

and suite, and a large congregation, at Christ Church, and I understand it is the intention of His Lordship to deliver a second discourse on "Agnosticism," at the same Church shortly. It is also announced that Mr. R. J. Wicksteed, D. C. L., of Ottawa, intends giving a lecture on "Modern Thoughtfulness, the cause of progressiveness backwards and downwards." Like all exaggerations, "Agnosticism," having no foundation in eternal verities, will disappear in time, but notwithstanding, we have need in these days of doubt, to take good heed to the Apostolic injunction, "Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered into the Saints."

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.—The annual Diocesan Missionary meetings have now all been held at Ottawa. The first was at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Monday evening the 13th January, J. W. Forsythe, M. A., of Pembroke, Convener. He delivered an excellent address on the position and wants of the Diocese, in which he gave a brief sketch of what the Church had accomplished in the diocese during the past twenty years, a work calculated to give cause of thankfulness to earnest Churchmen and Churchwomen, and to rouse them to increased efforts in providing for the growing wants of the diocese, many sections of which have no minister or church accommodation for public worship. Mr. Forsythe gave instances of his own experience in his mission on the Upper Ottawa, of parents having to travel seventy miles to have their children baptized, while very many families never hear a sermon from one year's end to another. Special intercession was made at both Morning and Evening Prayer for a blessing upon Mission work.

The second missionary meeting was held at the Church of St. Alban the Martyr on Sunday evening, the 27th January, when excellent addresses were delivered by the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, M. A., Rural Dean of Fróntenac, convener, Mr. Thomas White, M. P., and the Bishop. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Ottawa, Dr. Lauder, officiated.

The third meeting was held at Christ Church on Sunday evening, the 3rd February, the speakers being the Rev. E. H. M. Baker, Rural Dean of Hastings and Prince Edward, convener, the Bishop and the Archdeacon. The remarks of each secured the closest attention, particularly those of the convener, who gave an interesting account of the missions in several of the Rural Deaneries. The presence and addresses of the Bishop added much to the interest of the meetings. The collections were liberal at all the churches. In response to the appeal at Christ Church, the offertory amounted to \$71.75, being an increase of about \$7 over that of last year. A larger collection was hoped for, but when it is remembered that the congregation is taxed to the utmost to meet the charges of maintenance, the debenture debt, and the many other claims it has constantly placed before it, it was, perhaps, as much as could fairly be expected.

MUCH regret is felt by the Church people of Ottawa at the approaching departure of Major-General Luard, Mrs. Luard, and family. Their stay at the Capital is one that will long be remembered in most kindly manner, more especially by the members of the congregations of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa, and of Trinity Church, Billings Bridge, and they may rest assured that the evolution of time will not efface from their memory the energy, devotion, liberality, and many kind acts performed by the Major-General, Mrs. Luard, and family, on behalf of their respective churches. I am aware there is a strong feeling amongst some of our volunteers against the Major-General because he found fault with them for several reasons. No doubt he did not make allowance for the unavoidable deficiencies of the volunteers, but not the less he will always be kindly remembered by those amongst whom he is best known. The remarkable impetus militia work has received throughout the Dominion

is a sufficient answer to his detractors. The Major-General and family will, I understand, leave Ottawa for Bermuda on or about the 1st of March, where they will remain for some time, Miss Luard having been recommended change of air by her physician.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

LANGTRY VS. DUMOULIN.—The arguments in this celebrated case, which has employed the energies of the best legal talent in the Province, and which, it is confessed, is one of the most difficult and intricate that has come before our courts for years, were concluded on the 7th inst. The eminent counsel engaged in it addressed the court in lengthy speeches, Mr. MacLennan, Q. C., occupying over six hours, and answering clearly one by one the various points taken by counsel for the defence. Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q. C., in answering the insinuation that Canon Dumoulin was responsible for the unseemly litigation, spoke very fairly, but his offer came rather late in the day. He said, "I am perfectly willing that your Lordship should refer this case to the Master of the Court to hear all parties, to consider, in fairness and justice, what is the position of St. James' Church, its circumstances, its present position, and its future prospects, what is the position of the other churches to which this matter could extend, to say in fairness and justice how much St. James' should keep, how much it should give, and refer that scheme to the court, and let the court either approve it or alter it as in their judgment is fair and just, and I add, as I have always added, that if any parliamentary aid is required to carry such an award into execution, we will join with the opposite parties in a petition to Parliament in order to complete it." One would have supposed, however, that the Acts already obtained in 1866 and 1878 were quite sufficient to settle this vexed question, yet Canon Dumoulin, by his counsel, said these Acts were nugatory and futile, and insisted on opening the matter as if no legislation had existed. The matter is now in the hands of Mr. Justice Ferguson, and we need hardly say the learned Judge's decision is anxiously awaited on all sides. We sincerely trust whatever decision is given, that there will be no further appeals to the law to confirm or alter the award, and that whatever further settlement of the Rectory question is required, may be sought by arbitration.

