

successfully before the examining boards of the professions.

That unless remedial legislation can be obtained Protestant candidates are placed at a great disadvantage before these examining boards, and the graduates suffer injustice.

That it is but just and right that the Protestant candidates for admission to the study and practice of the learned professions should be placed on an equal footing with their Roman Catholic brethren, and that it only requires the attention of Parliament to be drawn to the question to secure the passage of such enactments as will attain the desired result.

That in connection with the governing bodies of all the professions, and system of examination by separate boards, Protestant and Roman Catholic, might be advantageously adopted.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Rev. Canon Ellegood has resigned the rectorship of the Church of St. James the Apostle, but will continue to officiate until his successor is appointed. Two names have already been mentioned for the appointment, viz., Canon Norman and Archdeacon Evans. A meeting of the congregation will be called at an early date to select a pastor. It has for some time been Canon Ellegood's intention to pursue the travels commenced by him some time ago in Southern Europe and the Holy Land, and we understand he will sail at an early day.

MONTREAL.—The annual vestry meeting of St. John the Evangelist Church was held on Easter Monday evening. The financial statement was considered satisfactory. Mr. O. E. Reiffenstein was appointed rector's warden, and Mr. A. A. Plimsoil elected people's warden. The following were elected vestrymen: Messrs. J. C. Spence, Hadrill, Holland, P. M. Haskell, G. Campbell, W. R. Ross and Mr. Cawthorn. The Hon. John Hamilton and Mr. Lamplough were elected delegates to the Synod.

The balance sheet of Grace Church, Point St. Charles, read at the adjourned vestry meeting on Saturday, showed a balance of \$171.19. During the winter \$240 was spent on the school room by the Ladies' Aid Society.

ONTARIO.

BATH.—Easter Services and Vestry meeting.—The Rev. Canon Tane gratified his late flock very much by paying them an Easter visit. They are sincerely attached to him as he to them, and deeply regret the necessity of his retiring. The Canon appeared to be in the best of health, and assisted in the morning services. The congregations both morning and evening were excellent, numbering 100 and 120 respectively. The communicants numbered 25. The chancel and altar of the church were attractively decorated with floral offerings, of which some very choice cuttings were presented by the Rev. Canon Tane. The Canon very cordially greeted his successor, and at leaving presented him with a valuable book as a token of his good will.

The annual Vestry meeting on Monday was unusually well attended, and the proceedings were harmonious. T. A. Seaward, who has served so long and faithfully as people's warden, was nominated by the rector as his warden. The people made a very good selection in Mr. Tinkle. A Committee consisting of the churchwardens, J. G. Ross and T. E. Howard, was appointed to deal with the pressing question of church repairs, and the parsonages question. Mrs. Seaward was requested to continue her valuable services as organist. Before separating a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. A. L. Green for his kind gift of a couple of collecting plates. The rector already greatly likes his new parish and flock, and hopes that by God's blessing they will go on well and prosperously together.

ODESSA.—Dr. Booth's Hall, where Divine service is held, was beautifully decorated for Easter. The decorations consisted of a large cross of flowers suspended above the altar, over which was written in red and blue letters the appropriate text, "Christ is risen." On the altar stood several vases of flowers most tastefully arranged. The congregation was larger than usual, although it is all times considerable. The music and singing inspired by the happy occasion were full of feeling and spirit; and the worship throughout was hearty and sincere. The Rev. Robert T. Bevins, deacon, who freely and lovingly devotes himself to the spiritual interests of this congregation preached an excellent sermon, bringing out the points and lessons of the resurrection. The unavoidable absence of a priest involved the dismissal of the con-

gregation without the ceremony "Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving" being offered.

In the afternoon a literary service was held, and an address upon the subject of the day was given to the children of the Sunday School.

It is to be hoped that this earnest and churchly congregation will not remain satisfied with the present place of worship, but will make the necessary sacrifices and efforts to erect a House of God.

