

Confirmations.—The Bishop of Toronto will D. V. hold confirmations during the months of April and May next, as follows:

Port Hope, St. John's, Sunday, April 14...	11 a.m.
" Trin. Coll. School, Sunday.....	" 14... 4 p.m.
" St. Mark's, Wednesday.....	" 17... 7½ p.m.
Cobourg, Sunday.....	" 21... 7 p.m.
Grafton, Monday.....	" 22... 4 p.m.
Colborne, Tuesday.....	" 23... 11 a.m.
Brighton, ".....	" 23... 7½ p.m.
Toronto, St. Peter's, Sunday.....	" 28... 11 a.m.
" Trinity, Sunday.....	" 28... 7 p.m.
Carleton, Sunday.....	May 5... 11 a.m.
St. Ann's, Brockton, Sunday.....	" 5... 7 p.m.
Oshawa, Sunday.....	" 12... 11 a.m.
Bowmanville, Sunday.....	" 12... 7 p.m.
Newcastle, Monday.....	" 13... 7½ p.m.
Perrytown, Tuesday.....	" 14... 11 a.m.
Baillieboro', ".....	" 14... 4 p.m.
Cavan, St. John's, Wednesday.....	" 15... 11 a.m.
" Millbrook, ".....	" 15... 7½ p.m.
Norwood, Thursday.....	" 16... 7½ p.m.
Peterboro', Friday.....	" 17... 7½ p.m.
Toronto, All Saints', Sunday.....	" 19... 11 a.m.
" St. Bartholomew's, Sunday.....	" 19... 7 p.m.
Cartwright, ".....	" 26... 10½ a.m.
Port Perry, ".....	" 26... 7 p.m.
Lindsay, Monday.....	" 27... 7½ p.m.
Omamee, Tuesday.....	" 28... 7½ p.m.
Manvers, Wednesday.....	" 29... 11 a.m.
Toronto, St. George's, Thursday, (Ascension).....	" 30... 11 a.m.
" St. John's, Thursday (Ascension).....	" 30... 7½ p.m.
" Holy Trinity, Friday.....	" 31... 4 p.m.
" St. Paul's, Sunday, June 2.....	11 a.m.
" Church of Redeemer, Sunday.....	" 2... 7 p.m.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NIAGARA.—In the Maryborough Mission, the evd. W. J. Pigott, has made arrangements for Lent Services at his three stations. At Moorefield he has arranged for services from neighboring clergyman each Thursday evening.

GUELPH.—Canon Dixon is giving a series of lectures on the funeral services of the church according to the following scheme:—Friday, 15th.—The respect shown in all ages to the dead. The love of Rizpah. The motives that render it incumbent on Christians to honour the bodies of the departed. Silent protest of Roman Catholics against modern errors. Friday, 22nd.—The burial services for the early Christians and their connection with our own. Despairing sorrow condemned. The resurrection of the body. Those unqualified for Christian burial. Baptizing and administering communion to the dead, ancient heresies. Friday, 29th.—The teaching of Psalms and proper lessons concerning the frailty of life. David and Absalom. The decay of the corruptible body, and glory of the incorruptible. April 5th.—Death as described in the Apocalypse. In jeopardy every hour. The suddenness of the change at Second Advent. The chant of triumph over Death used in Eastern Church. April 12th.—The soul between the hour of death and the day of judgment. The meaning of "sleep" in Scripture. Objections with regard to "the sure and certain hope," answered. April 19th, (Good Friday).—The perfect consummation of bliss both in body and soul. Recognition of the blessed dead, a part of that bliss. Conclusion. In addition to these Lectures there will be Special Services in Passion Week and in Holy Week, of which due notice will be given.

HAMILTON.—Rev. G. B. Cooke is taking duty at the Ascension, Hamilton, till the rector is ready to come permanently.

FLAMBORO.—Rev. John Osborne of this mission, has been licensed by the Bishop of Ontario, to a mission not far from Kingston.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARKHILL.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, held Confirmation in St. James' Church, Wednes-

day, the 20th inst., at eleven 11 o'clock, a.m., when a large class of candidates was presented for the "Laying on of hands" by the Incumbent, Rev. Mr. Johnston. St. James' Church is one in a large mission in the North West of the county of Middlesex, comprising five or six congregations with a greatly increasing population, and the Church family few and scattered among those of many denominations.

C. of E. Y. M. A.—The members of the Church of England Young Men's Association performed the melancholy duty of attending the funeral of a highly esteemed brother, Mr. Francis Osborne, on Thursday, the 22nd inst. He had been, while living in London, a member of the Executive Committee, and always took a very active part in all its fields of labour, and in Sunday School, and was highly esteemed as a lay-helper in the works of the Church. He has for some time been mail clerk on the G. W. R. from Hamilton northward. On last Friday he was taken ill, and on the Thursday following his companions brought from Hamilton, to his mother's residence here, and at three o'clock p.m., was borne to his grave St. Paul's Cemetery, his brother members of the C. of E. Y. M. A. wearing the insignia of mourning, walked from by the hearse from the house to the tomb, nearly three miles. The Very Rev. Dean Boomer, in the house and at the grave read the service for the burial of the dead, seven clergyman of the city standing by the tomb, with his brother members and a large assembly of mourners. His end was peace as he fell asleep "in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life through Lord Jesus Christ."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

From a friend in Victoria, B. C.—Part of our Dominion. He says: We have this morning an excellent sermon from our dear Pastor, Rev. Mr. George. His salary is wholly by voluntary contributions. The past year it amounted to \$1700 besides the Christmas offertory. The pew rents, over \$900, defray the current expenses of the church. We had a bazar last week in aid of our Sunday School; it was only one day and night, and brought in nett \$344, which with \$200 more will be used to make our school room more than twice as large as it now is.

