

hearty doxology to the Giver of all good things for the liberal supply of refreshment both for soul and body which they had that evening enjoyed.

### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

The Bishop-Elect of Niagara will not address any formal Valedictory to the Congregation of St. Matthew's beyond the usual Lent Pastoral, which he has already issued, which concludes as follows:—

Let me say here, that I desire to protect myself and you, from the painfulness and the peril attendant upon the feelings that may be stirred by my departure to another sphere of labor. It is well not to disregard, and not to make too much of the feelings and associations which will bind the human heart to particular places and persons. The blessings and the aids which Christianity offers to us, may be realized as fully in our severance from them. Certainly, and happily for us, they have not been made to depend upon them. The soundness and the value of the principles, and the method of any man's work, in which others are concerned, will be seen in that work going on almost as well in his absence as in his presence—in the limited changes and check which his severance from it may occasion. When the Metropolitan has decided on the time and place for my consecration to the Order of Bishops, you shall be informed; and I hope to arrange that there shall be a Celebration of the Holy Communion amongst you on the same day and at the same hour. Thus, all who are willing, and I hope they will be many in number, will be able to unite with me and to aid me with their prayers on the most solemn occasion of my life.

On the Sunday before my departure from amongst you, we can also unite in Holy Communion, and after showing forth the Lord's Death, and receiving the Gifts He offers to us, set out on the way appointed for us, with quickened energies and brightened hopes. I do not propose to address to you any other parting words, because they excite personal feelings, and these are not only painful, but of doubtful profit and propriety, where the presence and the guidance of the All Holy Infinite God our Father, our Redeemer and our Sanctifier, should overshadow and hallow all.

Your affectionate Pastor,  
CHARLES HAMILTON.

More attention than usual appears to be given this year to the solemn Lent Season in the Ancient Capital. The following course of special sermons has been arranged for St. Matthew's—which, as usual, takes the lead in providing for the due observance of the season:—

February 20th. The Doctrine of the Cross.—Rev. G. V. Housman. February 27th. The Christian Crucified with Christ.—Rev. A. A. Von Iffland. March 6th. The Cross of Chastisement.—Rev. H. J. Petry. March 13th. The Cross of Trial.—Rev. Robert Ker. March 20th. Voluntary Crosses.—Rev. T. Richardson. March 27th. After the Cross the Crown.—Rev. J. Ridley.

On Ash Wednesday the usual services were held in Trinity Church. The subject for consideration in the morning was "Natural Sins followed by Natural Punishment," and in the evening "Some Features of Modern Preaching."

TRINITY CHURCH was re-opened for Divine Service on Sunday, February 15. A great many changes have been made in the interior of the building, in particular the old box pulpit has given place to one of open work, which gives the chancel a very much better appearance in every way. At Morning Service the Lord Bishop preached, the Rev. Mr. Rexford read the Lessons, and the Rev. Robert Ker, Rector, read the Prayers. The Evening Service was, from every point of view, particularly interesting. The congregation was very large and the whole service was characterized by a deeply solemn and devotional spirit. The Prayers were taken by the Rev. Mr. Ker, and the Lessons by the Bishop-Elect of Niagara. After

the Third Collect the choir sang a beautiful anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord," &c. At the conclusion of the prayers the Rev. Charles Hamilton ascended the pulpit and took for his text Exodus iii. 5: "And He said, draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." The sermon was eloquent, impressive and helpful in a high degree, and nothing could exceed the terms of praise bestowed on it by the large congregation present. The cordial and hearty feeling elicited from the congregation of Trinity Church is one of those happy incidents which augurs abundant promise of future success for the Bishop-Elect. The admirably trained choir under Miss Hetherington contributed much to the success of the opening services.

We regret to hear, but earnestly hope to find that the rumor is exaggerated, that Dr. Roe is not in as good health as his many friends could wish. The Church in this Diocese has few harder working or more devoted sons than the learned Professor of Divinity in Bishop's College.

The estimable and worthy Rector of Bourg Louis has suffered a severe bereavement in the death of his eldest child, a little girl of some two years.

### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

#### DIOCESAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The inaugural public meeting of the association, and the first of its monthly series, was held in the Synod Hall, on Monday evening, the 16th Feb., inst., the Lord Bishop, President, in the chair. There were also present the Very Rev. the Dean (Clerical Vice-President), Dr. L. H. Davidson (Lay Vice-President), Mr. Alex. Henderson, Secretary; Canons Henderson, Belcher, and Mills; Kevs. J. G. Norton, Lindsay, (R. D.) Newnam, Rogers, and Trotman. Notwithstanding the heavy snow-storm there was a large attendance of Sunday-school teachers and others; as usual, however, in such gatherings the ladies outnumbering the gentlemen.

