

Archdeacon Ker moved that a special committee be named to consider the question of the parishes and rectories not having residences, with a view to equalize the grants in such cases; and this was carried. A letter from Mr. H. J. Mudge, asking for leave of absence, was unanimously concurred in, and the Bishop, on behalf of the committee, expressed the best wishes that he might have a pleasant outing to England. A letter from Archdeacon Davidson, calling attention to the position of the rectory of St. Armand East, was read, and after some discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That a special committee be appointed by the Bishop to consider the position of the Crown Letters Patent Rectories in respect to assistance toward the stipends of rectors receiving less than the canonical amount, and to report in what way the rectories may be brought into a position, or condition, to receive aid, if necessary." The Bishop named Archdeacon Ker, Dr. Davidson, Dr. Baylis, and Mr. W. L. Bond as such committee. The Rev. B. P. Lewis, of Ilerville, made application to be placed on the Superannuation list, the same to take effect from September 1st. The latter was referred to the Committee on Superannuation. The Bishop expressed his great regret that ill-health had made the retirement of the Rev. B. P. Lewis necessary, and paid a graceful testimony to his earnest and faithful service. The Vice-Chancellor reported verbally the present condition of the litigation between St. Edward's and St. Stephen's parishes, and stated that in behalf of the Synod and of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese he had declared submission to justice, asking only that to whichever party he declared entitled to the property, the advances of Synod, amounting to about \$5,500, should be repaid to it before enreregistration of title. A report upon correspondence from the Diocese of Niagara, re reciprocity in diocesan beneficiary funds, was read from the joint committee of the Widows' and Orphans' and Superannuation Funds, generally concurring in the principle of reciprocity on general lines, but that the matter would seem to come most properly from the General Synod for the forming of some general scheme in this matter. Besides the Bishop, there were present at meeting:—Archdeacon Ker, Rural Dean Robinson, Dean Evans, Archdeacon Naylor, Rural Dean Lewis, Canon Longhurst, Canon Smith, Rural Dean Dart, Rural Dean Sanders, the Rev. J. H. Bell, Rural Dean Jeakins, Rural Dean Taylor, the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, Archdeacon Norton, Canon Baylis, Mr. H. J. Mudge, Mr. Richard White, Mr. F. W. Heath, Dr. T. P. Butler, Mr. G. F. C. Smith, Dr. Alex. Johnson, Dr. L. H. Davidson, Mr. Enoch Buzzell, Mr. Edgar Judge, Mr. Thos. Hunter, Mr. Lansing Lewis, Mr. E. C. Pratt, Mr. Geo. Durnford, and Mr. W. L. Bond.

**Kensington.**—St. Columba.—The Lord Bishop of Montreal opened and dedicated the new Mission church in this suburb on Wednesday night, the 11th inst., in the presence of a large congregation. About five months ago the Bishop made an appeal on behalf of Church extension in the suburbs of Montreal. As a result of that appeal the Bishop has been enabled to open two new Mission churches within the past two months. St. Margaret's, Tetrautville, and St. Columba's, Kensington. The new church is a frame building, and will hold a congregation of 200. It is lighted by electricity. Assisting His Lordship the Bishop at the opening service were the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, Archdeacon Norton, the Rev. Frank Charters, Mr. Hodgkinson, the student in charge, and the Rev. F. A. Pratt, rector of the parish, the choir of St. Philip's Church, Montreal West, rendered the musical portion of the service.

## ONTARIO.

**William Lennox Mills, D.D., Bishop, Kingston.**

**Merrickville.**—Trinity.—The services in this church on March 8th were of unusual interest, being the last services held in the building which was erected seventy-one years ago. The Holy Communion was celebrated in the morning, and over a hundred persons received the sacred emblems. At 6.30 the other sacrament was administered to two infants, the child of the sexton being the last to be baptized. The church was crowded to the doors at 7 o'clock, for the final service. During the service it was announced that the rector's warden, W. H. Newman, who is one of the contractors for the new church, had, on that account, resigned his position, and J. L. Nicholson, was appointed in his stead. During the offertory a sacred solo was feelingly sung by Mrs. Forneri, wife of the former rector, the Rev.

