

one advantage of living in this young country. Mr. Campbell, Rector of Dorchester, spoke for a short time on the same subject, emphasizing what had been already said, and making some humorous references to *the land* of his birth. The Bishop's tour throughout the Province cannot fail in being productive of good, and will result, no doubt, in largely increased subscriptions to the Diocesan Fund.

ST. JOHN.—*St. Mark's*—The Rev. Geo. M. Armstrong, the beloved Rector of this Parish, having been granted leave of absence for an extended tour in Europe, with his family left Portland on Thursday for England. Mr. Armstrong is universally respected and beloved by all classes of the citizens of St. John, who wish him a pleasant voyage and a safe return. The Rev. W. A. Holbrook, who so successfully officiated at Trinity last year, supplies Mr. Armstrong's place while he is absent.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN.—The Rev. Chas. O'Meara, brother of Canon O'Meara, of Rupert's Land, has been appointed assistant Minister of St. Paul's.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

HYMENEAL.—The Rev. A. Belt, M. A., Incumbent of St. Paul's Church, Arthur, in this Diocese, was on April 5th united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony, with Miss Mary J. Farmer, oldest daughter of Geo. Farmer, Esq., of The Grange, Ancaster. The marriage was solemnized in St. John's Church, Ancaster, by Rev. Canon Belt of Burlington, father of the bridegroom, assisted by Rev. W. R. Clark, Incumbent of Ancaster, and Rev. Rural Dean Bull, and Rev. C. E. Whitcombe. The marriage was accompanied by a celebration of the Holy Communion. Some fears were expressed lest the celebration should be exposed to irreverence on the part of the crowd of all sorts and conditions, which generally assemblies upon these occasions. Such fears proved quite unfounded. The large congregation, nearly filling the spacious Church, was most orderly, nay most reverent. As more of our people adopt the rule of the Prayer Book in this matter—which when it says "convenient" uses the word in its straight and primary sense of "fit" or "proper," (indeed in the Book of Edward VI. the rubric said "must receive,") the multitude will become accustomed to it, and will soon learn to appreciate its propriety. For how can a married couple commence their new life together more fully than in this great act of Christian Faith and Love?

GUELPH.—*St. George's Church*—On the 5th Sunday after Easter, the Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation in this Church, when the Ven. Archdeacon Dixon presented fifty-five candidates for the Sacred Rite. There was present an immense congregation of over a thousand.

HAMILTON.—*Church of the Ascension*—At the regular meeting of the Parochial Total Abstinence Society on the last evening of April—twelve persons took a pledge of Total Abstinence.

ACTON.—*St. Alban's Church*—The Incumbent, Rev. W. J. Pigott leaves this parish shortly on leave of absence for three months. His place will be supplied by Geo. B. Bull, who is a candidate for Ordination as a Deacon on Trinity Sunday.

HAMILTON.—*Christ Church Cathedral*—At the Ordination to be held here on Trinity Sunday, it is expected there will be two candidates for the office of Deacon. Mr. Geo. B. Bull, a son of the Rev. R. Dean Bull, who has been acting for the past year as lay reader in the mission of Stoney Creek and Bartonville—and Mr. J. Webb—lay reader for last three years with Rev. R. S. Radcliffe in the Mission of Luther.

BROCK MEMORIAL CHURCH on the River

Niagara, has lately been endowed, by the bequest of a hundred acres of land, by the executors of the Brock Estate. We learn however, that the property which lies in the County of Ontario, is comprised of marsh, and that producing now no rental has a charge of back taxes upon it.

ALDERSHOTT.—*The Plains*—The pretty little Church, situated on the shores of Burlington Bay, and attached to the parish of Waterdown, is undergoing internal repairs, and is to be re-opened Whitsun-day. Rev. J. Francis is the Incumbent.

THE Synod of Niagara meets in the first week of June, and at its close the congress, to be gathered, under the ægis of this Diocese, will enter on a two days session.

DELEGATES TO THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD.—As the Provincial Synod meets in Montreal this year, members of Diocesan Synods, should bear in mind that their Representatives will this year actually meet for business—and govern themselves accordingly.

CAYUGA.—This parish under the incumbency of Rev. A. Boulbee, is taking steps to secure a parsonage. \$2000 has already been subscribed.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Bishop has been pleased to create the Rev. J. Empson, B. A., Secretary of Synod, and the Rev. F. Robinson, of Abbotsford Canons of the Cathedral. Both of these Rev. gentlemen are fully deserving the honor conferred. An Ordination to the Diaconate was held on St. Mark's Day at Cowansville, when the gentlemen whose names have been already published were admitted as deacons. The particulars of the ceremony have not reached us as we write. We see it stated that the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, Montreal, have selected Rev. Mr. Cross, one of the newly ordained for their minister, and have recommended the Bishop to appoint him to the Rectory. How the Bishop can do so without contravening the Canon of Synod, which says that those elected to Rectories must be in Priests' Orders, we don't see.

