

signs of the coming day in the eastern sky, we may well be glad, and rejoice in the redemption that draweth nigh. Amidst much that is uncertain, that is absolutely certain, that "the Lord cometh to execute judgment," and that He will come suddenly, utterly unexpected by the world at large, and possibly taking by surprise even some who are looking for Him. "But who may abide the day of His coming? Who shall stand when He appeareth" as the great Separator, to separate the precious from the vile, the wheat from the tares, the sheep from the goats? Those to whom "God has granted repentance unto life," are looking for, and love, His appearing; and to them He will be welcome, be His coming never so sudden.—*The Churchman.*

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DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

Principal Sir J. W. Dawson was recently present by special request, at the Diocesan College, and delivered an able and instructive lecture to the students, on "The Bible and Modern Thought." He commented on the recent controversy between Messrs. Gladstone, Reville, Huxley, and Drummond, maintained the coincidence between the Mosaic account of the creation and the testimony of scientific research as regards the origin of animal organisms, pointed out the inconsistency between the results of modern criticism with reference to the Old Testament Scriptures and indisputable historic facts, and showed that some of the philosophies of the present day rested upon a basis which is scientifically unsound, and, therefore, are destined to pass away. Seldom have students the privilege of listening to such a masterly vindication of the claims of Divine Revelation. The Bishop of Montreal returned thanks to Sir William Dawson at the close of the lecture.

TORONTO.

The annual meeting of the Church Women's Mission Aid Society, will be held (D.V.) in the Synod room, on Thursday, April 15th, at 8 p.m. The Bishop of Toronto will preside. All members of the society and others interested in mission work are invited to attend.

Holy Trinity.—Young People's Association.—A highly instructive and interesting lecture on the early history of the English Church, was delivered by Mr. George Holmstead, to the Association on the first of this month. The rector, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, delivered a short address on the same subject. The evening's entertainment was closed with some sacred music and songs by Miss O'Reilly, Mrs. Beard, and Mr. Lye. The president of the Association, Mr. Adam Macdougall, C. E., was in the chair.

A COLLEGE IS KNOWN BY ITS TEACHERS.—That a man's friends tell us what he is, is admitted. It is no less true that we can judge well what people are by those they select as their teachers. A few evenings ago, a well-known infidel, who is, as they usually are, a Communist, and a foe generally to social order, delivered, by invitation, a lecture before the University College Literary (sic) Society. As this individual is utterly illiterate, has merely set up as an agitator of the revolutionary order on the strength of a very clumsy gift of the gab, and a few scraps picked up second or third hand from newspapers, there was not the slightest propriety in asking such a wind bag to address a body of students. If he could teach them anything they are in a "perilous case," if they could endure his vile twang and vulgar English, they are indeed blunt of sensibility, and if they, as it appears they were, anxious to proclaim ostentatiously their sympathy with an infidel, communist agitator, then we may indeed, doubt whether it is decent for a Church Divinity College to have such intimate associations with an institution which honours ignorance and vulgarity, because they are exhibited by a notorious atheist and scuffer.

HURON.

PORT STANLEY.—The parsonage was besieged Tuesday night last by members of Christ Church, where baskets full of provisions and bags full of produce were unloaded. The large gathering spent a few hours in social enjoyment. Their pastor, Rev. H. Banwell and family was agreeably surprised, and expressed their gratification at such tangible marks of esteem.

