

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Sabrevois College.—On Monday evening, 18th inst., a large congregation assembled at L'Eglise du Redempteur, to hear the solemn confirmation service read in French. His Lordship Bishop Bond being accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Canon Mulock, Canon Rollit, the Rev. L. N. Tucker, M.A., the Rev. D. Lariviere, pastor of the church, and others. Addresses were delivered by His Lordship and the Rev. L. N. Tucker, and after silent prayer ten persons were admitted into the Church by the Apostolic rite of laying on of hands. After the service, the congregation adjourned to the college, when a very satisfactory report of the French work was read by Principal Lariviere. The register shows that 101 pupils have been under instruction during the greater part of the year. Thanks were offered to the kind friends who had presented French Bibles to the confirmation class and prizes to the successful pupils.

Trinity Church.—The rite of confirmation was administered in this church last week by the bishop of the diocese to forty-three candidates. His Lordship Bishop Bond has made the following additional appointments for May and June:

May 31, Sunday, Kildare, etc., Rev. W. Weaver.
June 1, Monday, Rawdon, etc., Rev. W. Davies.
June 7, Sunday, Longueuil, Rev. J. G. Baylis.
June 10, Wednesday, St. Lambert, Rev. W. J. Dart.
June 14, Sunday, Sault au Recollet (opening of St. Andrew's church), Rev. E. McManus.
June 16, Tuesday, Diocesan Synod.
June 21, Sunday, St. Johns, Rural Dean Renaud.
June 21, Sunday, Christieville, Rev. B. P. Lewis.

HOCHELAGA.—St. Mary's Sunday-school.—The annual distribution of prizes to the children of the above school took place recently. Three special prizes were given by the Rev. A. Bareham, James Jackson, Esq., and Mr. Chippendale, president of the Sunday-school, and were awarded in the following order:—Edith Morgan, highest attainable marks; Harry Snell and Nellie Blakemore. Prizes were also given by the teachers to the best pupil in each class, as follows:—Mrs. Bareham's class, James Bennett; Mrs. Chippendale's class, Eileen Morgan; Miss Noton's class, Walter Gregory; Miss Snell's class, Lillie Bennett; Mr. Massicot's class, Alice Eldridge; Mr. Mason's class, John Blakemore. There was a large attendance of parents and friends.

POINT ST. CHARLES.—Grace Church.—The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association in connection with this church was held in the school-room recently, the Lord Bishop presiding. The reports of the secretary, treasurer, and mission superintendents show that this Association is in a prosperous condition and doing a good work in the parish. Addresses were delivered by Bishop Bond, Archdeacon Evans, the Rev. Mr. Lariviere, W. J. White, Esq., B.C.L., which were listened to with interest by all present. A programme of instrumental and vocal music was successfully rendered by the members of the church choir, assisted by Misses Murray, McWood and Edith Powles, and Mr. C. E. Reffenstein.

ONTARIO.

STAFFORD.—The annual Easter vestries for the parish of Stafford were held on Easter Monday and Tuesday. The wardens elected for St. Stephen's were Messrs. C. Rath and T. Wright; for St. Patrick's, J. Kidd and H. L. Buttle; for St. Thomas, James Clarke and T. Leech. The sidesmen elected for St. Stephen's were Messrs. H. T. Hawkins and J. Wright; for St. Patrick's, T. Brown and H. Buttle; for St. Thomas, A. Leech and H. Grey. Harmony prevails in this parish and good-will for the minister, the Rev. J. P. Smitherman. This was shown in the people recently petitioning the Bishop to allow him to continue his peaceful work at Stafford, when another parish was offered him. At Christmas the people presented the minister with 120 bushels of oats and lately with 50 cords of wood. The lay delegates to the Synod are Dr. Smythe, Q. C., of Kingston, Messrs. H. H. Loucks and E. Hawkins. It is a mark of progress when the people show a desire to improve the buildings of the Church. A resolution was passed at the meeting at St. Patrick's urging the advisability of building there a new stone church, and a meeting will be held in the summer to arrange details. The present log church of St. Patrick's was built some thirty years ago, when the settlers were not so rich and prosperous as they are now, and so they now desire to erect a building more worthy of the worship of God.

