

Church Congress.—Among the Churchmen of Toronto Diocese expected to take part in the Congress which opened at Hamilton on the 7th inst., were the following well known names: Provost Body, Professor Clark, Revds. A. H. Baldwin, J. P. Lewis, J. Langtry, A. J. Broughall, Canon Dumoulin and R. H. Starr. Messrs. I. C. Morgan, T. D. Jessett, G. A. Worrell and S. H. Blake represent the laity. In other words, out of the twenty-five selected speakers and essayists, embracing a selection from the United States as well as the Dominion, Toronto contributes nearly one-half.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OUR Synod opened on Tuesday, the 5th inst., and closed the next evening. A special Service was held on Monday evening, in the Cathedral, and the opening Session on Tuesday was preceded by Morning Prayer and the celebration of the Holy Communion. The Bishop, in his Address, regretted that clerical changes had been so numerous, and pointed out as the only proper remedy that the people should make the stipends of the clergy equal to the requirements of their position as gentlemen. His Lordship congratulated the Synod upon the fact that the offerings to purely missionary work were such as to shew that notwithstanding the great stream of emigration of our people to the North-West the members of our Diocese are rising to their responsibilities, and increasing their contributions to the several objects brought before them. Great stress was laid upon the solemnity of the work of preparing candidates for Confirmation, and the clergy were strongly urged to keep ever before the people the importance and sacredness of the Sacrament of Baptism, with all its glorious privileges and solemn responsibilities, and to shew their zeal in this by administering this Rite in the public services of the Church, according to the rubric, instead of appointing a special hour for it. His Lordship, in concluding, intimated that a resolution would be brought up to memorialize the Provincial Synod, at its next session, to set at rest, if possible, the vexed question of what shall be legal or not legal in the matter of ritual, and he hoped that such a measure would be discussed with that entire freedom from party spirit which had always most happily characterized their deliberations. The result more than realized his Lordship's wish. What seemed most striking in the speeches upon the resolution was the perfect frankness, the open, manly courage, the clear, unreserved and amicable understanding between men of diametrically opposite, conscientious opinions, and yet all moved by one desire for the peace of the Church. The resolution, after some unimportant verbal alterations, to which the mover and seconder consented, was adopted as follows:—"That inasmuch as the Provincial Synod of Canada has, by its Act of Incorporation, the power to enact Canons respecting the order and discipline of the Church within its ecclesiastical boundaries, the Synod of Niagara should memorialize that body, at its next meeting in September, to enact Canons for the promotion of unity in the ritual of the Church within the said Ecclesiastical Province." The Bishop in dismissing the Synod thanked the delegates for the harmonious and kindly spirit in which their deliberations had been conducted, and also for their many expressions of affectionate confidence towards himself.

The Congress opens to-day, and from the variety and practical nature of the subjects, and the well-known ability of those who are to deal with them, it promises to be most helpful to all who are earnestly interested in the great work and progress of our beloved Church. That every paper read and speech delivered may be a live coal thrown into hearts not yet interested is our most earnest hope and prayer.

The Rev. A. D. Cole, one of the appointed speakers, is the special correspondent of the CHURCH GUARDIAN at the Hamilton Congress,

which opened on the 7th inst. We hope to have a full report of the proceedings.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

(From our own correspondent.)

THE Synod of this Diocese is summoned to meet in London on Tuesday, June 19th. Divine Service with Ordination and Holy Communion, will be held in the Chapter House at 11 A. M. The Bishop of Toronto will preach the sermon and seventeen candidates are expected to present themselves for Ordination. The chief business will be the election of a Bishop, in succession to the present Bishop who has resigned, but who will hold office till his successor is elected and installed.

I hope the Synod, which meets on Tuesday next, will not place the Bishop of Algoma in a false position before the Church and the world. The noble spirit which led Dr. Sullivan to give up the comfortable position of St. George's Rectory to rough it in the wilds of Algoma, I am confident, is not broken, but is rather intensified by what God has already permitted him to do. His action gave the Church throughout Canada a great forward impetus, and aroused not only enthusiasm but the true missionary spirit in many breasts. Many here feel that for the Bishop to leave his work now just when the prospects are brightening, and the Church is awaking to her duty, would be disastrous in its effects not only upon Algoma, but upon the whole Canadian Church. We feel almost certain the Bishop of Algoma would, without hesitation, reject the offer if made to him, but we are anxious that he shall not be placed in a position that will cause him pain. It has been said in some quarters, it is quite easy to get a qualified man for Algoma, but a very difficult thing to obtain the right man for Huron. I do not agree with this. Rather the statement should read quite the opposite. It is a very difficult thing to find a man qualified for Algoma—a very difficult thing indeed. The present Bishop has shown himself to be admirably fitted for the work, and he has been successful under very trying and perplexing circumstances.