KEMPTVILLE.—The churchmen of this parish, in common with their brethren throughout the world, are falling into the line of Christian duty as they advance in the knowledge of church principles. Lent was never observed better by them, than the one just past, and, as was to be expected, the queen of festivals, Easter, never shone out more gloriously. During Lent the people turned out in larger numbers than heretofore, being fully four times more than in times gone by. The extra catechisings were also better attended. The Church was crowded on Easter Day. The devotion of the people, and the hearty manner in which they joined in prayer and praise, produced a beauty of holiness rivaling the fair beauty of the flowers so tastefully arranged on the altar. There were a hundred and four communicants at the two celebrations. At half past two the Sunday School met in the Parish Hall. After routine duty had been done, some hundred and nine formed into procession and marched to Church, for their Easter service. The "service" was that arranged by Mr. Hutchins of Boston. After the processional Hymn, the rector, Mr. Emery, gave the old salutations of the first Easter—"Christ is risen!" the children responding—with one voice—"And hath appeared unto Simon!" Then followed the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed and a minor benediction. The children sang their Easter carols and hymns, with feeling as well as taste; reflecting great credit on Miss Elizabeth Tomkins' punctual and persevering efforts in training them. This young lady presided at the organ on the occasion, the rector addressed the many parents and friends that were present, as well as the children and teachers. He then requested the venerable superintendent to say something. Mr. Leslie, however, was so overcome with joy, that he found himself unable to utter a word. The children's offertory on the occasion was fifty two dollars. Before the benediction, all sang with heart and voice, "Faith of our Father!" There was a fourth service at seven o'clock. All the services were well attended. The choir sang gloriously in a way excelling all their past renown, whilst Miss Blackburn, the organist, displayed her usual taste and musical talent at the organ. The offertories during the day amounted to one hundred and seventy three dollars. On Easter Monday the Vestry meeting met in St. James' Hall at 10 a.m. The usual business was transacted. The old wardens, sidesmen and guildsmen were re-elected. After every claim had been met, the parish is found with \$800 on hand towards the mortgage on the church. Mr. James Porter, of this parish, formerly a Trinity School boy of Port Hope, past a brilliant examination at McGill a fortnight ago, and is now Dr. Porter.

BROCKVILLE.—Mr. Crosby Story, an humble but upright citizen, dropped dead during the Sunday morning services at Trinity Church. The deceased was nearly 60 years of age.

PORTSMOUTH.—St. John's Church Vestry Meeting.—The Rev. F. W. Dobbs, chairman. After the reading of reports, Mr. Dobbs appointed Dr. Millman as his warden, and the people Mr. Thos. Evans as their representative. The sidesmen appointed were Messrs. A. Thompson, T. Evans, jr., S. Watts and R. Graham. The delegates to the synod are Messrs. J. B. Walkem, C. Grass, and A. McLean. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. B. Walkem for his efficient services as rector's warden during the past twelve years.

BARRIEFIELD.—On Easter day St. Mark's was prettily decorated with flowers for the festival. A handsome bouquet stood on the altar, and a beautiful petunia, kindly lent by Mr. George, filled the font with a profusion of bloom. Begonias, callas, geraniums in pots, the offerings of Mrs. Hutton and Mrs. Edward Leader, were grouped about the font and at the base of the pulpit. The congregations were large and there were over forty communicants. At the Easter vestry meeting Henry Wilmot, M.P.P., was elected delegate to the diocesan synod for the next three years.