The proceedings were commenced with the singing of a hymn, followed by prayer, after which the Bishop delivered the inaugural address, in the course of which he referred to the duties and obligations of Sunday-school teachers, and the necessity of being qualified for the work by mental and spiritual preparation. The object of all Sunday-school work was to lead the child to Christ and to build it up in the Faith. His Lordship specially referred to the wondrous susceptibility of the Church Catechism for this work; making special reference, by way of illustration, to the answers explanatory of the Commandments. He referred to the objections sometimes made—most unwarrantably in his judgment—to the Church Catechism, and to its teaching, and closed an earnest practical address by declaring anew his conviction that the association was calculated to be, and would be, if Sunday-schools teachers and Sunday-schools joined heartily in it, a means of great blessing and benefit to the Diocese.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal then introduced the appointed subject, "Our Senior Scholars—How to keep them"—reading a most excellent paper—which we regret we are not able to give in full)—A short discussion followed; after which, at the request of Canon Henderson, the Bishop corrected a misapprehension on the part of some that these meetings were intended only for Sunday-school teachers—being on the contrary open to all. Notice was then given of the next monthly meeting to be held in St. George's School-room, on the 16th March, at 8 p.m., at which Canon Henderson will give a Model Lesson on the "Death and Resurrection of Our Lord,"—and the meeting—a success in every way—was closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

ASH WEDNESDAY was well observed in the city, services being held in all the churches—in some instances both in the morning and evening. The

day was also marked by the Presbyterians, by services in the evening at both St. Paul's and St. Andrew's. At Cote St. Antoine (St. Matthias), and at the Church of the Redeemer (Cote St. Paul), evening service was held. The attendance at the latter was nearly double that of any previous year.

The Rev. M. M. Fothergill has returned to his work in the Diocese of New Jersey.

ORGAN RECITAL AND SERVICE OF SONG.—Mr. C. A. E. Harris's recital, which was unavoidably postponed, will take place in Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday evening, the 3rd of March.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH.—The offertory on Mission Sunday for the Mission Fund, by means of the envelope system, amounted to \$623, independent of the usual Sunday offertory—since that day a further sum of from \$30 to \$49 has been received. This affords another evidence of the success of the envelope system, and speaks well for St. Martin's—only about \$550 having been appropriated as the share of other congregations.

### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

ALMONTE.—The Rev. F. L. Stephenson, Rector of Almonte and Clayton was lately presented with a very fine young horse, his present one being rather advanced in years. One very pleasant feature about the presentation was that it emanated not merely from the Church people but the subscription list represented all denominations in the neighbourhood. A short time previously the parishioners brought a large supply of oats, enough to keep the horse for a year.

OTTAWA.—Lenten Services.—Lent is apparently being well observed at the Capital, special services being held in all the churches. Many visitors, some of them being in the city for the first time last week, were disappointed when they discovered that Parliament did not sit on Ash Wednesday, as they had anticipated seeing both Houses in session.

Christ Church.—Special Lenten services will be held at Christ Church, Ottawa, on Wednesdays and Fridays, at 10.30 a.m., and on the afternoon of every week day, excepting Wednesdays, at five o'clock. On Wednesday evening a special service, with lecture, will be held at 7.30 o'clock. The members of the "Lay Association," (Men's Bible Class, will meet every Saturday during Lent, at 7.30 p.m.

Confirmation Classes are in course of formation, to meet weekly during the Lenten season.

MEETING OF SIDESMEN.—The committee of twelve Sidesmen of Christ Church, appointed at the last Vestry meeting, met in the basement of the church on Thursday evening the 12th inst. on the call of the Senior Sidesman—Mr. W. R. Wright—to consider what course should be taken in regard to retiring the \$1,000 debenture due on the 1st of March next. After the committee had been formally organized, a conversational debate ensued relative to the matter, when it was unanimously decided to appeal to the congregation by means of the envelope system, which met with such marked success last year, when retiring the debenture then due. The envelopes may be placed on the alms plates at any of the services on or before the 1st prox. or handed to the treasurer of the committee, or any of the Sidesmen, previous to that date. All members of the congregation are urgently requested to assist in taking up the debentures, a reduction of the Church debt being a matter in which all are interested. The Sidesmen are deeply indebted to Mr. Macnab, Rector's Warden, for his active and able assistance in enabling them to retire the debenture of last year, thus lightening their labours materially. After discussing minor details the meeting adjourned *sine die*, subject to the call of the chairman.

Church of St. John the Evangelist.—Special Lenten services will be held in this Church every