

and Charters, and people earnestly prayed that the Divine Head "would bless the ministry of His servant," and warmly tendered to the Rev. Charles Barrett at the close of the service their congratulations and hearty wishes for a happy long and successful pastorate. The new Rector presented ten candidates for confirmation at Abercorn, and twenty at Sutton; thirty true believers and earnest workers enlisted, promise fresh strength to the forces of the parish. Afflictive Providence took to His rest last June, the first honored Rector. The kind and all-wise Shepherd above has sent an earnest successor, in which fact, parish, clergy and Church at large will rejoice.

**St. Andrews**—The Rev. N. A. F. Bourne, who has laboured in the Missions of Thorne and Leslie for the past two years, has removed to the parish of St. Andrews, to which he was appointed some time since.

Mr. John Lloyd Paleston Roberts, an aspirant to the ministry, is carrying on the work in Thorne.

Mr. James M. Coffin, a student of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, is expected by the people of Leslie to take the services there during the summer months.

**APPOINTMENTS of the Lord Bishop for May and June:—**

- May 29th: Wednesday, Stanbridge, Rev. I. Constantine.
- " 30th: Thursday, Bedford, Rev. Rural Dean Nye.
- " 31st: Friday, Frolighsburg, Rev. Canon Davidson.
- JUNE 2nd: Sunday, Phillipsburg, Rev. F. Allen
- " 9th: Whitsunday, Longueuil, Rev. J. G. Baylis.
- " 9th: Whitsunday, St. Stephen's, Montreal, Archdeacon Evans.
- " 11th: St. Barnabas, St. John the Evangelist, Montreal, Rev. E. Wood.
- " 16th: Trinity Sunday, Trinity Church, orination, Canon Mills.
- " 18th: Tuesday, Synod, Montreal.

Letters may be sent to meet the Bishop, to 17th May, South Stukely; 24th, Sweetsburg; 31st, Frolighsburg; afterwards, Montreal.

**DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.**

No report.

**DIOCESE OF TORONTO.**

**TORONTO.**—The members of the Girls' Friendly Society in connection with the Church of England, held their annual meeting in the school house of Holy Trinity Church, on the afternoon of 20th May, and combined that event with an "At Home." Rev. John Pearson presided and read a voluminous report of the year's work. There are now 600 active members of the Society in Canada, and new branches are being constantly formed. The object is to assist and encourage working girls in well-doing. Rev. Provost Body gave a short address, and Mrs. S. G. Wood read a paper on the movement, after which refreshments were served. The officers of the central branch of Canada elected on Monday are: President Mrs. S. G. Wood; Vice President, Miss Boulton; Secretary, Mrs. Kenrick; Council: Mrs. Body, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. E. R. Osler, Lady Wilson, Mrs. Chas. Thompson, Mrs. Christopher Robinson, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Dykes, Miss Howard, Miss Barker and Mrs. Cayley.

**PERSONAL.**—Rev. Canon and Mrs. DuMoulin, with Rev. J. K. Powell, the assistant rector of St. James' Cathedral, sail from Montreal, via Dominion line, for Liverpool, on Tuesday, 28th inst. The Canon and Mrs. DuMoulin will be absent for the summer.

Mr. Powell returns home to England. On Sunday, 26th inst., he severed his connection

with St. James', after a year and a half ministering to its people, to whom he has endeared himself by his parish work.

The Synod of the Diocese of Toronto has been summoned to meet in St. James' Cathedral Schoolhouse on Tuesday, the 11th of June.

**PETERBORO'.**—Mrs. Beck, the wife of the esteemed Rector of St. John's Church, was last week presented with a purse of money and a beautiful satchel, by several ladies representing a general committee of the Church, accompanied by an address expressing for the congregation their warm and deep appreciation of the zeal and energy which she had expended in the work of the Church during so many years. They recognized with gratitude her untiring efforts in the reduction of the old debt, the debt on the school house and the debt incurred for the restoration, and for constant solicitude in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the people. In her place at the Rectory she had been looked to for guidance and assistance by all who might require such, and whether in distress or otherwise she had never been appealed to in vain; indeed to the Rector she had in the fullest sense, been a help-meet. Now, when the opportunity was presented for taking a brief respite from her numerous duties, it appeared right to the congregation not only to express the affectionate regard which they entertained for her, but also to place in her hands the means necessary for the object suggested, with the earnest hope that they might look forward to welcoming her at no distant date on her return to her home among them.

