, woodland bird
Pipes forth from a tree top near ;
Then succeed the sounds unheard,
Sounds we scarcely know we hear.

For throughout the busy Light
Nature's symphony goes on,
Oft unheard, till languid night
Makes us feel how much has gone.

Thus down morning's westward way
Light and life go hand in hand ;
And the rising king of day
Meets acclaims from every land.

On the first glad Easter morn
Man emerged from death's grim night ;
Joy and action then were born ;
And the Sun of Life and Right,

Bearing healing in His wings,
Rose, the Victor in the strife ;
And each Easter dawning brings
Words of pardon, joy, and life.

A. H. M.

Bishop's College, Easter, 1895.

Obituary.

CHARLES E. PERRY.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. Charles Ermatinger Perry, Her Majesty's Collector of Customs at Sherbrooke, and since 1886, Treasurer of the St. Francis District Association of the Church Society of Quebec.

Mr. Perry was born in Montreal, in 1837, his father being Sheriff of that city, and his mother, a sister of the late Colonel Ermatinger, a British officer of distinction. His military tastes led him on the breaking out of the American Civil War, to offer his services to the Northern Army. He received a commission in a New York regiment, and saw severe service. On one occasion, his regiment "went into action twelve hundred strong, and at the close of the engagement, only fifty officers and men were left."

Mr. Perry's genial presence and kindly greeting will be greatly missed by his many friends in the St. Francis District. His bereaved wife, a daughter of the late Hon. Mr. Justice Short, has the sympathy of a host of friends and acquaintances.

DISTRICT NEWS.

DISTRICT OF ST. FRANCIS.

The monthly meeting of the Southern sub-Deanery of the District of St. Francis was, with the cordial consent of the Bishop of Vermont, held in March, at Island Pond, Vt., the parish of the Rev. Thomas Bell, who is an honorary and associate member.

The Revds. Canon Foster, President, and Rural Dean, of Coaticook, Albert Stevens, of Hatley, C. H. Brooks, of Way's Mills, G. H. Murray, of Dixville, and Ernest A. W. King, of Waterville, were in attendance. Letters of regret were received from others who were detained at home. The Rev. T. and Mrs. Bell entertained three of the visitors, whilst others were with a like warm hospitality cared for by Mr. and Mr. John Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fitzgerald, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Hall.

On Monday the Clergy all took part in the evening Service, and Canon Foster gave an instructive and interesting address on the planting of Christianity in England, Ireland and Scotland. He showed that the Gospel had been preached and propagated in England not later certainly than the middle of the second century, and in Ireland by St. Patrick, and in Scotland by St. Columba. In the British Isles, therefore, and in neighbouring places these great missionaries and their followers had firmly established their Master's kingdom long before the arrival of St. Augustine and his missionary band, who came to England in the year 597. He exposed the falsifying of history in such statements as that the Christianity of the British and National Church of England owed its origin to the Bishop or Church of Rome.

On Tuesday there was a Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., at which all the Clergy and several of the parishioners were present. The Rev. T. Bell very thoughtfully and indulgently had the Clergy breakfasted at the Stewart House, from which it was very convenient to reach the Church again for Morning Prayer at 9.30. After this Service the clerical brethren were driven to the Rectory and promptly applied themselves to a careful study of a portion of the Epistle to the Ephesians in the original Greek. Between one and two

o'clock they were all dined at the bounteous board of the Rev. T. and Mrs. Bell, around which they again met for tea, after spending the intervening hours in listening to a scholarly paper on Eschatology by the Rev. Thos. Bell. This paper formed material for much earnest discussion.

All repaired again to Church for Evening Prayer and to hear an admirable and most instructive address from the Rev. C. H. Brooks on his missionary experience in Turkey, and particularly on the condition of the Armenian Church and its relation to the Greek and English Churches, and to the work of the American Board of Missions. He explained very fully and lucidly the causes of the hostility of the Turks to the Armenians and alluded to the recent massacres in that country.

Before separating the Canadian Clergy united in expressing their grateful appreciation of the handsome way in which they had been entertained by the Rector and his wife and their kind hearted parishioners. By such whole souled and gratifying intercourse a new meaning is given to the words of the Latin poet Horace: "*Cælum, non animum, mutant qui trans mare currunt.*" Their sky but not their sentiment they change who run across (let us say) the "line" to substitute that word for the "sea" of the original.

RICHMOND.

