

The watch, from Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m., to Good Friday, 9 p.m., will be kept as usual.

On Good Friday, besides a children's service and address at 9 a.m., there will be the usual three hours' service of the Passion, from noon till 3 p.m., and evensong and sermon at 8 p.m.

Confirmation classes are held every Thursday, from the beginning of January to the end of April, in the church.

A separate Bible class for men is now held in the church on Sunday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. A Bible class for women is also held at the same time in the school-room.

The first annual meeting of St. John Baptist's Band of Mercy was held in the school-room on Sunday, 14th, at 4:30 p.m.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

KNOWLTON.—The Lenten season was opened in this parish by the recitation of Morning Prayers by the Rector, Rev. J. Scully, and a suitable sermon from the Rev. A. VonIffland, of the Diocese of Quebec. Neither the Communion office nor the Litany were used consequently the special feature of the season was but feebly brought out so far as the service was led to express it. A congregation of about twenty were present.

A Missionary meeting is to be held in the Church here on Wednesday evening, the 24th inst., at 7 o'clock.

BOLTON CENTRE.—Ash Wednesday was recognized in this parish by Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. A congregation of about twenty-two were present. The Rev. Mr. Clayton preached.

MANSONVILLE.—Ash Wednesday was observed in this parish by services morning and evening. A good congregation gathered in the morning over thirty. All the offices prescribed for the day were used, the incumbent, however, making some explanatory comments on the nature of the Primitive Church discipline alluded to in the Communion office, and also the meaning and nature of other portions thereof, to which some, from prejudice or ignorance, take exception. There was no sermon, but a short statement as to the leading feature and object of Lent, and how best to uphold the one and advance the other. The Holy Table was vested in violet as customary. Services are held twice a week through the season until Palm Sunday, when they will change to daily for Holy Week.

MONTREAL.—*Sunday-School Association.*—At the last monthly meeting, the Rev. Canon Henderson, Principal of the Theological College, in an interesting paper discussed the question, whether a *Uniform Scheme of Lessons* was desirable or not, the conclusion arrived at being that on every ground it was. As the Canon pointed out, there is not probably much difference of opinion as to this abstract question; the difference arises when a choice of some particular scheme is to be made. A number favour the International scheme; but many object to it as ignoring the Church's year and teaching. Others support The Church of England Sunday-school Institute scheme; but it is not acceptable to those firstly referred to, and it is to be feared that between the two a set scheme will fall to the ground. It was suggested that the Sunday-school Committee of the Diocese should take the matter up, and this it is to be hoped will be done.

St. George's.—On Sunday evening last the Dean preached to a very large congregation a most forcible and eloquent sermon on "Eternal Punishment," in the course of which he pointed out the unreasonable and unscriptural position of those who accept the literal interpretation of the word "eternal," as connected with Heaven, but repudiate it in reference to Hell.

St. George's Y.M.C.A. has issued its programme for April, May and June; which by the way is most attractively got up, reflecting much credit upon those concerned. The first meeting in April takes place on the evening of the 1st, when an essay on "The Home of Shakespeare" will be read by Mr. F. J. Prior, and the "Letter Box" will be opened. Members are requested to send in to the President prior to the date named, short anonymous papers on either religious or secular subjects, marked "Letter Box." The meetings are open to all young men.

Church of the Redeemer, Cote St. Paul.—The Rev. T. Everett officiated at this Church on Sunday morning last, and administered the Holy Communion.

MONTREAL.—Preparation is being made for the proposed joint service of the Church of England Sunday-schools at Eastertide. A weekly practice of "Easter Echoes" to be sung by the children is being held in St. George's School-room on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., under the direction of Dr. Davidson, Lay Vice-President of the Sunday-school Association.

MISSION OF CHELSEA.—We entered upon our work here on the first of November last, and since then we have been putting forth our best endeavors to gather together the members and friends of the Church living in the village and neighboring settlements.

Our work has not been in vain. Though without the full and regular ministrations of the Church for several years (a student officiated during the summer months), a goodly number of families and individuals are to be found adhering to the Church, who love it, and who are proud to be identified with it.

