

## BOOK REVIEW.

GENESIS AND GEOLOGY; OR, the two records of Creation. A sermon preached in St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, Jan. 28th, 1877, by the Rev. Isaac Brock, M. A., Queen's College, Oxford, Co-Rector of St. Peter's Church. T. J. Tuck, Sherbrooke, P. Q., 1877. Ten cents.

This sermon contains a condensed account of some of the prominent features of the arguments in favour of the harmony between the two records of God's creation. It is highly interesting, and may be read with much profit and pleasure.

## Diocesan Intelligence.

## FREDERICTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ST. JOHN.—A special course of Lenten lectures is being delivered in Trinity Church School Room, under the auspices of the Church of England Institute. The Lecturer last Wednesday evening was the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, whose subject was "The Calendar." The Bishop of the Diocese is to (give the address) next Wednesday evening. Much interest is felt in the course, and the attendance is good.

KINGSCLEAR.—The fourth in the Kingsclear course of "Lectures with Music and Readings" took place on Thursday evening last. As usual the Hall was filled to overflowing; and the uniform patience and good nature of the crowded audience showed plainly their enjoyment. The Lecturer was Prof. Foster, of the University. His subject was "Reform and Reformers." He began by giving several illustrations of Reform. A landscape was pictured, in which woody hill-side and over-grown marsh made up the wild and useless scene. A few years pass, and the scene is changed. Where the marsh lay, are fields of waving grass; where the forest hill-side was, the ripening harvest stands. The scene has been re-formed. Similar pictures were drawn of Reform in the individual and the nation. Reformers stand as mile-stones in the path of progress. The world's advance is made up of the achievements of Reformers. Eliminate from this what Reformers have done, and the world would be borne back to its worst and darkest periods. Several dramatic sketches were drawn of some of these Reformers; of Solon, the Reformer of Athens; of Tell, the deliverer of Switzerland; of Luther, the Reformer of religion in Germany; of Wilberforce who overthrew the Slave Traffic, and Howard who reformed the prisons of England. The Lecturer pointed out the fact that all Reform rests on, and every Reformer works in accordance with, a great principle, that of Truth, of Freedom. The progress of Reformers was also traced. There is first, error—the oppression of Liberty and Truth. Then comes an undefined feeling that there is something which ought to be righted. This leads to inquiries as to why and how, and the end is action. Again, with action other things are to be considered. There is time. No reform is sudden, or rapid. It exists, first, in the convictions of one man; from him it is communicated to a minority; and at length the minority swells to a majority. Up to this point the agent is moral suasion; but to maintain and perpetuate reform the majority employs now legal suasion. The only preservation of reform lies in the Law. The Lecturer proceeded to apply all this to the Temperance reform which, he contended, had now reached that stage, when it should look towards the protecting arm of the law. But moral suasion must never cease, its mission is perpetual. The hearts of men must ever be touched. A beautiful story illustrates this. A traveller in the old world went to a Cathedral shrine with an aged Priest to gaze on a jewel in the sacred heart. When they stood before the case which contained it, rough in finish and of great strength, the Priest took from his girdle a bunch of keys. He unlocked the case, and revealed a similar one within. Thus he opened case after case until he came to a shining metallic casket; and pressing a spring in this, the jewel was disclosed shining bright in the sacred heart. So man's heart may be encased in ignorance, wrapped about by many folds of sin and prejudice.

But moral suasion is the key, with which to reach that heart to quicken and mould it in Reform. The above is but a meagre outline: the Lecture occupied an hour in delivery, and showed an unusual command of language, fine literary culture, appreciation of the dramatic element of the subject and a logical and philosophical habit of mind—a combination of qualities which have already placed Prof. Foster amongst the first public speakers of this Province, and given him more than a Provincial reputation.

Mr. Wiley's readings were well rendered, well received, and added to the enjoyment of the evening. The musical part of the entertainment was contributed by amateurs in the parish, under the directions of Lt.-Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., and both his and Mrs. Maunsell's songs were much admired. "Consider the Lilies" was finely sung by Mrs. Tabor. Miss Lee, who has contributed very much to the success of these entertainments, was warmly applauded at the conclusion of her pretty song. Both Captain Powys and Mr. Hippisley received well merited *encores*.

## MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL.—The Rev. R. Lindsay, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, is expected to arrive home on the 21st inst., after his tour to England.

Trinity Church.—Mr. Yaap, late deputy organist of the Church of St. James the Apostle, has received the appointment of organist in this church.

Church of St. James the Apostle.—On the evening of the 19th inst., the Rev. Canon Ellegood delivered a very interesting and able lecture on his travels in Egypt. The music was performed by Mr. Saunderson, the Rev. R. W. Norman, and Mr. Russell Stephenson. The proceeds of the evening were to aid the Sunday School Library.

St. George's Church Temperance Association.—A meeting of this Association took place on the evening of the 19th. The Very Rev. Dean Bond occupied the chair. The Rev. Mr. Roy and Mr. Ferrill were the speakers of the evening. The remainder of the programme was made up of readings, recitations, piano solos, &c.

