

greatly esteemed by all classes of our citizens, but more especially by the parishioners of St. Matthew's among whom they labor.

Since receiving the foregoing we learn that the Rev. Lennox Williams has been appointed Rector of this Church in succession to the Rev. Dr. Allnatt, who resigned on his appointment to a Professorship in Theology at Bishop's College.

The appointment was made by the Bishop (with whom it rests entirely) upon a memorial signed by a large number of the congregation, suggesting his name. Mr. Williams has occupied the position of curate for two years past and had endeared himself to all, and more especially, perhaps, to the poorer members of the congregation, by his self-denying labours, his kindly manner and his warm sympathy, that it was felt that the congregation owed it to themselves and to him, to offer to their young Pastor, and at the same time hazard an expression of the pleasure they would feel in welcoming him as their Rector, should the Bishop happily be at one with them in the opinion, that despite his comparatively short experience in the ministry, he was well qualified, both by natural gifts and by his special experience in the parish, to discharge the arduous duties of its Rector. Much satisfaction is felt at the acquiescence of the Bishop in the wishes of the congregation.

Trinity.—The Rev. A. Baram, incumbent of this parish, has recovered from his recent illness and is again at his post.

St. George's Day.—*The Cathedral.*—The annual service of the St. George's Society was held in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m., the congregation was not as large as usual, owing doubtless to the inclemency of the weather. Evening prayer was by the Rev. Lennox Williams, B.A., and the first and second lessons by the Rev. Thomas Richardson, and the Rev. H. G. Petry, M.A., respectively, the sermon being preached by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The musical portion of the service was exceedingly beautiful. The *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* were sung to Tours in F. But the gem of the choir's performances was the anthems by Mozart—"Glory, honor, praise and power, be unto God forever." The chorus was particularly grand and effective, and the solo passage, especially the soprano and tenor, wonderfully pleasing and admirably rendered.

A collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the St. George's Society, whose officers, wearing their collars of office, occupied front seats during the service.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Geo. V. Housman, Rector of the Cathedral, who has been in bad health for some time past, left on a trip last week with his daughter.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

THE EASTER VESTRY MEETINGS.

Christ Church.—The meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Rev. J. G. Norton, rector, in the chair. Messrs. Lyman and Holden were re-elected wardens, and Messrs. Geo. A. Drummond and Robert Evans delegates to the Synod. The accounts showed a balance, after paying current expenses of \$138 in favor of the Church. Messrs. A. M. Crombie and Joseph Rielle, the wardens who resigned recently, issued a statement, showing, in tabulated form, the exact condition of the finances. Assets were put down as \$3,268.60, showing a balance of \$547.52 in favor of the church. In addition, the debt of the church had been reduced \$2,142.91; special disbursements had been made amounting to \$864.95.

St. James' the Apostle.—At the annual Easter vestry of this Church Mr. T. Montgomery was appointed rector's warden, and Mr. J. J. Browne people's warden. Messrs. J. W. Marling and J. Binmore, were elected delegates to Synod.

Trinity.—The Rev. Canon Mills presided. Mr. Andrew Baillie was re-elected rector's warden, and Mr. Charles Garth people's warden.

St. Martin's.—The Rev. G. O. Troop presided. Mr. S. Bethune, Q.C., was chosen rector's warden, and Mr. W. Tatley people's warden. Messrs. S. Bethune, Q.C., and A. Gowdey were appointed delegates to Synod.

St. Stephen's.—The elections for the year resulted as follows: Rector's warden, Mr. Thos. Brophy; people's warden, Mr. Chas. E. Cooke; delegates to Synod: Messrs. John Tough and F. McCulloch. The annual report disclosed a flourishing condition of the finances.

Grace Church.—At the seventeenth Easter vestry meeting of this Church, the rector, Rev. Canon Belcher, occupied the chair. The churchwarden's report was read and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Mr. D. Robertson, re-elected, rector's warden; Mr. E. W. Summerskill, re-elected people's warden. Delegates to Synod: Messrs. W. McWood, re-elected; G. Outram re-elected.

St. Thomas.—Mr. C. H. Beckett was again nominated rector's churchwarden, and Mr. Arthur Cooper was elected people's warden, and as lay delegates to Synod are Messrs. Walter Drake and R. Slack. The churchwarden's report showed a very satisfactory financial statement of funds.

St. Matthias.—At the annual vestry meeting in this Church, Cote St. Antoine, Messrs. F. W. Evans and John Macfarlane were re-appointed wardens, and Colonel Sweeney and Captain Raynes were elected delegates to the Synod.

St. Jude's.—People's warden, Mr. H. J. Mudge, re-elected; Minister's warden, Mr. J. H. Redfern, re-elected. Delegates to Synod: Messrs. H. J. Mudge and J. H. Redfern.

