

**St. Matthew's.**—It is the intention to hold in this church during Lent, 1893, a mission, for which the services of one of the leading mission preachers in England have been secured. The services of the clergyman who is to hold the mission are in such great demand in England that it is necessary to engage him two or three years in advance. There is no doubt that the holding of this mission will infuse still greater activity into the many good works carried on in this eminently prosperous parish.

**The Late Bishop.**—The course of sermons on the life of our Lord by the late Bishop of Quebec, preached in St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, on Friday evenings in Lent, have been published in a volume entitled "A Contemplation of Certain Events in our Saviour's Life." This was the last course of sermons written and preached by the late Bishop, and the volume will be highly prized by many.

#### MONTREAL.

**MANSONVILLE.**—Sunday, the 29th May, two persons were confirmed, Holy Communion administered in the morning and his Lordship preached. In the afternoon a service was held at Jones' school house, Vale Perkins; six children were baptized by Rural Dean Brown, the Bishop assisting.

**SOUTH BOLTON.**—30th May, seven persons received the "Laying on of Hands" in Trinity Church. The Bishop was attended by Rev. Rural Dean Brown, and Rev. J. Carmichael. On the previous Friday the latter administered baptism to five adults and five children, the parish not having at present a resident priest. At Mansonville and South Bolton the church was decorated with flowers as for a festival. The service at the former place was largely musical; the *Kyrie*, *Ter Sanctus* and *Gloria in Excelsis* in the Communion office being sung.

**KNOWLTON.**—31st May, ten persons were confirmed in the Church of the Good Shepherd at Bondville and Holy Communion was administered. As the new parish church is not yet completed, service was held in the Temperance Hall in the evening, when his Lordship preached.

**MISSION OF MASCOUCHE AND TERREBONNE.**—In *Mémorial*: 6th June.—A large number of relatives and friends assembled in Grace churchyard, Mascouche, Que., on Monday afternoon, to pay the last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Robinson, of Mascouche Rapids, who died on Saturday last, having attained the remarkable age of 93 years. The burial service was read in a most impressive manner by the present incumbent, the Rev. G. Benson Hewetson, late assistant minister at Trinity Church, Montreal, who also delivered an eloquent address from Genesis xxv. 8. Deceased, who was a native of King's County, Ireland, came to this country in the year 1819. He left Ireland on May 24 of that year, the day on which Queen Victoria was born, and arrived at Quebec after a voyage of 13 weeks. In the month of November following he settled at Mascouche Rapids, where, with his family, he has ever since lived, a period of 73 years. Mr. Robinson was in every respect an exemplary man, much attached to the land of his birth, yet very proud of his adopted country. While his faculties were unimpaired, which was until about a year ago, he related in a most entertaining manner to those who sought his company, his memory of the rebellion in 1837-8, and the rough experience of his earlier years in Canada. He is survived by his widow, to whom he was married on New Year's Day, 1824, 68 years ago, and by a grown-up family.

**MISSION OF MERCY.**—The Rev. Canon Fulton, chaplain of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, the Rev. Mr. Renaud, Protestant Immigration Chaplain, and the Rev. Mr. McManus, city missionary, had a meeting on June 8th, about that prison rescue question which has occupied considerable attention of late. Many things were to be debated. Would employers of labour take such men? That was the crucial question. There must be perfect frankness, said Canon Fulton. The men must not be said to belong to a certain class. They must be regarded as individuals. They have fallen, they have expiated the offence, they must be redeemed, humanly speaking, right now. There was a man in the penitentiary who had attacked a guard. The latter was seriously hurt. But when spoken to, that prisoner was amenable to contrition. Tears coursed down his cheeks. Was there a totally irredeemable class? Canon Fulton did not believe it. But the question was, would employers of labour engage discharged convicts. Mr. McManus undertook to canvass them and find out their disposition in the matter.

