

There is reason to hope that this meeting will be of practical service to the Mission, and that the hard working Rector, the Rev. J. W. Millidge, will have the satisfaction of seeing a suitable church rebuilt within easy reach of the Rectory and congregation. It is much needed.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

COMO.—Thursday, 28th May, one of our Missionary clergy, Rev. H. Plaisted, of River Desert, Upper Gatineau, was married at this place and on this date to Miss Elizabeth Bray, who has come out from old England to help in the Church's work in new Canada. The wedding was from the house of Mr. and Mrs. Gibb, those well-known good friends to the Church's work and workers. Mr. Gibb himself gave away the bride and the bridegroom's old college friend, Rev. A. French, assisted the Rev. J. Lindsay in the marriage service, which was made bright by the singing of hymns by the Como choir. There was a cheerful little wedding breakfast party under the hospitable roof of Mr. Gibb, and then the kind friends who had gathered to share in their joy, left the bridal pair to enjoy a stationary wedding tour for two or three days, the travelling tour back to wilder regions to follow very soon.

To quote a revered clergyman's good wish. May their marriage be to them a blessing for time and eternity.

CONCERT AND SOCIAL.—*St. Luke's Church.*—A very enjoyable entertainment in aid of the rectory fund, was given by the young people of St. Luke's, on Wednesday evening last. Instrumental music by Mr. Lamb and Miss Smith was most acceptable. Songs were sung by Mrs. Large, Mrs. Hopkins and Messrs. Bain and McAllister, each song calling forth hearty and well merited applause as did also the readings of Miss Barr. During intermission all were helped to ice cream. The tableaux in which Miss Rutledge, Miss Snasdel, Miss Prance, Miss Mills, Miss Nixon, Miss Nelson and Mr. Hinston took part were well carried out and highly appreciated. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by singing "God save the Queen."

MONTREAL DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.—From the report of Principal Henderson, we obtain the following particulars as to the result of the college during the past year:—

"The total number of students attending during the session was 18. Taking Arts Course at McGill University, six; taking partial course at McGill, three; preparing for McGill, seven; taking full course at McGill after ordination, one; studying Divinity alone, one.

"The following are the results of examination at McGill University: First rank honors in Classics, W. J. Fyles; prize in Greek, W. J. Fyles; first rank honors in mental and moral philosophy, N. P. Yates. Passed Sessional Examinations, Fyles, Yates, O'Sullivan, Sanders, Bourne. Partial students passed Examination:—Luth.)

"In connection with the University Course it may be remarked: First, all who presented themselves for honors obtained them; second, they obtained first rank honors in their several subjects; third, one obtained first of the first in Greek, the other second of the first.

"In *Divinity* the students were examined in following subjects:—Hebrew; Greek Testament; Apologetics; History and interpretation of the Prayer Book; Ecclesiastical History; The 39 Articles; Pearson on Creed; Scripture History; Ecclesiastical Polity; Evidences; Roman Controversy; Inspiration; Composition.

"The *Divinity Testimonium* was given to Baldwin."

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Executive committee of the Diocese of Montreal was held in the Synod hall on Thursday afternoon. There was a full attendance.

The meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. Canon Mills.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was announced that the S. P. G. had reduced their grant for the payment of their missionaries in this diocese.

The report of the Executive committee, including the report of the committee on grants was read. The subscriptions to the Mission fund having this year fallen off to some extent, the grants are recommended to be reduced in most cases 10 per cent., it being expected that this reduction will be made up by increased liberality on the part of the Church people in the several missions.

On motion of Dr. Davidson, the following was ordered to be added to the report:—

The Executive committee having been obliged to reduce the annual grants to many of the parishes or missions in order to bring the expenditure within the anticipated revenue for the coming year, would strongly urge upon the several parishes or missions the duty and necessity of making good such reduction by special contributions to the income of the clergyman. It is felt that unless this is done there will be great danger of the diocese losing some of its best and most active ministers.

The Bishop stated that the Ven. Archdeacon Lonsdell, owing to infirmity, was desirous, while retaining his position of rector, of being relieved from the more active duties of his parish, and that the parishioners of St. Andrews were prepared to bear the expense of supplying a clergyman to do the more active work of the parish, and asked the executive to grant the Archdeacon, in consequence, an annual sum of \$120; it was thereupon.

Resolved, that the Ven. Archdeacon Lonsdell should be relieved from the more active duties of his parish on the conditions proposed, and that the committee grant him in consequence an annual allowance of \$120.

