

gation, and of their appreciation of your faithful services for so many years as choirmaster and organist. Wishing you both every happiness in your approaching marriage, we remain, yours very faithfully, (signed) J. McLean Ballard, rector, Alfred Wright, Septimus A. Denison, churchwardens. Toronto, November, 29th, 1886.

Entertainments and Bazaars.—The ladies of St. Stephen's Church, and Grace Church, have held bazaars this month for the benefit of parish work. We are glad to know that their labours were well rewarded. Entertainments have been given by the Willing Workers of St. Luke's Church, and those of All Saints', which were successful. The air is full, just now, of festivity and preparation for Christmas, happily, the people at large being so comfortable in circumstances, as to enable them to be liberal, and we trust their consciousness of this happiness will induce them to be also thankful and charitable, as there are always the sick, aged, and other poor needing help.

"ILLUSTRIOUS MEN I HAVE KNOWN."—On Wednesday night a lecture was delivered at Christ Church, Deer Park, by Mr. John Hague, on "Illustrious Men I have Known or Seen." The lecturer commenced by a sketch of the personal appearance, manner of speech, work, and life of Ebenezer Elliot, the corn law rhymist, several of whose lyrics were read, illustrating the force of his genius as a political writer and poet. A short narrative of the early history of Montgomery was given, with descriptions of his features, general look at home and on the street, the history of these two poets and near neighbours being taken to illustrate the social and political history of the Old Land early in this century. An account was given of a call made upon Tennyson, in company with Bernard the sculptor, whose attempt to put the Queen in the wrong as to a bust of the Prince of Wales, caused that artist to lose royal patronage. The lecturer passed on to describe Dickens at home, showing by an anecdote his gentle and playful nature, then to Trollope prior to his becoming known as a writer, and later when he used to correct proofs of his works on the beach at Brighton. A highly interesting sketch was given of Parisian celebrities during the days of the last Revolution, especially of Louis Blanc, and of the Emperor and Empress shortly after their marriage. The National workshops established by Louis Blanc and his friends when in power, were described, and some lessons drawn from them as to the folly of socialism. Mr. Hague told in this connection how Mr. Jury, now a candidate for Parliamentary honours in Toronto, some time ago asked his employer to recognize Louis Blanc's socialistic theory, and he pointed out how close and how dangerous a connection existed between such theories and those scenes of bloodshed which were so near being enacted in Toronto some months ago, when this person was a guiding spirit. Character sketches were given of John Bright in private life, showing the affectionate, self-sacrificing nature of this celebrity, also of Mr. Gladstone. The lecturer narrated some unpublished anecdotes of Dr. Hook, illustrating the large hearted Catholicity of the celebrated vicar of Leeds, as well as his love of boisterous fun. To draw out a practical lesson, Mr. Hague gave a startling account drawn from his personal observation of the barbarous punishments inflicted in Russia in order to stop political discussion, from which, and the histories of several of those he had alluded to, he appealed to his audience to be grateful to God for placing them in a free land.

THE BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS.—The Rev. Canon Dumoulin, rector of St. James', Toronto, preached to his congregation on the 5th December, on the influence of the open Bible and the necessity of preserving it in its entirety. He pointed out the effect of the Scriptures upon the nations of the earth. Beginning with the first century and through the Reformation period, he gave a history of the Bible and the translations, from Wycliffe down to the authorized version. The nineteenth century, which began with the Bible Society, ended with the revised edition. Ever since the Reformation, Protestants had favoured an open Bible. They have contended for it, and made its preservation a part of their duty. The Roman Catholic Church was against the open Bible. The Protestants with their open Bible had been prosperous and progressive. Wherever the Holy Scriptures had been given to the people in their entirety, the best results had followed, and the darkness of ignorance and superstition had been dispelled. Coming to the question of the day, he said the Bible ought to be in the Public Schools as a whole. They should not be satisfied with bits and scraps or selections made to suit the fancy of any man. The Roman Catholic Church, which had always been opposed to the Bible, ought not to be allowed to touch the Protestant schools even so much as with the end of her fingers. He denounced the impious attempts which

were made to crowd the Bible out of the schools. He had the profoundest sympathy with the Protestant minority in Quebec and Ireland, who were trying to hold to their institutions and their Bible against the overwhelming majority of the Roman Catholic Church.

