

the formation of a Canadian Society with a similar object in view, might be productive of great good.

BUILDING OPERATIONS.—The newspapers are forecasting the amount of work in the way of building likely to be attempted in Toronto during the coming season. Among the rest are mentioned Trinity College Chapel, the proposed cost of which is \$20,000. The architects are Messrs. Darling & Curry. A new Anglican church for St. Philip's congregation is to be erected in Spadina Avenue at a cost of \$15,000. This work will be under the supervision of Messrs. Stewart & Dennison.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS have been held in almost all the city churches during the past ten days. Unfortunately, even here the attendance has not been as satisfactory as is desirable. Whether it was owing to the election excitement or to the dull character these meetings have acquired, men were in the minority as usual, and the chief attendance was made up of ladies and children. Among others who addressed the meetings and did good service to the cause were the Bishop of Algoma, the Rev. Mr. Clarke, of St. George's Rev. W. F. Campbell, of Huron Diocese, Dr. McCarroll, and the Rev. J. P. Lewis, of Grace Church. At most of the churches the Bishop of Toronto presided.

TEMPERANCE.—The good work still goes on at the Church of the Ascension. A Band of Hope has been recently formed. At the very first meeting, which took a public form, and consisted of a magic lantern exhibition, no less than 157 children signed the pledge. It is proposed to establish a Band of Hope at St. Stephen's Church. The membership of the adult Temperance Society here is now 80. At the last meeting 25 new members were enrolled.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondents.]

MONTREAL.—The following accounts from a city paper, of Mr. Sanborn's funeral will be of interest to another and wider class of readers, and so I annex it. "The funeral of the late Mr. M. H. Sanborn, Deputy Sheriff of Montreal, took place on Tuesday morning, at the Church of England, Frelighsburg. On the arrival of the R. R. train from the city, the procession formed at the station, and wended its way to the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church, near by. There the solemn cortege was met by the Rector of Farnham and Rural Dean, who proceeded with the impressive Service of the Anglican Church, of which Mr. Sanborn was an attached, intelligent and consistent member. A large concourse of relatives and friends indicated their estimation of the deceased gentleman's many exemplary characteristics, and their deep sympathy with his bereaved and much respected family. Among these, beside many from distant points, was the Rev. Frederic Robinson, the Incumbent of Abbotsford. His remains rest in a quiet church-yard, amid the associations of earlier times, and near to friends of former years, who had gone before, and almost within the sound of those services of prayer and praise which, during long years, it had been his wont to frequent and enjoy, whether in the stately rendering of cathedral or choral worship, or the simpler form of rural worship. "Requiescat in pace."

MANY of our Parishes are vacant, and their number is not being perceptibly lessened. A city paper has a leader on the question of pulpit supply. The writer states that to get men for the ministry of city churches, combining piety, education, ability and social refinement, in sufficient numbers to supply the demand is becoming an increasing difficulty. The scarcity, he says, arises not from want of suitable stipends. There is nothing lacking in this respect (?) But the difficulty arises, he thinks, because to "the youth of the day it is hard to believe that the formulas agreed upon in the 16, 17, 18th centuries can be true and valid to-day." He takes in his glance all the Protestant bodies. But his remarks hardly fit the state of the Church, either as to creeds or pay. Probably a dubiousness about the latter has a more deterrent effect on men of piety, education, ability and social refinement, than has its creeds. Piety and education and ability are

in demand for our country parishes, the matter of creeds presenting no difficulty, yet the men are not forthcoming; So the cause must be looked for elsewhere.

It is rumoured that Rev. T. W. Fyles will receive the offer of the position of Emigration Chaplain for the Port of Quebec. It is an office supported by the S. P. G., and the nomination thereto lies with the Bishop of Quebec. Perhaps a better choice could not be made. The emigrants would find in the Rev. T. W. Fyles one who would take a lively, genial and sympathetic interest in their position and plans.

HIS LORDSHIP the Bishop is making a visitation of all the city Churches in regular course.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

From our own Correspondents.

OTTAWA.—The rumor is current at the Capital that at the close of the present session of Parliament His Excellency the Governor-General will return to England.

A HANDSOME GIFT.—A few days ago the Rev. A. W. Mackay, Missionary at Rockingham, who was recently in Ottawa soliciting subscriptions towards the erection of a church at Combermere, on the Madawaska, was presented with a valuable fur coat by some unknown friends in Ottawa, who took this method of showing the esteem in which they held him. Mr. Mackay is at a loss as to whom he should express his thanks for this mark of appreciation, as his kind friends have not disclosed their identity.

MADOC.—A special "Lent Savings" contribution is asked from the members of the congregation of the Church of Saint John the Baptist on Easter Sunday to be applied to the parsonage debt. The Incumbent delivered a very interesting and instructive discourse recently upon the question of marriage. He contended the obligations devolving upon those contemplating an engagement in this direction were great, and should be seriously and well considered before entering upon them.

