

address you a few words of farewell, and to express our sorrow at your being about to leave us. We are happy to testify that by your persistent efforts and untiring energy and zeal you have added very largely to the number of the members of the Church during your residence amongst us and your religious ministrations for a period of 12 years; whilst by your affectionate and kindly disposition, your meekness and gentleness, your Christian charity, so clearly evinced by your readiness to relieve the wants of the poor, the sick and afflicted, whenever called upon, without distinction of race or creed, by your persistent support of all that is right, and your uncompromising hostility to and denunciation of all that is wrong, you have won the love and esteem of all, to whatever denomination of Christians they may belong. We can safely say you have made friends of all and enemies of none.

We are not *now* unaware of the reasons which have led you to decide upon a change of residence; but permit us to take this opportunity of assuring you that the proceedings which have resulted in your determination to leave the neighbourhood were, until very recently, entirely unknown to us. We disclaim any part in them and any sympathy with the representations made, and we can only regret their probable effect. To say this much is due not only to you, but to ourselves.

The clergy of our Church are not overpaid, and the expense of breaking up one's home and providing another will not be trifling. Permit us, then, dear sir, to contribute in some small degree to the additional expense which is imposed upon you by requesting your acceptance of the accompanying purse.

We desire to convey, through you, to Mrs. Thompson and the members of your family our warmest sentiments of esteem and regard, and to offer to yourself our affectionate remembrances, and may the Almighty Father send down every blessing from above upon you and them, and prosper you all in your paths through life.

Affectionately yours.

Here follow the signatures of 524 residents of the Parish, including four of the resident clergy of other denominations; nearly one-half of the signers being members of Mr. Thompson's late congregations of St. Ann's and St. John's in Melbourne. After Mr. Webb's presentation of the Address, Major Mathias, in a neat and impressive speech, evincing deep feeling, and with many expressions of his personal esteem and regard for Mr. Thompson and his family, handed the late Rector a purse containing upwards of \$250. Mr. Thompson made the following Reply:

Gentlemen,—The kind and affectionate Address which you have just read is truly gratifying to me, and coming, as it does, now that we are about to leave this place, and the many kind friends we have made, I accept it with the sincerest gratitude, and it will be a source of pleasure to us, in after life, to think of you all, and especially of this token of your respect for us and your good will towards us.

If, in the course of my 12 years sojourn amongst you, I have been successful in the smallest degree in good, I am thankful; and whilst I can look back and see many defects, many occasions on which I may not have spoken or acted wisely, still, if, on the whole, I have been able to exert any influence for good, I thank God for it.

The circumstances which have led to our departure from amongst you are in the past, and we shall leave them there, and go with kindly feelings towards all, forgetting all that has been unpleasant, and remembering only that which has so often cheered us—the kindness and goodwill of our friends and neighbours.

This testimonial, coming as it does from all denominations and nationalities, will make our remembrances of Richmond and Melbourne much more agreeable and of lifelong duration.

Your kind words with reference to Mrs. Thompson and our family are gratifying to me, and I am sure they will be to them also, for which accept our sincere thanks.

The substantial expression of your good will which this purse contains I do not really deserve; and whilst I thank you most sincere for it, I feel that you have placed me under an obligation which I can never repay. Had I remained amongst you, I might have been able in some measure to make a return for this expression of your thoughtfulness, but now it is impossible. I can only offer you my sincere thanks and pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon you and yours forever.

Again thanking you for all your kindness to me and my family, and bidding you all an affectionate farewell,

I am, my dear friends,

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd.)

J. M. THOMPSON.

Many ladies were present on the occasion; and after half-an-hour's social chat, the delegation withdrew after many hearty hand-shakings with their late Pastor and the different members of his family.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondent.)

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—During the latter

part of this month the Bishop will (D. V.) hold Confirmations in most of the Parishes in the Rural Deanery of Durham. This Deanery is presided over by Rural Dean Allen, Rector of Cavan, and it comprises the counties of Durham and Victoria. His Lordship's appointments are as follows: May 25th, Perrytown; 27th, St. John's, Cavan, St. Thomas', Millbrook, and Christ Church, Bloomfield; 28th, Cartwright; 29th, Manvers and Bethany; 30th, Emily and Omeme; and 31st, Lindsay.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.—The quarterly meetings of the various Committees of Synod took place on Thursday and Friday, the 10th and 11th inst. The attendance of members was very large, this being the closing meeting of the year. Reports of each Committee are presented annually at the Synod.

