

On Sunday, the 1st inst., Mr. A. Green, of Bellville, officiated at St Paul's Church, Adolphustown, in the absence of the incumbent, the Rev. R. S. Forneri.

The Misses Avery and Webster, on behalf of the congregation at Ballycanoe, and Mrs. Charles Thompson, on behalf of the congregation at Escott, have presented the Rev. Stearne Tighe, incumbent, with a fur coat.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Rev. W. Logan, of Fenelon Falls, formed one of a strong deputation which visited Ottawa last week in the interest of the Trent Valley Canal.

FRASERVILLE.—A correspondent informs us that the Rev. W. T. Smithett's lecture on "Orangeism," delivered here on the 6th inst., drew a full house. The lecture, it is said, was well worth hearing, and met with hearty appreciation. Dr. Smithett is a fluent speaker, and, as he has taken a deep interest for years in the Orange society and filled high offices in connection with it, no doubt he is thoroughly qualified to speak on such a subject.

COLLINGWOOD.—A meeting was held recently by the lady members of All Saints' Church, to organize a society in aid of Zenana Missions. There was a good attendance and the following officers were elected:—Mrs. George Moberly, president; Mrs. A. D. Knight, vice-president; Mrs. Wheeler, secretary; and Miss E. Telfer, treasurer. A committee of management was also appointed. The meetings of the society will be held on Tuesdays.

A deep gloom has been cast over the town by the terrible accident which befell a son of Mr. George Moberly's. He was almost instantly killed while on a toboggan slide a few nights since. The young man had reached the age of twenty-five, and was very much esteemed and beloved by all who knew him. His parents deserve, as they undoubtedly possess, the deep sympathy of the townspeople.

LENT.—The season is being carefully and religiously observed in most places throughout the Diocese. To some extent this will account for a paucity of news during the forty days. Nothing of much interest is transpiring in the various parishes. The Clergy are more than usually busy holding services and preparing sermons. Many are having special lectures. In Orillia, the Rev. W. J. Armitage is giving addresses, based on the Rev. James Vaughan's Brighton Sermon on the "Woman of Samaria." Readings from eminent authors are now given twice or thrice a week, when daily services are held. We hope this activity will result in widespread Easter joy and full churches on the anniversary of the Saviour's Resurrection.

DUNSFORD.—This station is attached to the Mission of Bobcaygeon, and is served by the Rev. W. Farncomb. A very agreeable social meeting took place recently. Refreshments were served and an interesting and entertaining programme was presented to the audience. The results were eminently satisfactorily.

RICHLY DESERVED.—The New York *Church Press* delivers a severe castigation to those citizens of Toronto who very recently attended a low sparring match between professionals at the Adelaide Rink. The editor particularly alludes to the Lieut.-Governor—the affair having been under his "esteemed patronage." He says:—When we read that the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, Hon. John Beverly Robinson, the representative of the Queen of England, in the most important Province of Canada, so far forgot his position as to be present at a low sparring match between two professional rowdies of the boxing-ring, we cannot mince matters or apply to such conduct any other name than that of "spiritual wickedness in high places." The exhibition in itself was brutalising; but when we reflect upon the class of men thus brought to-

gether by such spectacles—the lowest and most blackguard members of society, and find the highest official in the Province hobnobbing with such a crowd, we are irresistibly forced to the conclusion, either that the morals of the people of Toronto are exceptionally bad, and there is every reason to believe the contrary, or that Ontario is peculiarly unfortunate in her Lieut. Governor. Mr. Robinson, we are told, calls himself a Churchman. This makes it all the worse. Of course, he cannot be visited with any spiritual pains or penalties, nor, we fear, can one word of public censure be uttered by the spiritual authorities of the Diocese, or one step be taken against him by the parish priest. Hence, it will go forth to a scoffing world that, if the Church does not absolutely encourage prize-fighting, with its concomitants of gambling, drinking, and general rowdyism, she at all events does not condemn it, since she allows those in high places to be present at and so to approve of such degrading exhibitions.

S. S. ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of Toronto S. S. Association will be held on the 19th inst., in St. James' School-house. The Sunday-school lesson will be conducted by Mr. Geo. M. Evans, and a paper on "Intermediate Classes: their teaching and management," will be made by Mr. Geo. A. Mackenzie, of Grace Church Sunday-school. These meetings are effecting much good for the city schools and are doing not a little to smooth over difficulties and help to make the Church schools more useful by creating more liberality and showing teachers and scholars that the differences, of which too much has been made, are exceedingly unimportant. Dr. Biggar, the active secretary, and the Rev. J. D. Cayley, do the lion's share in the work of the association.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—The Lenten services arranged by the Rector in charge, Rev. C. Mockridge, D.D., are being largely attended by members of the Cathedral congregation and others. There is service, with sermon, every Monday evening in the Cathedral; Bible readings in the school-house, on Wednesday evening; service on Friday afternoon at 4.30; and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, house devotional meetings, held at the residence of members of the congregation. The services for Holy Week will be made known shortly.

