

were counting the votes Mrs. Crawford, of Ontario Diocese, read a thoughtful and practical paper on "Dorcas Work," and Miss Johnston read an earnest one on "Church Work." The following resolutions were then put to the meeting and carried:

*That* the Woman's Auxiliary of this Diocese wish to draw the attention of the Tri-ennial meeting to the monthly leaflet published by them, and they would urge the sister Dioceses to join them in this publication, each Diocese being allotted a certain space each month and paying a portion of the expenses.

*Resolved*: That the Toronto Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary wish to place on record their appreciation of Miss Brown's untiring zeal and energy in the missionary work in which she is engaged.

*That* the thanks of this meeting be conveyed to Mrs. Twing, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Crawford, Miss Johnston, Miss Francis, Miss DuMoulin, the Lord Bishops of Toronto and Algoma, Rev. E. P. Crawford, Rev. Bucknall Smith, Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Rev. Dr. Sweeney, Mr. Atkinson and the choir for their valuable assistance at these meetings.

*That* the thanks of this meeting be conveyed to the Rector and Churchwardens of St. James' Cathedral for the use of this church and school-house.

*That* the sum of \$25 be taken from the funds collected during these meetings for the expenses of the General Provincial Board, and that in future \$10 be devoted annually to that purpose.

*That* it is the wish of the Toronto Diocese that a General Secretary of Dorcas Work be appointed for the whole province, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all the other Dioceses, asking them to take it into consideration, and if approved of, pass a similar resolution.

The President then announced that in answer to a resolution passed the day before recommending the delegates to consult over and discuss the appeals from Temiscamingue, and for the "Blackfoot Girls Home" the delegates had reported so favourably that the money needed was almost wholly assured. After some formalities had been observed the meeting closed with devotional exercises.

A. M. Chaffee, Esq., Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—At the annual Easter meeting held at Christ Church, Cobocok, last Monday, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to you for the very liberal and kind assistance rendered, not only towards the erection of a parsonage, but also for all the trouble you have taken in having the rocks and stones removed and driving-house and wood shed erected, and fences put up around said parsonage (and church), making that which was barren a fruitful spot. We feel your kindness doubly, as you are comparatively speaking, a stranger and not a resident here, therefore, in no way called upon to spend your time and capital for our benefit, and as there does not appear the slightest opportunity for us in any way to make any return, we beg you to accept our very sincere and grateful thanks for all you have done. On behalf of the congregation of Christ Church, Cobocok,

I am, dear sir, yours very truly,

THOS. WINTER,  
Cobocok. Vestry Clerk.

The improvements alluded to cost \$160. The Messrs Revell gave all the lumber, \$40. Mr. Elliott, shingles, \$6. Mr. Harvey, churchwarden, 100 cedar posts, \$6; Mr. Haw, churchwarden, iron hangings for gates, \$8. Mr. Burdhaell, teaming \$15. These only leaving for me my supervision and expenditure for labour, nails, &c. The above gentlemen's contributions were unsolicited, so I think they also should receive their share of thanks.

The Incumbent collected over \$300, also a grant of \$50 towards the erection of the parsonage. Mr. Haw, churchwarden, deserves special thanks for having the parsonage completed in so short a time, the Incumbent occupying it within the first year of his appointment. The proceeds of the Ladies' concert, \$50, paid for the parsonage lot adjacent to the church. The parsonage and improvements cost about \$1300. The churchwardens gave their notes for the balance, \$200 remaining due. Church and parsonage are insured, deeds in Synod Office. This being one of the poorest parishes, if not the poorest parish in the Diocese, are not their actions worthy of commendation? The three or four outstations were able to contribute very little.

#### NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—The Rev. E. P. Crawford, of Brockville, has been appointed Rector of the Church of the Ascension.

ST. CATHARINES.—Ridley College.—A company has been formed to provide a Church boys school at St. Catharines to be called "Ridley College." The property known as Springbank has been purchased, and

arrangements made to enlarge the building so as to accommodate 150 boys. If Churchmen were alive to their duty the Province of Ontario could well supply several thousand pupils for first-class church schools. It seems to us a matter of regret that efforts were not made to make Trinity College School, capable of receiving, say, at least three hundred pupils. However efficient that, or any like institution may be, according to its capacity and means, it is impossible to reach the standard of the great public schools of England without their numbers. It is lamentable that we in Canada seem to make everything subservient to some party interest. That, apart from party interest, any reason exists for not throwing our whole strength into the development of Trinity College School, no one pretends. One of the ablest, most distinguished public men in Canada, a prominent nonconformist, sent his son to T. C. School, and wisely said, that to himself was of far higher moment that his boy should be trained up a Christian gentleman, as he would be at Port Hope, than be brought up with his own views without the inestimable advantages he would have at such an institution as Trinity College School. But such breadth of view is only found in the higher order of men, if it were general party church movements and institutions would collapse. As the decision is made to carry on the new School we trust it may be successful in training its pupils as Christian gentlemen—Canada needs this element in her life largely increased. If Ridley College adds to this supply it will do the Church and country much service, if in this it fails, its educative work will be of very little value. It has decided to make the Bishops of Ontario a Board of Visitors to the school. Mr. T. R. Merritt is President of the School Board.

HAMILTON.—Ascension Church.—The Rev. E. P. Crawford, M.A., Brockville, has been appointed to this parish, and will enter upon his duties about the 1st July.

All Saint's Church.—The north western part of this parish is about to be struck off, and a new parish created, with the full consent of the rector.

Palmerston in the County of Wellington, and Christ Church, Hamilton, are still vacant.