British News.

ENGLAND.

At a recent Church defence meeting at Swadlincote, the chair was taken by Mr. Edward Ensor, a manufacturer residing in the neighborhood, and "a Wesleyan local preacher of forty years' standing." In the course of his speech, Mr. Ensor remarked that, "he was so conscious of the good which had been, and is being done, by the Church of England, that he did not dare to lift his hand to loosen one stone in the edifice."

Tuesday, February 28th, was observed in St. Mary's Cathedral, Truro, in brotherly union with the Church of the Diocese of London, as a day of special intercession for the needs of the Church. At 10 a.m. the Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of Truro, Canon Cornish giving an address on the power of united prayers. The *Ter Sanctus* was introduced by the proper Preface for Whit-Sunday, after which the Bishop briefly reminded the congregation of the chief needs for which intercession was being made in London, quoting part of the Bishop of London's letter, and exhorted them to unite in earnest intercession, for which purpose silence was then kept for a space. Though but slight notice of this service was given beforehand, nearly a hundred persons communicated. Immediately after the benediction, the Bishop kneeling at the altar, led those who were present in a short office of intercession, consisting of some of the Gradual Psalms, recited aloud by all together with some versicles and responses, and the Collects for peace for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and for unity.

At a meeting of the Edinburgh Diocesan Synod on Monday week, Bishop Cotterill pre-

siding, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"That this Synod desires to express its entire approval of the proposed restoration of the office of Metropolitan, subject to such limitations as shall reserve all due and proper rights to the Episcopal College, and also to each Bishop in his own Diocese; that this Synod does not express an opinion on the question of attaching the office to any one See, but is decidedly opposed in existing circumstances to the revival of the title of Archbishop."

BRISTOL.—The chaplain of St. Raphael's still persists in refusing to administer the Holy Communion to his parishioners unless he can be permitted to do so with the accompaniment of the lights, vestments, etc. The *London Church Review*, denouncing this kind of sacrificing the weightier matters of the law to mint, anise and cumin, says: "When a priest, because he is hindered from using certain venerable and time honored adjuncts to the eucharistic sacrifice, refuses to celebrate at all, he certainly gives color to the accusation that his ritualism means an exaggerated devotion to dress, ornaments, and pictures, and is nothing deeper. Those bishops who would fain to be our friends are consequently discouraged in their defence of us, and are grieved and puzzled how to act toward men who seem to esteem the Real Presence as nothing in comparison of a chasuble."

The Bishop of London has appointed the Rev. William Dalrymple MacLagan, Vicar of Kensington, to the Prebendal Stall of Reculverland, in St. Paul's Cathedral.

A WORKMAN'S BREAKFAST HOUR.—Breakfast hour with the workmen in the locomotive department at the Midland Railway Works is a sight which, once seen, will not soon be forgotten. Over 2500 workmen are employed in this department of these great works, and at 8 a. m. the well-known steam-whistle sends the bulk of them rushing to the comfortable mess-house provided by the directors. For the last 21 years the Midland works have been distinguished by a special feature. About 21 years ago George Wilkins a little man, whose calling was to mind a stationary engine, dedicated his engine room to God, as he would express it, by having morning prayer therein every breakfast-time. A few of the men like-minded with himself joined in these humble services. Their influence spread until it was agreed to transfer the services to the "lagging" shop. Here was invited the Rev. Prebendary Scott, of St. Andrew's, then vicar of Ockbrook. Many of the men were drawn to these services, and a curious sight it must have been to an outsider to see these word-begrimed men seated on the engines, or benches, or wherever a resting-place could be found, listening attentively to the "preaching" whilst eating their breakfasts. Bishops, deans, canons, and other Church dignitaries have accepted invitations to address these large gatherings of intelligent workmen. The attendance is purely voluntary on the part of the workmen, ample accommodation being provided in other mess-houses for those who do not choose to eat their meal to the accompaniment of exhortation, supplemented by praise.

Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We must remind our correspondents that all letters containing direct personal allusions, and especially those containing attacks on Diocesan Committees, must be accompanied with the names of the writers, expressly for the purpose of publication.

ANTI-TREATING SOCIETIES.

DEAR SIR: With your permission, I should like to bring before the notice of all your readers the very important subject of Anti-Treating Societies; and in doing so I had better, perhaps, make mention of the society now existing in Toronto, which has for its object the doing away with the custom so very prevalent in our country of giving and taking "treats" in saloons and tavern bar-rooms. Two years ago this month, a number of men belonging to the congregation of All Saint's parish met together for the purpose of discussing the subject, and the result was that