#### ONTARIO.

**ODESSA.**—There was no service here last (Trinity) Sunday, as our clergyman was away at Ottawa. We are all very pleased to hear that he passed his examinations successfully and was duly admitted to the Holy Priesthood. We shall now be able, without let or hindrance, "to assemble together the first day of the week to break the bread," and thus enjoy in its fullness the Communion of Saints in the Holy Catholic Church.

**MATTAWA MISSION.**—A "Bee" of 20 men assembled at Eau Claire early on Tuesday morning, June 7th, to raise the walls of the new church. Fine specimens of Canadian manliness they were, two. It was wonderful to see the ease with which they hoisted the huge pine logs into position; and when towards 7 p.m. the last log went up, a ringing cheer went up after it. The men worked like Trojans—even to the priest, who stripped off his coat, and showed what clerical muscle is made of! There was great rivalry between the "corner" men, and when the raising was finished it was hard to say whose corner was dove-tailed the best. One painstaking "corner" man (a Methodist) remarked that "he didn't want it to be said that a Methodist spoiled the church"—the spirit of which remark John Wesley would have commended him for. The walls were raised on good stone foundation, the logs for the side walls being 40 feet long, and those for the gable ends 20 feet. The site for the church was given by Mr. James Connelly, and consists of half an acre of cleared land in the best possible situation. It is hoped that the church will be ready for divine service by the end of August.

#### TORONTO.

**TUESDAY, 14th.**—The annual meeting of the Synod began this morning. At 10 a.m. Holy Communion was celebrated in St. James' Cathedral. At 11.30, His Lordship took the chair in the school house, and the Synod proceeded to business by the Archdeacon of York opening with prayer.

The bishop, in his annual address, referred to the loss sustained by the death of Dr. Williams, Bishop of Quebec for 29 years; Rev. F. J. S. Groves, Rev. Alexander Macnab, Rev. John Davison and Rev. T. S. Ellerby. Besides the losses by death, nine of the clergy have gone to other dioceses, making a total loss of thirteen. Against this, there is a gain of seventeen, of whom eleven were ordained and six from other dioceses. The clergy on the list at present are engaged as follows:—Parochial work, 126; tuition or chaplaincies, 16; occasional, 5; on leave, 8; retired, 4; superannuated, 7; total, 169. Referring to the census of 1891, the bishop said that a total increase of population for this apparently prosperous Province of Ontario of only 186,000, or 9.65 per cent., in ten years, against an increase of 18.88 per cent. during the previous ten years, is certainly a very unwelcome surprise, especially when it is known that half this increase is to be credited to the single City of Toronto. It offers an immediate explanation to any perplexity or discouragement which might have been created during these years by the small advance revealed by diocesan statistics. In the decade the Methodists increased 24 per cent., the Church of England 20 per cent., Presbyterians 22 per cent., Roman Catholics 13 per cent., Baptists 35 per cent., and all others 25 per cent. In the City of Toronto the Church of England increased 49 per cent., Methodists 98 per cent., Presbyterians 87 per cent., Roman Catholics 38 per cent., Baptists 88 per cent., and others 99 per cent. The change of membership of Church of England in the five dioceses of the Province of Ontario is as follows:—Ontario, increase 859; Toronto, increase 22,340; Niagara, decrease 2,102; Huron, decrease 7,838; Algoma, increase 7,838; a total increase of 19,460. For the whole diocese the record of ten years' work stands:—Increase of nominal church membership, 22,340; new churches, 48; an addition of 6,348 new communicants; 943 Sunday school teachers and 6,159 scholars; while the baptisms for 1891 were 181 more than for 1881. While it is gratifying to note an increase of contributions to the mission fund amounting to \$1,350, it is to be remembered that the total voluntary subscriptions of \$11,940 for the year falls short of the actual obligations of the board, if all the missions were filled. This most important of all our funds, which is vital to the existence of the Church in the country places in the diocese, is perceptibly suffering from the diversion of interest from the domestic to foreign fields of missionary work. This year the amount contributed for these outside purposes exceeds that raised to meet our home obligations by \$158. Is this equitable? The ordinary gifts for mission work have increased from \$10,000 in 1881 to \$29,000 in 1892. He called attention to the general disuse into which has fallen the Parochial Missionary Association, the receipts of which have fallen from \$4,123 last year to \$2,745 this year. This scheme was formally adopted and its use enjoined by the synod. Is it right that a duty so en-