ROSLIN.—For the past year or two an agitation has been going on for a division of this parish, and with a good deal of reason when the extent of the parish

is taken into consideration. It is twenty miles in length by about fifteen in width, and contains from one hundred and fifty to two hundred Church families, with only one clergyman to do the work, whose duties would therefore be very onerous; in fact, it is impossible for him to do the work properly, even if physically strong and vigorous. The natural division is between Tweed and Thomasburg, thus throwing Roslin and Thomasburg together to form one parish, with Tweed and the outlying districts to form another parish. If the Church people of this parish would only wake up to their necessities and capabilities, and by obtaining a small grant from the Mission Board, they would be enabled to accomplish the division, have two clergymen instead of one, more effectual work could be done, scattered Church families looked after, services held at points where now it is impossible to do so, more money raised for Church work, and in a short time both parishes or missions would be self-sustaining. It is a disgrace to the Church people of this parish that they are not doing better than they are in Church work, seeing they could easily do it. Too little work and too much niggardliness is at the bottom of the whole of it.

MORRISBURG.—Rev. W. Roberts has been appointed to the rectory of Morrisburg in the place of Canon Worrell, removed to Kingston.

BARRIEFIELD.—The incumbency of St. Mark's will be tendered to Rev. Mr. Worrell, who has been appointed to the Military College, Kingston.

KINGSTON, April 21.—A special meeting of the executive committee of Ontario diocese was held on Tuesday morning. The Lord Bishop and Chancellor Walkem were warmly welcomed on their first appearance after their painful illness. There were also present: Archdeacon Jones, Brockville; Canon Burke, Belleville; Rural Deans Baker and Loucks, of Bath and Picton; Rev. Messrs. B. B. Smith, A. Spencer and A. W. Cooke, Kingston; Rev. A. Jarvis, Napanee; Messrs. Rogers, Smythe, Shannon and Pense, Kingston.

Rev. Thomas Garrett presented a memorial of the vestry for leave to mortgage the church, to meet a balance of \$4,000 of debt.

Canon Burke again protested against the mortgaging of churches on principle. The relaxing of the rule in the case of St. George's cathedral had been quickly followed by several applications.

His lordship said he disliked the custom, and would not again call a special meeting of the committee for such a purpose. This met with the approval of the committee generally, and the main question will be met in the synod. Leave was granted.

Rev. Mr. Quartermain and Mr. Clark, of St. Paul's church, Renfrew, applied for leave to mortgage their parsonage for \$600, for the church improvement debt.

This was granted, as was also leave to St. Barnabas' church, Ottawa, to mortgage for \$8,000 to meet a building debt. The church is flourishing, but the liabilities are in such a shape that the measure proposed was in the best interest of the church.

The vestry of St. Alban's, Stella, asked for leave to sell their old church shed and the sexton's house, after a forthcoming deconsecrating service. This was granted, the proceeds to be applied to removing the debt upon the new church.

His lordship intimated that the Synod would be called on June 2.

A resolution was passed requiring all motions for the notice papers to be filed by May 10, the bishop, chancellor, treasurer and secretaries to arrange them.

A battery contributed \$48.60 to the diocesan mission fund in connection with St. George's cathedral.

TORONTO.

