

Rector of Shediac, was owing to an attack of diphtheria. It was decided that the next meeting should be held on the 3rd of June, at Westmoreland.

ST. JOHN.—The instruction in the Church of England Institute, course was taken on Sunday by the Rev. G. O. Troop in the Lecture Hall of the Institute, at 3.30 p. m., the subject being: "Why should I observe the Lord's day?"

PORTLAND.—A meeting of the parishioners of St. Luke's Church was held on Friday evening, in the school room, to consider the best means of removing the debt of the church. After some discussion it was decided to form a Ladies Mite Society. Mrs. L. G. Stevens was elected president, and Mrs. Vaughan vice-president. A young ladies society is also to be organized. Mr. Thos. Dale who takes a great interest in the young men of Portland, brought forward the idea of forming a young men's society, and this was accordingly done. A meeting will be held on next Friday evening for the purpose of organization. Several gentlemen at the meeting offered subscriptions amounting to \$100 and over towards the debt of the church. It is to be hoped that the Church will soon be altogether free from debt.

#### DIocese OF MONTREAL.

ST. JOHN.—A special meeting of the vestry of St. James' Church, St. John's, was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., to appoint a Rector's Warden in the room of Mr. W. L. Marler, who has resigned in consequence of his promotion to the management of the Quebec branch of the Merchant's Bank. Mr. J. B. Stewart was elected to the vacant office.

Special Services are being held in most of the city Churches during the season of Lent. At the Cathedral there is daily Service at 5 p. m., besides Wednesdays at 8 p. m., and Friday afternoons at 4 p. m., with confirmation lectures on Tuesdays at 8 p. m., open to all. St. Martin's has also Services on Wednesdays and Fridays, in each Church the various city clergy exchanging with one another. An earnest appeal is made to the congregations to take part in these Services heartily, that they may be a season of Spiritual good to their souls. The card containing the list of the Services at St. Martin's has the following appeal from the Rector, the Rev. J. S. Stone:—"That the communicants of the Church will be present regularly at the Holy Communion each Sunday morning and specially pray for a blessing. First, on their own souls, that they may be more loving and faithful and fruitful in good works. Second, upon the Minister of the Parish, that he may be wise to win souls, and that his hands may be strengthened. Third, upon the Church, that it may be made a blessing to many."

GEORGEVILLE.—Thanks to the exertions of the ladies, and the amount of money which they have raised, a contract has been made to add a tower to the Church, at an expense of \$650. The work will be begun so soon as the spring opens, and is to be finished by June. This will add immensely to the appearance of the building, and will be a monument of the ladies' devotion and zeal.

#### DIocese OF QUEBEC.

RANDBOROUGH.—The Rev. A. Judge started a new mission here some time ago, and he has been so far successful in forming a congregation, and in creating an interest in the work that a Church is to be built in the spring. Two well known gentlemen in Quebec city have contributed largely to the object. A site has been secured, and the lumber is being obtained. With such an earnest man as Mr. Judge in charge the new mission must prove a success.

SHERBROOKE.—The temperance cause is being promoted here in a way that must give satisfaction to its friends. A juvenile branch of the Church of England Temperance Society has recently been formed which will give additional strength to the efforts of older members in the same direction.

QUEBEC.—The funeral of the late Judge Okill Stuart, took place from his late residence, St. Ursule street, March 8th, and was very largely attended. In the cortege that followed the hearse were the mayor, aldermen and councillors of the city, the bar of the district and a large number of prominent citizens, friends of the late judge and his family. The services were held in St. Matthew's Church, and the body was received at the Church by the Bishop and the Rev. C. Hamilton, M. A., Rev. G. V. Housman, M. A., and Rev. C. G. Nicolls. After the service in the Church the interment was made in Mount Hermon Cemetery. The flags on the French consulate, city hall and other public buildings were flying at half-mast. Quebec has lost in the death of Judge Stuart, one of her most prominent citizens, whose removal will be sadly felt by many beyond his own family circle and immediate friends.

#### DIocese OF HURON.

LONDON.—The Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin preached in the Cronyn Memorial Church on Sunday evening last.

THE Rev. W. H. Ramsay, of Windsor, preached in St. Paul's Church, both morning and evening. The collection in the evening was for the choir boys. The sermons were very eloquent and admirable.

BALDERSON.—The Church of England congregation have subscribed \$850 towards the building of a new Church.

