

to so responsible an office in the exercise of which so much reproach as well as honour may accrue to the Church, ought to be carefully selected after full probation, on account of their gifts and fitness for the same.

Professor: I am satisfied myself by observation and inquiry that they are apt and meet for the office.

After solemnly asking if the congregation knew any just impediment to the setting apart of any of the candidates, the Archdeacon commended them to the silent prayers of the congregation, after which the Litany of the Holy Ghost was sung, all kneeling; some of the lines were especially appropriate to the occasion—

"Teach our faltering tongues to speak,
Come to aid the souls who yearn,
More of truth Divine to learn,
And with deeper love to burn,
Hear us, Holy Spirit."

The special Suffrage for the candidates was as follows:

That it may please Thee to bless these Thy servants now to be admitted to the Holy office of Readers in Thy Church and to bestow upon them such a measure of Thy grace that they may exercise their office to the glory of Thy name and the adornment of Thy Kingdom—
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

The Archdeacon then asked the candidates certain questions which were answered in due form, as follows:—

Archdeacon: Q. 1.—Do you trust that you are seeking this office of Reader from an earnest desire to serve God in the same for the glory of His name and the edifying of His Church?

Answer. I trust so.

Q. 2. Do you fully and heartily accept the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer; and will you make that Book, including the Holy Bible, your guide and rule in the discharge of your office?

A. I do so accept it and will so use it, the Lord being my helper.

Q. 3. Do you promise loyally to observe the rules laid down by the Bishop, and other regulations in the Constitution of the Brotherhood of College Readers, for the guidance of all admitted members of the same?

A. I do so promise.

Q. 4. The Reader's office requires him to be a diligent student of that Holy Word of God, which is to be read to the people, and to labour more and more to understand the full import of what he so reads. What he understands with his mind he must believe in his heart and what he believes in his heart he must carry out in his life; that so his hearers may safely follow both his word and his example. Will you bend all your energies to do so?

A. I will endeavour so to do by the help of God.

The Archdeacon then handed to each candidate a Commission from the Bishop addressing each one in these words: "Receive the Commission of your Bishop to exercise the office of a Reader in such parishes or Missions of this Diocese, to which you may be from time to time specially appointed by your Warden in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

After a special prayer had been offered the blessing was pronounced in this form:

"Now the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the Sheep through the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight by the power of the Holy Ghost, that your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

After this office the Holy Communion was

celebrated, the Archdeacon being celebrant; the Principal was Epistoller and Deacon Dr. Allnatt was Gospeller. All the candidates then received the Holy Communion.

On Sunday evening Archdeacon Roe gave an address to the Readers, hymn 356 A. & M. being sung in the service. The services were impressive and it is hoped that the new departure may lead to much benefit both to the diocese and to the students themselves.

On Nov. 30th (St. Andrew's Day) the Missionary Union services were held. The special sermon had been preached on the Sunday before, Nov. 25th, by the Rev. Canon Thornloe, M.A., Rector of Sherbrooke, a graduate of the University. On Friday, the celebration of the Holy Communion took place at 11.15, the Rev. Dr. Allnatt being celebrant. In the evening the usual Missionary service was held at 7.30 p.m., and at 8 a meeting was held in the Hall, at which a large majority of the students attended. A very interesting and impressive address was delivered by the Rev. W. G. Faulconer, of Cookshire, formerly a Missionary on the Coast of British Columbia. His remarks on united prayer for Missions were most valuable and suggestive. Mr. H. E. Wright followed with an interesting paper on the vicissitudes of the Missions to the Kols of Chota Nagpore in India.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

BEDFORD CLERICAL UNION.—The District of Bedford Clerical Union will meet (D.V.) on the 13th December inst at the Rectory, Knowlton. Subject of discussion; The law of the Lithe.

