

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The Diocesan Sunday School Association met in Synod hall Monday evening, 19 March. Dr. L. H. Davidson read a very interesting paper on the advantages of Sunday School papers, and the influence they were wielding. They were a means of exciting interest among the scholars and certainly proved of great value in the intermediate steps of Biblical study. He hoped for a large increase in the number of papers used. Other churches had their Sunday School papers and it was desirable that this diocese should have a paper of its own. Mr. Buchanan also spoke in favor of the paper, but thought the importance of the library was to be considered. He did not think Scott's and Marryatt's works were suitable for a Sunday School. After further discussion Miss Barnham read a paper on "Temperance," the principal argument of which was that the hope of the temperance cause was in educating the children in temperance principles.—*Gazette*.

St. Luke's.—On the evening of the 20th March inst., Mr. Walter H. Smith delivered a lecture on "The Worlds Around Us," under the auspices of the Young People's Association of this Church. The rector, the Rev. Geo. Rogers, B.A., presided, and introduced the lecturer, who was listened to with the utmost attention by the large audience present, and accorded a cordial vote of thanks at the close, the hope being expressed that before long Mr. Smith would visit them again.

An exhibition of a number of lantern views by Mr. Snaedell, concluded the entertainment.

St. George's.—The reading-room in connection with the Y. M. C. A. of this Church is doing a good work and succeeding admirably. It is beautifully furnished, well supplied with reading material and well patronized. Though only opened in the 14th of Oct. last there have been already 1063 nightly visitors according to its visitors book.

COWANSVILLE AND SWEETSBURG.—The Cowansville Literary Association, formed last autumn by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Forsey, and other gentlemen, has had a very successful series of meetings during the winter. The Rector delivered two lectures, one on "The History of a Tea-Cup," and the other on "Thomas Moore, his Life and Poety." Dr. Gibson lectured on "The Genius of Burns"; Dr. Cotton on "Surgical Emergencies"; Mr. Duffy, on "The Time of Cromwell and Charles I."; Mr. Sicotte, N.P., on "The Economics of History"; Mr. Hibbard on "The Crimean War"; Mr. Wardrop on "The Roots of Words"; Mr. Gilman on "Chemistry"; Mrs. Holden on "Champlain"; Mrs. Wardrop on "Home." Debates took place on the following questions: "Should Ladies be elected on School Boards?" "Was the French Revolution of 1789 a benefit to France?" "Should Canada look forward to Independence or Federation?" All classes of the community have attended the lectures and debates, and have expressed their pleasure in them and the frequent musical selections and readings. The Association gives its closing entertainment Easter Monday evening.

Mrs. G. K. Nesbitt has presented Trinity Church, Cowansville, with three very fine chandeliers costing \$90. They are of regulation Church pattern, coronal pendants, and illuminated in ecclesiastical colors, blue, crimson and gold; they light the Church brilliantly. The thanks of the Rector, Churchwardens, and people, are tendered to the generous donor.

Christ Church, Sweetzburg, recently received a fine Mason & Hamlin organ. The instrument externally is Churchly in appearance, and has all the modern improvements. Miss Baker, of Sweetzburg, made the selection at the store of Messrs. DeZouche & Atwater, Montreal.

The Church people of the Parish are looking forward with pleasure to the Episcopal

visit in May. The Rector is now forming a class to receive the "laying on of hands."

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

DUNCANVILLE.—The Church people in this village were pleased to be favoured with a visit from His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese on Sunday the 18th ult. The Bishop arrived from Ottawa the day previous, and was the guest of Mr. James Keays. It was a beautifully fine day and the new Church which is a substantial building of brick looked quite gay. Morning prayer was said at 9.30 a.m., by Rev. J. F. Fraser, of Crysler; the Rev. Mr. Gresson, the Incumbent, reading the lessons. At 11 a.m., the service of the day commenced, the Church being packed with people long before that hour. The Bishop was met at the principal entrance, and a petition signed by the Incumbent and Churchwardens was read, requesting His Lordship to consecrate the building to Almighty God. At the Consecration service over 31 candidates received the Apostolic rite of Confirmation; the services was impressively rendered. The whole congregation remained throughout the Communion service; there was a great number of communicants. The musical portion of the service was well rendered; Miss Keays ably officiated at the organ, and the excellent voices of Mrs. Whitcombe, Miss Craig, Dr. Loux and Mr. Pratt, harmoniously blended throughout the singing, especially in the anthem, "The Earth is the Lord's." Service was continued in the afternoon, the special preacher being the Rev. L. F. Fraser. It is gratifying to find the Church progressing in this district, and such services contribute not a little towards such progress.