St. Lambert.—The annual vestry meeting of St. Mark's was held in the school-room. The annual report showed a surplus of \$90, which was voted to the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Dart, as an Easter offering. Mr. George Hunt was elected people's warden, and Mr. J. C. Sudbury rector's warden. Messrs. Robert Church and James Bourne were elected delegates to the Synod.

THE PROPOSED JUBILEE.—Offering of the Churchwomen of Canada to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Missionary Diocese of Algoma:

It is proposed to set a public memorial stone in the history of the Church of England in Canada, by placing on a sure basis a Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the Algoma Diocese.

In the Diocese of Montreal there are many who rigidly recognize the claim of our only Missionary Diocese upon their liberality, most of whom have known more or less intimately its present Bishop, who with rare self-denial declined to accept the less onerous See of Huron to which he was recently elected, preferring to prolong his arduous labours in the field already occupied by him.

It only needs to be known that of the numerous desirable objects claiming his attention, none is so near to his heart as the sure establishment of a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, to secure a prompt and generous response to this appeal. A similar appeal has met with cordial acceptance in the several Dioceses of the Province of Ontario.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Wolferstan Thomas, 730 Sherbrooke street, or for convenience they may be left at Hall & Scott's, with whom a subscription book has been placed, or they may be sent through Mrs. Henderson, President of the Womens' Auxiliary Missionary Association, 896 Dorchester street.

DUNHAM.—The second meeting of the District of Bedford Clerical Union, practically the old Rural Deanery Association, was held in this parish on Tuesday, 26th ult. The attendance of the clergy was not large, owing to the diffi-

culties of travel and other legitimate causes; but the letters of apology received give ground to believe that the meetings in future will receive ample countenance. Holy Communion having been celebrated by the reverend secretary, assisted by the Rector, the brethren assembled in the school-room of the Parish Church, the Rector taking the chair. There were present the following: Revs. J. Kerr, Rural Dean Smith, Rural Dean Nye, E. J. Saphir and the Secretary W. R. Brown. After the accustomed office, the minutes of last meeting read and approved; the constitution was subjected to criticism and review, and received, with one or more verbal changes, the endorsement of those present. A portion of the ordinal (the charge given to priests) was read and meditated thereon. In the afternoon session the parable of the "Unjust Steward" was opened to discussion by the Secretary reading a novel exegesis thereon made in the *Homiletic* monthly of July, 1886. This drew forth an interesting and instructive consideration of it, and the views of the monthly shown to be untenable, and neither borne out by the structure and phrasing of the Parable itself, or of the relationship of the "Intermediaries" to original owners on the one hand, or their tenants or customers on the other, as they even now exist in Palestine. The Rev. J. Saphir showed this with clearness, he himself being a native of Jerusalem, and knowing personally how estates are farmed and worked. After this theme was closed, the Rev. Mr. Kerr, read a paper on the question of keeping of the Saints' days, dwelling on some of the difficulties to the regular carrying out of the Church's intention in this matter, arising out of climatic and local difficulties; yet at the same time that the intention could be carried out with spiritual profit to priest and people far more than it has yet been done. In this view the brethren agreed. Talks concerning books, increasing skepticism among the young and how to meet it, &c., followed. One of the brethren advocated special lectures to be given by chosen clergymen, each to treat on a special phase of the subject, and to deliver the same where wanted. This was deemed worthy of thought; another advocated the adoption of the system of what are called "conferences," viz.: set debates between two clergymen, taking opposite sides, and by that means giving an opportunity for the debater on the defensive or positive sides, to give much needed instruction on Church doctrines, usages, &c., as could not be treated of in sermons. Another member stated the advantages of having a "question box," through which inquirers could send questions, the clergyman to answer them, as may be provided. The place of next meeting agreed upon was Frelighsburg, or as hereafter may be determined, before or after the day of consecration of the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church, which is to take place (D.V. on June 8th.)

In the evening a public service was held in the Parish Church. Addresses were given. The Rev. W. Ross Brown on, "The Church as a Divine Institution." Rev. F. H. Clayton, "The Church as an Educator." The Rev. E. J. Saphir: "Palestine, its religious condition and its needs." This closed the beginning of what we hope will be a series of profitable occasions to the clergy.

LACHUTE.—The Rev. W. Sanders desires to acknowledge with thanks an anonymous contribution of \$5 to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

NAPANEE.—Most satisfactory were the Easter services in this beautiful Church of St. Mary Magdalene in this town. There were 114 Communicants, of whom 46 came to the early celebration. At the Sunday-school the children, who had taken the self-denial cards of the Children's Church Missionary Guild during