

Andrew's on the eve of St. Mark's Day, April 24th, and on his return held a confirmation in the same Church on Wednesday evening, May 3rd. The prayers, to the end of the Third Collect, were said by Rural Dean Forsyth, the lessons being read by the Rev. A. Hiltz, Rector of Derby. The Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet presented five Candidates to receive the Apostolic rite of "Laying on of Hands," four being adults. The service was deeply impressive throughout, and the Bishop's address, founded upon the readiness and willingness of God to give His Holy Spirit to them that ask Him, was such as it is hoped, will never be forgotten by those who on that occasion, we trust, gave their hearts to God.

CHATHAM.—The Metropolitan preached in St. Mary's Chapel on Sunday morning and evening. His Lordship will proceed to Fredericton, stopping at Sussex by the way.

FREDERICTON.—His Lordship the Coadjutor-Bishop returned home from Montreal on Thursday.

RICHMOND.—At the Easter Monday Meeting, Messrs. William Currie, C. S. Jameson, and Andrew McIntyre were appointed a committee to act with the Rector in the matter of a new fence around the burial ground at St. John's Church. Contributions towards this object may be paid to any member of the committee. The Summer Session of the Sunday School in connection with St. John's Church, began on the 1st Sunday in May. There is a good library for the use of this school, and during the winter several valuable wall maps have been procured. The classes for religious instruction at Watson Settlement were resumed on the first Saturday in May, at 3.30 p.m. It is hoped a Sunday School will be opened at Belleville at an early date for the summer months. Of this, notice will be given as soon as the arrangements are completed. During the Summer months there will be Evening Service every Friday at 7 at St. John's Church.

WESTFIELD.—The total amount raised by the Parish for all Church purposes from Easter, 1881, to Easter, 1882, was, in money, \$1006; in work, \$450; in all, \$1456.00. The Most Reverend the Metropolitan has signified his intention of visiting this Parish in the summer, and while here will hold a confirmation. The handsome new Rectory is nearly ready for occupation, and its successful and speedy completion testifies to the good feeling existing between pastor and people, and to the good work being done in the Parish.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

BURY.—A very pleasant and interesting day was spent by the Sunday School children at Robinson village upon Thursday after Easter. It was the occasion of the Sunday School children's Annual Concert and Entertainment. In spite of the disagreeable weather which prevailed at the time the Town Hall was comfortably filled with people not only from the village, but also from the surrounding country. We were glad to notice that even some of the Church people from far away Linewick and Canterbury came to swell our ranks. We cannot begin a notice of our concert without first passing a remark upon the decoration of the Hall. The stage was most carefully prepared and presented a very pretty and chaste appearance. On either side of the drop curtain an Irish and English motto in red letters upon a white ground looked well. Upon each wall were two texts, "God bless our School," "God bless our Home." The Sunday School teachers who devoted so much of their time and energy in the carrying out of the entertainment deserve great credit for their labours, and no doubt they derived much gratification from the success which so signally crowned their noble efforts. The Concert and Entertainment consisted of songs, choruses, tableaux, and dialogues, etc. The tableaux were a great success. The choice of subjects was charmingly varied. The horrors of Blue Beard's chamber were dispelled from the minds of the audience by the production of the pretty tableaux entitled "Flowers;" when the curtain rose it discovered two barrels marked respectively "Graham Flour" and "Flour," upon the raising of these barrels instead of dark Graham flour pouring out upon the ground, a charming, bright, dark-eyed little girl was found sitting in the place where the barrel had been standing. From the white flour barrel emerged a dear little fair-haired, blue-eyed child looking the picture of pure innocence. We cannot stop now to describe the other tableaux which were all good; they were "Execution of Mary (Queen of Scots)," "Jack Spratt," etc., etc. The perfect way in which the little ones recited their dialogues was the subject of general comment. The Little Philosopher was particularly well acted, the two little girls who took part in it captivating the hearts of all. A very amusing little play was given in "Playing School," each child took up his or her part promptly and decidedly. During the play the school-boys dodge of asking "Please may I go out," was so naturally rendered as to bring down the house. Nothing during the evening's performance gave greater delight to the children than the clever dancing of an imported Bear (for the occasion), "Jim Digby" was his *nom de plume*. The admirable way in which old grizzly went through with his numerous feats reflected very highly upon the training powers of the bear's keeper. We must not omit the singing of the children, who in spite of bad colds executed their choruses and solos very prettily. The selection of songs was taken from different composers, and included two songs and chorus from one of Sullivan's un-

