

lowing arrangement for his approaching visitation to the Parishes and Missions in the Eastern Townships:—

May 4, Stanbridge, Rev. J. Constantine, M.A.; preacher, Canon Davidson.

May 6, Dunham, Rev. J. Ker; preacher, the Bishop.

May 9, Rougemont, Rev. E. McManus; preacher, the Bishop.

May 10, Abbottsford, Rev. Canon Robinson, M.A.; preacher, Rural Dean Longhurst.

May 11, Granby, &c., Rev. Rural Dean Longhurst; preacher, Canon Robinson.

May 13, South Stukely, &c., Rev. J. W. Garland; preacher, the Bishop.

May 14, Bolton, Rev. W. P. Chambers; preacher, Rev. J. W. Garland.

May 15, Mansonville, Rev. W. Ross Brown; preacher, Rev. W. P. Chambers.

May 16, Glen Sutton, Rev. H. A. Meek; preacher, Rev. W. R. Brown.

May 17, Sutton, &c., Rev. Rural Dean Smith; preacher, Rev. F. A. Allen.

May 18, Cowansville and Sweetsburg, Rev. George Forsey; preacher, Rev. Rural Dean Smith.

May 20, Knowlton, Rev. J. J. Scully; preacher, the Bishop.

May 21, Brome Corner, Rev. R. L. MacFarlane, B.A.; preacher, Rev. J. J. Scully.

May 22, West Brome and Iron Hill, the Churchwardens; preacher, Rev. R. L. MacFarlane.

May 23, West Shefford and Fulford, Rev. W. Robinson; preachers, the Bishop and Archdeacon Lindsay.

May 24, Adamsville, &c., Mr. Judge, Catechist; preacher, Rev. W. Robinson.

May 25, Waterloo, &c., Rev. Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A.; preacher, Rev. W. P. Chambers.

May 27, Boscobel, &c., Rev. C. P. Abbott; preacher, the Bishop.

May 28, North Shefford, &c., Rev. W. N. Duthie; preacher, Rev. C. P. Abbott.

May 29, Upton and St. Hyacinthe, Rev. L. V. Lariviere, M.A.; preacher, the Bishop.

Letters requiring immediate attention should be posted two days before the date at which it is intended they should meet the Bishop.

THE MONTREAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

The closing exercises of this Institution came off last Friday night. The Lord Bishop presided, and there were present on the platform Rev. Principal Henderson, Mr. A. F. Gault, Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Rev. G. O. Troop, and other members of the clergy. There was a large attendance. Dr. Henderson submitted his report as Principal showing the standing of the several students in Theology and Arts. We take from the *Herald* the following particulars:—

Theology—Scriptural history, first class, Vesey; Ecclesiastical history, first class, Vesey; course of Scripture, first class, Vesey, Charters. Greek Testament, first class, Vesey; ditto second class, Mills, Charters. Inspiration of Scripture, first class, Charters; ditto second class, Mills, Vesey. Thirty-nine Articles, Mills, Charters. Butler's Analogy, third class. Charteris, Mills, Pearson; second class, Vesey, Hooker; third class, Wood, Vesey. The Atonement, second class, Charters; ditto third class, Mills. Hebrew, first class, Mills; second class, Capel.

The "Testament" was granted to Messrs. Mills and Charters for having attended all the lectures and passed all the examinations prescribed for this purpose. The prizes were given to Mr. Charters, who obtained first rank marks in the course of Scripture, the inspiration of Scripture and the Thirty-nine Articles. The report went on to say that the results mentioned above were not discouraging. In referring to the loss of two of the Governors, the report said: "We lament the loss from

among our governors of two such men as the late Hon. Judge Mackay, and Hon. Thomas White. In them the Church mourns the loss of two of her noblest and most valued sons." The following privilege was granted during the past year to the college by the governors of McGill College: "The governors will grant scholarships entitling to exemption from fees to those theological students entering the Faculty of Arts as undergraduates or partial students who may be recommended for the same by the principals of the several affiliated theological colleges in such numbers as the Board may from time to time determine." It was voted further that students from the college could pass the Matriculation examination in either June or September irrespective of whether they proceed to the B.A. degree or not, provided they pay the full fee. Referring to the college it was remarked that it was increasing its sphere of usefulness year by year. Indications of this were pointed to with facts of the increasing number of students and the broader standard of requirements for entrance on theological studies; the increased development of missionary interest among the students and the greater probability of conferring degrees. The number of students during the past year was twenty-four, an increase of fourteen over the past year. Reference was made to the extended sphere of the Students' Missionary Society, which now embraced the "alumni"; the cash proceeds of which in previous years had been *nil*, but this year amounted to \$34.20. Referring to the question of conferring degrees in divinity, the report read as follows:—"Another evidence of progress is the reasonable prospect of soon possessing the powers of conferring degrees in divinity. The committee appointed by the Provincial Synod to consider this question has come to an unanimous decision on the subject favorable to the views of the college. The decision remains to be ratified by the proper authorities, and, if so ratified, not only will this college possess the powers and privileges for which it has contended, but a common standard will be established throughout this ecclesiastical province. It is earnestly hoped that a result so desirable may be the final issue of long-continued efforts in this direction." The report stated that if this object was attained it would be largely due to the testimony given by Sir Wm. Dawson, which was a "most valuable aid in the matter." The report concluded with thanks for the support extended to the college and the generous donations made during the year.

