

MAY 18th, 1876.]

CALENDAR.

- May 21st.—5th Sunday after Easter—
Rogation Sunday.
Deut. vi; St. John vii. 1-25.
" ix; 2 Tim. iv.
" x; 2 Tim. iv.
- " 22nd.—Rogation Day. Fast.
1 Kings xiv. 1-21; St. John
vii. 25.
" xv. 25-xvi. 8; Titus 1.
- " 23rd.—Rogation Day. Fast.
1 Kings xvi. 8; St. John viii.
1-31.
" xvii; Titus ii.
- " 24th.—Rogation Day. Fast.
" xviii. 1-17; St. John
viii. 31.
" xviii. 17; Titus iii.
- " 25th.—Ascension Day.
Dan. vii. 9-15; St. Luke
xxiv. 44.
2 Kings ii. 1-16; Heb. iv.
- " 26th.—Augustine, Abp.
1 Kings xxii. 1-41; St. John
ix. 39-x. 22.
2 Kings i; Heb. i.
- " 27th.—Venerable Bede.
2 Kings ii; St. John x. 22.
" iv. 8; Heb. ii. and iii.
1-7.

CONFIRMATIONS.

THE BISHOP OF TORONTO will D.V., hold Confirmations during the months of May and June next, as follows:—Cobocok, Tuesday, May 16th, 7 p.m.; Moore's Falls, Wednesday, May 17th, 10.30 a.m.; Stanhope, Thursday, May 18th, 10.30 a.m.; Minden, Thursday, May 18th, 7.30 p.m.; Haliburton, Friday, May 19th, 7.30 p.m.; Kinmount, Sunday, May 21st, 10.30 a.m.; Galway, Sunday, May 21st, 3 p.m.; Silver Lake, Sunday, May 21st, 6.30 p.m.; Bobcaygeon, Monday, May 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; Fenelon, Tuesday, May 23rd, 7.30 p.m.; Cameron, Wednesday, May 24th, 10.30 a.m.; Lindsay, Wednesday, May 24th, 7.30 p.m.; Dunsford, Thursday, May 26th, 10.30 a.m.; East Ops, Thursday, May 26th, 3.30 p.m.; Toronto, St. John's, Sunday, May 28th, 7 p.m.

Toronto, All Saint's, Sunday, June 4th, 11 a.m.; Toronto, Ascension, Sunday, June 4th, 7 p.m.; Omamee, Tuesday, June 6th, 7.30 p.m.; Manvers, Wednesday, June 7th, 11 a.m.; Cavan, St. John's, Wednesday, June 7th, 4 p.m.; Baillieboro', Thursday, June 8th, 11 a.m.; Milbrook, Thursday, June 8th, 7.30 p.m.; Perrytown, Friday, June 9th, 11 a.m.; Toronto, St. Bartholomew's, Sunday, June 11th, 11 a.m.; Toronto, St. Matthew's, Sunday, June 11th, 7 p.m.; Toronto, St. Phillip's, Sunday, June 18th, 7 p.m.

QUEBEC.

AYLWIN.—The adjourned Vestry meeting of the Church of St. John, in the wilderness, in the above mission, assembled on 8th May. The meeting was one of the best this congregation has had. After prayer, reading of the minutes, and some remarks from the incumbent, the election of churchwardens, and lay delegates for the Synod was proceeded with. The result of ballot for the warden resulted in the election of W. Gainford, Esq., mayor of the township, as such. The incumbent at a former meeting had chosen John Oram, Esq., as warden. The latter gentleman has been in this office many years, and has always been one that was willing to do what he could for minister and congregation. The lay delegates elected were, G. Browne, Esq., and J. C. Spence, Esq., artist, of Montreal. A vote of thanks was heartily passed to the latter gentleman for the beautiful window he presented lately to

this church. The other business that occupied the time was the consideration of the ways and means to meet the expenditure required for the painting and seating of the church. After which the meeting was closed with prayer for the unity and progress of the church, as found in the collects of the Prayer Book. W.R.B.

ONTARIO.

CONFIRMATION AT ST. JAMES', KINGSTON.—Pursuant to notice, the ordinance of Confirmation was administered in St. James' on the 30th ult., at morning service. The Church was well filled, and everything indicated that a deep interest was taken in the services by the candidates and their friends. After the 3rd Collect the hymn beginning "Go Forward Christian Soldier," was sung; after which the candidates, 28 in number, were presented, and received "the laying on of hands." Then followed the hymn:

"O Jesu I have promised
To serve Thee to the end."