The Rev. J. Hepburn sends us the following report:—

There have been several interesting events in this parish since the New Year. First came our Annual Sunday School Festival usually held about Epiphany. It was on January 4th. A great deal of pains had been taken with the children in training them for recitation and singing, and especially by Mrs. Aylmer and Mrs. Hepburn.

In consequence the programme was well rendered. Tea was served at an early hour to more than a hundred children, and then to parents and friends.

The Rector, in entering upon the programme, spoke of the hopeful state of the School with a staff of devoted teachers, and testified gladly to the help evidently given by parents in preparing their children with their lessons. There was a very large audience and they

were delighted with the exercises of the Evening throughout. Prizes and presents were distributed before the close, and Mrs. Hepburn was surprised with a nice purse besides many contributions to the table. It was more of a surprise because the year before she had been greeted in the same way, and spent part of her prize in the purchase of a little Jersey Cow to the joy of her home.

The next event falling in ten days was a Conference called by the Archdeacon, in conjunction with a meeting of the sub-Deanery of the Section. It is much to be regretted that the attendance at the several meetings was small. But it did not lessen the interest; and it certainly did not affect the excellence of the papers and addresses. The morning session was for the Clergy alone, and was spent in a thoughtful study of the first Chapter of the Epistle to the Philippians, the Archdeacon in charge, and reminding us forcibly of his fresh and inspiring teachings as received years ago, when he filled the position of Professor in B. C. L. It was a privilege indeed to be present—a time of refreshing—for which we were deeply grateful. The afternoon was open to the public and papers were read by the Revs. D. Horner and F. G. Scott, which were very thoughtful and helpful. Several present were called upon to speak on the lines suggested by the papers, and so the afternoon passed rapidly and pleasantly. The charge by the Archdeacon then given was upon the training of children and was prepared in his best style. It emphasized the *duty of parents* as teachers, and earnestly pressed the performance of that duty, gravely warned those who neglected it; and spoke many words of comfort and cheer. I wish every parent had been present to hear. There was a Missionary meeting in the evening addressed by the Archdeacon, and he had great help in the addresses of Messrs. Scott and Wurtele who preceded him.

Such gatherings ought to be more frequent. There are discouragements in the way, people not readily espousing them; but such as these will in time force a hearing and do great good.

Then came a bright and happy evening with our Bishop on March 8th. Being in Lent, there was a quiet tea in the Basement, giving an opportunity to the people of meeting their Bishop in social intercourse, which they highly prized, and also enabling the Bishop to

make the acquaintance of many, who otherwise would remain strangers. At 8 o'clock he began his lecture on the Reformation to a full house, and it was most admirable, engaging the close attention of all for more than an hour. It was brimfull of information and required close attention, and yet even the children listened to the end of it. The lecture ended, for the gratification of the young particularly, the Bishop showed a goodly number of views of the old Country on the Magic Lantern.

It is a great gain to our parishes to secure such evenings as these, and we hope for more in the years to come.

Woman's Auxiliary : the Secretary reports :

Since the last Annual Meeting of the Richmond and Melbourne Junior Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary we have held in all thirty-two meetings with an average attendance of fifteen members. Owing to much sickness during the year, and with many very young members, we have been unable to accomplish as much work as usual. In the early part of the year clothing was made and sent to the Piegan Reserve. Next month we purpose to send to the same place two quilts, flannels, shirts, aprons and pinafores.

On August 24th we gave a Social at which we realized \$14.00. Of this sum we gave gladly to the Rector \$10.00 to pay for railing and prayer desk in the Chapel of the Church. The balance was handed to the Brass Band as a slight acknowledgment of their kindness in attending.

One poor child in the parish we have been able to clothe.

On December 20th our Annual Sale was held, realizing \$23.44, but many good and useful articles were left to be sold on a future day. Balance on hand, \$22.99. Fees paid during the year, \$6.50.

NEW CARLISLE AND PASPEBIAC.

The Rev. Edgar B. Husband reports ;—

I am very glad to say, the special services held during Lent, were very well attended by both Congregations. On Week days, the subject chosen was "Renunciation" as applied to the Baptismal Covenant, and on Sundays "The Prodigal Son."

During Holy Week, daily service was held alternately, with an address on one of the seven words from the Cross, while on Good

Friday service was also held in Hopetown. Saturday, a heavy snow storm set in, but fortunately Easter morning dawned bright and clear, and the storm of the previous day made sleighing more pleasant.