TRINITY COLLEGE CONVERSAZIONE.—A large and fashionable gathering of the friends of Trinity College took place on the 7th inst. at the Annual Conversazione. The guests numbered between seven and eight hundred, and were received by Provost Body and Dean Jones. At 8 o'clock a short musical programme was carried out in the Convocation Hall. Solos were given by Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Berryman, Miss Bown, and Messrs. Thompson and Scadding. From 10 o'clock dancing commenced, and for some three or four hours was indulged in with great energy. The band of the Queen's Own Rifles supplied the music with their accustomed skill. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.—A public meeting of the Literary Society in connection with this College was held on the 1st inst. The chair was occupied by the Bishop of Toronto. Rev. G. M. Wrong read an essay on "The Decay of the Pulpit." After a short programme of readings and music, a debate took place on "Resolved, that the privilege of the franchise should be extended to women." The Bishop congratulated the speakers on their ability, and the discussion was given for the negative.

TEMPERANCE ITEMS.—At Carlton a meeting was recently held to form a branch of the C. E. T. S. Several persons joined the Society, and the election of officers was postponed.—At St. Stephen's branch, Revs. Messrs. Dyson Hague and J. F. Sweeny lectured, the former taking as his

subject "The Reason Why," the latter, "Society, with a Curse Removed."—At Lindsay, the Temperance Society held a meeting lately, when an address was to have been delivered by the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw. Owing to a great snow blockade, however, the Rev. gentleman could not be present. The President of the Society, Rev. S. Weston Jones, read Canon Farrar's recent sermon on Temperance, and several musical pieces were rendered by members. The roll of membership is over 200.—At Rosemont temperance work is progressing with rapid strides. The membership of the C. E. T. S. branch is now 212, over 200 of whom have signed the total abstinence declaration. Seventy-four persons joined the Society in January.—A petition has been presented to the City Council by the C. E. T. S. of Toronto respecting the evils of Grocers' Licenses, and praying the Council to take the necessary steps to separate the sale of liquor from that of merchandise. The petition was signed by over 1700 persons. Bishop Sweatman and Mr. N. W. Hoyles urged the matter before the Council, and the result was that a vote of the ratepayers is to be taken on the question on the 25th Feb. We sincerely trust that it will be in favour of the abolition of grocers' licenses, owing to which intemperance is greatly promoted.

TORONTO.—St. Philip's.—This church was opened for Divine Worship on a recent Sunday. The Bishop preached in the morning and the Rector, Rev. J. F. Sweeny, in the evening. The building is plain French Gothic, the architects being Messrs. Stewart & Denison. Work began May 22nd, 1883. The total cost of the building is about \$15,000, two-thirds of which has not been secured. The seating capacity is 1,000. The church is 100 feet in length, by 64 in width, chancel 16 feet by 33 feet, basement 10 feet under entire building. It is built of red brick, with Ohio stone dressings. The opening services were continued the following Sunday, sermons being preached by the Archdeacon of York and Canon Dumoulin. Last Sunday Dr. Sheraton and Professor Schneider officiated.

BROCKTON.—A Conversazione was held at Brockton Hall on the 5th Feb. in aid of the organ fund of St. Anne's Church. Mayor Boswell occupied the chair, and a very fine programme of vocal and instrumental music was prepared and fully carried out. Trinity College Glee Club contributed greatly to the success of the entertainment.

NEW MISSION.—Another offshoot as the commencement of a new mission has been made in connection with St. Thomas' Church. Services began in a room on the 10th Feb. The work is undertaken by two Trinity College students, Messrs. Oliver and Kenrick.

TORONTO.—Holy Trinity.—The Sunday School had their regular winter entertainment a few evenings ago. Tea was provided by the congregation, and an excellent concert was given by the choir. Prizes were distributed the following Sunday afternoon by the Rector, Rev. J. Pearson, and the Superintendent. They consisted chiefly of Bibles and Prayer Books.

OMEMEE.—The congregation of Christ Church here made a presentation to their organist, Miss Allie Stephenson. The gift consists of a gold watch, and it is given in token of her generous and self-sacrificing services in the position of organist for seven years past. Messrs. H. Daws, Curry and McNeely made the presentation, and the Incumbent, Rev. W. T. Smithett, delivered an address on the occasion.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

The Church at large may rejoice in the fact that the Bishop of Niagara has greatly improved in health, and is able to attend to the duties of his high office. His Lordship has recently issued the