PORTAGE-DU-FORT.—The lent offerings of the children of the Mission of Portage-du-Fort, for the Indian Homes of Algoma, amounted to \$20 this year, and if the Easter offerings of the young men and young women of every Parish, Mission and Rectory, of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada were to follow the example of those in the Mission of Portage-du-Fort, they would realize the truth of the words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" and that "God loveth a cheerful giver."

MONTREAL.—In the Church of St. John the Evangelist a case of "being put to open penance" transpired a few Sundays ago, and being so unique a case in the history of the Canadian Church, it is worth recording. A member of the congregation, and one of note, having grievously offended society the Church and God, stood before the chancel rail and made confession before the clergyman and people of the wrongs he had done. Having done this he was afterwards admitted to Holy Communion with the rest of the congregation. One of the daily papers seemed desirous of creating a sensation out of this; one of its reporters going about interviewing Bishop and clergy in the matter. His lordship wisely kept his own counsel. Indeed the matter is one that concerns those who were more immediately concerned, and is the revival of a practise of the Primitive Church.

ST. MATHIAS.—On Sunday, 20th of April, the Bishop held a Confirmation Service in the Church at Cote St. Antoine. The service was at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and the Rector, the Rev. Canon Norman, presented twenty-four candidates, of whom eight were deaf mutes from the Mackay Institute, for Confirmation. The service was a peculiarly interesting one from this fact. Miss

McGann, the Lady Superintendent, interpreted the Bishop's address by means of the sign alphabet. The work of enlarging the Church has begun. It is proposed to add a chancel, which will increase the sitting accommodation by about one-half. Canon Norman is to be congratulated on the success which has attended his efforts.

THE CHURCH HOME.—The annual meeting of this institution was held on Thursday week in the rooms of the Home. There was a large attendance. Dean Baldwin presided. The Rev. J. S. Stone, Rev. S. Belcher, Rev. R. Lindsay and Jackson Rae, Esq., addressed the meeting. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, both of which presented most satisfactory results for the past year.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—*St. Peter's Church*—The Rev. J. Buxton Smith was inducted into the pastorate of St. Peter's Church on Sunday morning, 13th. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Reid, Rural Dean, who read a letter from his Lordship the Bishop of Quebec, authorizing and empowering him to do so. The new Rector delivered a very impressive extemporaneous sermon on the labours he was called on to assume, in which he earnestly hoped that he might receive the aid and encouragement of the members of the Church committed to his care. He also preached an excellent sermon in the evening.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PERSONAL.—The Rev. William Farncomb, formerly Curate of Holy Trinity, is about to sever his connection with that congregation.—The Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, of Grafton, lies at present in a most dangerous condition. The Rev. gentleman is suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas in the head. He has been in delicate health for some months past.—The Rev. Walter Stennett, Rector of Cobourg, is also seriously indisposed, and is compelled by medical advice to cease for a time from active exertions.—His Curate, Rev. J. Roy, formerly of the Wesley Congregational Church, Montreal, is winning golden opinions from his congregation for his activity and persevering efforts in the discharge of his duties.

APSLEY.—*St. George's*—Through the strenuous exertions of the Missionary here, Rev. P. Harding, a large sum of money has been raised in England, chiefly by most pathetic appeals, which were inserted from time to time in the *Net*. We believe a considerable proportion of the sum obtained was for a "parish room," but we trust the Bishop and the Missionary in charge will see that an endowment is formed, as by this means the permanency of the Mission would be secured. A parish room in such a sparsely settled neighborhood can hardly be of such deep importance as this latter object. The *Net* states the total sum as £502, that is about \$2500.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. James Roy has been re-engaged as Curate of Cobourg. The Rector, Canon Stennett, has been forbidden to take duty for three months. Owing to Mr. Roy being only in Deacon's Orders, the Rev. W. C. Cooper, of Trinity College School, Port Hope, takes the regular celebrations. It is expected that the Rev. W. C. Allen, now in England, will return to Canada in the autumn. At the late Vestry meeting in Bobcaygeon, a hope was expressed that he could accept the Incumbency of that parish, and a resolution passed to this effect. Canon Dumoulin has just returned from a brief trip to New Orleans. He has taken possession of the parsonage of St. James' Cathedral, which has been undergoing repairs. We learn that the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, of Grafton, is still seriously ill, and that but faint hopes are entertained of his ultimate recovery.