We should be glad to publish at length some sections of this admirable discourse, which we are informed produced a great impression. One of the congregation said to us, "Why do not our clergy preach from every pulpit in the land against the interference of Roman Catholic Bishops with the Protestant schools, school books and Bible. What's the good of having watchmen if they sleep on duty?" We have heard the same sentiments frequently expressed of late by men of both parties, for this is not a party question, it is a patriotic one. While the Bible is turned out of our schools for the pleasure of Dr. Lynch, there are Public Schools in Ontario wherein to-day the superstitious trash of Ultramontane doctrine is formally taught, and these Public Schools are supported out of the revenue contributed by Protestants—a positive endowment of the Roman Catholic Church by the Government of Ontario, led and controlled by a Presbyterian. The doom of such men must be annihilation in the whirlpool of public indignation. If this movement is not checked now, it will lead to civil war, in the horrors of which some Churchmen will learn that political affairs demand the attention of the Church, as only upon public justice can rest securely public peace.

MONO MILLS.—A very successful ten days' mission was held in St. Paul's Church, Mono, by the missionary in charge, Rev. A. E. Watt, from the 2nd to the 14th of November. On Sunday the 14th Nov., an all day service was held for the first time at that church, beginning with morning prayer, sermon, and holy communion at 10:30 a.m., when fifty eight persons partook of the holy sacrament of the body and blood of their Saviour Jesus Christ. At afternoon worship and evening prayer, the sacred edifice was again filled far beyond its seating capacity with attentive congregations, many being forced to stand in the porch and vestry during the services. The offertory during the day was very satisfactory. The occasional missions that have been held of late in this mission, have done much towards reviving the church work, and deepening the spiritual life of the people. *Laws Deo.*

Toronto Church Sunday School Association.—The third annual meeting of the Toronto Church Sunday School Association was held on the 16th December, in St. George's schoolhouse. Rev. John Pearson presided.

Mr. C. R. W. Biggar presented the report of the general committee covering the operations of the association for the year just past. After reviewing the business of last winter's meeting, and stating the programme for the present winter, the committee called attention to the fact that Monday, June 20th, 1887, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty the Queen to the throne, and suggested that the day might be appropriately observed by a mass meeting of the Church Sunday schools of Toronto, in the Horticultural pavilion or in some other large hall. The committee stated that the Sunday school Committee of the Diocese have arranged to hold a written examination during Advent, 1887, for Sunday school teachers and senior scholars, upon the subject of the Institute lesson for 1886-87, viz., "The Church Catechism and the Wanderings of Israel in Egypt and the Wilderness." The hope was expressed that the clergy and Sunday school superintendents will urge teachers and senior scholars to go up for this examination.

The statistical part of the report showed that three years ago the association started with twenty Sunday schools and 5 000 scholars. At the present time there are in the association thirty-two schools, having 814 teachers and over 8,600 scholars. This includes all the Church of England Sunday schools in Toronto and suburbs.

The report was adopted, with the exception of the suggestion for the celebration of the 20th of June, this matter being left in the hands of the committee. The report of the treasurer, Mr. H. G. Collins, showed a balance of \$21 57 on hand.

Election of Officers.—The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—President, the Bishop of Toronto; clerical vice-presidents, Rev. John Pearson and Rev. Canon Dumoulin; lay vice-presidents, Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick and Mr. John Cartwright; secretary, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar; treasurer, Mr. John Wedd; Executive sub-committee, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. J. F. Sweeney, Rev. R. Harrison, Mr. George Mackenzie, Mr. George M. Evans, and Mr. S. T. Sheppard.

It was decided, in consequence of the small attendance, to postpone the reading of Mr. G. S. Holmsted's paper on "Early history of the Church of England," after which the meeting adjourned.