mentionable operas. The singing by the whole audience and performers of "God Save the Queen" brought a most successful evening's fun and merriment to a close. We must reiterate that without the ever kind and energetic help of the ladies nothing could have been achieved. Always ready, always cheerful and willing they render everything which they undertake delightfully successful. Well might the male portion of the congregation emulate their zeal in the furtherance of the interests of the Church in this Mission. They will have an opportunity for so doing so soon as the ground about the new Parsonage is ready to be laid out. Then, again, a well has to be dug before the Parsonage can be considered completely fit for a permanent habitation. Proceeds of concert after paying expenses, \$25.

SCOTSTOWN.—Rev. F. J. B. Allnatt, B.D., Inspector of High Schools, examined the Model School at Scotstown recently, and expressed himself highly pleased at finding such a well conducted school in the backwoods of Canada.

LENNOXVILLE.—Dr. Davies gave an organ recital in the College Chapel, on the occasion of the opening of the fine new organ, on the afternoon of the 25th ultimo, which was attended to overflowing by an appreciative audience from Lennoxville and Sherbrooke.

The Bishop's College Cricket Club have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Principal Lobley; Vice-Presidents, Revs. Dr. Roe and Prof. Scarth; Treasurer, Mr. Edward Chapman, M. A.; Captain, R. L. Macfarlane; Secretary, A. T. Brown; Standing Committee, Captain, Secretary, H. J. Petry, M. G. Thompson; Joint Field Committee, the Captain, Secretary and Mr. G. T. Cooke.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondents.)

REV. DR. SULLIVAN has been elected Bishop of Algoma, (which of course you heard,) and I think people are as much pleased as they are surprised, for few would have thought that he would have sacrificed his good position in St. George's for the rather precarious position and the plodding work of such a Missionary Bishopric as Algoma. May the Lord abundantly bless him in his great work.

MONTREAL.—The Mission "Church of the Redeemer" at Cote St. Paul continues to meet with unqualified success. The work of the Parish is yet being done by the clergy of the Church of St. James the Apostle, the Revs. Canons Ellegood and Norman, assisted by lay readers from their congregation. \$108 with accrued interest since August last is all that is now due on the pretty little church building.

ACTIVE steps are being taken by some of the clergy in the city, to affect something in behalf of discharged prisoners. This is a work hitherto much neglected, and its neglect has been probably the means of many discharged prisoners becoming renewed inmates of our jails. A discharged prisoner, one who has completed his sentence, finds himself cut off from all avenues that would tend to help him to a better life. Jail birds are refused employment, they have none to help them, and however much they may wish to reform, however much the exertions of Chaplains and Christian visitors may have affected a resolution of reformation; all is likely to vanish when they find themselves shunned by those who alone can give help or countenance. They are forced by their very circumstances into jail company, and oftentimes by another transgression to seek jail shelter. Therefore, this is a work demanding active Christian philanthropy.

It is stated in well-informed circles here that Canon Baldwin has declined to allow his name to be put forward for the Rectorship of St. James, Toronto. He and his congregation are too mutually attached to allow of any ready separation.

THE School of St. John the Evangelist is so prosperous that no further pupils, either of day or board scholars will be received until vacancies may arise. The Principal (Rev. A. French) has rented an additional building as a result.

REV. EDWARD WOOD preached an earnest, telling sermon last Sunday, on the imprisonment of Rev. Mr. Green, the victim of religious intolerance in the nineteenth century. His sentiments found a cordial response and affirmation from his congregation.

ST. STEPHENS new Church has had no further work expended on it since last summer. We hope whenever its tower and spire is finished, it bear aloft some sign that it is a Christian temple, as most other of our churches do; at present it has nothing of the kind.

