

to the edification and development of the Church. The last Address was given by the Rector of Dorchester, subject, the Love of Christ must find outward expression through the index of offerings. The Addresses were attentively listened to, and in some instances appeared to have a moving effect on numbers of the congregation. The music was hearty and good, the Rector himself officiating at the organ. On the following morning, at 8 a.m., there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which the clergy and a few of the congregation were present, when, after breakfast, the clergy left for their several homes, having had one of the most pleasant and enjoyable of meetings. This was the first meeting of the Deanery in this Parish during the Incumbency of the present Rector, and they (its members) were much pleased with the improvements that were seen;—the interior of the Church greatly improved by the addition of a massive and beautiful altar with re-table and reredos, richly worked; this properly elevated as it is, has a pleasing effect, and forms a redeeming feature in this otherwise unartistic Church. The new Rectory received universal commendation, when it is wholly completed it will be, without doubt, one of the most, if not *the* most artistic in the Diocese. It is beautifully situated near the Church, and with a fine outlook of the sea. A great deal of credit is due the Parish for the energy they have shown in erecting this house, which adds so much to the comfort of the Priest in Charge.

N. B.—In my last communication to CHURCH GUARDIAN, an unfortunate error appeared in print of reporting the celebration at St. Andrews as taking place in the *evening*, instead of morning. I would be much obliged to the editor if he would correct this.

HAMPTON.—The ladies of St. Paul's Church, Hampton, held an "Old Folks Concert" in Barnes' Hall, on Wednesday week on behalf of the Building Fund of the new church at the Station. It was a grand success in every way. The costumes worn by the singers were great curiosities, some of them said to be 150 years old. The platform was ornamented with an old-fashioned spinning wheel and a lot of old heir looms in the way of chairs and other articles. The walls were decorated with very old pictures. The entertainment was most amusing, the proceedings being admirably carried out, convulsing the audience with laughter. The tunes sung were principally old sacred music, which was very heartily enjoyed by the people. Quite a considerable amount was realized.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

LACOLLE.—The principal theme of conversation among the members of the congregation of St. Saviour's Church in this section of the country during the past three or four weeks has been the contemplated acceptance of an urgent and unanimous call, from the English Church, at Portage du Fort, P. Q., upon the Rev. Robt. Acton, rector of the Anglican Church, Lacolle, to take charge of the Church at that place. The subject has not been confined to the aforesaid congregation, but on the other hand has pervaded the minds of all classes irrespective of denomination, all of whom have, to a remarkably uncommon degree, unanimously expressed a heartfelt wish that the Rev. gentleman may see his way clear to remain at his post here, where he has for three years past successfully and acceptably ministered to the spiritual welfare of his flock and in a manner that has won the confidence, esteem and love of not only the members of his Church but also of the community at large. And the secret of this, apparently, lies in his hearty earnestness, deep sympathy in and unwavering devotion to the object of his work. Hopes and anticipations were, however, doomed to disappointment, and when it became generally known that he had resolved to accept the position, then was more fully realized what the change meant; the breaking of strong ties that had contributed so much to their happiness, the sundering

of attachments matured by the three years of close intimacy, that severing of a hearty union between pastor and flock. In a word the departure from their midst of a kind warm-hearted friend ever ready to listen to and counsel them and with them. Having had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the sentiments of the people respecting Mr. Acton's leaving his charge here, I can truthfully say that in every instance there has been the deepest regret. He held services on Sunday, morning and evening, for the last time, I was about to say. Such, however, I hope, with many others will not prove to be the case. At both of the services the Church was crowded with attentive hearers, many of whom came from a distance. The sermons were earnest and affecting and sank down in the hearts of the audience and gave evidence that the speaker keenly felt the pang of parting. The very best wishes follow him and his estimable wife to their new field of labor, and hopes that their future temporal stopping place may be cast in a pleasant spot. Perhaps I may be pardoned for adding that such complete harmony seldom exists between a minister and his people. And further, that it is not surprising that his Church should look upon the separation that has now taken place with sorrow, in view of all he has done for them. And finally the people among Mr. and Mrs. Acton may reside are to be congratulated.—*Com.*

MONTREAL.—The Bishop in his progress through the townships is meeting with encouraging and refreshing indications that the Church work is progressing. In this town his Lordship is spending two days in each mission receiving aid from the Synod, so that on one of the days, by special request of the Executive Committee, a meeting of the responsible members of the Mission can be convened to discuss certain financial and other questions connected with the temporalities of the Mission and Diocese. Advantage is being taken of this stay to give receptions in some places and to hold missionary meetings in others.

KNOWLTON.—Twenty-two candidates were presented to the Bishop in St. Paul's Church of this parish for Confirmation, by the Rector Rev. S. T. Thicke.