The Most Rev. the Metropolitan and Mrs. Oxenden, visited Ottawa to attend the opening of St. Alban's Church in that city. They were the guests of the Rev. Dr. Jones during their stay. His Lordship, on Sunday the 18th, at morning service, preached the opening sermon in St. Alban's, from Ephesians, v. 32: "I speak concerning Christ and the Church." The sermon consisted of the very best advice throughout. His Lordship pleaded that the Prayer Book ought to be the standard for all churches, and none should go beyond or fall beneath it, and urged upon living demonstrations of the life of the Holy Spirit, both in the pastor as preaching Christ, and in the people as receiving the message of love, and in their devotions, in the house of God, etc.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—At the special meeting of this committee held in the Synod office on the 7th instant, the Treasurer, C. J. Brydges, Esq., presented his report of the several funds in his charge, which summarized is as follows:

Since last quarterly meeting there has been received by him for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund .....	\$112.46
Superannuation Fund.....	23 62
Sustentation Fund.....	\$750 00
Less Commission .....	19 24
	730 76
Mission Fund, including collections, interest from Clergy Trust and Sustentation Funds, S. P. G. grant, rent of Hall, &c .....	4,882 03
And there has been disbursed for Missionaries' stipends, interest on parochial endowments and on Synod building, Rougemont endowment and sundry expenses, including balance of debit last quarter .....	7,283 19
Leaving this account still overdrawn by.....	\$2,401 16

Against this deficit the annual subscriptions from city and country are expected to be paid in this month.

The Committee on Missions presented a report on the memorial from the Mission of Iron Hill, which had been referred to them. The report was adopted, and an additional grant of \$100 for one year was made to this mission. The following new grants were made, viz.: To the mission of Lachute and Arundel \$400 when required, and to the mission of Valleyfield \$300 when required. An extra grant of \$100 for a year was made to the missionary at Boscobel and North Ely, for services to be given by him at South Ely, as the Bishop may require. This grant is to commence from the expiration of the extra grant for a like amount paid last year to Rev. C. P. Abbott. A gratuity of \$100 was given to Mr. Thos. Evans, catechist in the mission of North Gore. The Rev. W. H. Naylor and the churchwardens of St. Paul's Church, Clarendon, made application that the clergyman's stipend be paid quarterly through the Treasurer of the Synod, according to the system followed in Quebec. The application was granted. It was agreed that the amount raised in the mission of Edwardstown, for the clergyman's stipend, may be remitted to the Treasurer of the Synod, who will repay the same amount to the missionary there. A discussion took place on the subject of the investment of all parochial endowments by the Synod, but no resolution was adopted. The Bishop pronounced the Benediction and the meeting adjourned.

## ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PRESOTT.—Mr. Wm. Ellis has ordered, from England, a handsome stained glass memorial window which is to be placed in one of the western side aisle windows of St. John's Church, in memory of his deceased wife. The friends of the late Mr. H. A. Sims, architect, have also ordered a stained glass memorial window from Mr. J. C. Spence, Montreal, to be placed in an adjoining window on the same side of the church. Both of the above are promised to be in place by Easter Sunday next.

NEW DUBLIN.—On Monday evening a largely attended and most successful Missionary Meeting was held here. The gentlemen who addressed the meeting were the Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston, Rev. Mr. Carroll, of Gananoque, and the Rector, Rev. Mr. Austin, made a few pleasing remarks. The Rector opened the meeting by prayer, after which the Archdeacon proceeded to address the meeting, and spoke of the great need of funds in carrying on the mission work in this diocese and that of Algoma. The audience listened with profound attention while the speakers related the success the mission work has made in all parts of this Diocese. The Rev. Mr. Carroll addressed the meeting in a most appropriate and pleasing manner, pleaded nobly for means to carry on good work and showed a greater need for help now than in any other time. At the close of the meeting a collection was taken up, to which those present contributed liberally.

OTTAWA.—The thirteenth meeting of the Ottawa Clerical Union was held at St. John's Church, Wednesday, Feb. 21st. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 a. m., after which the union met for business in the basement of the church, the Rev. H. Tallard in the chair. The following clergy were present: The Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, the Revs. Barry, W. R. Brown, Dr. Clark, C. T. Emery, W. J. Findlay, H. Fuller, G. Jemmit, Canon Johnston, Dr. Jones, J. May, S. McMorine, A. C. Nesbitt, C. B. Tettit, G. C. Robinson, J. Seaman, B. B. Smith, and F. R. Smith. After the election of new members and the reading of minutes of previous meeting and of correspondence, the passage from St. Matt. xvi. 17-19 was taken for the subject of consideration and was discussed until the hour of adjournment. At 3 p. m. the union again met to discuss, as decided upon at the morning session, the question of the proposed new diocese of Ottawa. The subject was introduced by Archdeacon Lauder. At 4.30 the meeting adjourned to attend evensong. On re-assembling the Bishop of Ontario, at the