

Church Temporalities Act, as to give to certain women in a congregation an equal right with men to form part of the vestry in a pewed church (though not to be eligible for wardens) was almost unanimously negatived by each order. The Synod decided to urge the Church Society to take such steps, whether by legislation or otherwise, as will enable it to consider all local Endowment Funds now in their hands, or which may come into their hands hereafter, as one fund for the sole purpose of paying out the interest accrued upon the whole proportionately, at a uniform rate upon the capital of each Endowment Fund—provided it be not inconsistent with the terms of any Trust Deed. The Church Society has since taken action in the matter. A committee was appointed to consider whether it were not possible to establish one or more schools in the diocese, under the control of the Church, where parents of quite moderate means might have their children educated. The election by the clergy of twelve priests from among whom the Board of Tiers shall be selected, as required by the Canon on "Discipline of the Clergy," resulted in the choice of the Rev. Messrs. Balfour, Scarth, Foster, Von Iffland, Allnatt, Richardson, Williams, Adams, Hepburn, Stevens, Parker and Blaylock. A resolution to make the Church Society its own insurer, in the cases of churches and parsonages, was submitted to a committee to report upon. The Synod, by a standing vote, passed a resolution expressive of their congratulations and fraternal greetings to Dr. Dix, rector of Trinity Church, New York, on the celebration of the 200th anniversary of their great Corporation. The lord bishop, after referring to the valuable services rendered to the Church, through long years, by Dr. James Dunbar, Q. C., the leading Hon. Counsel of the Church Society, announced the pleasing fact that he had concluded to appoint that gentleman to be Chancellor of the diocese, and proceeded to read his letters of induction. As Dr. Dunbar was conducted to the platform, the members rose and expressed their hearty approval. The honour is well merited. After the adoption of a number of committee reports, &c., &c., the Synod closed with the benediction.—*Diocesan Gazette.*

All letters on diocesan business should be addressed to the bishop's commissary, the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, D.D., Windsor Mills, P. Q. The bishop's permanent address, while staying in England, is care of Rev. James Macarthur, M.A., the Vicarage, South Acton, London, W.

On Thursday, April 29th, just before the weekly celebration in St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, a brief service of benediction was held by the rector and the Rev. Arthur H. Judge, then visiting the city, wherein the new window, recently placed in the Church as a memorial to the late Cornelius Judge, was dedicated to the glory of Almighty God and set apart for its pious purpose. The writer of this brief paragraph has been asked by the family of the deceased to express to the many friends, to whom the erection of the window is due, their profound appreciation of this really beautiful tribute, and the happiness afforded to them by the memorial.

#### MONTREAL.

WILLIAM B. BOND, D.D., BISHOP, MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The ladies of the choir of Christ Church Cathedral have been surpliced within the last few weeks. Until about six months ago, the cathedral choir consisted of ladies (unsurpliced) and men and boys (surpliced). Owing to the difficulty, which is increasing every year, of getting boys with good voices, who can devote sufficient time each week to practising for the elaborate English Cathedral service which is given every Sunday, the authorities of the Church, following the example of other cathedrals, similarly situated with regard to boy choristers, decided to limit the choir to ladies and men. The result has been most successful, as the ladies and men are all fairly good musicians. The only objection to the ladies' and men's choir, was the unpleasant contrast of many coloured dresses and hats, with the surplices of the clergy and men. This has been remedied by the introduction of surplices and trencher hats for the ladies. The ladies walk in and out of church in the procession in front of the men. In addition to the surplices, the ladies wear black cassock tops and black skirts. One of the first Church of England Cathedrals to adopt surpliced mixed choirs was that at Gibraltar, which robbed its lady choristers in surplices in 1887. The Ven. Archdeacon Govett some time ago wrote to the *Illustrated London News* explaining how this originated. Among the 5,000 military stationed at the Rock, including a goodly proportion of accomplished officers and trained musicians, there is little difficulty in obtaining tenors and basses, but boys' troubles to balance them were scarce. To remedy this

defect ladies were introduced into the choir, and to meet the natural objection to the incongruity of coloured dresses and gay hats, side by side with the white and black robes of the choirmen and clergy, the ladies put on surplice jackets, a black skirt over their ordinary dress and college caps. As the Gibraltar Cathedral congregation discovered that the ladies' voices gave a softness, delicacy and refinement before unknown to the singing, and that the reverent demeanour of the lady choristers had raised the tone and standard of the choir generally, they became very enthusiastic over the improvement. Melbourne Cathedral was the first Australian cathedral to surplice its lady choristers, and about the same time cathedrals in India and Cape Colony did likewise. Syracuse Cathedral was the first Episcopal Cathedral Church in the United States to do so, and Christ Church Cathedral is the first English Cathedral in Canada to have surpliced lady choristers. Many important parish churches in the United States and churches in Toronto, Halifax and Ottawa have adopted surplices for their mixed choirs. The Rev. R. H. Haweis' church in London and the great Church of St. Luke's, Birmingham, were two of the first of the more important churches in England to surplice their lady choristers. At St. Luke's, Birmingham, the lady choristers wear the University D.C.L. hat in purple velvet, and these have been copied in parishes in England, and the patterns have been sent to New York, where they are used in three of the principal churches. The cut is from the *Montreal Star*.



ONE OF THE LADY CHORISTERS OF CHRIST'S CHURCH CATHEDRAL, MONTREAL.

#### ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

CAMDEN EAST.—Tenders will be issued at once for the erection of a new brick church, the old wooden one being in such a state of decrepitude after its 60 years existence that renovation is out of the question. The plan of the Yarker Church enlarged will be adopted. The energetic and earnest priest and faithful people actually maintain that before winter the beautiful building will be an accomplished fact.

#### TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

His Lordship Bishop Sweatman and Mrs. Sweatman leave on Friday next for England. We wish them a pleasant voyage, happy visit and a safe return.

BON VOYAGE.—The Rev. Professor Clark of Trinity College, and family, are leaving Toronto on the 29th of this month for a visit to England. We do not reiterate a common platitude when we say in all sincerity, that no man, by his kindness and urbanity, has endeared himself to the people of the city and province more than he has. Since Professor Clark came some years ago to reside among us, his superior talents, both as a public speaker, writer and reviewer, have given an unmistakable impetus, in

an upper and better direction, to the literature of Canada. The CANADIAN CHURCHMAN owes Professor Clark a deep debt of gratitude, as his facile pen and fertile brain have often enlivened and made attractive its pages. Their many friends wish them all happiness when absent, and their safe return home again.

The Rev. Mr. Weaver, of Mono Mills, has been appointed to the mission of Hastings.

Holy Trinity.—The Rev. B. C. H. Andrews, who has for more than a year so ably filled the position as curate of this church, has, we are sorry to say, banded in his resignation.

St. Philip's.—The congregation of this church gave a jubilee social Monday evening of last week. Patriotic selections were rendered by the Broadway Tabernacle orchestra. Addresses were delivered by the chairman, Canon Sweeney, Provost Welch and Rev. Dr. Pearson. On Thursday last the rector, the Rev. Canon Sweeney, left the city for a trip to England. He will act as chaplain to the Bishop of Toronto at the approaching Lambeth Conference, and will represent the local Humane Society at the annual meeting of the Royal Society in London in July next. Canon Sweeney expects to return home in August.

St. Cyprian.—The Rev. C. A. Seager, B.A., was on Thursday evening last inducted rector of this church. There was a large congregation, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Welch. The Rev. Mr. Seager has been rector of the church since May 1st, when he succeeded the Rev. C. H. Shortt, who had been incumbent since the church was built, and who is now at St. Thomas'. Mr. Seager is a young man, and an earnest preacher, and has already attained a good place in the estimation of his congregation.

YOUNG'S POINT.—The Rev. Dr. Mockridge has been appointed to this mission.

St. Albans Cathedral Special Synod Appeal.—The Synod committee made every effort to get the proposed settlement with contractors carried out before the Synod, but sufficient funds were not forthcoming, the number of subscribers being still comparatively small, about 325 for the whole diocese. Amongst recent subscribers are the following: F. E. Hodgins, \$50; Miss Walker, \$50; Mr. Justice Oler, \$50; Mrs. E. Fitzgerald, \$20; Miss Veals, \$20; Rev. Professor Jones, \$10; J. G. Greey (per Rev. G. A. Kühring), \$10; Dr. Montizambert, \$10; Gen. Rathbone, \$10; W. H. Worden, \$10; F. J. Stewart, \$10; Miss Strachan, \$5; S. Caldecott, \$5; Miss Gamble, \$5; Mrs. Lett, Collingwood, \$5; J. H. Patterson, \$5; Rev. Canon Mockridge, \$5; R. H. Coleman, \$3; R. H. Harcourt, \$2; Miss Davis, \$2.

The Diocesan Board held its June meeting on Thursday, 3rd inst., the president, Mrs. Williamson, in the chair. After the missionary litany, with special prayers and thanks givings, the recording secretary read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were confirmed. The corresponding secretary reported St. Clement's two branches as having been formed, and asked that all the badges not returned already be returned to her to be used at the next annual meeting. The Dorcas secretary reported 32 bales sent out, and a present to the central room of 50 yards of good baling material, a most acceptable gift. The treasurer reported \$431.19, and an expenditure of \$1,800 of funds previously reported. The secretary treasurer of the P.M.C. committee had received \$140.84. The treasurer of the extra-cent-a-day, \$18.28, which was subsequently given by resolution to furnish seats for a church in Haliburton, Toronto Diocese. The literature committee reported \$26 on hand from the sale of booklets, etc., and a circulation of 26 books belonging to the lending library, also donations of books from Rev. Canon Cayley and others. The All Saints' Branch of the Ministering Children's League, and the St. Luke's Branch of the same affiliated society, had sent valuable and acceptable gifts to Saltcoats, Qu'Appelle and All Hallows, Yale, B.C., respectively, as was shown by letters received from those places. The junior secretary and treasurer both spoke of the work of the junior branches, especially of a desire that the sum of \$15 should be raised to supplement a sum of \$26 now on hand for the purchase of an organ for Rev. Mr. Hookling's use on the Blood Reserve. Letters were read from Miss Durnell, who would like some help in her work at Lesser Slave Lake; from John Nyippo, giving an account of his work among his own people in Zululand; from Rev. Heber Hamilton, relating to a debt on his church at Gifu, Japan, etc. The usual noonday devotions were observed, Miss Tilley giving the Bible reading on the subject of "Ascensiontide Gifts," all repeating the members' prayer afterwards. Miss Louie Thomas, who expects to leave in July in order to work among the Aricane Indians in South America,