

this occasion, when John would have prevented Him, that He said that He came because it was necessary so to "fulfil all righteousness."

2. From the Words of our Lord

Our Lord expressly warns His disciples not to neglect to hear the Church (St. Matt xviii. 17, also St. Matt x. 40)

3. From the example and words of the Holy Apostles

a. The Apostles also, even after our Lord's Ascension, as long as they remained Jews as well as Christian, still fulfilled the requirements of the Jewish law in those things that were not clearly done away.

b. They tell us that the Church is Christ's Body, and "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. iii. 15).

c. They tell us that we are to "submit" ourselves even to "every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake" (1 Peter ii. 13; Rom. xiii. 1; Titus iii. 1).

d. How much then are we bound to submit ourselves to every ordinance of the Church?

IO Lord Jesus Christ, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, and hast appointed it to be the pillar and ground of truth, and the instructor of Thy people in all things necessary for their salvation; grant that I may faithfully and obediently submit myself to its teaching and gladly use every ordinance that it ministers in Thy Name, and thereby more perfectly fulfil all righteousness."—*Our Messenger.*

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION—

The monthly meeting of the Diocesan Sunday School Association, held in the Synod Hall, on the evening of the 17th Feb., was largely attended; the Lord Bishop presided, and there were present amongst others the Rector of Montreal, The very Rev. the Dean, Canon Mills, Dr. Henderson, Rev. L. N. Tucker, Rural Dean Lindsay, Dr. Davidson, Messrs. Buchanan, G. F. C. Smith and Parnell. The first on the evening's programme was a paper on the 'Origin of the Gospels,' by the Rev. G. Smith, assistant Minister at the Cathedral; an excellent paper, concise and clear, and evidently very carefully prepared. He was followed by the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D., of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, who read a paper which received the careful attention it deserved, on 'How Teachers are trained to Teach.' He laid as the foundation of his subject the words: 'No man can call Jesus Christ Lord but by the Holy Ghost.' This was the secret of success in pastors and Sunday School teachers. This gift of the Holy Ghost was imparted to each Christian at baptism, who thereby became a temple of the Holy Ghost, and it was increased at the Laying on of hands. It was the presence, in the heart, of the Holy Ghost that would lead both teachers and pastors to careful preparation, both on their knees and by careful study. Speaking of Confirmation the speaker enforced upon the clergy present the valuable opportunity they then had of dealing with the younger members of their flock, an opportunity rich in possibilities for future good, if earnestly and prayerfully used. He deprecated the growing tendency of presenting candidates to the Bishop at too young an age, before their minds were sufficiently formed to be impressed with the truths they should receive at that period. An interesting discussion followed in which Rev. Dr. Norton, Rev. T. Everett, Very Rev. Dean Carmichael and Mr. Parnell took part, and a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to both gentlemen.

MONTREAL.—St. Jude's.—The regular fortnightly meeting of St. Jude's Church Temperance Society was held last Thursday evening.

In opening the proceedings the President, the Rev. J. H. Dixon, in a short address, explained why every person should sign the pledge: it was not only to help themselves but to strengthen and encourage those around them. An excellent programme was then rendered by the following: the Rev. J. H. Dixon, Miss M. Matthews, Miss Ida Findlay, Miss Ethel Moore, Mr. Busby, Mr. Bass, Miss Schneider, Mr. Dyson. The members of the society felt greatly encouraged by the attendance of a large audience. Fourteen signed the pledge.

St. Stephen's.—The members of Archdeacon Evans' Bible class met in a social way in the beautiful lecture hall of the church on Tuesday evening, the 18th Feb., when upwards of a hundred and forty, including Mr. Damareq the esteemed superintendent of the Sunday school, and his staff of teachers were present. Excellent instrumental music enlivened the proceedings throughout the evening, while Mr. A. Holden and Mr. Stevenson delighted many with their microscopes and their revelations of the minute in nature. Mr. Holden also took a flash light picture of the assembly by a new and wonderful process. The Archdeacon had asked his class to seek their enjoyment by trying to give pleasure to others, and this principle being largely carried out all found the gathering most enjoyable, and none went away feeling that they had been neglected. The proceedings were closed with devotional exercises.

There are upwards of one hundred and fifty on the roll of the class at present.

