

ture for the society's room, and an expression of good will was tendered to Mr. Archer, who is about to leave the city. Mr. Farron contributed a very interesting scientific essay on Electricity, after which a debate took place on the subject, resolved: That England's course in the Crimea was justifiable. Mr. Ambrose, seconded by Mr. Fairclough, argued that England's course was just and honest, and gave an interesting history of the war. For the negative, Mr. Whitley and Mr. Davis contended that England was not justified in interfering. The president decided in favor of the affirmative. The next meeting will not take place until Monday, April 13th, when readings from the English poets will be given by the members.

A very handsome testimonial, of silver, has lately been presented to Henry McLaren, Esq., for his long and faithful services in promoting the successful working of the Hamilton (Temperance) Coffee Tavern. The meeting of friends and shareholders of the institution was unusually large. The success of the enterprise is abundantly proved, and will encourage the general desire of establishing several branches throughout the city in the ensuing year.

**WATERDOWN.**—At the unanimous request of the warden and vestry, the Rev. Mr. Francis, of Grace Church, will take temporary charge of the church and parish of St. Matthias, Waukesha, Wisconsin, during the summer and autumn months of the present year. Waukesha is a handsome, growing town, and one of the lovely summer resorts of that beautiful State, being the locality in which is situated the famous Bethesda spring, the best known of several in the town and its immediate vicinity, and the water of which is celebrated for its curative properties in many chronic diseases. The reverend gentleman expects to leave Waterdown in Easter week, and to be away till November, the duties of his own parish being taken during his absence by the Rev. J. C. Munson who has been the assistant minister since his ordination in October last.

### HURON.

**STANDING COMMITTEE OF DIOCESAN SYNOD.**—The standing committee held their regular meeting in the Chapter House on Friday, March 13th, his Lordship the Bishop in the chair.

**Committee on rules, on order, and proceedings.**—The clauses of reports were considered separately. After a long discussion the proposed canon was directed to be printed in convening circular of Synod.

**Committee on Diocesan collections** read their report and had leave granted to sit.

**Committee on passing funds for a See House** reported progress. A protest against the amount of assessment was read from the vestry of St. Paul's Church, London, and referred to committee. Considerable discussion followed, and several suggestions offered for the consideration of the committee. It was finally agreed to advance the amount, and to spread the subscription over five years. Several applications for grants was then read and disposed of.

**AYLMER.**—Permission was granted to sell the old church and lot, and to raise on security a further sum to pay for the Methodist church which they had purchased.

**CHESLEY.**—A petition from the congregation stating that they had purchased a Presbyterian church, and asking permission to raise a sum of money on security of their new building. Granted, committee on investments reported sums invested since last meeting. Committee to prepare the convening circular of the Synod and the annual report of the Standing Committee:—Rev. Canon Innes, Rev. Canon Smith, the clerical secretary, and Messrs. Rowland, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

**LAMBTON RURAL DEANERY.**—In the episcopal visitation tour, the Lord Bishop admitted to the full communion of the Church by the laying on of hands two hundred and forty-one candidates.

**WINDSOR.**—Rev. N. H. Martin, of Christ Church, Chatham, preached at Matins and at evensong on the Sunday in Lent. Rev. Dr. McCarroll, of Detroit, formerly of Toronto, gave the address at the Wednesday evening service on March 4th.

**PELEE ISLAND.**—The Church members of St. Mary's are now taking in hand to repair the parsonage. They propose moving it from its present site up

nearer to the church. This delightful island in Lake Erie is ecclesiastically united to the mission of St. George, Tillbury East, a mission now vacant.

**SARNIA.**—The Lord Bishop of the diocese, held confirmation in St. George's Church on the second Sunday in Lent, at matins. Rev. T. Davis, rector of the parish, assisted the Bishop in the regular morning service. The attendance was more than usually large, every available space being occupied, even the aisles and the space in front of the chancel. His Lordship preached from Malachi iii. 17, a very impressive sermon, dwelling on that part of the text referring to the Lord's jewels. The confirmation class consisted of more than sixty persons. After the rite had been administered to each of the class, his Lordship addressed them very impressively, recalling the nature of the obligation they had personally assumed, and exhorting them to live as members of Christ, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven. A large number of communicants, including those newly confirmed, partook of the Holy Sacrament. At the afternoon service he preached his sermon being specially addressed to young men.

**WILTON.**—Rev. A. Brown, delivered a very interesting lecture in what had been known as the Methodist Church, on the last day of February. The subject of his lecture was "St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England." The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views, and the Rev. lecturer so treated the subject as to demonstrate that he had thoroughly mastered his subject, the Cathedral of Protestant Christendom.

**FORREST.**—Christ Church was the scene of one of the popularly interesting rites of the old church. The Lord Bishop of Huron held confirmation at Forrest, confirming a large class of young soldiers of the cross, on Feb. 26th. The congregation of Christ Church has been under the ministry of Rev. W. Henderson for the last two years. He is very successful in his mission, working quietly and faithfully without the ostentatious parade of flaunting banners and rattling drums.

### ALGOMA.

Rev. W. Crompton begs gratefully to acknowledge from Mr. H. P. Blachford, \$5 00; Mr. G. Hallen, \$1.00, for purpose of supplying copies of DOMINION CHURCHMAN to settlers in the bush.