The Rev. T. W. Fyles before his departure for his new appointment in the Diocese of Quebec, was presented with a purse of \$100, while his estimable lady was presented with a purse of \$16. All the papers who say anything about this gentleman's removal are unanimous in regard to his entire adaptability for his new field of work.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

On Thursday last the funeral of Rev. R. Shanklin, late Rector of Thorn Hill and Richmond Hill, took place in St. James' Cemetery, Toronto. This gentleman obtained leave of absence last October, and went to Florida for the sake of his health, which was not equal to the Canadian winter. He was to have remained away for at least a year, but was directed by his medical adviser in Florida to return to Canada as the only hope of saving his life. He came back a few weeks ago, and died last Tuesday. Some twenty clergymen, including the Lord Bishop, were present at the funeral. The pall-bearers were Archdeacon Body, Canon Tremayne, Rural Dean Osler, and the Rev. Messrs. Pearson, Langtry, and Williams. The services, both in the beautiful mortuary chapel and at the grave, were conducted by Rev. W. R. E. Greene, one of the Curates of the Cathedral. The clergyman at present in charge of Mr. Shanklin's late Parish and several of the parishioners also attended the funeral; and yesterday a suitable sermon was preached in both Trinity Church and St. Mary's (both of which were draped in black) to his old parishioners, by Rev. W. W. Bates, from Phil. iii. 20, 21. But slight allusion was made to the deceased pastor, as Mr. Bates had not known him very intimately; but the funeral sermon proper is

to be preached in the above churches on Sunday next by an old and valued friend, Rural Dean Osler. Mr. Shanklin was for twenty years Rector of his last Parish, and during that time the people became very much attached to him, owing to his sterling honesty, great kindness, steady and unobtrusive work, and genuine goodness of heart. Amongst other memorials of his zeal and labour is the very handsome church at Richmond Hill, St. Mary's, consisting of nave, chancel, vestry and tower. It is of white brick, quite ecclesiastical in design, and possesses a sweet toned bell and an excellent pipe organ. For some years he devoted towards freeing this church from debt all the contributions given to his stipend by the congregation.

St. Paul's.—The interior of this quaint and beautiful little Church is to be improved during the present year. The exterior is much prettier than the inside on which the money is to be expended. At least \$2000 will be required to meet the outlay.

Girls' Friendly Society.—A special service in connection with this admirable organization will take place at All Saints' Church, Toronto, on the evening of St. Barnabas Day, at 7.30. The Bishop of Toronto has kindly promised to preach on the occasion.

Last Addresses.—The Bishop of Algoma left the city last week. He will remain in his diocese until the Provincial Synod meets, unless perhaps, as some affirm to be very likely, he is elected to the coming vacancy in Huron. His last sermons in the city were delivered on Trinity Sunday, at the Cathedral in the morning, and at St. Paul's in the evening.

St. Peter's.—This church is under the supervision of the Ven. Archdeacon Boddy. The congregation is large and influential, and the condition of the Parish excellent. Though the building is in first-class condition, it appears the members are anxious to improve it, and they purpose expending \$1500 in beautifying the church this summer.

LESLIEVILLE.—Recently it was proposed to erect a church in St. John's Parish, near Willow Street, but the idea has been abandoned for the present. It was thought that its erection might hurt St. Matthew's Parish, as Willow Street was the joint boundary of each Parish. Permission was, however, given to erect a building more in the centre of Leslieville. The Bishop finds the Canon respecting the building of new churches, which was passed last year, very useful and, indeed, indispensable, in such cases. Carrying out its provisions on all occasions will save much heart-burning and dissension in future. Not a few churches have been built from jealousy and spite as the leading causes, and it is well to nip such enterprises in the bud.

Pro tem.—At the last examination of a candidate for Priests' Orders, owing to the illness of Canon Stenhelt, the Bishop's Examining Chaplain, the duties were fulfilled by Canon O'Meara, Port Hope.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Bishop begs to acknowledge the following:—Rev. W. Stewart Darling, £6 3s. 3d. stg., half for Steam Yacht, half for Memorial Chapel; Twenty Minutes Society, per Mrs. Ross, Ottawa, \$6 for General Diocesan Fund; Dr. Burns, Almonte, \$10 for a special purpose; "Friend," per Rev. W. Crompton, £1 stg. for Widows and Orphans' Fund.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—Meeting of Sunday School Teachers.—On the evening of Tuesday the 8th of May, the Sunday School Teachers of Christ Church; the Church of St. John the Evangelist; St. Alb. the Martyr; St. Paul's Church, Rochesterville; St. Mary's Church, Archville; St. Bartholomew's Church,