

St. Matthias' Church—Parochial Secretary, Mrs. Everett.

St. James the Apostle Church—Parochial Secretary, Mrs. Holmes.

President, Mrs. F. W. Henshaw; Vice-President, Mrs. L. J. Skelton; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss A. McDonald.

[The above items were received last week, but too late for insertion.—Ed].

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

PRESCOTT.—On Tuesday evening, the 15th January, Mrs. W. I. Jones, the wife of Dr. W. I. Jones of this town entered into rest. The deceased lady was born and brought up in the town of Wardville, in the County of Middlesex, Ontario, and came to Prescott with her husband in the year 1862, where she has ever since resided. She leaves two children, Miss Ella Jones, and Mr. Danham Jones, both of whom are grown up. She was more or less an invalid for the last twelve years, which prevented her from taking any active part in the charities of the town, but this did not prevent the flow of her private charity, which was constant, discerning and liberal. She was a zealous churchwoman, and took the deepest interest in the affairs of the Church in this parish, and indeed throughout the world, and was always ready to support its claims and its wants both by her countenance and her purse. She bore her sufferings, which were something very acute, with Christian fortitude and patience. It was a very remarkable trait of her beautiful character, that amid all these sufferings, and the consequent retirement from social circles for so long a period, she yet manifested the keenest sympathy with every movement for the welfare of the town, of her friends and of the Church.

It was this outreaching sympathy which made her so esteemed and loved by the friends who knew her, and were able to appreciate her many noble qualities of heart and mind, "Requiescat in pace."

The funeral service of the deceased lady was held in St. John's Church on Friday the 18th inst. The Rev. W. Lewn, Rector of the Parish, officiated. There was a full choir, which sang hymns 17 and 299 A. & M. The Anthem, "I heard a voice from heaven &c.," was also beautifully and effectively rendered. This choir still continues to be one of the best in the diocese. The members thereof strive to attend all the public funerals in the Church. Great praise must be given to the ladies and gentlemen composing it for their self denial and devotedness in giving up much of their time to this sacred work.

SOUTH MARCH.—The several congregations of South March Parish, Ontario, under the incumbency of the Rev. Walter H. Stiles, have of late been more than active in good works in anticipation of the marriage of their esteemed pastor to Miss Ella Code, daughter of Mr. A. Code, of Ottawa. This happy event took place at Christ Church, Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., by Venerable Archdeacon Lauder, assisted by the Rev. T. J. Stiles, brother of the groom officiating.

In the afternoon the newly married couple, accompanied by a number of Ottawa friends, drove out to the rectory, and upon their arrival they were received by a number of the parishioners, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Youngusband, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Youngusband, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Riddle, jr., Mr. Thos. Watt, Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, Mrs. J. and Miss Street, Mrs. Hodgins, Miss Watt, Miss Alice Boucher, Miss Florrie Boucher and Mrs. Crabtree. The rectory, having recently undergone a thorough renovation looked most inviting, and to add to the appearance of hospitality surrounding it, the kindly thoughtfulness of the parishioners had provided a most sumptuous wedding dinner. Nor did their kind at-

tention end there. A look at the quantity of wood in the newly erected wood-shed, the quantity of hay and oats in the stable, and the provisions in the larder were proof convincing that the lot of the esteemed pastor and his bride had certainly fallen in pleasant places. After the dinner was furnished one of the young ladies of the congregation, Miss Street presented on behalf of the several congregations, an address to the Rector expressing the high admiration of his parishioners and their warm appreciation of his labors in their behalf, and extending a most hearty welcome to the bride. The address was accompanied by a purse of \$70 which Miss Watt handed to the Rector who in behalf of Mrs. Stiles and himself thanked those present, and through them the absent ones, for their kindness and thoughtful consideration. He trusted that God would take each and all of them into His holy keeping, and that his ministry among them might be abundantly blessed throughout the coming years.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

No Report.

DIocese OF HURON.

LONDON.—His Lordship the Bishop will, in due time, announce his Confirmation tours through the several counties. Meanwhile he desires it understood that the clergy should not prepare classes for Confirmation without knowing his plans for systematically visiting each Deanery. It is found impossible to comply with the requests of the several clergymen who seem to think the Bishop can visit their respective parishes just when asked.

