

to replace the two who by rotation are to retire year by year. This body, therefore, of ten laymen exercise complete control over the Bishop and clerical members of the Board of Governors, in a ratio of two to one almost, in every vote of the Board, not only upon finance, but upon the appointment and removal of the *Principal and all Professors*. In fact, eight of the laymen of the Board of Governors may over-rule the Bishop and clerical members as to all matters relating to the College, including the entire instruction of the institution, without voice or representation to the Church of England as such. In no act or course is the Episcopal consent *essential*, and it requires no stretch of the imagination to figure how eight laymen might thus for an indefinite period set at defiance the Bishop, the clergy and the laity, singly or in Synod assembled.

There is no requirement in the existing constitution of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College that any of the clerical members of the Board of Governors, or of the corporation, or of the lay members, should be identified with the Diocese of Montreal, by residence or otherwise; and there is not even a necessity that any or all of these lay members of the Board of Governors should be communicants of the Church of England. This Church, by its very existence, embodies the ancient fact and maxim since the opening of the second century, "No Church without a Bishop," and necessarily and equally that of Ignatius, "Do nothing without the Bishop;" and no institution denying this first principle of Episcopacy is justified in the term "Diocesan," nor entitled to ask privileges as representing the Church of England.

Yours truly,

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DIocese OF TORONTO.—Continued.

MISSION FUND.—Unfortunately there is a large deficit in the accounts of the Mission Board, amounting we believe to over \$6,000. Only a few years have elapsed since a large and pressing indebtedness was wiped out by efforts of the most strenuous character, and by personal canvass of a majority of town and city parishes. And now again we stand as we were when the cry of hard times was heard throughout the land! Many charge the present deficit first on the unpopular appointment of an inefficient and costly Missionary Secretary, and secondly on the peculiar policy of the Board in granting year after year sums averaging \$300, to parishes and missions which have been spoon-fed and coddled in this way for (in some cases) a quarter of a century. The plan now is to cut off a number of parishes all at once, and thus reduce the pay list. Undoubtedly, this will cause grievous hardship, and the clergy will suffer most. It would have been wise and safer if the Board, realizing their financial condition a few years ago, had reduced their grants gradually, and had given the parishes fair warning of their intention to do so.

Several plans are propounded to meet the present distress. Some advocate a dollar subscription from all Church members. One gentleman, Professor Boys, of Trinity College, to his honour be it recorded, has offered to give \$500 if nine others do likewise. It ought not to be difficult to get this number in a large and wealthy city like Toronto. If our people would for one year only give a tenth part of their income to mission and other religious purposes there would be no lack of funds, and the debt would at once cease to exist. Your correspondent has no particular scheme to propose, but believes the Churches throughout the land should take up mission work in earnest, give it united support, make it the chief duty of the Church, and cut off unsparingly all other unnecessary expenditure locally, which might interfere with carrying out the Lord's command, "Go teach all nations." Expensively furnished

Churches, grand organs, paid choirs and excessive salaries to parsons and others, have interfered in no slight degree with the performance of this—the main work, the chief duty, of any and every live congregation.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—The annual conversazione on the 18th ult., was a decided success. Convocation Hall was brilliantly illuminated and very handsomely decorated. By nine o'clock, when the many hundred guests had arrived, the scene was a charming one. After a pleasing programme of instrumental and vocal music had been carried out, the Hall was cleared of its seats and dancing commenced and was kept up vigorously until midnight. The managing Committee deserve praise for the skilful way in which they performed their duties.

DIocese OF HURON.

HAYSVILLE.—Missionary meetings, which were well attended, and at which the offertories were good, were held in the Rev. F. Harding's parish, Haysville, Hamburg, &c., recently. The Rev. W. J. Taylor, of Wardsville, was the Deputation, and gave an account of the needs of the Mission Field, at home and abroad, as well as in India, China, Japan, &c., with special reference to Zenana (or Woman's) work.

THORNDALE.—This parish usually takes much interest in the Missionary cause. This year the annual services were preached upon a very unpropitious day, yet the offertories were good. The Rev. W. J. Taylor, Wardsville, was the deputation.

BELMONT.—The Rev. C. Miles and the Rev. W. J. Taylor, exchanged duties on Sunday last, the last named preaching Missionary sermons.