We labor under some difficulties. They are difficulties, however, which we are watching our opportunity to assail, and which we trust will soon be overcome. One is, that our church building is too far out of the village. Especially is this felt in the winter, when to get to church the people have to ascend the hill, often in face of biting north winds. Then, the church is very much out of repair. It needs underpinning, shingling and painting very badly. People driving through our romantic village from the capital say, "You Church of England people ought to be ashamed of that abandoned looking building on the roadside." Well, we are ashamed of its exterior, though a peep inside would, I am sure, call forth the commendation that it was better than what it seemed. The interior of the church is in good order and well arranged, and there is every facility for reverential worship.

The church has no tower or spire, and no bell. This we would like very much to have rectified. A place built for and consecrated solely to the worship of Jehovah should have something distinguishing in its architecture. What more suitable than a spire, ever pointing to God's high throne, and as the place from which the hours of Divine worship may be announced, the newly-wedded pair sent out upon their untried experiences with a merry peal, or the departure of a soul solemnly noted?

Then, again, the Mission owns no parsonage. The wardens have to rent a house for the clergyman's family. During the winter, now nearly past, the old house, the only one obtainable, often felt more like a barn than a human dwelling. The windows rattled, the snow-drifts formed (inside), the fierce frost came in unbidden, and woe beside us if we did not keep the hard-wood fire roaring night and day. Well, then, we sorely need and must build a parsonage. All these improvements will cost a good round sum, but if the Church of England is to be permanently established here (and we know of no place where effort in her interest could be more appropriately put forth), then all this has to be done. An Ottawa gentleman, interested in our work, while driving

with me in my cutter the other day, kindly and spontaneously offered assistance.

Our own parishioners are ready to respond to the best of their ability, and any practical sympathy shown us outside the Mission will be faithfully appropriated as the kind donor may desire.

Since coming to Chelsea, we have received very many kindnesses and tokens of good-will, which we deeply appreciate. We are happy in our work, and hope, with God's blessing upon our labors, to build up this Gatineau Mission.

G. J.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

RENFREW.—On Ash-Wednesday the Lord Bishop held a Confirmation service in St. Paul's Church, Renfrew; twenty-four candidates were confirmed, five of whom were converts from other religious bodies. The candidates were thoroughly prepared. We were all delighted with our good Bishop's excellent and fatherly address. Both pastor and people felt refreshed.

ALMONTE.—The *Almonte Times* says: A concert is to be held in the Town hall on the evening of Thursday, the 25th inst., [Annunciation Day], in aid of St. Paul's Church. Leading members of the Ottawa Philharmonic Society are expected to take part.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ARSLEY.—The Rev. Philip Hendery has received from the C. W. M. A., of Toronto, a box of articles exceedingly helpful in various ways, especially for Sunday-school anniversaries, and returns hearty thanks to the Society, which deserves hearty support, adding as it does much to the comfort and pleasure of missionaries.

BRIGHTON.—On the 9th instant, the Church of England congregation at Springvale, part of the parish of Brighton, presented the Rev. R. H. Harris, B.A., with an address and a handsome gold hunting-case stem-winder watch, beautifully chased. The presentation was made at a social, held at the house of Mr. W. B. Flundell, a farmer near Brighton. Miss Flundell presented the watch.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. T. B. Angell, late Curate of St. John's Peterborough, has accepted a position as Curate under the Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

The Rev. J. W. McCleary has been most unexpectedly appointed to the Assistant Rectorship of St. George's Church, Detroit. He will enter on his duties in April next.

The Rev. Charles Scadding, a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto, has been appointed an Assistant at St. George's Church, New York. He has been working in Buffalo under Dr. Fulton for about a year.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—The above notes are worthy of some consideration. How is it that the Diocese fails to retain the men its own Colleges educate? Are we over-producing? Are the whole of the missions and parishes supplied with clergy? We cannot think so. Only quite recently there was a loud cry for more labourers, and the Bishop naturally complained that men were too scarce, and that missionary zeal among the graduates was at a low ebb. And now within the space of a year or two we have supplied the States with eight or ten men from this one Diocese. What is the cause? we may well enquire. We believe it is mainly due to the miserable stipends our clergy receive in mission stations, and to the cruel treatment often meted out to them by unsympathizing, illiberal laymen. It is a great loss to the Canadian Church when men who prefer to labour at our own altars are compelled to