A most interesting lecture "On the influence of the Normans on the English Church, and the growth of Papal authority in England," was delivered by Mr. W. J. Imlach, at the Synod Hall Chapter House, London, on January 21st.

This is the 3rd of a series of lectures prepared by the S.P.C.K. of England, and introduced into Canada by the "Canadian Church Union." One excellent feature in these lectures is that the views of Cathedrals and other interesting incidents are illustrated by magic lantern slides, thus divesting it of the usual dryness of a simple historical lecture; by this plan they are becoming popular, and if patronized will do much to enlighten the members of the Church of its importance and continuity of its history, and tend to refute the too prevalent idea that the birth of the Church of England was at the time of the Reformation. All present were delighted with the views and the historical presented.

The Bishop preached a most practical sermon in St. Ann's Chapel, Hellmuth Ladies' College, on Sunday, the 20th inst., on Foreign Missions. He preached in the evening in St. George's Church, London West. Rev. Mr. Sage, Rector, conducted the services.

AMHERSTBURG.—The Rev. Canon Falls, Rector of Amherstburg, died at the Rectory on Monday night, 21st inst., in his 65th year. He was one of the oldest clergy in the Diocese, well known and highly respected by his brethren in the ministry, and beloved by his parishioners. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and came to the Diocese of Huron, when a young man.

He leaves a widow and several children, who have the prayerful sympathy of the Church.

INGERSOLL.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron held a Confirmation in the Church here on the 19th. Fourteen persons received the rite of "laying on of hands." His Lordship addressed the candidates in his usual touching and forcible way. The Rector, Rev. E. Saunders, assisted in the services.

HURON COLLEGE has reopened after the Christmas holidays with the addition of a few

new students. An encouraging work is being done in the College. And if more young men would consecrate themselves to the Master's work and enter College to study for the Ministry, it would be a good thing for the Diocese, which wants good active men.

AILSA CRAIG.—A ten day's Mission held in Trinity Church here, closed last Monday. The services have in every respect been most successful, encouraging and cheering to the incumbent, Rev. W. M. Shore, as well as the Mission preacher, Rev. W. J. Taylor, Rector of Mitchell. Great interest has been manifested throughout. Large congregations assembled from the first, and increased as the services continued. Every evening the earnest and loving appeals of the Mission preacher, who is especially gifted in this work, were listened to with the deepest attention, and many have testified to the converting power of the word preached, and many have spoken thankfully of their increased faith and joy in believing.

The afternoon Bible readings were well attended and were most instructive and useful in creating greater love of Bible study among God's people.

The services were marked by deep spirituality of tone, and absence of emotionalism. A large number remained and partook of the Holy Communion, which was administered at the final services.

DIocese OF ALGOMA.

The Eastern District Convocation assembled at Huntsville on January 8th, 9th, and 10th. (Cont. nued).

The 1st. subject for consideration was: "Lay co-operation in church work." After considerable discussion the Bishop was requested to appoint a committee to draw up a scheme providing for the better qualification and training of the Laity with a view to assisting in church work.

The following scheme was submitted:

I. That a Church Institute be established for this Diocese to encourage the Laity to pursue a set course of study.

II. That the Bishop draw up such rules as he may consider necessary for the government of such Institute.

III. Text books to be appointed by the Bishop assisted by the Rural Deans.

IV. Board of examiners to be appointed by the Bishop from time to time.

V. So far as practicable, Lay Readers and Sunday school teachers be drawn from the graduates of such Institute.

2. The establishment of a Diocesan circulating Library.

The need of this was very strongly felt by all the clergy present, and the Bishop was requested to appoint a committee to take the necessary steps towards its formation.

3. Sunday School government and discipline. Resolved that a committee be appointed to draw up and submit to the next Triennial Conference, a code of rules for the management of Sunday schools, and to consider the desirability of adopting for the year 1889-90 one of the courses of lessons published by the Church of England Sunday school Institute.

4. Helps and hindrances peculiar to Missionary work in Algoma.

Amongst the helps in addition to those mentioned by the Bishop in his opening address, it was remarked that in Algoma no opposition was offered to the preaching of the Gospel, that at all points the missionary met with an open door. The hindrances were felt to be many and inseparable from work in a new and scantily populated country, the principle of which were alluded to by the Bishop, who spoke from his personal experience of the people and the country. The Bishop referring to the case of