At 9 a.m., there was Holy Communion in New Carlisle, there being 50 communicants. At 11.15 a.m., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at Paspebiac, when there were 44 communicants, the largest number I have ever seen in this church. In the Evening, service was held in New Carlisle, a large congregation being present. At both churches, the services were bright and hearty. The Easter offering amounted to \$28.19 ; New Carlisle, \$9.87, Paspebiac, \$18.32. On Good Friday, the Offertory for the Jews was \$5.53 ; New Carlisle, \$2.42, Paspebiac, \$3.11.

On Easter Monday, the congregation of S. Peter's Church, Paspebiac, held its annual meeting in the Church Hall ; there was a very good attendance when a very satisfactory report was presented. It was decided to build a new fence around the whole of the church grounds this year. Mr. E. A. Bouillon and Water G. Bisson, were re-elected Wardens for the ensuing year.

On Wednesday Evening, April 17th, the congregation of S. Andrew's Church, New Carlisle, held their annual meeting in the School House. There was a fair attendance. A most satisfactory report was read, showing a small balance in hand. This is most gratifying when we consider the change from the Pew System to a Free Church. This was to be tried for one year. The result has been larger congregations at the Evening services, and an increased Offertory.

I look forward to even better results in the future. Let us remember "unity is strength," and let one and all try to further this important and beneficial change.

Mr. Wm. M. Sheppard was re-elected Rector's Warden, and Mr. Charles Cooke, People's Warden.

MAGOG.

The Rev. R. C. Tambs sends us the following notes :—

Easter Sunday. — Rain and mud ; Full Church ; Hearty Service ; Singing good ;

Choral Communion ; 53 Communicants ; Anthem " Why seek ye the living," Simper.

Special Offertories :—Good Friday — For Bishop Blythe's work, \$2.76 ; Easter, for Incumbent, \$12.15 ; Sunday School Lenten Missionary Boxes, (for Miss Brown's work among the Indian children of the Peigan Reserve), \$10.05.

Easter Tuesday :—Guild sale of Lenten work and entertainment in Town Hall. Net proceeds, \$160.00, making a total for past six months of \$277.00. Statement of disbursements posted up in Guild Room. The officers of the Guild are :—President, Mrs. James Oliver ; Vice-President, Mrs. Richard Bennett ; Secretary, Mrs. Howard Tolmie, and Treasurer, Mrs. L. K. Drew.

Collected and sent to the S.P.C.K. for Sunday School Libraries, \$50.00 for Magog and \$12.00 for Cherry River.

There will be a Confirmation on Trinity Sunday, June 9.

COOKSHIRE.

A rainy day and roads almost impassable did not prevent a large attendance at all the Easter Services. More than half the Communicants were present at the Early Celebration at 8 a.m. At 9.30, Morning Prayer was said with the children; they enjoyed the Service greatly, and after the address, the rector stood in the Chancel and the children came forward one by one and placed in the alms bason their Lenten offerings for Missions, which were then presented on the Lord's Table. At 10.30 the second Celebration was held and the attendance was very large. The Evening Service was " Tallis Festal " with Anthem. The Easter music was very well sung and the spirit of brightness and praise was in every Service.

The Easter meeting was perhaps the most satisfactory ever held in this parish. The wardens reported all assessments promptly paid, no debts of any kind, and a substantial cash balance carried forward for next year. This good result is mostly due to the " Envelope System," which was introduced by the Rector more than a year ago, and has been since carried on under his direction.

The work on St. Andrew's Chapel, Eaton Corner, is now progressing, and it is hoped in a few weeks to hold Service there.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of "the Quebec Diocesan Gazette."

DEAR SIR,—Please acknowledge in the next issue of the *Quebec Diocesan Gazette*, the following additional subscriptions to the Compton College Debt Fund, and oblige

Yours truly,

GEORGE THORNELOE.

Sherbrooke, April 4, 1895.

Mrs. McKenzie, Melbourne, paid	\$ 1 00
Mrs. Crombie, Melbourne, paid.....	2 00
Mrs. Gawac, Melbourne, paid.....	1 00
Miss Gibson, Melbourne, paid	1 00
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Postscript.

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Also forty-eight subscriptions from the Cathedral Parish per the Rev. E. A. Dunn, which will be acknowledged in detail next month.

All contributions intended for the June Number should reach us on or before May the 21st.