The Widow and Orphans' Fund committee recommended the addition of the following to their report, which was agreed to:—

"The committee recommend that a canon be passed, that in future every clergyman being licensed to a charge in this diocese shall become a subscriber to the Widows' and Orphans' fund."

The committee appointed to consider the question of Abbotsford, and Rougemont submitted a report which was, in accordance with its recommendation, ordered to be printed and referred to Synod.

The Bishop pronounced the Benediction and the meeting adjourned.

St. John the Evangelist.—The anniversary of the opening of this Church is always carefully and fittingly observed; but perhaps the celebration of the event this year—on the first Sunday after Trinity—exceeded in attractiveness and devotional fervor any that have gone before. Not only was the music rendered at the several services of a high class, but it was well rendered—indeed this need hardly be said of St. Johns, where good music is the rule. The presence too, of the Right Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Fond du Lac, one of the most eloquent of the American Bench—added additional lustre and interest to the event. His Lordship arrived in the city on Friday last, and was the guest of Mr. J. C. Spence—he took part in the several services of the day and preached both morning and evening. There were several celebrations of the Holy Communion, the Bishop of Fond du Lac being the celebrant at 8.15, and the rector at the mid-day celebration.

At Matins the Bishop pronounced the absolution and preached an earnest and eloquent sermon, based upon the special Epistle and Gospel for the day. In the evening at the request of the rector, Dr. Browne gave an account of his visit to England, Scotland and Ireland at the time of the Seabury Centennial, and noted the points which, as an American, especially engaged his observation and attention, notably the great life and activity which he found everywhere manifested in the old Church. He specially referred to the hold which the Church has upon the masses, and remarked the large proportion of men in the congregations. He also noted the much greater

attention given to matters of Ritual in the Church of Scotland, as compared with that in Ireland (and even in the United States), remarking that it might be well if there were less in the former and more attention in the latter, to this particular.

The music at the morning service and celebration was specially grand and well rendered, the two organs being supplemented by a Grand piano and a cornet.

At all the services the Pastoral Staff of the Bishop was carried before him by the Rev. Arthur French, M.A., and he pronounced the Absolution and Benediction holding the staff in his left hand.

The congregations at all the services were large.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

RENFREW.—*St. Paul's Church.*—On Whitsunday (May 24th), the above church presented a very festive and bright appearance. On the altar white flowers were placed, and a text of red letters on a white ground, "The Holy Ghost—the Comforter," was placed immediately over it. A font was placed in the church for the first time, made of Renfrew stone, and was very tastefully decorated with moss and flowers, both cut and in pots. "Hymns Ancient and Modern" was also adopted as the hymn-book on this Sunday. The services of the day seem to have pleased everyone in the congregation.

KEMPTVILLE.—A purse was lately presented by the congregation of St. James', Kemptville, to their talented organist, Miss Blackburn, through the medium of the rector.

ADDRESS.

"To Miss Blackburn, organist of St. James', Kemptville: It is with much pleasure that we present to you this purse, too small to represent the deep gratitude of the parishioners for your faithful, talented and gratuitous services; but, forgetting the former, we beg that you will remember the latter. We pray that you may be long spared to occupy the most important post of organist, and to assist in developing the beauty of the Church's services through the medium of her grand music, both by modern and ancient composers.

"Signed in behalf of the congregation of St. James,

"CHARLES P. EMERY,
"Rector.

"ROBERT LESLIE.
"JAMES PORTER."

REPLY.

"Kemptville, May 27th.

"Rev. and Dear Sirs: I have much pleasure in accepting from you in behalf of the congregation of St. James' Church, the very kind address, dated May 22nd, and the valuable gift accompanying it. I am deeply touched by this expression of their esteem and good wishes for my welfare, and shall highly value this offering, and the appreciation of services it has been a pleasure as well as a privilege to bestow, and given by me always without any expectation of reward. Please convey to the congregation my warmest thanks for this unexpected generosity, and my sincere desire to do my best in the future as organist to give them pleasure.

"Yours very truly,

"BELLE BLACKBURN."

"P.S.—I also wish to state here how much I have been indebted to the choir for their kindness and attention. To their voluntary assistance the efficiency of our singing is mainly due."

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD.—Before this appears in print the Toronto Synod will have commenced its sessions. The annual meeting is called for Tuesday, June the 9th. There will be the usual morning prayer and sermon with the celebration of Holy Communion at All Saint's Church, commencing at 10 o'clock. At 2.30 p.m. the Synod will proceed to business, the first work being the regular opening address by the Bishop.