ST. MARY'S.—Lenten services held in the St. James' Church each evening were particularly well attended. The congregations joined in them heartily, and it is hoped that they will prove beneficial by elevating the Christian character in the performance of the every day duties of life. The shortened form of service was used; the rector, Rev. J. T. Wright, reading the prayers; after which direct, practical, and searching addresses were delivered each evening by two or three clergymen. The topics chiefly insisted upon by the various speakers were the entire want of holiness of all men by nature, the inability of man by his own works to reconcile himself to God, the sufficiency, freedom and fulness of the atonement. The duty of immediate repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, the inexcusable delay, the necessity of the agency of the spirit of God to the conversion of the service—the duty of the parents to the children, etc. The appeals were most earnest, and were made to the hearts and consciences of the hearers. Much has frequently been said for and against special services as a means for awakening consciences and deepening the spiritual life. Every consistent churchman must strongly disapprove of the methods adopted by some churches, methods which were certainly never sanctioned by the apostles, or any of the primitive Christian teachers. So far as experience proves anything, it would seem to prove in this connection, that those who are influenced thereby are, for the most part, the sanguine, the rash, the self-confident, and the self righteous, and not as a rule the modest, the humble, and the broken-hearted. On the other hand all who love and value the calm, sober, devotional services of the Church of England, while disapproving of any measures not in harmony with her teaching, will readily acknowledge that such missions as that recently conducted in the newly-reconstructed and beautiful Church of St. James', partaking as it did throughout of the Church's calm earnest tone—must, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, be productive of great good, as tending to deepen the spiritual life and unite all more closely in the bonds of Christian fellowship and love. Besides the rector, Rev. J. T. Wright, the following clergy took part: The Revs. G. B. Cook, Palmerston; M. Turnbull, Listowel; T. Magahy, Lucan; Mr. Haslam, Sabrevois Mission, Montreal; J. Holmes, Thorndale; A. K. Griffin, Attwood; G. W. Wye, Port Burwell. The attendance each evening was excellent, and the services were heartily joined in by all. There is every reason to believe that under God's blessing the good seed sown will be made manifest, and ultimately rebound to His glory. We believe it is the intention of the rector, the Rev. J. T. Wright, to renew these services during Holy week. He is certainly to be congratulated upon the hearty co-operation received by him from all sides.

LONDON.—*Memorial Church.*—The Church Literary and Musical Association met on Monday night in the school room. There was a large attendance; Mr. Bains was in the chair. The meeting having opened the following programme was presented from Longfellow's work:—Song, "Village Blacksmith," Mr. C. A. Jones; reading, "The Three Kings," Miss G. L.; song, "The Arrow and the Song," Dr. Tippi; paper on the "Life and works of Longfellow," Mr. Ford; song, "Vision Beautiful," Miss Edge; reading extract from the "Golden Legend," Mr. V. F. Cronyn; song, "The Bridge," Miss Morson, extract from Longfellow; Mrs. Evans, duet, Excelsior, and Mr. C. A. Jones. The society is increasing in numbers.

SARNIA.—St. George's Guild is proving itself worthy of its name. Their literary branch gave an entertainment on Tuesday evening. It was well attended. A delightful programme was presented which met with marked appreciation.

ESSEX CENTRE.—One of those pleasing incidents which tend so much to cement the affections of the clergyman and the people to whom he ministers took place some days since on the occasion of the return of Rev. C. J. Batstone with his bride, a number of the members of his congregations assembled at the residence of Mr. James Matthews to give them a hearty welcome home. Mr. R. I. Wilkinson, of the Essex Centre, North Ridge and Leamington churches presented them with a beautiful silver service. Mr. Batstone made a suitable reply. The party partook of refreshments and the Rev. Mr. Batstone read a portion of scripture and offered prayer.

CLINTON.—*Huron Deanery.*—St. Paul's Guild have been giving a series of select readings. These entertainments are very popular. The nominal church people are becoming more regular in attendance at the church service. We are pleased to learn that the Rev. W. Craig, the energetic rector, has such encouraging prospects.

GLENCOR.—Rev. W. J. Taylor, incumbent of Wardsville, preached to the Oddfellows of Glencor, in the Presbyterian Church of that place, on the second Sunday of Lent, to a very large congregation.