After the testament had been presented to its recipients and the prizes distributed, the Bishop spoke at length on the college, reviewing fully its field of usefulness, and stating that its students rendered him valuable aid in his duties.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—The usual meetings of the Diocesan Committees was held in St. George's Hall on the 17th and 18th instant. The meeting of the Mission Board showed a highly prosperous state of affairs there being a balance in hand of \$1,857.41. Some changes were made in the classification of parishes; a grant of \$300 was placed at the disposal of the Bishop for a new mission to be formed in the Deanery of Lennox and Addington, also \$100 for the division of the parish of Finch. The total amount voted for Missions for the current year is \$11,780. The following pensions were granted: Rev. S. Foster, \$200; Rev. J. H. Simpson, \$200; Rev. T. G. Porter, \$100. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund Committee showed a balance on hand of \$1,503.59.

The report of the Domestic and Foreign Missions was of the most encouraging nature, the amount collected being nearly doubled during the past two years; this is owing to the work done by the Womens' Auxiliary.

Division of the Diocese.—The Committee on

the division of the diocese met on the 18th, at 3 o'clock. Present: Ven. Archdeacons of Kingston and Ottawa; Rev. J. J. Bogert, H. Pollard, A. C. Nesbitt; Messrs. H. Hartney, R. V. Rogers, Dr. Henderson, and the chairman, Rev. Prof. Jones.

The Rev. Canon Petit appeared before the Committee and presented the following proposal from Rev. D. Mountain:—

1. To give \$5,000 towards an Episcopal residence for a proposed new diocese of Cornwall, or in lieu thereof to give one of his houses known as Fairlawn house.

2. To proceed to England, without unnecessary delay, and to endeavor to raise \$10,000 towards the endowment of the said proposed diocese, among the members and friends of the Mountain family, and his own friends.

The conditions of the above offer are:

1. That the Episcopal endowment fund be called "The Mountain Family Episcopal Fund."

2. That the diocese be called "The Mountain Family Memorial Diocese of Cornwall."

3. That the See and general residence of the Bishop be in Cornwall.

4. That the balance of the \$40,000 required as the minimum sum for an endowment be provided within four years, such provision not to include the prospective \$20,000 to accrue to the fund, on the next voidance of the see of Ontario, not the \$5,000 mentioned in connection with the Episcopal residence in Cornwall.

5. That in payment of the said \$5,000, the said house be forthwith undertaken and completed within the year.

After some discussion of Dr. Mountain's offer it was decided to report to the Executive as follows:

"As this offer, though most generous and munificent, conflicts with the scheme already adopted by the Synod, your Committee felt that they had no authority to accept it, or to do anything more definite than to report it to the Executive and to the Synod. They thought it advisable, however, that Dr. Mountain's views should be more perfectly understood, and if possible, some modification of the terms should be obtained.

They have therefore deputed the Venerable Archdeacon of Ottawa to interview Dr. Mountain, and to report to the Committee on the division of the diocese, before the next meeting of Synod.

This report was adopted by the Executive Committee.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

OMAGH AND PALERMO.—The members of the congregation of Christ Church, Omagh, have presented their clergyman, the Rev. John H. Fletcher, with a young and valuable horse. It is only a short time since the same congregation sent to the parsonage a good supply of oats. Those and other acts of kindness which have been received are deeply felt and highly appreciated, and serve to draw clergyman and people more closely together.

NIAGARA FALLS, SOUTH.—The Ruri-Decanal Conference was held at Niagara Falls, South, on Monday and Tuesday, April 23rd and 24th. Instead of the usual quarterly meeting of the Chapter of Lincoln and Welland, the Bishop met the clergy of the Rural Deanery that he might confer with them on various plans which he had to suggest for the good of the Diocese—the uniting of parishes and Church work generally. Seventeen clergy were present. The afternoon of Monday was thus spent in useful conference. In the evening both Bishop and clergy went to Niagara Falls, where the Bishop held a Confirmation; eighteen persons receiving that Apostolic ordinance. Most of the clergy returned to Niagara Fall South after the service, but the Bishop and a few of the clergy remained at Niagara Falls, that they might be present at the early Communion next morning