KINGSTON.—During the Lenten season the daily services in the Cathedral have been well attended, both at 7.45 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. The other churches two evenings in the week have had their quota, in fact the attendance has been better than in any former years. Showing more interest taken. Extensive preparations are being made for the celebration of Easter.

A new and handsome font has been placed in St. George's Cathedral, a memorial of the late Mrs. John Macaulay.

ODESSA.—The usual Missionary meeting was held in this village on the 4th inst. Addresses were made by Rural Dean Baker, of Bath, and Dr. Smythe, of Kingston. The collection was nearly double that of last year. The celebration of Easter is anticipated and preparations are being made.

BARRIEFIELD.—The Wednesday evening services have been much appreciated, as shewn by increased attendance. A series of sermons by different clergymen have been preached on the subject of repentance.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

GALT.—Over twelve hundred dollars were placed upon the plates as a Special offering towards the Church debt at the Anniversary services on Sunday the 18th inst. The Rev. Canon Damoulin, M.A., who was curate in the parish under the late Dean Boomer, some 24 years ago, preached the sermons, which were powerful and practical expositions of divine truth, and were listened to by large and attentive congregations. The Rev. J. Ridley, rector of the parish, who since his coming here has discarded all attempts at raising money for Church purposes by means of socials, tea-meetings, bazaars, &c., believing as he firmly does that giving should be regarded as a religious duty and a religious act—now appeals to his people to give through the offertory as part of their worship in the service of Almighty God. In response to his printed pastoral and public appeal, a most liberal and willing offering was

presented on Sunday the 18th, amounting in actual cash to \$1,246.

Never did a people give more heartily in singing praise to God than the Rector and his flock on this occasion—when with one heart and one voice they stood up and joined in the Doxology—as their offerings were received and presented. As the Rector says to his people—"Give your offerings as offerings in the right spirit—and in the right way and you may sing the Doxology or any other hymn—as heartily as you like, but do not ignore the principle, nor rob the act of its real beauty by giving something to-morrow as the price of personal gratification and amusement, and be consistent."

On Monday evening following, a re-union was held in the School-room—open and free to the whole congregation—when addresses were delivered by Canon Damoulin and Rural Dean Mackenzie. This was preceded by a short service in the Church which was largely attended.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.—On Sunday, the 11th inst., the Rector preached special sermons (the Church being draped in mourning) in memory of the late Venerable Dean Boomer, LL.D., who was rector of Galt for the long period of 33 years. The sermon in the morning was from, "He was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, and much people were added unto the Lord.—Acts xi. 24. And in the evening from, "I have fought a good fight, &c." 2 Tim. iv. 7.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—If the Lord will, the following order will be observed by the Bishop in his visitation of the Diocese for Confirmations for 1888:—

Clergymen in each Parish or Mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service, as arranged in the following lists.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with christian names in full, and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which lists, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

County of Bruce.—Wednesday, May 16th, Church of Ascension, Paisley, Rev. A. Fisher; May 16, Port Elgin, Rev. T. L. Armstrong; May 17, St. Paul's, Southampton, Rev. T. L. Armstrong; May 17, St. Stephen's, Lake Aran, Rev. R. S. Cooper, B.D.; May 18, Grace Church, Sullivan; Christ Church, Invermay, Rev. R. S. Cooper, B.D.; May 20, Trinity Church, Warton; St. John's, Sarawak; and May 21, All Saints, Wolseley; Church of Redeemer, Hopworth, Rev. W. Henderson; May 22, Lion's Head, Rev. E. W. Hughes; May 24, Chesley; Christ Church, Hanover; and May 25, Christ Church, Allen Park, Rev. T. A. Wright; May 25, Trinity Church, Durham, Rev. J. C. Farthing, B.A.

DIOCESE OF COLUMBIA.

CANADIAN CHURCH UNION.

At a meeting of churchmen, held in the Cathedral schoolroom on Monday, February 6th, a branch of the above Union was formed for the Diocese of Columbia. The headquarters of the Society is in London, Ontario, and it has the sympathy of the Bishops of the Church throughout Canada. Its aim is the Union of the Laity throughout the Dominion, believing that union means strength, and its objects are set forth as follows:

1. To invite Laymen to take a greater interest in the work of the Church.
2. To work towards the union of the various Dioceses in Canada, so as to form one Canadian branch of the Catholic Church.
3. To disseminate information as to the scriptural origin and the general history of the church.