Synod.—The Diocesan Synod will meet on the 18th June, in Hamilton.

#### HURON.

SIMCOE.—Trinity Church.—The Easter vestry meetings took place on the 22nd April and 6th May. Last year's wardens, Messrs. G. A. Curtis, and Danl. Matthews were reappointed, also the delegates of last year, Sheriff Daedes and J. H. Ansley. The financial statement by the wardens was very gratifying, showing a small amount on the credit side. The debt on the church has been further reduced by the payment of \$1815.55 which includes interest on balance of loan. Moreover, steps have been taken for a further reduction of the debt during the ensuing year. The amount on debt paid by the congregation within the four years to date, exceeds, with interest, \$6000. The ladies of the church have the credit of having presented more than 50 per cent. of the amount.

LONDON.—A very impressive confirmation service was held at St. Ann's Chapel, Hellmuth Ladies' College, on Sunday 12th inst., by the Lord Bishop of Huron, assisted by the Rev. E. N. English. Eight candidates were admitted to full communion with the Church, and to them, as well as to the rest of the congregation, the Bishop addressed most earnest words of godly counsel and advice.

#### CALGARY.

PIEGAN RESERVE, FORT MACLEOD.—The Rev. H. T. Bourne and Mrs. Bourne desire to express their sincere thanks for a box of clothing sent them by the girls of the "Ministering Children's League, Bridgen," for the school children of the "Piegan Mission." Most of the clothing was made by the little girls under the direction of Mrs. Edgelow and does much credit to the kindness of heart and perseverance of the "Ministering Children."

#### ALGOMA.

HUNTSVILLE, May 10th.—The annual Easter social gathering of the Church family here took the form, this year, of a reception tendered to the Bishop, Mrs. Sullivan, and family upon the occasion of their departure for Bishophurst, Sault Ste. Marie. The village

Glee club very kindly lent their services and afforded very appreciable enjoyment. Upon the invitation of the Rev. Rural Dean Llowyd, the Bishop offered to the congregation some practical suggestions for organizing and working a Church Building Fund, and after referring in kindly terms to the work accomplished by them in the past, encouraged them in cheering words of counsel to united action towards realizing the Church Building Scheme. The Incumbent announced that he would call the congregation together at an early date for organization.

#### FOREIGN.

BAVARIA.—In reply to a memorial from the Bavarian bishops demanding a wider recognition of ecclesiastical authority in educational matters, the prince regent has promised that all possible consideration shall be given to their wishes with respect to the appointment and control of teachers, and that secular commissioners shall not be deputed to attend conventional and ecclesiastical conferences. The admission of nuns to girls' schools is conceded, but the demand for a daily school Mass is refused. The recall of the Redemptorist Fathers is refused.

A correspondent of an English paper, writing of the parish church of Capel-le-Ferne, near Dover, says it is a somewhat interesting fact that there are no means of lighting this church, so that the worshippers are required to carry their own lights: and it is no uncommon thing to see a member of the congregation standing during the singing with his hymn book in one hand, and his candle or lamp in the other.

Some instructive divorce statistics are published. The return moved for by Mr. Gladstone, of the number of suits instituted year by year for judicial separation and divorce since the passing of the Divorce Act, has just been issued. The figures show an almost gradual increase since 1861, the number of petitions for judicial separation in 1858 being 89, and for divorce, 258; in 1859, 73 and 200 respectively; in 1860, 66 and 189 respectively; in 1861, 45 and 176; in 1862, 50 and 204, and so on; the rate steadily rising year by year to 127 and 559 in 1883; 120 and 501 in 1884; 123 and 450 in 1885; 138 and 581 in 1886; and 146 and 580 in 1887.

GIBRALTAR.—On Wednesday, the 28th ult., the Bishop of Gibraltar opened a "Sailors' Room" at Seville. A fund having been raised, mainly through the efforts of the British Vice-Consul, Mr. E. F. Johnston, and his wife, suitable premises have been rented opposite the quay, and the services of an English caretaker and his wife secured. The room was filled with a representative gathering of residents, visitors and seamen, and addresses were delivered by the bishop, the British and American Vice-Consuls, and two sea captains, who added their testimony to the great need of such a room. The bishop promised an annual subscription of £10 from the funds of the Gibraltar Mission to Seamen, and grants of books, prints, etc., were announced from the Religious Tract Society and the Mission to Seamen. A Mission service will be held in the room every Sunday evening, and suitable means of entertainment as well as instruction provided at other times.

The annual meeting in connection with the East London Church Fund—founded by Dr. How (formerly Bishop of Bedford, and now Bishop of Wakefield)—was held at the Mansion-House, the Lord Mayor presiding. In opening the proceedings, the chairman stated that the object of the fund was to provide curates, lay helpers, deaconesses, and mission women, and it was in every way worthy of the support of the public. The area of the work undertaken had recently been greatly extended. The secretary (the Rev. E. S. Hilliard) read the report of the council, which stated that the original sub-diocese consisted of the rural deaneries of Hackney, Spitalfields and Stepney, the ten districts of Tottenham, and the parish of Holy Trinity, Shoreditch—104 parishes and missionary districts; and to that district had now been added 106 new parishes in the rural deaneries of Islington, Shoreditch, Enfield, and St. Sepulchre. They were keeping at their posts 192 additional workers, of whom 112 were clergymen, 12 were lay readers and preachers, and 68 were deaconesses, mission women, and parish nurses. In 1888 the fund had an income of £18,000; and now the Bishop and his council were obliged to ask for £20,000 a year at least.

Church news from the Diocese of Tasmania is always welcome, its local and mission news being especially interesting.