The Diocese of Huron, while needing a scholar and a preacher, is settled, and wants judicious oversight and hard work more on the part of its clergy than its Bishop; that of Algoma requires a master hand to lay strong and deep foundations, to solve a problem as to the future of the Christian Indians, and to obtain provision for a Missionary Diocese from the other Canadian Dioceses who think they have all that they can do to provide for themselves. Men can be found able and competent for the work of Huron, but few possess the special qualifications for such a work as Algoma.

Dr. Courtney of Boston and Canon Carmichael of Montreal are mentioned as names likely to meet with much favor as candidates for our Bishopric. Both are Irishmen, both men of scholarly ability, both men of moderation and great good common sense, and both eloquent preachers. Should either be elected, it will result in a good choice, and one that the Diocese need in no way regret. In the election of Dr. Courtney new blood would be brought into the Episcopate of Canada, with the ripe experience of many years, successful labor in the United States. Canon Carmichael possesses a great many qualities which would go to make him an admirable Bishop. So that, allowing Bishop Sullivan to remain at the post where he is every day showing more and more his fitness to fill, the election of one or other of the two just mentioned will be quite satisfactory to the clergy and laity of this important Diocese.

ALISA CRAIG.—A desirable property has been secured in this village for a Parsonage.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ontario will meet in the City of Kingston, on Monday evening, June 11th, at 7.30 o'clock. The sermon will be preached by Rev. J. W. Burke, B.

A., Rector of Belleville. On the following evening, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will deliver a public lecture in the Synod Hall, on "Agnosticism."

THE Synod list, just issued, contains the names of the four following new Parishes or Missions—Deseronto, Bendwell, Lombardy, and Moberley.

It is now twenty-one years since the consecration of his Lordship, Bishop Lewis. The Diocese at that time consisted of 47 Parishes and Missions. The staff of working clergymen numbered 50.

There appear in the new Synod List the names of 91 Parishes and Missions, showing an increase of 44. There are also 91 clergymen in active service, showing an increase of 41, besides eight who are superannated or on leave of absence from the Diocese. Besides the above, there is also at work for the Church's interests in his own neighbourhood, in the Township of Griffith, Co. Renfrew, a gentleman, Major Thos. Bate, who was a year ago ordained to the permanent Diaconate. A clergyman who has not yet been received into the Diocese is also reported to be carrying on a good work in the Northern part of the County of Hastings. Hence, at the present moment, there are 93 centres of Church work in this Diocese, and a staff of 93 working clergy, where, 21 years ago, there were only 47 such centres, and a staff of only 50 clergymen. This is certainly a very satisfactory exhibit as the result of 21 years' Episcopate over a district of country in which there has been no increase of Church population. It shows that the Church is slowly, yet surely overtaking her huge arrears of work. Of the 47 Parishes with which the Diocese set out on her career, 25 were *frontier* Parishes, lying along the shores of Lake Ontario, the Bay of Quinte, and the River St. Lawrence. Of the 22 interior parishes, seven lay within 20 miles of the frontier. In other words, there were 32 centres of Church life and work distributed among 25 frontier townships, leaving only 15 such centres for the vast interior. But of the 46 *new* fields of labour, only *eleven* lie within the frontier townships, while the Church's banner has been unfurled and planted in 35 new centres in the interior townships; so that the existing number of interior parishes or missions is now 50 in all. "But what are they among so many,"—say 120 townships? "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send for the labourers in His Harvest."

OTTAWA.—On May 21st, the members of Christ Church choir gave an entertainment in St. James' Hall in aid of their choir fund. The concert commenced with the farce "Box and Cox," the parts in which were taken by Miss Denziland, Messrs. J. W. F. Harrison and Oliver King. It seemed to be very successful, the audience being kept in roars of laughter from beginning to end. The concluding piece was Gilbert & Sullivan's Operetta, "Trial by Jury." While the stage was being got ready for this, Mr. R. Brewer sang the comic song "Run for the Doctor," which was encored. In "Trial by Jury" the principal actors were Mrs. Harrison, as "Angelina," Mr. C. Young, as "Edwin," and Messrs. R. Brewer, G. A. Mothersill, W. J. Johnston and J. Bishop, as Judge, Usher, Counsel and Foreman of Jury. The part of "Angelina" was to have been taken by Miss Torrington, but she was unwell, and great credit is due Mrs. Harrison for the manner in which she took her place at such short notice. The other parts were equally well filled, the Judge's especially so. Altogether the entertainment was a success, in a musical sense at least. It will be repeated in a few days.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

SHERBROOKE.—On Sunday morning last, in St. Peter's Church, the Rev. Dr. Roe preached an interesting and thought-stirring sermon on behalf of Bishop's College. With graphic eloquence he led his hearers over a wide stretch of historic ground: and as he traced the kinship of the modern college with the ancient schools of the