GALT.—Trinity Church was re-opened for divine worship on the 21st, 2nd Sunday in Lent. The old building of white limestone, erected in 1842, has during the last six months undergone a thorough renovating at the cost of \$9,000. The principal alterations are—a new handsome Gothic roof; extension of the chancel to due proportion with nave; organ chamber, choir stalls and sedilia; carved oak Communion Table and railing; new frames and stained glasses in all the windows; new pews; new lighting and heating apparatus; replastering and painting of the whole interior, and a large addition to the organ. The exterior improvements, not yet completed, will consist chiefly of a chaste Gothic porch and massive semi-detached tower, the latter being the gift of one member of the congregation. The changes made are so vast and numerous that there is hardly a feature of the original edifice to be traced in the modernized church of to-day. The architect of this work was Mr. R. C. Windeyer, of Toronto, and the contractors, Messrs. Wilkinson & Smith, of Galt. The furniture was from the Bennett Furnishing Co., London, Ont. The opening services were for heartiness and effectiveness all that could be desired. They were as follows: At 11 a.m., Morning Prayer, Litany and the Holy Communion, largely attended, in which the Rev. Canon Dumoulin, the Rev. E. M. Bland, and the rector, Rev. Canon Hinks, officiated. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Huron preached from 2 Tim. ii. 10. The choir was very efficient. At 8 o'clock the rite of confirmation was administered to twenty-three persons, four of whom had come in from other religious bodies. The Bishop addressed both parents and candidates very impressively. There was a 2nd celebration of the Holy Communion. Evening Prayer was said at 7 p.m., by the Rev. E. M. Bland and J. P. Hinks. At the close of the service the Bishop highly commended the work which had been accomplished and urged its speedy freedom from debt. The sermon was by the Rev. Canon Dumoulin, rector of Toronto, from St. Luke xxiii. 43. In closing he made a touching reference to the ravages which death had made in this congregation, since he had first ministered to it as curate, some twenty years ago; and to the fact that the then rector, the Venerable Dean Bomer, now lay silently awaiting his removal to "the paradise of God." All the services were largely attended, and the efforts added a considerable sum to the building fund.

Executive Committee.—On Thursday, March 25, the regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Chapter House. His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, presided. The members present were clergy:—Archdeacons Sandy and Marsh; Rev. Rural Deans A. T. Falls, Canon Hill, G. C. Mackenzie, Canon Smith, J. Downie, E. Patterson, W. Craig, J. Gemley, R. S. Cooper; Revs. Canon Innes, E. Davis, F. Harding, G. G. Ballard, Canon Mulholland, Jeffrey Hill, R. Fletcher, W. Davis, W. Daunt, D. Deacon, Canon Richardson, W. A. Young, and C. F. Wright.

Lay Delegates.—Messrs. J. W. Imlach, Thos. Moyle, R. Fox, E. Hutchinson, L. S. Key, J. Perkins, Thos. Wood, W. H. Eakins, N. Curry, B. Stanley, A. H. Dymond, J. Golden, F. Rowland, V. Cronyn, E. B. Reed, Chas. Jenkins, R. Bayley. The meeting having been opened with prayer, and the roll having been called, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; and the report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Patronage.—The Committee on Patronage reported as to work done, and after discussion the matter was referred to the Committee to consider and approve a Canon, with the Bishop's approval, to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the Synod.

The See House.—The Committee on the See House reported that the house would be ready by the 1st of May, and asked for a further grant of \$500 for fencing, &c. Report adopted.

Mission Report.—The Commissioner read his report showing a saving to the funds of over \$1,500 a year.

Applications for Grants.—The Secretary read the report of the action of the Committee in regard to application for grants which will appear in the usual abstract.

Indian Missions.—The Indian Missions Committee reported the resignation of Rev. J. Bearfoot of the Mission in Walpole Island and the appointment by the Bishop of Rev. J. Jacobs in his place. The list of grants required for interpreters, lay readers, school teachers, &c., was read and confirmed.

Rules of Order.—The Committee appointed to draft rules of order reported the result of their labors. The report was ordered to be printed for consideration at the next meeting.

The Powers of the Executive Committee.—On motion of Mr. R. Bayley, the Bishop was requested to appoint