

**RESIGNATIONS.**—Owing to his declining years and other causes, the Very Reverend the Dean of Ontario, James Lyster, LL.D., Kingston, has rendered his resignation as Rector of St. George's Church, which has been accepted. A retiring allowance of about \$3,000 a year has been granted by the Vestry.

The Rev. T. G. Porter, Incumbent of Trinity Church, Shannonville, has, owing to feeble health and his sight being affected, tendered his resignation, which has been accepted. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. Porter and his large and interesting family.

A large number of the Teachers of the Sunday School of St. Paul's Church, Kingston, have resigned their positions in the school in consequence of the renting of the school building by the Rev. W. B. Carey, and Mr. J. Power, to the Board of School Trustees.

On Wednesday evening the 21st ult. a very full meeting of the congregation of St. James' Church, Kingston, was held in the schoolroom of the Church to consider what steps should be taken to nominate to the Bishop for appointment to the Rectorate the name of some clergyman.

Mr. R. V. Rogers, with deep feeling, proposed, seconded by Mr. Pease, the following resolution:—

We, the members of St. James' Church desire to place on record the profound sorrow which we feel at the death of our dearly loved Pastor, the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick. Words cannot express the loss we have sustained in the sudden taking away of one who, for nearly sixteen years, was our minister, our counsellor, our guide, our friend. During all these years he went in and out among us, rejoicing with those that did rejoice, and weeping with those that wept. Many a mourner he comforted, many a fallen one he raised, many an erring one he brought back to the fold, many a broken heart he soothed, and many a tear he wiped away. As yet we cannot see why the hand of the Lord has been so heavy upon us, but in our dear departed's death we hear the voice of the great Master of the Feast saying, "Friends, come higher." That consoles us somewhat, and we strive to say, "the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

We mourn also because of the living, and we pray most earnestly that the God of all mercies will spread His loving arms around the sorrowing widow and the helpless orphans, shielding them from every harm, and giving them abundantly more than we can ask or think.

The resolution was carried by a standing vote and ordered to be engrossed and presented to Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

The Churchwardens and Lay Delegates, with Mr. James Wilson and Dr. Mackenzie were appointed a committee to consider and report to a future meeting such steps as they might consider desirable in order to evince the appreciation of the congregation for the self-sacrificing efforts of the late Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick during the incumbency of St. James' Church, and of their regret at his death.

The Churchwardens, Lay Delegates and Captain Crysler, Messrs. J. A. B. Smith, James Wilson, George Hewitt and Dr. Mackenzie, were appointed a committee to consider the submission of a name or names to the Lord Bishop in connection with the Incumbency of the Church and report.

On Sunday the 25th ult., after Evening Prayer at Trinity Church, Brockville, the Rev. E. P. Crawford, M.A., began a series of sermons on "The Scientific Foundation of the Faith." He took for his text Romans i. 20. "For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." He referred to Prof. Drummond's very remarkable book, "Natural Law in the Spiritual World" and adopting as his line of argument that contained in the book referred to, went on to show how science and revelation harmonise in their conclusions. He

pointed out that what is termed natural law is nothing more nor less than the Spirit of God working in the universe. He showed that the discoveries of science, which were at one time looked upon as opposed to the truths of revelation, were found in complete harmony and that as Prof. Drummond points out, the spiritual world is guided by the same laws as regulate the natural world, only on a more enlarged scale. Mr. Crawford's remarks were somewhat of a preliminary and general character and he will in subsequent sermons take up definite points of religious belief and show how they are established on a scientific basis.

The annual meeting of the Women's Guild of Saint George's Church, Trenton, was held in Canterbury Hall, on the afternoon of Monday the 12th ult., when the following officers and committee were elected. President, Rev. Canon Bleasdel. D. C. L., Vice President, Rev. Horatio G. Parker; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. George Graham; Officers of the Sewing Society, Mrs. D. R. Murphy, President; Mrs. George White, Secretary and Treasurer; Committee for Sick and Poor, Mrs. Richardson, President; Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. Robert Francis, Mrs. H. Gill, Mrs. Ventress, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. D. R. Murphy, Mrs. Hubbs, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. West, Miss Gothard and Miss Davis. Committee for Sunday Schools, Miss Francis, President, Mrs. McWilliams Mrs. Orr, and Miss Bleasdel. Committee for Church Decoration, Mrs. Stedman, President, Mrs. James Richardson, Mrs. Orr, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. J. H. Willoughby, Miss Thompson, Miss Bonter, and Mrs. Mowat.

A joint meeting of the committee was held in the evening when the work of the past year was considered, the result showing a most prosperous and satisfactory year's work. The meeting was enthusiastic and unanimous.

