

have admired him for his fine social qualities, and for faithfulness to his honest convictions.

PORTLAND.—*St. Luke's*.—The debt on this church is being as quickly as possible removed. The ladies of the congregation, who are noted for their energy and skill, have, within the past year, raised nearly \$500 by entertainments of various kinds. These efforts have been responded to by liberal donations from prominent members of the church, among whom may be mentioned His Worship Mayor Holly \$65, the Hon. Jas. Holly \$50, and Joseph Horncastle, Esq., \$30. The congregations attending the services of the church are large, and the work seems progressing in every way. The Rector is an able preacher.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

(From our own correspondent.)

THE BISHOP OF ONTARIO AND THE "SALVATION ARMY."—Some days ago the Rev. Dr. Wilson, Assistant Minister of Saint George's Cathedral, Kingston, addressed a letter to the Bishop of Ontario in which he fully explained the work of the "Salvation Army" in the city, and the part he had taken in it. In reply the Bishop said—"Your testimony is very strong indeed, I am not going to thrust a wet blanket on any movement that has salvation for its object. You are very right in giving prominence to the emotional element in our nature, which is quite as natural as the intellectual. You are quite right in your effort to give the movement a right direction and I pray God you may be successful."

At the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, on Sunday, the 8th inst., Rural Dean Bogert rendered thanks to the Almighty for the discovery of the dynamite plot in England.

PERSONAL.—Canon Tane, who has been absent in England, on sick leave, for the last seven years, is expected to return to the Diocese about the middle of April. I regret to hear that he is not sufficiently recovered to be able to resume duty.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PORTNEUF, BOURG LOUIS.—Among the many pleasing incidents connected with the marriage of Miss Annie Colston with Rev. H. C. Stuart, was the presentation to the bride of a beautifully chased epergne by the people of Portneuf and Harwood, the parishioners of her brother, Rev. R. W. Colston, M. A., accompanied by an address expressing their warmest thanks for the deep interest she has manifested for their welfare during her residence among them, and assuring her of their sincere wishes for her future prosperity and happiness. At the earliest opportunity after the happy event the following address was presented to Rev. H. C. Stuart, in St. Bartholomew's school-room, Bourg Louis, by the Wardens on behalf of the people of the parish, accompanied by a purse containing forty-five dollars:—

Bourg Louis, P. Q., 8th April, 1883.

Rev. H. C. Stuart, M. A., Incumbent of St. Bartholomew's Church.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Having wisely adopted in your own case the teaching of the Divine precept, "It is not good for man to be alone," we avail ourselves of this auspicious circumstance to approach you with the expression of our gratitude and thanks for the fidelity and zeal with which you have fulfilled the duties of your sacred office for so many years among us, ministering not only to our spiritual necessities, but by your well-directed and untiring efforts on behalf of secular education, placing the rising generation especially under lasting obligation to you. For these and the unnumbered services which you have so unselfishly rendered us, we would humbly request you to accept our warmest thanks, and accompanying them this small offering, which we flatter ourselves you will value chiefly because of the grateful sense of obligation to you universally felt by us which accompanies it, and which prompts us to wish you from the bottom of our hearts our Father's richest

blessing in the many happy days to come which we trust He has in store for you, and that His guiding hand may lead you up to life's close in that path of unselfish service to which you have hitherto been so devoted.

We would tender also to Mrs. Stuart our heartiest wishes for her future prosperity and happiness, assuring her that, as a sharer of your joys and a lightener of your sorrows, she may experience life-long contentment and blessing, is the earnest prayer of your devoted parishioners.

Signed on behalf of the congregation.

W. W. DAVIDSON,  
ALEXANDER WOODS,  
Wardens.  
DAVID DAVIDSON,  
THOMAS SISSONS.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

(From our own correspondents.)

MONTREAL.—The Annual Vestry Meetings of the Diocese, both in town and country, present, without exception, the gratifying features of increased attendance, showing increasing interest; also many of them report progress financially and ecclesiastically. This shows that even Vestry Meetings, dry though they used to be considered, except when some strife or controversy was expected, can be made interesting and provocative of Church life.

THE offertory at St. John the Evangelist's on Easter Sunday morning was \$200. We suppose the offertories in the other churches were also largely increased, but we have not seen any note made of it. Some one has generously presented the above church with a new font, which is to be a *fac simile* of the one in St. George's Church. The giver does not divulge his name.

At the Vestry Meeting of St. Luke's Church the chair was taken by Dean Baldwin. Some question whether this is legal. The Dean is not Incumbent, at least it is not known that he is such, and in absence of the Incumbent the senior warden it is understood always takes the chair. An explanation is in the way.

ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH (Rev. Canon Norman, D.C.L., Rector) on Easter Sunday was crowded to overflowing at every service. The Rector was assisted by the Rev. T. White and Rev. I. Brock.

MANSONVILLE.—The result of the Vestry Meeting in this Parish has been that some steps have been taken to see about a new church. Collectors have been appointed and if they can, after a while, give a fair exhibit of support to the scheme, something will likely be done this summer.

SWEETSBURGH AND COWANSVILLE.—These united parishes (so it is presumed they must be called, for their are two separate congregations under one Rector) are now vacant, the Rev. T. W. Fyles having accepted the newly created office of Immigration Chaplain at the port of Quebec. His Lordship the Bishop took the services on Sunday, the 8th, having presided the evening before at a meeting called to take into consideration the affairs of the two churches.

KNOWLTON.—The Rector of this Parish has wisely determined to keep his post, notwithstanding that he received two offers to go elsewhere.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondent.)

OMEMEE.—Extensive repairs are to be made to Christ Church here. The building is brick, commodious and well arranged, but as it has been erected several years some improvements are necessary. In connection with the Parish are two Churches in the Township of Emily—St. John's and St. James'—which are also to be repaired this Spring. Here the Church people are few in number, but united and harmonious action will ensure the success of their present plans. Rev. T. Smithett is the energetic and active Rector.

CAMPBELLFORD.—A dog smitten with a spasm

of Lenten piety was rewarded by being shut in the Church here from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. In the interval the animal had devoured or nibbled the prayer books and hymn books in a ruinous manner. Had the Rector and congregation kept Holy Week as they ought to have done, the unfortunate dog would have been sooner released from durance vile and the members would not be minus their prayer books.

NORWOOD.—*Christ's Church*.—Churchwardens, Messrs. W. G. Patterson and William Elliott. Lay delegates to Synod, Messrs. Geo. E. Gillespie and J. A. Butterfield. The Treasurer reported an increase of \$21.86 in the Sunday collections over last year. A contract has been let to Mr. James Cummings for the completion of the Church tower. A committee was appointed to collect the sums already promised for this purpose and to solicit further subscriptions.

NORWAY.—*St. John's Church*.—Churchwardens, Messrs. C. T. Whitney and J. Bates. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. R. Greenwood and C. T. Whitney. The Churchwardens report that the envelope system, recently adopted, is working admirably. The present Incumbent is the Rev. C. Rutan, and owing to the exertions of his active wife the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers on Easter Day.

PETERBOROUGH.—*St. John's*.—Churchwardens, Dr. George Burnham and Mr. A. P. Pousette. Delegates to Synod, Messrs. A. P. Pousette, Geo. Burnham, M. D., and Jno. E. Belcher. No accounts were presented owing to the illness of the acting Churchwarden. The vestry adjourned for four weeks. A committee was appointed to arrange about securing the services of a Curate.

TORONTO.—*Church of the Ascension*.—The annual report of the Sunday School in connection with this Church is an interesting document. The report for 1882 has just been issued. The average attendance has been increased one hundred, the number of children on the roll is 651. There are two Bible classes, one of which has a membership of 100, and the infant class, which is under the management of Mrs. Biggar and seven other teachers, numbers 205. Last year the school contributed for Mission purposes the sum of \$155. This, judging from the attendance, should have been four times as large at least.

TORONTO.—*St. James' Cathedral*.—The Bishop preached here on Good Friday and alluded to the London Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews. His text was St. John xix. 30, and he is reported as saying that the closing sentence thereof "It is finished" was the *third* word Christ uttered from the Cross. Surely the Bishop has made a blunder! For this saying is not the third nor fourth, but the *sixth* word, as I believe nearly all writers arrange the order of these last words. The census of 1871, the Bishop said, gave the number of Jews residing in Ontario as 518. At the last census they had increased to 1,193. In Toronto also the increase was from 157 to 534. He trusted that this circumstance which throws these poor refugees of God's ancient people upon their love and hospitality and protection may be the means of raising up in the minds of Christian people a more earnest desire to work for their conversion to the knowledge of Christ, and thus help on the time when Israel shall be restored to their forfeited rights.

BARRIE.—Mr. J. C. Morgan, the indefatigable Superintendent of Trinity School, has just produced as manager, a new style of entertainment for the people. It was part concert, part operetta, and among the performers were numbered Mrs. E. Lount, Miss Georgen, Miss Maddison, Miss Mockridge, Miss Mercer, and Messrs. Crompton, Rogers, Mercer, Sanford and others. The performers are to appear in Collingwood also. Such genius in catering for the public deserves patronage and no doubt will get it. The people will conclude of course that they have by attending these operettas done something for the glory of God and the good of His Church. Alas! for such delusions.