St. James'.—The annual festival meeting of the Toronto Bands of Hope in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society was held in the school room last evening. The bishop of Toronto presided. There were fully a thousand children present, representing the nine Bands of Hope in the city at present, and the meeting was probably the most successful held since the big gathering in the Pavilion. The proceedings were opened with a hymn, and prayer by the Rev. Canon DuMoulin, after which the chairman welcomed the children and their friends, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to see such an interest taken in the movement. Short addresses followed by Mr. C. A. Sadlier, the Rev. Canon Sweeny, and the Rev. Dr. Mockridge. It was stated by Rev. Dr. Mockridge that a Band of Hope was about to be organized in connection with Holy Trinity Church, making the tenth in the city. Several prize essays on temperance contributed by

the Bands of Hope were read by the Rev. Canon Cayley. A programme of hymns, sung with great heartiness by the children, closed with God Save the Queen and the doxology. The various bands marched home by the principal streets with their banners, singing:

Temperance boys and girls are we,
In sunny youth, from care we're free.

The vestry meeting in connection with St. Martin's Church, was held in the church on Easter Monday. The rector, Rev. Canon Middleton, in the chair. The financial report of the churchwardens' accounts was very satisfactory. Mr. Byers was chosen as the rector's warden, Mr. Doane having retired, and Mr. Needham was re-elected as the people's warden. Messrs. W. Middleton, Doane and Chadwick were elected as lay delegates to synod. Messrs. Rowntree, Pie, Brady and Doane were elected as sidesmen. Mr. Baird and Mr. Byers were elected as parish council. When we take into consideration the fact that a few months since there were only about ten Church families in the then contemplated rectory, and that the most of them had gone to the Methodists and Baptists, and that those families have been reclaimed, and that there are now over forty families, there certainly is great cause for thankfulness, and it is hoped that united action in the future, as has been in the past, will be rewarded by many additional families being added to the congregation.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts for the Rev. J. G. Brick's mission at Peace River: A cheerful giver, Mitchell, Ont., \$5.00; A member of St. Martin's Church, Montreal, per Rev. G. O. Troop, \$1.00; The Kings' Daughters, Portsmouth, \$20.00; St. John's Church S. S., Portsmouth, \$13.85; Young Ladies' Society of St. John's Church, Strathroy, \$10.00, the last named amount being promised for three years.

ORONO.—St. Saviour's Church.—Wardens: Thos. Coatham and John McComb. Delegate to synod: H. H. Odell. At St. John's, Elizabethville, Mr. E. Wilson remains as permanent warden.

PERRYTOWN.—St. Paul's Church.—Wardens: James Leslie, William B. Campbell. Delegates to synod: Joseph S. Wilson and James Leslie.

KING.—All Saints' Church.—The morning service on Sunday last, April 19, was of unusual interest. It was the occasion of the dedication of a font which had been given by the "Little Workers," a band of children belonging to the juvenile part of the Women's Auxiliary. Owing to the impossibility of having a celebration, matins was said, the children walking in procession at the opening of the service, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The font, which is of stone and very prettily designed, cost thirty-eight dollars, all of which was raised by the children since December 1st last. All Saints' Church, which is in charge of a student of Trinity College, is progressing wonderfully. During the past year a very nice organ was placed in the church, and the services are hearty. The "Willing Workers" are about forty-two children under the careful and excellent guidance of Miss Montgomery. Last autumn, a large box of clothing was sent by them to Algoma.

COBOURG.—St. Peter's Church.—The Literary and Social Association held the last of a series of entertainments on Thursday evening last. The room was well filled, many there being outsiders, who also assisted in the evening's entertainment. Many present became members, adding their names to the large number already members. We trust to be able to continue our entertainments when our new Sunday School building has been erected.

MILLBROOK.—The next meeting of the Rural Deanery, D.V., will be held here on Tuesday, May 5th, at 1 p.m. H. S.—2 Peter, iii chapter. Special business, election of Rural Dean.

MARKHAM.—We are pleased to hear that the Rev. Alfred Osborne, B.D., has successfully passed the examination of Trinity University for the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

NIAGARA.

HARRISTON.—The annual vestry meetings of this parish have shown steady growth, which is full of encouragement to all our church wardens. At the home station, the warden's report of the yearly offerings showed an increase of 25 per cent. The incumbent's report of statistics showed an increase