joined should be neglected by nearly 100 of the parishes? The facts revealed by the recent census furnish an urgent call for increased efforts to raise the income of our mission funds to a much larger amount. So long as the movement of population revealed by the census continues, we must be prepared to find the contribution towards clergy stipends diminishing in country places. The contributions to domestic missions for the year have amounted to \$8,545, an increase of \$2,134 over last year, and to foreign missions \$3,553, a falling off of \$500 from last year and of \$1,000 from the preceding year. The bishop viewed with regret the tendency in the Woman's Auxiliary to the Foreign Missions to designate their contributions to special objects. Such a system works manifest injustice and inequality of treatment. In the case of domestic missions especially, the only course that can secure a wise and just impartiality is to send the contributions to the bishop of the missionary diocese, and refer the missionary with his special appeal to him who is in the best position to judge its desert. The bishop called special attention to the recently organized superannuation fund. The committee complains of a serious lack of support for this fund; of a falling off of income for the year from \$1,631 to \$1,123; of failure by parishes to make the collection enjoined by synods; of inability to pay the pensions of the few clergy who have already been placed on the fund. The bishop made an earnest appeal for support of this fund. The bishop highly commended the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Rev. T. W. Patterson was elected honorary secretary. Dr. J. G. Hodgins was elected lay secretary. Mr. David Kent was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

On the motion of the chancellor, seconded by the Archdeacon of York, a resolution was adopted congratulating Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick upon his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor.

The Synod then adjourned for lunch.

In the afternoon scrutineers were appointed for the election on the following day of delegates to the Provincial synod and of the elective members of the Executive Committee.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT.

The report of the Executive Committee of the diocese was submitted by the bishop. It mentions the conclusions arrived at during the year on matters referred to it by the synod or coming under its jurisdiction since the last synod meeting.

The committee decided not to recommend the establishment of a general book-room at present, but suggest the continuance of negotiations in the matter of diocesan buildings, including a book room.

A considerable discussion then took place on Toronto Rectory Surplus; it was decided to postpone till the following day.

#### THE EVENING SERVICE.

In the evening a service was held in the cathedral. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Langtry. Taking his text from Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, i. 27, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in the spirit with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel," he described Paul's view of Christian life. He pointed out special dangers of our own time arising from the growing spirit of materialism and disbelief in the supernatural. The first danger is the departure from the authority of the Bible. He repudiated the conclusions of the higher criticism regarding the authorship of many books of the Old Testament, and declared that the fact that these conclusions were accepted by some high in the church was full of sad augury for the future. As these views are propagated in sermons, reviews, magazines, novels, newspapers, he wished to sound an alarm and put unsuspecting Christians on their guard. These attacks rest on no sure foundation and are not new. The second danger is the popular dislike to dogma. This is a pestilence working in the darkness. Look at the subjects of sermons advertised in the newspapers! They treat of popular subjects with a few Christian sentiments thrown in. Newspapers make much of morality, but the Christian doctrine on which it is based is, if not sneered at, treated with scant courtesy. A third danger is the attempt to rationalise and to theorise out of existence the Church of the living God. Dr. Langtry urged his hearers to realize the truth and to set themselves to consecrated organized effort to propagate the truth.

**WEDNESDAY.**—After the synod opened in the usual form, the committee appointed to consider the letter of the Bishop of Algoma reported the following resolution:—That this synod pledges itself to contribute for the next three years one-fourth share of the income of the Bishop of Algoma as may be recommended by the Provincial synod at its next meeting, such contribution not to exceed \$1,000 per annum. The report was adopted.

The vote was then taken by orders upon the amendment of the first clause of the canon on the distribution of the Toronto rectory surplus which