The Cathedral Society.—The weekly meeting of this Society was held as usual last evening at the vestry of Christ Church, Mr. Harvey in the chair. The business of the evening being disposed of, a member presented to the Society a handsome steel engraving of the Lord's prayer, 24x20, handsomely framed and combined with engravings illustrative of the principal events in the life of Christ. The member who presented the engraving made a neat presentation speech. The programme following was filled up with several interesting and well prepared readings and recitations given by several of the members present.

St. Mark's Literary Society.—The usual weekly meeting of this society took place in the choir room of the Church, the Chairman, Rev. R. G. Sutherland in the chair. The debate set for the evening was "Resolved, that Canada benefits more by British connection than she would by independence." The arguments *pro* and *con* were well and forcibly made, and brought out the opinions of the other members present. After which the Chairman, in his usual able manner, reviewed the various points in the arguments and came to the conclusion that Canada would not, at present, benefit more by independence than she does under British rule. The meeting was well attended, and great interest continues to be taken by the members in the society.

The Metropolitan has sent a letter to the Ven. Archdeacon McMurray, saying, there will be no consecration of a Bishop of Niagara till the full sum necessary for the endowment is paid in and

invested. The Endowment Committee held a meeting on the 10th March to consider the matter, and the Executive Committee on the 11th March. The amount still required is about \$10,000. Churchmen, if they wish soon to have a Bishop amongst them, must be prepared to give liberally.

St. Thomas' Literary Society.—At the last meeting of the above society, after routine business Mr. H. N. Kittson read a most beautiful and eloquent paper on the great Marlborough. A very graphic description was given of the military career of this general of generals, and in concluding Mr. Kittson said: "We cannot leave the contemplation of a great military figure without pausing for a moment to consider what a strange spectacle is presented to us in civilized nations bound together by the ties of Christianity and humanity, seeking to determine the question of a succession, or a boundary, or the construction of a treaty, by the appeal to war, by the appeal that might is right. The idea of glory is associated with war; nay, does not the general idea prevail that the highest type of glory is to be found on the battle field? When we speak of Athens, we associate it at once with Marathon; when we speak of Sparta, Thermopylae at once suggests itself to our thoughts. The words that are nearest to the lips of a Frenchman are Jena and Austerlitz. Nay, to speak in the language of the tableau, if we could uncover the great hearts of England would we not discover written thereon, in letters indelible, the names Wellington and Nelson? Speaking for ourselves, could anything thrill our hearts with greater joy and exultation than the news flashed across the ocean of the triumph of the miniature square at Abu Klea? But if we remove sentiment from the consideration of war, when we think of the distorted figures, of the shrieks of the dead and dying, when we think that the chief end of war is to destroy human life, to mangle the limbs, to burn cities, to desolate homes, to multiply widows and fatherless children, must we not exclaim, in the language of Burns, that

Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless millions mourn.

PERSONAL.—Rev. O. J. Booth, rector of St. Thomas' Church, St. Catharines, exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, at the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, on the 8th inst. These exchanges now and again are beneficial alike to Pastor and people.

EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—At a meeting of the Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee of the Diocese of Niagara, held at the Secretary's office, in this city, on Tuesday, 10th inst., a form of bond, prepared by the solicitors for the Synod, between the Incumbents and Churchwardens of the several congregations throughout the Diocese and the Synod, was approved. The agreement provides for the payment of an annual sum for interest until the principal is paid. Many parishes have already signified that they would enter into an agreement of the kind, and it is hoped that at the approaching Easter Vestry meetings all the parishes that do not subscribe their apportionments in cash will adopt the plan above mentioned.

ST. CATHERINES.—*St. George's Church.*—We regret to learn that the item as to this parish which appeared in the *GUARDIAN* of the 4th inst. is not quite correct. We are informed that the rectory is *not* vacant. Mr. Holland has signified (a) his willingness to give up the entire charge of the congregation, and to allow a priest in charge to be appointed, whose stipend shall be paid by the congregation—or (b) to resign the rectory so that his successor might at once be appointed permanently, on certain conditions; but these, we understand, have not been complied with, and indeed have not been accepted as yet by the congregation. Matters seem to be in an unsettled condition, and it is not probable that any appointment will be made until the Bishop-elect has been consecrated and is in possession of his Diocese.