R. S. Forneri. The rector, the Rev. J. H. H. Coleman, preached an appropriate sermon, in which he sketched the history of the parish, and appealed for special faithfulness and zeal during the transition period from the old to the new. The service was closed with special hymns, psalms and prayers, concluding with the "Nunc Dimittis." While this was being chanted, the rector, wardens and side-men bore in procession from the church to the vestry the bowl of the Font, the Bible, Prayer-Book, and Altar-Book, and the Communion Vessels. At the morning service there had been used for the first time a beautiful set of Communion Vessels, five pieces, presented by Mrs. Muir, each piece bearing the inscription, "In loving memory of John Muir, Priest, 1829-1907." The Rev. John Muir, M.D., had long been connected with Merrickville, and had passed his declining years here, though his ministry had been spent in the Diocese of Central New York. The work of demolishing the old church began on Monday morning.

## OTTAWA.

**Charles Hamilton, D.D., Bishop, Ottawa, Ont.**

**Ottawa.**—St. Matthew's.—A large congregation gathered on Sunday morning at this church on the occasion of the ordination to the diaconate of Dr. Kyle (M.D.) by His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa. The Rev. Walter M. Loucks, rector of the church, preached the Ordination sermon. At Evensong the Rev. Dr. Kyle preached to a crowded congregation.

**St. George's.**—The fourth of a series of lectures on missionary work in China was given in the parish hall last week by the Rev. Canon Tucker. The speaker took as his subject the preparation of the missionary and the methods of fitting himself with a knowledge of the people and country. He described the different sections over which the Anglican Church of England, Canada and the United States had charge, and of the work being done by each.

**Pembroke.**—At a recent meeting of the Public Library Board of Pembroke the following resolution was passed: "The members of the Public Library Board of Pembroke view with regret the severance of the Rev. Geo. Bousfield's connection with the Board. He was an active organizer at the inception of the Free Library, and as a member of the Board has been an enthusiastic and unselfish worker in its behalf. He has been an ardent advocate of everything that made for improvement, and his wide acquaintance with literature and science have been an interest and an inspiration to those associated with him. We follow him with our best wishes and our affectionate regard."

## TORONTO

**Arthur Sweatman, D.D., Archbishop and Primate, William Day Reeve, D.D., Assistant Bishop, Toronto.**

**Toronto.**—St. Alban's Cathedral.—His Grace the Lord Archbishop held a General Ordination in this cathedral on Sunday morning last, when he ordained the following gentlemen to the office of deacon and priest, respectively: Deacon, Mr. L. B. Vaughan; priests, the Revs. A. L. Reed, M.A., and R. W. W. Allin, M.A. The candidates were presented to the Archbishop for Ordination by the Rev. A. J. Broughall, D.D., examining chaplain. The Ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. C. V. Pilcher, M.A., of Wycliffe College, who chose for his text the three words, "Shepherd My sheep," St. John 21:12, last clause. Besides those clergymen already mentioned there were present at the service the Right Rev. Dr. Reeve, Assistant Bishop, and the Revs. Canon MacNab, R. Gay, and E. A. Paget. There was a large congregation present. The Rev. L. B. Vaughan was licensed to the curacy of St. Philip's, Toronto, and the Revs. A. L. Reed and R. W. W. Allin are holding the curacies of St. Stephen's and St. Matthew's, Toronto, respectively.