HOCHELAGA.—A very interesting Confirmation Service was held in St. Mary's, Hochelaga, on Sunday, 23rd ult., in the evening. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, there being a necessity to borrow chairs largely from the neighbours of the vicinity. The services were every way satisfactory, saving it was regretted that the organist had been willing to rest content with the singing and chanting that the congregation were used to and able to join in instead of attempting "services" that were to the great majority present unfamiliar. There was one thing that the candidates manifested, either want of religious instinct or special instruction, in that they sat down during the prayers, and when their attention was called to it, they then knelt with their backs to the altar and the Bishop. There are some who think that instructing candidates in the minor details of personal behaviour does not come within

their province nor is really required. But surely if when a body of clergy get together they are found not very clear as to what their duties are and how to carry them out, how much more need there is that a number of young people about to take part in something in which they are the observed of all observers should be instructed what to do and how to do it.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

KINGSTON.—Ordination services were held in St. George's Cathedral, Sunday morning, 23rd ult., St. George's Day, by his Lordship Bishop Lewis. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Burke, of Belleville.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ST. THOMAS.—On Easter Day thirty-one candidates were presented to the Lord Bishop and duly received the rite of Confirmation. The candidates presented a beautiful flagon to the Lord's Table in commemoration of the happy event. The joyous festival of Easter, and the visit of his Lordship the Bishop to the parish, drew an immense congregation to Trinity Church at both morning and evening service. The Bishop preached on both occasions, to the great delight and edification of the people. He expressed himself as highly pleased with our church, the attendance, the musical service, and with the earnestness and devoutness of those confirmed. The special offertory, part of which was in behalf of our church improvements, amounted to \$74.00. At the Holy Communion it was truly gratifying to witness a large attendance, amounting to 104. An Easter Day like this repays the toils and reproves the fears of a whole year.

The last of the reunions was held at the residence of Mr. Pottinger, and for attendance, financial results, and the pleasure yielded, was a most successful ending to these social evenings. The amount raised by them of \$57 has been given on behalf of the Sunday Schools of the Parish.—*Parish Church Work.*

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—The Easter vestry meetings were held as follows:

Christ Church.

The meeting assembled at 8 p. m. Rev. Canon Grisdale presided. The following officers were chosen:—W. G. Fonseca, clergyman's warden; J. O'Reilly, people's warden, both re-elected. Vestry—F. C. Mercer, H. S. Crotty, A. Loder, H. D. P. LeCappelain, H. Soare, A. Barber, H. Newell, H. Pewell and G. Baker. Lay delegates to the Synod—W. G. Fonseca, Henry Soare and H. S. Crotty.

St. Paul's Parish.

The usual Easter meeting was held in this parish at 3 p. m. The accounts for the year were presented by John Sutherland, minister's warden, showing a balance of \$56.20 to the credit of the parish. The following appointments were made for the ensuing year:—Rev. S. P. Matheson, incumbent, appointed John Sutherland minister's warden; Hugh Pritchard was elected people's warden; and James Slater, William Thomas, E. Comber, Thomas Slater, Charles Thomas, Jos. Thompson, Wm. Work, James Taylor, C. Haywood, A. Pritchard, and A. Masters, vestrymen. Wm. Work and J. Sutherland were appointed lay delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

Holy Trinity Church.

The annual vestry meeting of Holy Trinity Church was held in the school house of the church. The attendance was good, and a feeling of perfect harmony marked all the proceedings. The Rector occupied the chair, and Captain Lewis acted as secretary. After prayer and reading the minutes of previous meetings, the wardens presented a most gratifying report, exhibiting a degree of success and financial prosperity never before reached in the history of the church. Messrs. Whitcher and Lewis were appointed to audit the accounts, which will shortly be printed and circulated. Mr. Rowan having expressed a desire to retire from the wardenship, the Rector nominated Mr. Farrell as his warden during the ensuing year; after which the congregation elected Captain Lewis as people's warden. Messrs. Spencer, Whitcher and Carruthers were re-elected delegates to the Diocesan Synod. Messrs. Carruthers and Hunter having been appointed scrutineers the meeting proceeded to the election of twelve select vestrymen by ballot, with the following result.—Messrs. Rowan, C. J. Brydges, Howall, Spencer, Carruthers, G. P. Black, Brocks, A. Strang, Attorney-General Walker, Hunter, Whitcher and Richardson. The following gentlemen were appointed sidesmen: Messrs. Furner, Piper, W. Bayley, Banks, Brown and Markley. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring wardens for their very efficient services during the past year. It was then moved by Mr. Rowan, seconded by Mr. Spencer, that a vote of thanks is due and is hereby given to the choir for their services always so cheerfully rendered, and for the musical treats that they have so often given the congregation, and that the Rector be requested to convey this resolution to them. At this juncture the Rector retired, having previously requested Mr. Farrell to occupy the chair. It was then moved by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Wm. Bayley, that the Rector's salary be raised to \$3,000 a year. The meeting, a most gratifying one in every respect, then adjourned.