S. S. Teachers' Examination.—We are glad to announce that the Sunday School Committee of the diocese of Toronto, have arranged to hold during Advent, 1887, a written examination for Sunday school teachers and senior scholars upon the subjects of "The Institute Lessons" for 1886-7, viz., the Church Catechism and Israel in Egypt and the Wilderness. The examinations will be held at convenient centres, having regard to the number and place of residence of the candidates: and a series of prizes will be awarded to those who receive the highest number of marks. It is hoped that this announcement may stimulate both teachers and scholars to a more careful preparation of each lesson, and may also induce them to preserve their Institute Leaflets and their copies of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN containing the Lesson Sketches.

NIAGARA.

WATERDOWN AND ALDERSHOT.—The Rev. W. J. Pigott, of Acton, officiated in this parish on Sunday, 12th inst, his duty at Acton and Rockwood being supplied by Mr. C. E. Belt, B.A., lay reader.

GUELPH.—The Bishop of Niagara will hold an ordination and confirmation in this parish on the fourth Sunday in Advent.

OAKVILLE.—The ladies of the congregation of St. Jude's Church, presented their clergyman, Canon Worrell, with a valuable horse. A noble animal that will bear the ordeal of a scrutiny of its mouth.

HALTON AND NORTH WENTWORTH DEANERY.—The chapter of this deanery met at Burlington on Monday and Tuesday, December 6th and 7th. There was a good attendance, two thirds of the clergy, or, eight out of twelve, being present.

The preface to the ordinal in the Prayer Book, and Acts x. 44, to the end, in the Greek Testament, were discussed at the morning session. In the afternoon, an able essay on the "Sin of Schism," was read by Rev. W. J. Mackenzie. After discussion, the thanks of the chapter were unanimously voted to Mr. Mackenzie, with the request that he would kindly furnish it for publication to one of the Church papers. The following arrangements for missionary meetings were agreed to, viz.:—Ancaster, Wednesday, January 5th, 1887; Flamboro West, Thursday, 6th; Dundas, Friday, 7th; Waterdown, Monday, 8th; Aldershot, Tuesday, 11th; Burlington, Wednesday, 12th; Nelson, Thursday, 13th; Lowville, Friday, 14th; Oakville, Monday, January 10th, 1887; Palermo, Tuesday, 11th; Omagh, Wednesday, 12th; Hornby, Thursday, 13th; Milton, Friday, 14th; Georgetown, Monday, 31st. Norval, Tuesday, February 1st, 1887; Acton, Wednesday, 2nd; Rockwood, Thursday, 3rd. The above are subject to the Bishop's approval. Deputations will be announced as soon as possible. Resolutions from the Wellington Rural Deanery were laid over for further discussion.

HURON.

GLENCOE.—The church guild of St. John, of Glencoe, have now in hand the sum of \$140, for the fund that will soon be needed for a new church building. At the recent meeting of the guild, Mrs. Smart was chosen president; Mrs. J. Simpson, vice-president; Mrs. Roome, secretary; and Miss Carter, treasurer.

CULLODEN.—The new church will, it is hoped, be opened for Christmas service. The building was unavoidably delayed, but the work on the building is now going ahead under the superintendence of Mr. Esseltine. We are continuously adding to the number of our churches.

WILTON.—Bruce Deanery.—We regret to learn that Mrs. Henderson, wife of Rev. W. Henderson, has for some time been seriously ill. Though the charming scenery, and the bracing air from the vast expanse of the waters of Lake Superior, make the shores of Georgian Bay a very desirable summer residence, the almost isolation from society, and the cold Arctic winds are very trying to a delicate constitution. In more favoured places, we can hardly realize the trials of the family of a parish clergyman, when the roughest brother of the clerical robe, is from twenty to forty miles distant from a settled locality. Sad indeed must be the lot of the family, especially in the case of illness.

PETROLIA.—Rev. M. Hutchinson, who has been absent from the diocese on a three months leave of absence, visiting friends in the Old Country, has had his term of absence extended to an additional three months term, he being in very bad health. Meantime,