**St. Simon's.**—A well-known and greatly respected member of this congregation, Mrs. Caroline Becher, passed away at her home, "Sylvan Towers," Rosedale, on Wednesday, March 11th, in her 83rd year. The deceased lady was the widow of the late Mr. H. C. R. Becher, Q.C., of London, Ont. She was born at Niagara Falls on the 5th August, 1825, and was the daughter of the late Mr. Samuel Street, of that place. At the age of twenty-five Miss Street married Dr. Thomas Macklem, of Chippewa. He dying

about 1850, she subsequently became the wife of Mr. H. C. R. Becher, a prominent Queen's Counsel, of London, Ont. They travelled abroad together a good deal. Mrs. Becher's death occurred nearly thirty years ago. Mrs. Becher later came to Toronto, where she had been living for about twenty years. Mrs. Becher was very well known in social circles in this city. She had children only by her first marriage. One son, James, was drowned in the Niagara River when only eight years old. Another son, Mr. Sutherland Macklem, and two daughters, Miss Macklem, living always with her mother, and Mrs. Oliver Macklem, all of this city, survive. The Provost of Trinity College, the Rev. T. C. Street Macklem, D.C.L., and Mrs. Charles Fleming, of Barnard Avenue, in this city, are a nephew and a niece, respectively, of the deceased. To all of those whom the deceased lady has left behind her to mourn her loss we beg to offer our sincere sympathy. The funeral service was held in St. Simon's Church on Saturday last, and the interment took place in St. James' Cemetery. A very large number of people were present at the funeral. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Cayley, the rector of the parish, and the Rev. E. J. Wood, the curate.

**St. Luke's.**—The schoolhouse of this church was packed on the evening of March 10th to hear most interesting papers by Mrs. Christopher Robinson on "Sisterhoods' Training and Vocation"; by Miss Connell, Head Deaconess of the Deaconess' Home, on the subject of "Deaconesses: Their Qualifications and Training"; and Miss Carson on "Work and Objects of the Settlements." Evangelia being described as the first in Canada. The Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, the rector, welcomed the audience, and the hosts of the occasion were the members of the Anglican Young People's Association of the church.

**St. Paul's.**—An active missionary campaign has been carried on in this parish for the last month in preparation for the annual collection for the M.S.C.C. The preachers were on successive Sundays the Rev. Canon Tucker; the Rev. R. H. McGinnis, of Japan; Archdeacon Renison, of Moosonee; the Bishop of Huron, and the rector, Canon Cody. An active committee of laymen worked up interest by bringing the missionary cause before their fellow-laymen. When the offertory was made it was found to reach the sum of over eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000). When the amount was announced to the congregation on the following Sunday, the Doxology was most thankfully and heartily sung. Further additions will be made to this amount. This offering is for M.S.C.C. only, and does not include any other branches of the missionary activity of the Church. It is probably one of the largest missionary offerings ever given in the Canadian Church by a single congregation at one time.

On Sunday mornings during Lent Dr. Cody, the rector, is preaching a series of sermons on "Some Aspects of Our Lord's Person and Work." The subjects are: Christ, the Centre of Christianity; The Completeness and Complexity of Christ's Character; The Authority of Christ; The Shortness of Christ's Life; The Individual Dealing of Christ; The Intolerance of Christ; The Sinlessness of Christ. In the evening the subject of the course of sermons is "Some Companions of St. Paul: Barnabas, the Son of Consolation; Apollos, the Orator; Gallio, the Proconsul; Julius, the Centurion; Onesimus, the Slave; Demas, the Shirker, and Timothy, the Disciple."

**Pan-Anglican Congress.**—A change has been made in the representation of the Diocese to the Pan-Anglican Congress. The delegates, in addition to the Archbishop, are: Archdeacon Sweeny, Canon Tucker, Dr. Hoyle, Mr. N. F. Davidson, representing the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and Miss Tilley, president of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary.

The Study Club, which meets every second Tuesday at 8 p.m. in St. Luke's Parish Hall, is very largely attended, and much interest is being awakened in the congregation. The organizing secretary, Rev. P. B. DeLom, reports encouraging progress with the Thankoffering.

**Orillia.**—St. James'.—The Rev. C. D. Ovens will shortly resign his curacy and leave for England.

**Eglington.**—The Rev. T. W. Powell, rector of this parish, left a few days ago for the city of St. Louis, where he is to give a series of addresses in one of the largest theatres there during the present season of Lent. These ad-