

proached in their candid and fraternal discussions. They have asked us to be precise in defining the "Historical Episcopate." In a word, they wish to know whether this means an Episcopate of which the "Apostolic Succession" is the criterion. This is the bugbear, apparently; but perhaps it may seem less terrible when we look at it in its actual bearings and divested of any desire on our part to subject learned and godly brethren to our convictions. The existence of an Episcopate which is historical is all that we have asserted. We present a fact, not a theory. By *historical* is meant something which has been recognized in the Churches of Christ from the beginning—"always, everywhere and by all;" something that has continuity of transmission under the original canons and constitutions from apostolic or sub-apostolic times. This fact and not any dogma concerning its origin is what we have defined. It is candid to remark that not Presbyterians only, but the Papists as well, have adopted theories touching this "Historic Episcopate" which we cannot accept. Practically, however, the Latins have not rejected the essentials of its identity and continuity, although their Papacy abhors the Cyprianic system in order to establish its own supremacy. If, then, we accept adhesion to the fact in behalf of the Latins, by the same law we must accept it elsewhere. No Roman bishop is Catholic in his position, or has any claim to the Episcopal character, under the theory to which he subscribes as the condition of obtaining it.

The Moravian Episcopate is subject to similar objections; but if in point of fact the Historic Episcopate exists among these interesting Christians, it is our duty and privilege to recognize it as meeting our propositions of unity, at least so far forth.

REVIEWS.

THE CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH OF CHARLES DICKENS. By Robert Langton, \$1.50. London: Hutchinson & Co.; Toronto: W. Briggs.

This work is evidently the result of very loving care, and must be a priceless boon to the many readers of Dickens' writings. It follows him step by step through the various places and influences that came in to mature the man, and shows how many of the imaginary scenes that delight us by their vivid touches of life and feeling have their strength in being shades and echoes of his former experiences. The same, of course, may be said of other writers, but it is seldom we are able to identify the point where life and fancy meet. The illustrations are beautiful, numerous, and most judiciously selected, the great majority being from Rochester and its neighbourhood. The publishers have given a very handsome volume, which is sure to have a generous welcome.

THE SCHOOL OF CALVARY, OR LAWS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING REVEALED FROM THE CROSS. By the Rev. Canon Body. London: Longman, Green & Co.; Toronto: Rowsell & Hutchison.

We can imagine no greater boon to a parish than the clergyman's thoroughly mastering these lectures, and returning them to his people in Lent sermons. They are quite methodical and sound, coming from a master in theology. They are too full of matter to be easily analysed, and too exact in their statements for our attempting to paraphrase. The lectures are: The Law of Obedience, The Law of Mortification, The Law of Devotion, The Law of Charity, and the Law of Perseverance. The last two are very beautiful, and cannot fail to find a chord of sympathy in every congregation, but no one need try to preach them until their thoughts have become a part of his own mind and heart.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

MONTREAL.

CHAMBLEY.—St. Stephen's Church.—4th Sunday after Easter, the newly inducted rector, Rev. G. H. Butler, M. A., writes: "We had a very bright, happy service on Sunday last, when the Bishop was with me to

hold a confirmation, and at the same time inducted me into the rectorship of the parish, but he went on immediately after dinner to Rougemont, where he had a confirmation in the evening."

MONTREAL.—St. Jude's Church.—On Saturday, 2nd inst., the annual prize distribution took place of the Ministering Children's League. During the first year of its history, this society has enrolled a membership of one hundred and twenty names. The motto is for no member to let a day pass without doing some kind deed. Misses Ida Reed and Ethel Young won prizes for regular attendance and good behaviour, and for the greatest improvement in sewing during last quarter the prizes were awarded: 1. Clara Parker and Ida Reed, equal. 2. Jessie Lunn. 3. Grace Johnston. Several others were named who had made great improvement in their needle work. The deaconess, to whose kindness and energy the good results are mainly due, hopes to continue during the summer the meetings of the league for some benevolent objects, and the rector also mentioned the names of some other ladies who had been actively interested in the success of this desirable society. The little people were made happy by receiving a pretty package of sweets before going home, and the new parish reading rooms presented a picture in its opening days—on this occasion—which will be happily remembered in years to come, as the first anniversary of St. Jude's branch of the M. C. L.

AYLWIN.—It is proposed to hold a garden party on the Aylwin parsonage grounds on the occasion of Her Majesty, the Queen's, birthday, in aid of the Parsonage Improvement Fund, and I shall be thankful for contributions towards this useful object, and also for some Chinese lanterns, flags and banners for use on the 25th instant. Lewis B. Pearse.

TORONTO.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts for the Rev. J. G. Brick, Peace River: Mrs. Labatt, London, per Mrs. Lings, \$10.00; Mr. Robert Gooderham, Toronto, towards charges and freight for a wagon which Mr. Brick required, \$35.00; St. Peter's S. S., Toronto, per Mrs. T. Richardson, \$25.00; Gorrie S. S., per Rev. T. A. Wright, \$3.00; St. Mary's S. S., Sunderland, per Rev. F. J. Lynch, \$4.70; St. James' S. S., West Brock, \$3.55; Mr. N. H. Worden, Toronto, \$2.00.

All Saints.—The rite of confirmation was administered last Thursday evening by the Bishop of Toronto to 53 female and 20 male candidates in this church. Rev. A. H. Baldwin conducted the preliminary service and presented the candidates. The edifice was crowded with friends of the candidates and members of the congregation.