DESERONTO.—The annual Easter vestry meeting of St. Mark's church, was held on Easter Monday evening; Rev. Thomas H. Stanton presiding. The previous year's churchwardens, Messrs. J. M. Oliver and E. Wilson, as also the Treasurer, Mr. E. A. Rixon, were all re-elected by acclamation. Mr. W. G. Egar

was also re-elected one of the lay delegates to synod, leaving the representation as follows: Mr. Geo. Field, Capt. R. C. Caite, of Kingston, and W. G. Edgar. The following were elected sidesmen for ensuing year: Messrs. Harry Poitras, James Hoppes, Thos. Pigdon, jr., J. Sexsmith, A. Dryden, and R. N. Irvine. The action taken by St. Mark's Guild towards the proposed completion of the upper part of the church was confirmed by the vestry. A committee (consisting of Messrs. E. A. Rixon, W. G. Egar, Rev's. Stanton and R. Atkinson) was appointed to take into consideration the means of procuring a suitable organ.

PEMBROKE.—We have recently lost a most estimable layman in the removal of W. P. Sweatman, Esq., to Winnipeg. For many years he has taken a most active part in all church work, lay reader, churchwarden, synod representative, &c. Our local paper has several columns containing an account of several presentations, one by the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, consisting of a handsome set of silver, another by employees of the firm in which he was accountant, and another by some of the clergy of the diocese, to whom Mr. Sweatman was well-known for his zeal and ability in church work and church defence. The latter presentation was made by the Rural Dean, Rev. A. C. Nesbitt, Rector of Smith's Falls, who visited Pembroke for the purpose. He was met here by other clergy, and proceeding to Mr. Sweatman's residence the address was read and two valuable Theological works presented, "Blunt's Theological Dictionary," and "Blunt's Dictionary of the Bible," in several volumes. May every prosperity attend Mr. Sweatman and his family in his new home.

MATTAWA.—Mr. Malcolm Harning, of King's College, London, and Licensed Reader of St. Faith's, Stoke Newington, arrived in Canada by last steamer to join the mission staff of the Upper Ottawa Mission. He succeeds Mr. Cecil Powell, recently resigned to enter upon his course of studies at Trinity College.

TORONTO.

UNIVERSITY FEDERATION ACT AND DIVINITY DEGREES.—The attention of Members of the House is respectfully called to the Petition below of four Bishops of the Church of England in Ontario, the Bishop of Quebec, and the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Trinity College, Toronto, on behalf of that University, against the clauses of the University Federation Act in regard to granting power to confer Degrees in Divinity:—

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly for the Province of Ontario.

The Petition of the Undersigned humbly sheweth:

1. That a Bill is now before your Honorable House intituled "An Act respecting the Federation of the University of Toronto and University College with other Universities and Colleges," providing amongst other things, for the granting to every incorporated Theological College now or hereafter affiliated with the University of Toronto, power during such affiliation, to confer Degrees in Divinity.

2. Your Petitioners humbly beg that the consent of your Honorable House may not be given to the clauses containing the said provision for the following reasons:

(a) These clauses introduce for the first time a policy contrary to the whole convictions of the people of this Province and to the principles deliberately adopted by the Legislature of this country of free churches in a free State. The Legislature of Ontario is invited to sanction the principle that a Church in this Province is not free to regulate its own internal concerns, that without its consent asked for or obtained, in spite of the protests of its official representatives and notwithstanding the action of its highest Legislative body, the Parliament of Ontario, will prescribe for it the terms upon which its own accredited officers, the clergy, shall receive public distinctions for purely Theological learning.

(b) That, moreover, the Parliament of Ontario is not only asked to assert this right, but to claim also the power and assert its intention to put this authority into commission and to delegate for all future time its legislative power and functions in regard to this matter, to the Senate of the University of Toronto.

(c) Your Petitioners submit that this would be an attack upon the liberty of every Church in this country. They urge the Legislature not to place itself in such a position and provoke the bitter conflict which the proposed unsought interference of the State with the status of the religious teachers of the people would certainly produce, nor to take the responsibility before the country of appending such new and extraordinary legislation in a sub-section to a Bill on an entirely different subject, whilst the people of this country have had no opportunity of knowing what is being done, or of expressing an opinion upon it.

3. Your Petitioners further submit that these clauses are calculated in great part to destroy the