WOODSTOCK.—Old St. Paul's Church, now used as a Sunday School was destroyed by fire Saturday week. Everything was lost save a few chairs. The building was the oldest in the town. A new organ and a fine library were destroyed. The loss is about \$1,000; insured for \$200.

LONDON.—On a recent Sunday there were special services in St. Paul's, with collection to be presented to the boys of the choir. At matins the assistant minister, the Rev. A. Brown read the morning prayers and lessons, and Rev. W. H. Ramsay, of All Saints, Windsor, preached an admirable sermon from the text, "Charity faileth not." At evensong Mr. Ramsay preached again to a large congregation. There was a Choral Litany service in the afternoon. These choral services are held monthly, and there is always a large congregation. Since the introduction of a surpliced choir, St. Paul's has become more and more a pattern of what a live and hearty service should be, and the increased congregations show how it is being appreciated.

A large congregation assembled in the Memorial Church Wednesday week to hear the first of a series of discourses to be delivered by Bishop Baldwin on each Wednesday evening during Lent. His text was, "I counsel thee to buy of me pure gold tried in the fire." He portrayed in words of earnest eloquence the nature and advantages of the Christian life.

CHATHAM.—A Sunday School entertainment of a pleasing character came off on the last Thursday evening of February in Christ Church School House. Mr. R. S. Woods, an indefatigable Sunday School worker presided, and in his opening address gave a gratifying statement of the progress of the Sunday School of the parish, which reflects credit upon the Rector and his willing and suc-

cessful workers. It appears that there is a membership of 435 scholars, and that the average attendance reached over 350. Certainly a very satisfactory exhibit. The musical and literary part of the evening's entertainment was exceptionally good. Miss Smith sang a solo exceedingly well. Mr. and Mrs. Cumming played a cornet duet, and had to respond to an encore. Miss Pratt played some selections on the piano, and so charmingly that she too was subjected to an encore. So also were Miss Little and Mr. Gordon, who sang a duet. Mr. Dallas sang a solo, and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McCrory a duet. Mrs. Alexander, the well known elocutionist, delighted all with her recitations. In this parish, there are special services every Wednesday during Lent. On the second Sunday in Lent Rev. W. H. Ramsay, of Windsor, preached a special sermon to the young, which was listened to most attentively by the little ones and their friends who were present.

WARDSVILLE.—The officers and teachers of St. James' Sunday School met a few evenings since to present Mrs. Campbell, who has been connected with the school for many years, with an address and album, prior to her leaving for the North-west to join her husband. Special services are being held during Lent in this parish, Glencoe and New-Lury every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

#### DIocese OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—The Clerical meeting for March was held at the Rev. L. DesBrisay's house, on Tuesday, the 4th. After devotional exercises, the business of the evening was proceeded with, the various subjects brought forward for consideration were discussed with animation. Lenten services are being held in all the city churches.

Christ Church Cathedral.—Services are held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Special mention might be made of the "Home Devotional Meeting," held every Tuesday evening. Dr. Mockridge holds himself in readiness to conduct a religious service in any house where he may be invited to do so. Each house will be open for all who may choose to attend. The first of these "Home Meetings" was held on March 4th at Dr. Ridley's, and was a great success.

Church of the Ascension.—Services are held three evenings in the week. The Rev. Canon Carmichael, of St. George's Church, Montreal, preached on Sunday, March 2nd. The occasion was the opening of the new organ (Warren, of Toronto, was the maker.) The church was very much crowded at both morning and evening services, many having to go away in the evening, unable to gain admittance. The preacher more than sustained his old reputation for earnestness and eloquence, delighting all who were present. The organ is a very handsome instrument, and its tones are rich and pure. It is placed on the left side of the chancel, and in a case of walnut, of exceptionally fine workmanship, designed by Mr. F. Darling. The front pipes are decorated in crimson flock, buff, and gold. The wind is supplied by a Sturtevant fan operated by a gas engine placed in the basement of the building, and conveyed in pipes underground to the reservoir in the organ. The organ has 3 manuals, with a compass of 58 notes CC. to A. Compass of pedals, 30 notes, from CCC. to F. Including mechanical registers there are 31 stops.

#### DIocese OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—In my letter referring to St. Paul's Church Bazaar, your printer made me say that some of the ladies of the "Grit" party were great adepts at practical joking. If you will look at the MS. you will see that I wrote *leaders*, not *ladies*. I would not do any ladies the injustice of accusing them of belonging to either political party.