We understand that the Bishop of Algoma has appointed the Rev. A. Osborne, of Gravenhurst, his examining chaplain of the eastern portion of the diocese, comprising Muskoka, Perry Sound and part of Nipissing. Mr. Osborne has had large experience in educational matters, having been principal in several large schools in England, and been admitted a member of the "College of Preceptors," London. He also served as master of St. Matthews' School and Curate of St. Anne, Nassau, Balaena. More recently he held the post of Assistant in St. Paul's, Charlotte Town, P. E. I., and prepared candidates for Holy Orders in Arts and Theology in the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

**PORT SYDNEY.**—On Tuesday afternoon last the Rev. Alfred Osborne, of Gravenhurst, Examining Chaplain for the diocese, arrived here to conduct an examination for priests orders. Next morning the following candidates presented themselves:—The Rev. John Greeson, Uffington; the Rev. W. B. Magnan, Burke's Falls; the Rev. R. W. Plante, Port Sydney, and were busily engaged from 10 a.m., till 4 p.m., the first day, and again the second day from 10 a.m., till 2 p.m. In spite of the searching character of the papers set, it is satisfactory to learn that each candidate took a high-standing. Wednesday evening a special service was held in Christ Church, all the clergy taking part. The sermon was preached by the chaplain on the "Nature of our union with God," and was a most impressive one. The communion of the Lord's Supper followed which was partaken of by nineteen communicants. The next examination will be held here, D.V. the 29th and 30th of April, when it is expected that two candidates for Deacons Orders will present themselves.

The Rev. R. W. Plante, acknowledges the receipt of a box of school materials, comprising readers, spellers, arithmetics, copy books, pencils, pens, inks, etc., from the "Department of Education," Toronto, for use in the day-school in charge of Mrs. R. H. Smith. Two lots of hymn-books for use in my mission and a few valuable books for my own use, from the Rev. Wm. Crompton. A cheque for one

pound (£1), from "A reader of Church Bells," Liverpool, England, for the Parsonage Fund.

**PORT CARLING.**—The Bishop of Algoma paid his annual visit to this mission on the 22nd Feby. He arrived on the evening of the 21st and was the guest of the missionary stationed here. On Sunday, the 22nd, the Bishop preached at 11 a.m., in St. James, Port Carling, to a large congregation, on the subject of the temptation, a most impressive sermon, and administered the Holy Communion. Immediately after, accompanied by the missionary, he started for Brakenburg where a large audience assembled and who heard an eloquent soul-stirring sermon on the text, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ," (2 Cor. v. 16). It was the day for the Methodist service in the school room, but Mr. Eagar, the Methodist minister, most courteously placed the school room at the disposal of the Bishop and himself joined in the service. In the evening there was another very large congregation assembled in Port Carling Church. On Monday, the 23rd, was a day of very hard work. The Bishop accompanied by Mr. Pitchard, the lay-reader, Mr. Johnson, the post master, and the Missionary, started for Port Sandfield. Walking was very hard work for the Bishop and his companions, but nothing else could be done. Port Sandfield was reached in due time, when we met a small congregation, with a few from Gregory. Small as the number was, yet every one there felt that he went not away empty. The Bishop's address was earnest and went to the heart of every one present. Having partaken of the hospitality of Mr. Cox, we started back for another appointment five miles away. The moment we reached Port Carling, His Lordship hastened to be on the way, accompanied by the missionary, he went on to the Point, this is a place on the Muskoka Lake, which has recently been opened for service, and the most promising in the whole mission. Here there are twenty-two Church families settled, and whenever a service is held, they all come out. As it is the intention to build a church here, His Lordship preached from the text, "Walk about Zion, and go around about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generations following." The Bishop showed the beauty of the Church services and the larger portions of the Word of God which is embodied in the services, and showed that the origin of the Church is Apostolic, dating back to the first century of the Christian era. This was a most instructive and well pointed discourse, and one which evidently did great good; it was listened to most attentively. After the service, His Lordship took the names of the church families present, and soon had sixteen on his list. He was well pleased with his visit. In the evening he held a vestry meeting, and expressed his dissatisfaction at the filthy state of the church; the wardens had not taken the slightest pains to clean the floor. There were representatives present from all out stations. The Bishop left on the morning of the 24th, and had a break down on the road, he had to walk some four miles before he could procure a vehicle of any sort to take him on to Bracebridge.

### RUPERTS LAND.

**WINNIPEG.**—The Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, rector of Christ Church in this city, has been offered the rectory of "All Saints," and has declined the offer. The offer was accompanied with urgent solicitations for acceptance on the part of the vestry of All Saints, who were very anxious to secure the services of the popular and energetic rector of Christ Church, whose authorities were equally determined not to lose them, if in their power to prevent it. The offer was a tempting one in many ways, but, out of deference to the wishes of his parishioners, very decidedly expressed at a special meeting convened for the consideration of the matter, Mr. Pentreath decided to remain where he is, and where he is doing a great and good work. It is quite clear that his departure would have proved a heavy blow to the congregation which he has done so much to build up and keep together, a large part of which would undoubtedly have followed their beloved pastor, thus weakening the parish to a degree incompatible with prosperity, and he is entitled to much credit for the stand he has taken. There are very few wealthy, and many poor people connected with his church, the latter of whom would have especially missed his incessant efforts on their behalf, both of a temporal and spiritual nature. The Rev. Mr. Ramsay, of Windsor, Ontario, preached in All Saints Church last Sunday.

The Rev. John May lectures every Thursday evening in Christ Church school-house, on some historical subject connected with the Church, such as "The history of the Bible," the Prayer Book, the Early Martyrs, Heresies and Sects, &c. These meetings are well attended. Our laity, in general, need instruction of this kind.