

Book and to connect their teaching with it. He urged them to cultivate observation on the part of the children and to draw out their own thoughts by means of questions upon the subject in hand. Canon Henderson also used the blackboard in connection with his lesson and showed how efficient a means it was of fixing attention upon the lesson and upon the various divisions of the subject which the teachers might make. The whole lecture was extremely interesting and seemed to be appreciated by all present. The next monthly meeting of the series takes place in Trinity Church school-room, on the third Monday in April, when a paper will be read by Dr. Davidson on "Sunday School Hymnology" illustrated it is hoped by means of children from choirs or Sunday-schools of the city. We would again repeat, what we have already referred to in former notices of these meetings, that they are open to all; although intended primarily for Sunday-school teachers and those interested in Sunday-school work.

**MONTREAL.—St. Jude's.**—A very enjoyable social was held on Thursday evening last under the auspices of the St. Jude's Church Association. The programme was a very pleasing one, well rendered by the ladies and gentlemen taking part. Among them were: Misses Scott, Matthews, Allen, Armstrong, Mrs. Monsell and Messrs. Beauchamp, Woodruff, Nottingham, Mills, Mitchell, McBoyle, Liddle, Hammond, Pott, and Smith. Miss Scott presided at the piano in a very satisfactory manner.

**St. George's.**—We understand that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a Confirmation in this Church on Easter Sunday.

**St. George's Y. M. C. A.**—The regular fortnightly meeting of this Association took place on Thursday, 19th March, inst., when an interesting paper was read by Mr. H. A. Hutchins, entitled "English Canadians in the Province of Quebec." The Dean also continued his lectures on "Paley's Evidences." The attendance was good.

**St. James' the Apostle.**—The Ladies Aid Society of this Church are busily preparing for a sale of fancy work, to be held in the Natural History Society's Rooms, on Tuesday in Easter week, 7th April.

**St. John the Evangelist.**—The Lenten season has been, as all seasons of the Church are at this Church, faithfully observed; and the special services have been well attended. On Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., the Lord Bishop of the Diocese was present and preached an earnest practical sermon on the duty of regular participation of the Holy Communion, taking as his text I Cor. xi. 26. He affectionately pressed upon his hearers the great blessings to be derived from regularly partaking of this Holy Sacrament, without which, many were content to live, but were not content to die.

**Christ Church Cathedral.**—At the earnest request of several members of the congregation attending the 5 p.m. daily services in the Cathedral, the rector (Rev. J. G. Norton) has announced that he will continue his daily devotional addresses at these services until the end of Lent.

The following services will be held in the Cathedral during Holy Week (the week immediately before Easter): Morning service at 10 a.m. daily; afternoon service at 5 p.m. daily with addresses by the rector—subject, the Seven Last Words of Christ upon the Cross; 8 p.m. short evening service daily, with sermon by the rector—subject, the Incidents of the Week in connection with our Lord's Sacrifice. The 8 p.m. services will be followed by short after meetings in the nave of the Cathedral, at which the rector will give a series of Evangelistic Addresses.

On Good Friday the morning service will be at 11 a.m.; sermon by the Rev. J. A. Newnam. Afternoon service at 5 p.m., with address by the

rector as announced above. Evening service at 8 p.m.; preacher, the Lord Bishop of Montreal.

**ORGAN RECITAL.**—Mr. Edwin and Mr. C. A. E. Harris, the organists of St. James' the Apostle and Christ Church Cathedral, will give an organ recital in the Church of St. James' the Apostle on Friday evening the 27th inst., at eight o'clock. Besides the rendering of organ works from the great masters, the combined choirs of the Cathedral and St. James' the Apostle, will sing several choice selections of music, including the anthems, "What are these arrayed in white robes," by Dr. Stainer, "God is a Spirit," by Sir Sterndale Bennett, and "As pants the hart," by Spohr. The solos will be: "Hear my prayer," Mendelssohn, "He was despised" (Messiah) "But Thou didst not leave" (Messiah) "Angels ever bright and fair" &c., Handel. There will be a selection of Hymns, in which it is hoped the congregation will sing heartily, viz., "We love the place O God," "All people that on earth do dwell," "Hark, hark my soul," and "Through the night of doubt and sorrow—all from "Hymns Ancient and Modern." The seats will be free but a collection will be made during the recital, which it is intended to present to Mr. Edwin Harris, the very efficient organist and choir-master of the Church St. James' the Apostle.

**DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.**—The third monthly meeting of the Students Missionary Society in connection with the Diocesan Theological College was held at the college on Monday evening, March 9th, the Principal in the chair.

In the course of an interesting and instructive paper on Mission work in India, the Rev. Canon Belcher pointed out some of the obstacles which had to be encountered in this vast mission field.

These he briefly comprehended under these heads:—

1st. The well defined religious systems of India.