ASH WEDNESDAY was duly observed in the various city churches by service, either in the morning or evening; but the attendance was not as large as might have been expected. Why is it that Church people will bring contempt on the teaching and practice of the Church, and give opportunity to the sectarian bodies to carp at them by not only neglecting the penitential seasons of the Church, but actually in some—too many—instances making the days therein specially set apart for fasting and prayer, Wednesdays and Fridays, the occasion of some social entertainment. Not only is there the loss to the individual, but there is also the injury to the Body as a whole, through such unfaithful and unbecoming conduct. Were the members of a merely human society so to disregard and disobey its rules they would be counted unworthy of its membership and be probably expelled; is it less of an outrage for members of the divinely constituted society to ignore Her precepts, disobey Her rules and cast disrespect, if not scorn, on Him who for their 'sakes did fast forty days and forty nights'? And what sort of sincerity can there be in the prayer offered by such persons, "Give us grace to use such abstinence that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness to Thy honor and glory."

MISSIONARY MEETING.—A missionary meeting, under the auspices of the Missionary Society of the Montreal Theological College, was held in the College Chapel last Friday evening, when the Right Rev. Bishop Bond presided. After a hymn and prayer the Bishop made a few remarks and introduced Mr. W. H. Garth, who read a paper on the "Life and Work of Bishop Heber." Rev. L. N. Tucker followed with an address on "Foreign Missions in Japan and India." The work done in the former country was stated as something marvellous. Thirty years ago Japan was almost a terra incognita to the rest of the world; to day it is one of the brightest and most fruitful fields of missionary labor. Rev. Mr. Roberts gave an interesting account of "The History of South American Missions," dwelling chiefly on the arduous work done by the pioneer missionaries in Terra del Fuogo.

S. S. FESTIVAL.—The annual Sunday-school

Festival of St. George's Church took place on the evening of the 21st February inst., and was largely attended and unusually attractive.

THE Rev. Dr. Norton, Rector of Montreal, is delivering a course of lectures on Confirmation, on the Wednesday evenings in Lent, at the Cathedral. They are not confined to those actually preparing for Confirmation, but are open to all.

On Sunday, the 16th Feb., the Rev. Canon Mulock, M.A., attended at the Church of the Redeemer, Cote St. Paul, and administered Baptism to four children, (one an infant, and the others, two, five and six years respectively) and also administered Holy Communion. The special Lenten service is being held on Thursday evening each week (instead of Wednesday) in the hope of being able to obtain the help of some of the city clergy.

J. W. Marling, Esq., still continues to render valuable assistance to Dr. Davidson in the Sunday services.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

PETAWAWA.—Rural Dean Bliss, the incumbent of this new Mission, formerly part of the Mattawa Mission, is out with the first number of 'The Petawawa Missionary,' which will be received with pleasure and read with keen interest by his numerous friends, and indeed by all lovers of mission work into whose hands it may come. It has as a frontispiece a handsome cut showing in the top corner the old log school house, where the first service was held on a week evening in February, 1887, with a congregation of forty, and below the pretty Church of All Saints and Petawawa Mission House, both of which had been created since that first service two years ago. The Petawawa Missionary will contain 'a brief record,' so says the prospectus, 'of the general work of the Mission, and in it all money received will be acknowledged and an account given of its expenditure. It will be mailed to all the authorities of the Church in the Diocese, and to all who contribute towards Church extension in this new and large Mission Field. The subscription, 25c per year, three numbers, will be voluntary.'

As a guarantee of what may be looked for in the way of solid growth, and the advancement of whatever may be for the true interests of God's Church in the near future within the limits of the six townships now committed to Mr. Bliss' special charge, the readers of the 'P.M.' have only to note the visible results of his work during the eight years of his incumbency of the Upper Ottawa Mission. At first there was nothing, absolutely nothing, and now he is able to report eight congregations, six churches, two Mission Houses or Parsonages, upwards of two hundred baptisms, one hundred and fifty communicants, ninety confirmed.

Instances of Church extension surpassing this it surely will be difficult to produce in the church of any Diocese, Canadian or American, and therefore on this account alone if nothing else could be said—where much can be—Rural Dean Bliss can without any scruple solicit a continuance of the liberality heretofore accorded to him for the carrying on of his noble work.

SALBY.—The Rev. C. O'Dell Bayles, incumbent of this parish, has been called to mourn the loss of his only child, an infant son. He died a victim of a gripe, on Monday, 9th February.

OXFORD MILLS.—The Rev. J. W. Forsythe, B.A., late of Lyndhurst, has been appointed to this parish, vice Rev. W. A. Read, who succeeds Rev. W. Y. Daykin, LL.B., at Pembroke.

BROOKVILLE.—St. Peter's.—Rumour says, that the Bishop offered the rectorship of this.