

Dec. 3, the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A., rector of St. Martin's; Dec. 17, the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal; Dec. 17, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

At the Mission Church of the Redeemer, Cote St. Paul, the Advent service is held every Friday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

ST. MARTIN'S—The funeral of the late Wm. Notman, Esq., took place to this church on Saturday afternoon, the 28th ult. The surpliced choir were in attendance and sang several appropriate hymns. The rector, the Rev. G. O. Troop, and Revs. Canon Mulock and Garth, officiated. A large concourse of friends attended, in evidence of their sympathy with the bereaved family and appreciation of the friend deceased. Mr. Notman was a sound Churchman, unassuming and retiring in character, high-minded and honourable, and a faithful member of St. Martin's Church since the formation of the parish—prior thereto having been connected with Trinity Church. Many will miss a kind and ready friend through his decease.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST—The small organ recently placed in the choir of this church, was, we understand, used for the first time on Advent Sunday. "Ye Olde Folkes" tea held on Saturday afternoon and evening in the parish room Nov. 28, by the Guild of St. Anne, connected with the parish, was very successful. A quantity of useful and ornamental work was exposed for sale, and a goodly amount was raised towards the completion of the already beautiful Rood screen. The ladies presiding at the tables were dressed in pretty old-fashioned costumes, and the hall, with its gaily decorated booths and animated throng, presented a delightful picture.

GRACE CHURCH—The Church of England Temperance Association in this parish, appears to be doing good work, and to be really successful. A good meeting was held last week at which several persons who had joined the society spoke of the beneficent results in each case; happy homes and happy individuals.

LACHINE—The Lord Bishop paid his annual visit to Lachine on Sunday Nov. 22nd. The weather was very unfavorable, but nevertheless large congregations assembled morning and evening in St. Stephen's Church. The Bishop preached at both services. In the evening his sermon was especially soul-stirring the subject being "The power of the Gospel of Christ."

During the morning service, our Chief Pastor, after the example of the Apostles, conferred on 16 persons the rite of "Laying on of Hands." It is intended to make confirmation Sunday an annual event here. Last year the class was unusually large, 19 being confirmed, but this is accounted for by the fact that no Confirmation had been held for two years.

There is an encouraging evidence of Church growth in Lachine. A year ago the parish numbered 99 families. During the past twelve months 13 families removed to other parts, and a short time ago the new mission of Montreal Junction was formed in the adjoining Cathedral parish, which severed 8 families more. To-day there are still left 100 families, which really means the accession of 22 new families.

Paul may plant and Apollos may water but it is God that giveth the increase.

DEANERY OF CLARENDON—The meeting of the Church of England S. S. Teacher's Institute lately held at Hull for this Deanery was most

successful and interesting. Quite a number of S. S. Teachers were present besides the following clergy. Revs. Naylor (Rural Dean), Almon, Mills, Plaisted, Fyles, Pearse, Flanagan, King, from the Deanery; and Ven. Archdeacon Lauder and Rural Dean Pollard of Ottawa. The first address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Pollard, upon the "Motives, responsibilities and privileges of Sunday School Teachers." The Ven. Archdeacon Lauder followed, speaking upon "The necessity of definite teaching of Church doctrine and Bible truth," which, he pointed out, were one. A discussion followed upon these addresses after which the Rural Dean (Naylor) read a thoughtful, concise and timely paper upon Church history in the Sunday School. It was resolved that this should be printed and it will doubtless appear shortly. The following, however, is a *resume* of the paper:—

"Two reasons for teaching Church history, 1. It illustrates many New Testament facts. Under this heading were instanced, among others (a) the martyrdoms of Stephen and James, first in the long roll of the noble army of martyrs; (b), the encounters with Simon Magus and Elymas, the beginning of the church's long struggle with heresy; (c), the meaning of St. Paul's voyage to Rome seen in the history of the church in Rome. 2. It helps to correct many prevalent errors. The following are a few of such errors. The first and original church was the Church of Rome; calling members of the Roman Communion exclusively "Catholics" and the Roman church "The Catholic Church"; that the world is divided between Roman Catholics and Protestants; that the Church of England dates her existence from the time of the Reformation and owes her life to an act of Parliament. Pursuing the theme a plan for a year's lessons in Church history was laid down, viz: First quarter—Primitive Church history; second quarter—Early English Church history; third quarter—From Reformation to present time; four quarter—Canadian Church history.