SARNIA.—The Rev. R. Hicks, of St. Paul's, London, preached in St. George's Church on the 21st ult., Mr. Davis being still in New Orleans. The congregations were good, the services hearty, and the sermons much enjoyed.

FOREST.—The Rev. P. B. de Lom is conducting a ten days' Mission here. Much interest is being aroused, and very large crowds assemble at each service. The congregation has long been in want of some special work. May there be new life implanted now of a lasting character.

STRATHROY.—The Rev. Mr. Desbrisay is doing a good work since he came to this parish. He is a most practical man, and evidently knows how to reach his people. He is drawing young and old around, winning their confidence by his gentlemanly and Christian interest in their spiritual well-being.

LONDON.—The annual Missionary Meeting of the several city churches will be held in Victoria Hall on the evening of March 3rd. His Lordship Bishop Baldwin is announced to preside.

The members of the Chapter House congregation have decided upon building a church at some future day, and, with that object in view, have purchased a lot in a desirable location for that purpose. It is in a high neighborhood, a little north-east of the Chapter House.

LONDON SOUTH.—The Rev. W. Haslam, of London, England, commenced a ten days' Mission in St. James' Church on the 27th of February.

CHATHAM.—The Rev. Mr. Haslam is announced to hold a Mission in Christ Church, beginning 21st March.

DUBLIN.—The Rev. O. H. Bridgeman was

presented recently with a very handsome cutter from his congregation at Dublin, and also a cutter robe and fifty bushels of oats from his congregation at Staffa. Mr. Bridgeman is doing a good work in this young Mission, and is highly esteemed by all his people.

DIocese OF ALGOMA.

The Bishop's appointments for March on his second winter tour are as follows:

March 1st and 2nd, McKellar, Broadbents, &c.; 3rd, Seguin, 4 p.m.; 4th, Dufferin Bridge, 10:30 a.m.; 4th, Midlothian, 4 p.m.; 5th, Sundridge, 3 p.m.; 6th, Maquiltawaw, 6:30 p.m.—(letters may be addressed here); 7th, do, 10:30 a.m.; 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.; 8th and 15th Lake Nipissing Mission, including Sturgeon Falls, North Bay, Nipissing, South East Bay, &c.

Between 16th and 28th February, the Bishop visited the following stations in the same district: Uffington, Purbrook, Oakley, Barkway, Ferris Hill, Baysville, Raymond, Ullswater, Rosseau, Wilcox and Perry Sound.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND,

INCLUDING THE DIOCESSES OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, MACKENZIE RIVER, QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

DIocese OF RUPERT'S LAND.

CLEARWATER.—The Bishop of the Diocese has held Confirmations in Clearwater and Tisdale.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—It is probable that the Rev. C. N. Jeffery, of Clearwater, will be appointed to Portage la Prairie.

Archdeacon Pinkham has been holding missionary meetings in Portage la Prairie, Poplar Point and other places. At Portage la Prairie the meeting was addressed by the Archdeacon, Rev. T. H. H. Barber, W. J. Garton and C. J. Brydges, Esq.

WINNIPEG.—*St. George's.*—The Sunday-school teachers held an "At Home" in the school-house, for the purpose of providing books for the school. A very entertaining programme was carried out. The school has now on the roll 165 scholars. It has only been started two years.

Christ Church.—A noticeable service was held in this church on Sunday evening. The organ was supplemented by a first and second cornet, first and second violin, clarinet and flute. The aisles were filled, and many had to go away. The Rector, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, preached on "The Place of Music in Divine Worship." The service was, as usual, fully choral, with processional and recessional hymns. In addition to the hymns and anthem at Evensong, the Doxology is sung after the ascription, a verse is sung at the presentation of alms, and the verse beginning "Lord, keep us safe this night" immediately after the Benediction. The second celebration of the Holy Communion is always choral, and hymns are sung during the administration.

All Saints.—This church is to have a rood screen, and the interior is to be decorated.

The second meeting of the Clerical Union was held at the house of the Rev. O. Fortin, Rector of Holy Trinity. This is expected to prove a most useful society. There are eleven clergy in the city, and the meetings have already had an effect in promoting united and systematic work in various directions.

A general Mission for all the city parishes is talked of in the Fall.