MONTREAL.—St. George's.—A very enjoyable concert was given on the evening, of the 3rd, in St. George's schoolroom, under the auspices of the St. George's Band of Hope. The organ occupied the chair. The programme comprised songs, recitations, flute and violin solos and a piano duet, all of which were so well rendered as to receive an encore. Among those who took part in the programme were Mrs. Cheeseman, Mrs. McIntyre, the Misses Hutchison, Misses Eastman, Yarker, Macpherson and De-noon, and Messrs. MacDuff, Routh, Browning and Birks. The hall was crowded.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the St. George's Y.M.C.A. was held last Thursday evening. The meeting was very well attended and interesting papers were read on "The Book of Numbers," by Mr. W. W. J. Chipman, and on "The Spectroscope," by Mr. E. H. Hamilton. A special resolution of thanks to Mr. A. P. Willis was passed for his generous gift of a piano to the Young Men's rooms.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

DESERONTO.—The Rev. Mr. Prime is to give a series of lectures here during the winter, the subject being "Church History." They will be illustrated by some excellent magic lantern slides presented to the Diocese by the S. P. C. K., some time ago.

PAKENHAM.—The children of the Sunday-school in this parish have presented the church with a fine bell from the Cincinnati Bell Foundry, weighing 400 lbs. We are glad to announce the utmost unanimity and satisfaction in Church affairs, and sincerely hope the good work now being done will long continue. The incumbent, Rev. J. Partridge, has lately been the recipient of a valuable cow, and handsome fur coat.

KINGSTON.—St. Paul's Church has met with a severe loss through the death of one of its churchwardens, Mr. E. Greaves, on Sunday morning, Dec. 2nd. Mr. Greaves, has had a long and painful illness, from which at one time it was hoped he would recover, but in his anxiety to resume work he overtaxed himself and suffered a relapse which has now ended fa-

tally. His continued interest in all work for the Church will not soon be forgotten, and it will be hard to find a more earnest or faithful warden. He leaves a widow and two children for whom great sympathy is felt.

The music of St. George's is improving rapidly under the care of Mr. E. E. Gubb, and it is to be hoped that Kingstonians will do their best to keep so excellent a musician, and faithful a Churchman amongst them.

St. Paul's.—Mr. Robert Barker, Post office Inspector, of London, has presented to St. Paul's Church of this city a handsome alms dish of beaten brass, as a thank-offering to God for the saving of his daughter in the Thames disaster, which occurred some five years ago. In the absence of Mr. Barker the presentation was made by the Rev. Mr. Carey at Sunday morning service. He made brief remarks, in which he alluded to Mr. Barker's connection with St. Paul's congregation.

In St. Paul's Church Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Carey alluded to his visit to several churches in London, Eng. He said that a great deal was said in Canada about the High and Low Church. Perhaps the congregation would be surprised to learn that the highest altar in London was that in Newman Hall's Congregational Church.

He also visited the Baptist Church, and found that there, too, the tendency was to make the interior attractive. In the English Churches the services are made as bright as possible, and thus large congregations are secured. Surprised choirs are general, and they add greatly to the interest in the service. He had attended many services while he was in England, but he was compelled to admit that the coldest service he had taken part in for some time was in St. Paul's Cathedral.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The Committee on Foreign Missions met Tuesday night, when Archdeacon Jones, Rev. Messrs. Lowin, Pollard, Crawford and Jones, and Messrs. Smythe and Rogers were present. Archdeacon Jones was made chairman.

The Report of the Treasurer from May 1st to November 1st was read, as follows:

Cash on hand.....	\$276 12
Received for:	
Domestic Missions	549 83
Foreign Missions.....	6 80
Peace River	107 19
McKenzie River.....	12 00
Northwest	74 25
Rupert's Land.....	1 60
Qu'Appelle.....	50
Saskatchewan	1 20
Irish Church Missions	5 00
Church Extension Association....	136 08
Algoma	135 82
Zenana Missions.....	31 40
Parochial Mission Jews.....	2 09
London Society Jews.....	11 40
General Missions.....	22 85
Diocesan Missions.....	1 70
Indian Homes	15 75

\$1,391 49

Paid J. J. Mason.....	\$1,222 18
" on checks.....	1 21
" Arch. Bed. Jones ex.	12 00
	1,235 39

Balance on hand..... \$169 01

Of this balance, \$100.41 is reserved for Algoma claims; of the receipts, \$1,118.32, the sum of \$291.31 was received from the Women's Auxiliary. Last year the receipts were \$1,388.50; as compared with this year's \$1,118.32, but last year's receipts were greatly increased by the Algoma Jubilee Fund of the Women's Auxiliary. The following are the principal parishes that have not responded to the Ascensiontide appeal: Almonte, Brockville, St. Peter's, Cornwall, Deseronto, Fitzroy Harbor, Gloucester, Hawkesbury, Huntley, Kings-