Next came the query: "Can we prevail upon the Sunday school committee to adopt such a course of lessons?" and the writer closed by suggesting a list of books for the teacher's private use, and with the statement that "an author who will write a history of the Church in Canada will confer a boon upon her members and Sunday school teachers."

The Rev. H. Almon, of Aylmer, next submitted an exceedingly suggestive and useful paper upon grading of Sunday schools, which also it was resolved should be printed if possible.

The Rev. Mr. Bogart (Rural Dean) of Ottawa delivered an admirable address upon "The Baptistal Covenant" as the basis of Sunday school teaching, the leading points of which were:

1. It is the Church's mode of teaching. 2. It corresponds with the teaching of the Bible. 3. It is the most rational basis starting with one's own existence and gradually unfolding relationship to God. 4. It includes and leads to all other teaching. In the discussion it was pointed out that in this respect the Church of England differs from other Christian bodies.

Rev. W. A. Fyles, of Quyon, spoke of the Sunday school as the nursery of the Church. The Anglo-Catholic Church of the future will be what the Sunday schools of to-day make it. Her work is hindered by the so called liberalism of the age. A good teacher from a variety of reasons can wield immense influence for good. The ideal should be—God, the Father; the Church, the Mother; the Sunday school, the nursery of the Church. In keeping with the idea, a model Sunday school was pictured. Teachers, deeply spiritual, one in sympathy and aim with the clergyman, opening and closing exercises from purely Anglican formularies, type of

instruction suited to varying age and ability but based on the Church's year, and Catechism, with some knowledge of the Prayer book and Church History. Children should also be trained from earliest years to self-denial and willing help. He advocated children's services and teachers' meetings, "the crying need of which is everywhere apparent."

The Rev. Mr. McKay spoke on the question of how best to conduct the Bible class, his points being, (1) A separate building or classroom. (2) Separate opening and closing exercises. (3) A definite plan, following Church's Seasons leading questions and simple anecdotes for illustrations, time also being allowed for the asking of questions by those present. (4) A library with standard works and Church history and literature.

In the evening a devotional service was held in the Church when addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. W. McKay, to children: Rev. H. L. Almon, to parents; and by Rural Dean Naylor to teachers.

During the meeting refreshments were served by the Women's Guild of the parish, who deserve all praise.

Aylmer.

The Rector (Rev. H. Almon) returned recently from a very interesting deputation trip in the parish of Portage du Fort. The missionary meetings were very well attended being addressed by Rev. A. Given (rector). Rev. H. Almon and Rev. Mr. Flannigan. Mr. Almon spoke on the true character of Christian Giving and pressed the needs of Home Missions, Mr. Flannigan delivered stirring addresses on the Foreign Field and Mr. Given on Domestic Missions.

Christ Church Association reorganized for the winter on Thursday Nov. 19. Officers elected were president, the rector ex-officio; vice-presidents, Mrs. Thomas Symmes and Miss McMullin; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Almon.

On motion it was decided to change the name to Christ Church Association; also that the association hold an "At Home" to the parishioners Thursday Dec. 3rd. A course of lectures will be one of the attractions this year.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese will hold an Ordination on the 4th Sunday in Advent (20th Dec.) in Trinity Church, Montreal.

St. Johns.

The vestry of St. James Church, here, have submitted the following names to the Bishop for appointment of one of them to the vacant Rectorship, viz., Rev. W. Windsor, of Berthier, and Rev. J. C. Garrett, of Niagara. His Lordship has since appointed Mr. Windsor to the position.

Sabrevois Mission.

The last report of the Sabrevois Missions and Colonial Church and School Society of the Diocese of Montreal, shews receipts for last year \$9,754, while the expenditure was \$10,851. The effort to raise money in England by the Rev. J. J. Scully has not been a success, the St. Johns *News* says, as only \$308 was realized from this source, half of which went towards Mr. Scully's expenses. The grant from the parent society was \$1,327 and the total from subscriptions in Canada was about \$5,000.

Knowlton.

The Ministering Children's League has been fully organized amongst the young members of St. Paul's Church, with Miss McGowan as branch secretary.