Wycliffe College.—The 14th annual closing exercises of this College took place Thursday afternoon. Sir C. S. Gzowski, chairman of the council, occupied the chair. In welcoming the guests present, he spoke of the rapid progress the college had made, referred to the fact that this would be the last time they would meet in the present building, after having occupied it for nine years, and said that when they entered the new building they would not owe one penny to it.

Mr. Stapleton Caldecott, the treasurer, read his financial statement for the year, showing the receipts to be \$23,929 and the expenditure \$23,843, leaving a balance of \$84. He regretted that they were unable yet to take advantage of the munificent offer made by Hon. Edward Blake to contribute to the endowment fund \$10,000 if they raised an additional \$50,000. But so far they have raised about \$23,000. He alluded to faithful and earnest work of the financial agent, Mr. O'Meara. There was never greater need of the college than at the present time, when, as Archdeacon Boddy pointed out in a sermon, there was a conspiracy on foot in the Church of England to make their Protestantism "as distinct as the Dodo."

Those who won prizes in the recent examinations were then presented with them. The list is:

Homiletics—Wilson prize, G. S. Sinclair.
Practical Christian Work—Good prize, C. C. Sadleir; junior prize, R. P. McKim.
Reformation Work—Hoyle's prize, Rev. G. A. Kuhring.
English Bible—Willard prizes, R. P. McKim, H. C. Aylwin.
Dogmatics—Wyld prize, J. W. J. Andrew; junior prize, C. A. Sadleir.
History—Gzowski prize, G. S. Sinclair.
Apologetics—Blake prize, C. S. Smith, B. A.
The graduates are: J. A. J. Andrew, W. McCann, B. A., F. M. Holmes, G. A. Kuhring.
Principal Caven of Knox College, in presenting one

of the prizes, expressed his entire sympathy with the principles taught in the college, said he looked with admiration on their work and wished the college success in the future.

Sir William Dawson, in a brief address, urged the students to a greater study of the Bible, the only true weapon for Christian workers. The Bible was the centre of many bitter contests, but he told them not to be alarmed about the result. As one who had seen many destructive theories rise and fall, he saw no reason to fear the issue of present contests.

The Toronto Humane Society has issued an eight page pamphlet, giving full information concerning Bands of Mercy, an organization that, wherever known, is wonderfully popular with children. It is the intention of the society to place one of these pamphlets in the hands of every teacher in the Province, and any lady desirous of organizing a Band should write to the Society's office, 103 Bay street, for particulars.

The annual meeting of the Diocesan Women's Auxiliary to Missions is to take place in this city on Wednesday, 20th inst., and two following days. A large number of delegates will probably be present, as well as visitors from other dioceses. The Executive Committee have secured the services of Rev. Dr. Kirkby of Rye, N. Y., formerly Archdeacon of Moosonee, and an eloquent speaker in the cause of missions, and also hope to have addresses from Mrs. Nichols, president of the Indian Diocesan W. A., and Miss Sherlock, lately chosen by the D. and F. Board as a missionary for Japan. The opening service will be in St. James' Cathedral on Wednesday, 20th, at 11 a.m., when Dr. Kirkby will preach. He will also address the junior branches in St. James' school house on the next afternoon at 4.30, and on that evening (Thursday) will speak at the public missionary meeting in the same school house. At the latter meeting the Lord Bishop will be chairman, and addresses will also be given by some of the city clergy. Delegates and others attending are reminded to secure certificates for reduced fares on the return journey, from local ticket agents when purchasing tickets.

Northumberland Rural Deanery.—The next meeting of the clergy of this Deanery will be held at the Rectory, Grafton, on Tuesday, 19th May. Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Evensong, with sermon, at 7.30. Subject for discussion, Greek Testament, Heb. ix. 11-18. Other matters connected with the Rural Deanery will also be brought under consideration at the afternoon meeting. W. E. Cooper, S. T. B.

SHANTY BAY.—The Sewing Guild held its opening meeting for the summer on the 5th inst. at the house of Col. O'Brien, M. P. The officers last year were Mesdames White, O'Brien, Flaherty, Raikes, and Miss Good; but a re-appointment has to be made; nor is it yet decided what special mission shall be the object of help. It is however settled that this society is to be affiliated with the Women's Auxiliary, an important step, not only as bringing it more in touch with diocesan centres, but as a full endorsement, by yet another private society, of the principles and action of the central one—another tribute to the work of Miss Paterson in Barrie last winter. This society sent out gifts last year to Rev. Burden of Uffington, Algoma, and to the hospital in Toronto to the value of \$100, which, of course, was not included in parochial expenditure or receipts.

HURON.

BERLIN.—The lecture on Missions on Thursday, April 23rd, by the popular and talented Bishop of Algoma, drew a large and intelligent audience to the Court House, which had to be used owing to the fact that the Town Hall had been previously engaged. The Rev. Mr. Downie, pastor of St. John's Church, ably presided, and in very appropriate language introduced Dr. Sullivan. The able lecturer was well received, and for about an hour held the strict attention of his hearers. He started out with the proposition that a love for missions is a test of Christianity, which was clearly illustrated and proved, and gave a most interesting account of his diocese. He appealed strongly for as much help as possible from the people for the deserving cause he represents.

The Convention of St. Andrew's Brotherhood in St. John's church on Wednesday, April 29th, was most successful in every particular. The Brotherhood chapters of Stratford, Guelph, Galt, and Berlin were all represented. The delegates from Toronto, Rev. R. J. Moore and Mr. N. F. Davidson, were a whole host in themselves. The latter is the president of the Council of the Brotherhood of Canada. The former represented Rev. Canon DuMoulin, who,