TORONTO.—The Lord Bishop has been obliged to postpone his Confirmation, owing to a promise to take certain duties for the Bishop of Huron, who is about to remove to England, where he is to be Bishop of Hull. It is to be hoped that his Lordship of Toronto will allow no inducements to persuade him to become Dr. Hellmuth's successor in Huron, as Toronto is prospering marvellously under his administration. Rev. R. Shanklin, who last year went to Florida for the sake of his health, has been obliged to return to Canada. He is at present very ill in Toronto.

COOKSTOWN.—At this season of the year we are not called upon to chronicle many presentations to pastors. We have, however, always sincere pleasure in doing so since these little matters testify to mutual good will between priest and people, and augur well for the growth of the Church. The Rev. Joseph Fletcher and his amiable wife, of Cookstown, were agreeably surprised recently. A number of members of the Pinkerton and Cookstown congregations visited the parsonage and presented their clergyman and his wife with a complete set of dinner and tea dishes. The former numbers 95 pieces, the latter 44. The articles are of excellent design, and the patterns are very chaste and beautiful.

COLLINGWOOD.—*All Saints*.—The Guild in connection with the Church here progresses very favorably. At the last meeting the subject of discussion was "Oliver Cromwell," and the debate was introduced in a neat speech by Mr. H. Evison.

MEMORIALS TO DEAN GRASSETT.—The CHURCH GUARDIAN noticed at the time of its erection the magnificent chancel window which was put up by the congregation of St James to their late Rector, Dean Grasset. To this memorial another has been lately added, consisting of a bust and tablet in the chancel of the Cathedral which was erected by his widow and children. On it is inscribed the following words: "In loving remembrance of Henry James Grasset, D. D., first Dean of Toronto, who was born at Gibraltar 18th June, 1808; ministered in this Cathedral Church and Parish for forty-six years as Curate and Rector, and died at Toronto 20th March, 1882, 'The just shall live by faith.'"

NEW CHURCH.—We rejoice to learn that the Church people of Wyebridge contemplate the erection of a new building for public worship. The Rev. O. G. Dobbs will, at least, have the warm sympathy of his Lay Delegates, who are all non-resident, and who are well able to assist him in his enterprise.

TORONTO.—*St. Matthias*.—An extension is contemplated neat little west-end Church to cost \$1000, of which about one-third has been promised.

Legal.—To quote a well-known phrase "we are surprised to learn" that the proprietor of a certain Church paper in the city has been charged at the

Police Court with advertizing a lottery of lands in Dakota! We should have thought the gentleman in the editorial chair would have exercised more careful supervision in such a matter. Probably he has nothing to do with this department however.

CENTRAL PRISON.—The Bishop administered Confirmation to four convicts at this Institution recently. The full choir of St. Matthias aided in the musical part of the services, which were extremely interesting and effecting.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—The Bishop of Algoma not long since delivered to the Y. M. C. A., here an admirable address on the relationships between theology and science. The attendance was large.

DIocese OF HURON.

LAKE ANON.—The congregation at this place, though small and weak, are engaged in building a church, to cost \$1600, which they expect to occupy in September next. Among the novel and commendable ways of raising money which are often resorted to, that of cultivating eight acres of land, which the Church owns, by voluntary labor, and this congregation is engaged in doing, is both new and praiseworthy. They certainly are acting out the words, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee."

REV. W. B. EVANS, Rector of Woodborne, who has been very seriously ill, is now somewhat better.

DUFFERIN COLLEGE for Boys, which has been conducted by Rev. Dr. Darnell for some years past, has been closed. The building and grounds will be occupied by the Western University. The school, though enjoying a fair share of patronage from American as well as Canadian parents, has not proved a financial success.

THE Synod of this Diocese is expected to meet on Tuesday, the 19th of June.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod, was held on Tuesday the 8th. There were present the Lord Bishop in the chair, and a number of the clergy and laity.

The meeting having been opened with prayer by the Bishop, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer's statement of the several funds in his charge was then submitted.

Applications for a renewal of the grants to Ormstown and Huntingdon were referred to the Committee on Grants, and a report on Endowments and Trusts was referred to the Committee on Endowments.

The Bishop announced that he had appropriated to the following funds the sum bequeathed to him in trust by the late Major Mills:—To Montreal Diocesan Theological College, \$10,000; to the Sustentation Fund, \$10,000, and the balance of the bequest, with accrued interest and any further sum which may be received, to the Superannuation Fund, the interest only to be used, and the principal to remain as permanent endowments for the several funds.

The report of the committee on grants was adopted.

It was decided that the meeting of the Committee on Grants be held on the 1st of June, and the adjourned meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday 8th.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

KINGSTON.—The first visit of Dr. Sullivan here as Bishop of Algoma was on April 22nd, and was the occasion of much enthusiasm and wholesome rejoicing amongst Churchmen. Three times that day his Lordship addressed large congregations—in the morning at the Cathedral, in the afternoon