The Rev. Archibald Elliott, B.A., and his bride, arrived at their home at Camden East, on Friday, from their wedding tour. The ladies of the congregation had the carpets laid, the furniture arranged, the house warmed, and a good repast in readiness and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Among the surprises was a magnificent sideboard, a present from the ladies of Camden East and Yarker and a large easy chair from members of the congregation at Newburgh, also a handsome pocket communion service of solid silver, a present from Mr. Frederick Chimneck of Napanee. The bride received over one hundred valuable presents from her acquaintances, at her wedding, previous to her departure from Belleville, among which was a silver tea service of six pieces from Mr. James Hayden of Camden East.

The Rev. A. F. Echlin, Incumbent of Emmanuel Church, Annapolis, is the convener of the annual missionary meetings to be held in the Mission of Clara during the first week of February. Mr. G. J. Schrader, who has had some experience in church work, working for some time near Peterborough, England, and subsequently, for upwards of a year, in the Diocese of Newfoundland, is expected to arrive in the Mission before the holding of the meetings and will deliver addresses. He will reside at the parsonage at Mattawa, and will work as Lay Reader under the Incumbent, the Rev. Charles V. F. Bliss, for some months prior to his ordination as deacon.

The congregation of Saint Matthew's Church, Aultsville, recently presented Miss Emily Loucks, the organist of the Church, with a handsome gold watch as a present, in token of their appreciation of her valued services.

The Rev. G. W. G. Grout, M.A., Incumbent of Elizabethtown, and Rural Dean of Leeds, was recently presented by the congregation of Lyn with a sleigh; and with a whip and set of harness by the congregation at New Dublin.

An entertainment was given on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., in the Schoolhouse, Bowesville,

in the Mission of Gloucester, in the interests of the Anglican Church Mission. The programme contained a recitation by Miss Smith, songs by Mr. Charles O. Carson, Lay Reader, and an address by the Rev. A. W. Mackay, curate of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa. The main feature of the evening's entertainment, however, was the projection by Dr. Wicksteed's lantern of a large number of magnificent pictures on a twelve foot screen. The schoolroom was crowded and all seemed perfectly delighted with the unusual treat.

**PARISH OF NAPANEE.**—This is one of the flourishing parishes of the Diocese. Although the church members are neither numerous nor wealthy, and there hangs over the congregation of St. Mary Magdalen's a very dreadful debt of some \$3,000, with its attendant interest, things are in a highly prosperous condition. The people are united and working well together. The Rector, who is the Archbishop of Kingston, has succeeded in forming organizations that take charge of various departments of Church work, and give nearly every member of the church who has a disposition to do anything, something in which to take a hand. The "Women's Guild," for instance, takes charge of the following departments: 1. The relief of the poor; 2. Instruction of the young; 3. The reduction of debt and payment of interest; 4. The decoration and repairs of the church; 5. The church missions; 6. Needlework on behalf of the church. Under one superintending lady as President, there are Vice-Presidents, who manage each department, choose their own assistants, and report month by month to a general meeting. Just now we may notice the most successful result of the work of three departments. Under the direction of the vice-president, Mrs. Reginald Gamble, the church was most beautifully decorated for the festival season, and has been universally admired for the good taste shown. To be appreciated as it deserves the church should be visited. Then on January 1st came due a half-yearly payment of interest on one portion of the debt, amounting to \$220. The money was all on hand for the churchwardens and paid over by Mrs. W. H. Wilkison, V.P., who with her energetic corps of "Decimal Collectors" secure the necessary funds by a ten cent weekly collection. There is scarcely a member of the congregation who is not a contributor to this decimal fund, which has, by these trifling sums, secured the payment of all the interest for the last three years and a half. And lately under the direction of another V.P., Miss Shirley, the Sunday School children have enjoyed an unusually happy treat and festival entertainment. On Tuesday evening the 13th, the new Opera House of the town, a very creditable building, was crowded with the children and their friends.

We were much struck with the good behaviour of the children, and the absence of the noisy and disturbing element. They seemed under perfect control and had evidently been well trained. We are assured that a considerable proportion of the pupils come from families outside the Church, who have found that their children receive better instruction there than elsewhere, and the Church Sunday-School has here become, as it should everywhere, the best missionary agency. The work in the parish of Napanee shows the benefit of systematic organization, which leaves the clergyman free for his proper ministerial work, without, at the busiest season, letting him feel embarrassed by all sorts of distractions.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**PERSONAL.**—We are pleased to learn that the Rev. J. W. R. Beck, rector of St. John's Peterborough, is recovering from a somewhat severe attack.

Rural Dean Allen has been suffering from erysipelas since the beginning of the New Year, but is gradually getting better.

The Rev. S. Weston Jones, Incumbent of Lindsay, has been conducting Mission services at Bethany.

The Rev. Provost Body preached two sermons