2ndly. The close connection between religion and social life.

3rdly. Female degradation.

Having spent some years in missionary life in that portion of the world, the Rev. Canon was enabled to give an interest to the subject which only personal experience in the field of labour could effectually sustain.

After the reading of the paper, the Rev. J. G. Norton made a few earnest remarks, impressing the necessity for every Christian to regard his own immediate circle as his peculiar mission field, and in this way to make his individual efforts a means for spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**OTTAWA.—Parliamentary.**—In the GUARDIAN of the 4th instant, reference was made in this column to the Bill for the better Observance of the Lord's Day, introduced by Mr. J. Charlton, in the House of Commons. We should have mentioned last week that the Bill has been defeated on its second reading. The object of the Bill was for the prevention of Sunday desecration by railway and steamboat excursions. Its rejection is to be regretted. The Bill was not rejected on its merits, but on technicalities, the Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Secretary of State, arguing that if passed it would interfere with the liberty of the subject. He also expressed the opinion that it is within the competence of the Provincial and Municipal authorities to deal with the question. This we greatly fear is an evasion. We know from experience that an action in the matter, either by the Provincial or Municipal authorities would, on appeal, be set aside and their legislation nullified.

**Proposed New Congregation.**—The matter of the purchase of the "Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church," Ottawa, by a number of gentlemen of Christ Church, remains *in statu quo*. The offer by these gentlemen of \$14,500, holds good till Wednesday next, the 1st day of April. It is still under consideration by the trustees of the Church. From

an interview with one of the trustees, your correspondent is of opinion the offer will be accepted at, or before, the time named.

**Church of St. John the Evangelist.**—A number of young men, members of the congregation of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Ottawa, held a meeting last week to form a Young Men's Friendly Society, or Guild. The following were elected officers:—President, Rev. Henry Pollard; 1st Vice-president, Rev. A. W. Mackay; 2nd Vice-president, Mr. J. Stewart; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. Doney. Committee, Messrs. Frederick Bott, Charles Preston, D. R. Barry, W. Gallagher and W. Armstrong. The Society will hold its meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The first general meeting will be held on the 16th of April, when a grand entertainment will be given.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE.**—On account of the state of his health, the Rev. H. E. Pless, B.A., Incumbent of Renfrew, has obtained leave of absence from the Bishop for three months, to take effect after Easter. We trust the needed rest will have the desired result.

Pursuant to notice a meeting of the congregation of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, was held at St. George's Hall, on the evening of Wednesday the 11th instant, to receive the report of the committee appointed by the Vestry to select the names of three clergymen to be submitted to the Bishop, for his Lordships choice of a clergyman as assistant minister. There was a large attendance, there being over one hundred members present. The Rev. A. W. Cook, Curate, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. The committee reported the names of the Rev. E. P. Crawford, M.A., and J. J. Bogert, M.A., of this Diocese, and the Rev. B. B. Smith, M.A., of the Diocese of Quebec. Dr. Henderson, Q.C., presented the report of the committee and moved that it be adopted by the congregation. Captain Carter moved in amendment that the report be not adopted but that the members of the congregation then present do ballot for the names to be forwarded to the Bishop. After considerable discussion the amendment was carried by a large majority. In the course of the discussion, Dr. Smythe explained that he had seen the Bishop, who had informed him that he was quite willing to appoint a good clergyman from another Diocese, if the congregation wished it, mentioning particularly the Rev. J. A. Lobley, D.C.L., Principal of the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, who is about to sever his connection with that institution. Messrs. J. G. King and W. B. Dalton were appointed scrutineers. The result of the vote by ballot showed that the Rev. B. B. Smith, of Sherbrooke, received 67 votes; Dr. Lobley of Lennoxville, 60 votes, and the Rev. Mr. Baylis of Montreal, 49 votes. It will thus be seen that Mr. Smith is the nominee of both the committee and the congregation. The Secretary was instructed to forward these three names to the Bishop, asking him to appoint one of them to the vacant position. A resolution was passed pledging a stipend of \$2,500 per annum, to the clergyman appointed. The meeting was closed with prayer at 11 o'clock.

It is said the Bishop has offered the position to the Rev. Dr. Lobley; but this information, at present writing, lacks confirmation. We trust the selection will be a happy one for all parties.

It is said that the Rev. Edward Pick, Incumbent of Plantagenet, has been appointed to succeed the Rev. J. F. Fraser, B.A., at Metcalfe, who has been appointed to Wolfe Island, the changes to take effect at Easter.

The Rev. J. K. McMorine, M.A., has written to say that he intends entering upon the work of the parish of Saint James', Kingston, at Easter, as originally arranged. A cordial welcome awaits him.

The Bishop intends (D.V.) administering the rite of confirmation in the Mission of Maberly in June next.