ARNPRIOR.—A series of Mission Services are now held at Emmanuel Church daily during the Lenten fast.

BALDERSON.—The Bishop confirmed over forty candidates at this mission recently. Evening prayer is held in the church at Balderson every Friday during Lent.

MARMORA.—I understand that over \$180 were realized at a church entertainment held at Marmora recently.

TAMWORTH.—This mission seems to have begun a new era in its existence. The Rev. J. R. Serson, the lately appointed Incumbent, is raising funds to pay for the repairs on the parsonage. A tea-meeting in connection with the church was held recently, and was a great success, the sum of \$73.44 being realized.

MORRISBURGH.—A successful tea-meeting and concert was held in Henderson's Hall on Thursday evening under the auspices of the church. After tea a programme consisting of dialogues, speeches, and songs was rendered.

MARCH CORNERS.—The young people of Saint John's Church gave a concert recently in the Town Hall, the proceeds to be applied to repairs necessary on the church. There was a large attendance. Dr. Groves, of Carp, occupied the chair. The programme consisted of instrumental and vocal music, recitations and readings. A charade entitled "Spirite" was well performed by several young ladies of the congregation. Addresses were given by the Rev. W. Fleming and Mr. R. Milford, of Carp. A sumptuous repast was much enjoyed, after which the National Anthem brought the entertainment to a close.

BELLEVILLE.—A parlor concert in aid of the

organ fund of Christ Church has been held at the residence of Mr. Hamilton, Merchants' Bank. The audience filled the rooms to overflowing, and the entertainment was a grand success.

Saint George's Church Sunday School.—A parlor concert in aid of Saint George's Church Sunday School, Belleville, was held at the residence of Mr. W. W. Northcott on Monday evening the 19th Feb. It was a great success in every respect. The parlours were completely packed, it being almost impossible to get standing room.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Dr. Clarke, Rector of Christ Church, Belleville, has been elected Worthy Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England. Dr. Clarke returned some time ago from New York. The physicians whom he consulted in that city advised him to return home and abandon his proposed tour for the present at least.

KINGSTON.—At the Wednesday evening service in St. George's Cathedral the Rev. H. Wilson, D. D., gave so excellent a sermon that it would seem that more people should enjoy and profit by it than the favored congregation who were present. Perhaps one who was present may be pardoned for attempting to give your readers a sketch (however imperfect it may be) of what was to the listeners so intensely interesting. And here let it be mentioned that just now that curious anomaly with its still more puzzling attractions (the Salvation Army) is in full blast in the city, its officers being three or four energetic females, who (St. Paul to the contrary, notwithstanding) are teaching and preaching to their heart's content. And also that there is a perfect "wave" of lottery tickets and drawings passing over this part of the country. The text was, "The print of the nails." And first a quaint little legend was repeated, telling how, in old monastic days, a monk had begged with most persistent prayers and tears to be granted a vision of the Lord, not being content to wait till released from the body. And while he prayed his cell gradually grew light and a presence of majestic stature appeared, whose raiment was of glorious purple and whose crown was certainly not of thorns. The pleased monk bowed himself in adoring and wondering homage, but soon, Thomas-like, he begged in humblest tones to be granted to see the print of the nails in the blessed hands, and lo! *the hands were smooth.* Whereupon the presence changed its aspect and amid sulphurous odors was driven out by the indignant monk,—now grown content to wait henceforth his Lord's leisure. And so it is ever the will of God not too suddenly or too easily to grant the blessings which are to be won by waiting and suffering, or the blessed vision which is to reward the saints at last. Not till weak human eyes are *ready (made ready by watching)* and human minds are *made ready by suffering* the will of God and the patient endurance of the Christian life is the blessed vision to be granted. This is Lent, and the good old-fashioned way is again before us, and our feet have once more entered that narrow path of self-denial and fasting pointed out and practiced by our Lord Himself and enjoined by His Church ever since the earliest times. There is no new, short and easy road to Heaven. If new and strange ways can reach the crowds of heathen at our very doors (which verily the Church is not reaching as she should!) and can induce a return even to decency and a forsaking of the grosser kinds of vice, Heaven forbid that we should criticise too closely the fantastic methods which, it may be, God allows and overrules! Still, before the joy of being *sure of salvation* and of "reading our title clear" must come the showing of the wounds and the sight of the print of the nails. Repentance, self-examination, self-denial, prayer, study of God's Word, use of sacraments, through perhaps long weary years of dusty travel—this is the strait and narrow way, the only *sure* path marked out for us to walk in. Sudden wealth and position without the slow steps which should rightfully gain them are more often a curse than a blessing. Though riches come dressed in gorgeous robes and dazzling crowns, yet *if the hands are smooth* we have reason to fear the pres-