Mrs. Beck made a suitable reply, and also referred to the gift by the Children's Guild of a beautiful Prayer book.

**DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.**

**St. Catherines.**—St. Thomas' Church—Thos. R. Merritt, a prominent Churchman of the Diocese of Niagara, offered to give \$1,000 towards the interior decoration of the church, and the offer has been accepted. The ladies in a week's canvass secured almost the whole sum. The intention is to make the interior equal to the exterior; St. Thomas Church, in this respect, is one of the handsomest churches in the province.

**DIOCESE OF HURON.**

No report

**DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.**

"OUR FOREST CHILDREN"—This little periodical, published by the Rev. E. F. Wilson, of the Shingwauk Home, is about to be enlarged and will appear the 1st of June as a 16 page illustrated monthly, price 50 cents per annum. As this will be the only magazine in Canada published *distinctively in the cause of Indians and Indian Missions* we bespeak for it a wide circulation. The June number will contain a concise history of the Ottawa Indians, after whom the city of Ottawa is named, and each subsequent number will contain a short history of one Indian tribe, with a little insight into the structure of their language. There will also be the story of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's travels in the Southern and Western States, illustrated by a number of amusing little pictures. Give Mr. Wilson a helping hand and subscribe for the paper at any rate for one year. Address Rev. E. F. Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

**BRITISH HONDURAS.**

**ORANGE WALK, Northern District.**—The St. Peter's School in connection with the Church of England was started by Mr. Codd about nine months ago, and had then on its roll twenty-four scholars. On the 6th of May, what may be termed the first speech day of the school was

held. The children number of 57, and a more orderly and well conducted set could not be found anywhere. The programme consisted of recitations and singing. The Hon. Mr. Phillips, from Belize, with his two daughters, was present, together with Mr. Pickwood, the resident magistrate, and Mr. Darby, a J. P. of this district. After a few introductory remarks from Mr. Codd, the programme for the day was opened. The recitations were well rendered and gave great satisfaction to those who were present. One boy more particularly, named Daly, took the palm, and was afterwards complimented on the signal success he had achieved.

After the recitations, &c., were over, Mr. Phillips addressed a few words to the children, expressing the gratification their performances had afforded to himself and two daughters, and ended by proposing three cheers for the schoolmaster, Mr. Codd. These were most enthusiastically given, after which the National anthem was sung by all the scholars.

The children then marched in procession, with banners flying, to the adjoining Constabulary parade ground, kindly placed at their disposal by Capt. Kaye, and were soon thereafter in the full enjoyment of buns and ginger beer, intermixed with dancing.

To Mr. Codd great credit is due for the admirable manner in which he has conducted this school, and when we come to consider the difficulties he has had to encounter, and the opposition he has had to fight against former rival sects, the success he has achieved in his manly desire to plant the flag of the old Church in this portion of the colony, merits the thanks and praises of all good Churchmen.

**CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.**

The *Church Eclectic*, speaking of the "Living Voices of Living Men," and of the utility of such works, asks if the publishers of our Church books are not really among the most active of our missionaries. Always at some risk and often with loss they scatter broadcast in the parishes the seeds of precious truth, and, like bread cast upon the waters, it is found after many days. We do not know about Mr. Whittaker's profit and loss account; he may be as poorly paid as a good many other missionaries are, but there are few dioceses in which he is not doing efficient work. What is true of books is true of our Church papers, and they should find their way into every house; they are missionaries. Our Methodist friends understand this. Their book concern has just paid a dividend of \$100,000 which goes to the support of their Superannuated clergy. We claim, and rightly, that no Church proportionally is superior to our own in education and religious intelligence. That may be true, but we are not sure that the circulation of our religious newspapers and books would prove it.

The *Church Messenger*, New York, asks:

Are we not getting to be a people of winter-going Christians? The Church appears to have its seasons as well as the opera. Business is dull on the stock exchange in summer, and in the same months too many churches close. Clergymen give nine months to their work, and three months to recreation. Summer visitors leave home and do not take their church-going habits with them. A correspondent of the *New York Mail and Express* writes as follows: "Whether significant or not, it is all the same a fact, that the proportion of people at summer hotels who attend church on Sunday is very small. Their indifference to the suggestions, to say nothing of the duties, of the day, causes one to infer that they have left their religion in town, not to be disturbed until their return. A late breakfast, a piazza lounge and chat, 2 o'clock table d'hote, a nap, a drive or walk, tea, and more piazza chat until an hour before midnight, is the day's formula or programme closely observed by the majority."