The Bishop then addressed the candidates in a forcible manner, explaining to them the nature of the obligation which they had assumed, and urging them to avail themselves of the privileges to which they had been admitted. A Sacramental hymn was then sung:

"Jesus, to Thy table led,
Now let every heart be fed
With the true and living Bread."

Then followed the Offertory and Communion service, in which the newly confirmed and a number of the congregation joined. Everything connected with the service went off admirably. The choir sang very well, and rendered their part with devotional feeling. The success which attended the service must have been gratifying to the clergyman of the parish, as well as to the bishop of the diocese. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Kingston and the Rev. Thomas Hudson, of Lanark, were present and took part in the service.

TRINITY CHURCH, WOLFE ISLAND.—The Easter Vestry meeting for 1876, in connection with this church, was delayed till April 24th, in consequence of the severe illness of the incumbent. Mr. J. F. Charles and Mr. Samuel Watts, were appointed churchwardens. Messrs. Morey, Spoor, Shirley Going and J. F. Charles, delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

CHRIST CHURCH BELLEVILLE.—At an adjourned Vestry meeting, May 1st, about 150 members were present. A resolution was passed, deciding that the names of the male members should be appended to the amendments passed at the previous meeting, it having been stated in the public prints that "the majorities consisted of an overwhelming number of women," and such not having been the case. When the names were added, it was found that the majorities consisted of about three to one.

Mr. Hayne read the churchwarden's report, from which it appeared that the total amount of the ordinary collections for the past year were greater than ever, since the church was opened in 1865; and the deficiency of \$266.54 is not so great as at Easter, 1875. The report was adopted.

It was moved by Wm. Ebbs, Esq., and seconded by George Sargent, Esq., that Mr. Dunnet and his coadjutors, either submit to the decision of the Vestry upon the matters in dispute and cease the unreasonable agitations, or withdraw from Christ Church. This being put, the names of all the male voters on the list were called, of whom 60 gave their voice in favor of it, and about as many ladies. The few oppositionists present did not vote.

Mr. Lockwood announced that since the last Vestry meeting \$221 had been subscribed towards paying off the deficiency.

Mr. Lockwood proposed, seconded by Mr. Sargent, that "We hereby tender the Incumbent of this church, the Rev. R. S. Forneri, our most hearty thanks for the able and efficient manner in which (at first almost single-handed) he has defended the liberties of the Church of England in this parish, and our prayer is that he may long be spared to uphold the Church of which we are members; that he may be a successful labourer in his Master's vineyard, and the honored instrument of winning many souls to Christ." Mr. F. Wallbridge having taken the chair, the resolution was put to the meeting and carried by all present, except the few who did not vote.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BELLEVILLE.—The Bishop has written a letter to the parishioners in reference to the disturbances in that parish, in which His Lordship states:—"I found while in Belleville that two causes combined to keep the Rector and the congregation (or a portion of it) at variance. The first was that stated by Dr. Hope, that Mr. Burke read portions of the service with his side face to the congregation, and that he insisted upon a communion table of a box or pannelled shape, while the dissentients required an ordinary table with four legs. As regards this ground of complaint I can make no order, nor do I find myself in a position to advise Mr. Burke. Were I to advise him to yield this point, I should place myself in the position of being obliged wherever a few people in any congregation took the same ground as Dr. Hope, to give the same advice and make myself a partisan. Both subjects of complaint are to be found in a great majority of English Churches. I myself approve of the sideward position in reading the prayers, on the old fashioned principle that when the clergyman is addressing the people he should turn to them, but when not addressing them, but God, he should show the difference by a change of position, to say nothing of the great help it is to the minister's own devotion not to face the people while reading the prayers as what he is sometimes compelled to see cannot aid heartfelt worship. As regards the question of a table with or without legs, I can only say that I think it most unreasonable to require of Mr. Burke to make any change in the shape of the table which has existed in St. Thomas's Church for the last eighteen years, especially as the shape is the almost universal usage of the Church, even in churches which claim the exclusive title of Evangelical. But while I so far agree with Mr. Burke, I think it a pity that Mr. Burke did not make an apology when he ascertained that the table sent by him had not been 'stolen.' My candid opinion is that the congregation should tolerate the two points insisted on by Mr. Burke; that Mr. Burke should make an ample apology for any language that seemed to the congregation uncharitable; and pledge himself, (which I have no doubt he will do) that he will make no changes whatever in the mode of performing Divine Service without referring to me. If this course be adopted I see no reason why harmony should not be restored. Mr. Burke, I am persuaded, is sincerely conscientious, and we should remember that he has as good a right to make a point of conscience of a table without legs as others do of a table with legs."

NIAGARA.

[FROM OUR HAMILTON CORRESPONDENT.]

On the afternoon of the 2nd Sunday after Easter, the Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A., rector