

required to undertake. When the number of openings for domestic servants, mother's helps, or ladies was ascertained, a communication should be sent to the Secretary of the Society in England, in order that such immigrants might be sent out by the next protected party. A number of forms and returns were laid before the meeting designed to aid in selecting suitable places for those sent to their care, and also to enable the Society to keep in touch with all female domestic servants, so that they would not be lost sight of. In connection with the emigration of lady or mother helps, Canon Cooper stated that there were hundreds of clever, sensible young girls, the daughters of clergymen and other professional men at home, who were obliged to earn their own living, but could not find situations in England. They would be ready to come out and take full share of all household work in a family, where perhaps no servant could be procured, the only provision being that the young girl should be considered as one of the family. He strongly recommended the Committee to endeavour to find places for even a small number of such young ladies, as he was sure they would be a great comfort and most useful to the ladies of Canada. After the Rev. E. Wood, M.A., rector of St. John the Evangelist, had thanked Canon Cooper for his address, and for this, his third visit to Montreal, it was resolved that a Branch Society be formed in Montreal, and the following Committee was at once unanimously elected:—Rev. Edmund Wood, president; Rev. A. French, vice-president; Mrs. Macdonnell, Mrs. R. Macdonnell, Mrs. Wand, and Miss Bailey, Secretary, with power to add to their number.

Rev. Mr. Wood stated that before he closed the meeting, he wished to say how much pleased he was with the attendance and the interest taken in the subject before them. He believed that a new sphere of usefulness had been opened up, and he was sure that those who had undertaken to work the branch of the Church Emigration Society now formed would do so heartily, and he had no doubt successfully.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. Charles Augustus Wetherall (well known to Churchmen in the Diocese of Montreal), died suddenly on the morning of the 18th July, at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. C. W. M. Macdonald, Hazle Craig, Cote St. Antoine. The deceased gentleman was born at Bangalore, India, in October, 1829, and was the second son of the late Col. Charles Wetherall, and nephew of General Sir George Wetherall, who commanded the Royals during the Rebellion in Canada. He leaves a widow and four children. His eldest daughter married the Rev. W. H. Bullock, Chaplain of H. M's Forces, Chatham, England; his son, the Rev. Arthur Wetherall resides in England, and two daughters are unmarried. His first parish was Stukely, in the Eastern Townships. From thence he was removed to Philipsburg, and afterwards to Lacolle. He then entered the Army in 1863 as Chaplain, and has since served at Aldershot and Chatham, England; Toronto and Quebec, in Canada. He was the last to serve as an Army Chaplain in Quebec occupying that position, on the removal of the troops from Canada, and going with them to England. The Reverend gentlemen was on a visit to his friends in this Country at the time of his sudden decease. He seemed in good health and spirits till a few minutes before the end, which was the result of some disease of the heart. His death will be regretted by many Canadian as well as English friends.

The Executive Committee of the diocese met in the Synod Office, on Friday the 9th inst. In the absence of the Bishop the Dean was called to the chair. The attendance was small, out of the 34 members composing the Committee only 11 of the Clergy and 5 of the Laity, being present all of the latter residents in the city. Con-

siderable outcry has been made from time to time for the election of laymen for the Country on this and other Committees; but none of those elected in this Committee at last Synod were present. It may be that the meeting having been postponed from August may account for their absence.

The Treasurer reported the state of the several funds under his charge. Several applications for grants were read and referred to the Grant Committee.

The Special Committee in regard to the Jubilee Sunday School celebration met on the 9th inst., the Rev. F. Renaud, Rural Dean presiding. It was determined to hold a Jubilee Service for the Church Sunday Schools in the City and for such representatives from the Country Schools as might be appointed for each parish or mission, on the 14th October next in the Cathedral. It is to be hoped that the Clergy and Officers of Sunday Schools will take the matter up and make the service a real success, and so pointedly connect the Jubilee of the Queen with the Church and its services.

ST. JOHN'S.—The Lord Bishop of Algoma made a short visit to his brother-in-law the Rev. F. Renaud Rural Dean, Rector of this Parish, during last week, and remaining over Sunday, preached morning and evening in St. James Church. Very great improvements have been made in the Church and its surroundings here. The new Rectory is an attractive and commodious building; and the old one has been utilized by being moved to the back of the lot and converted into a Sunday School room and parochial hall. The Rector is to be congratulated upon the greatly improved condition of affairs.

LACOLLE.—At the last monthly meeting of St. Saviour's Church Ladies' Guild, Miss Cornelia Hotchkiss, who has for years been the indefatigable Secretary of the society, being about to remove from the parish, and having been faithful in every good work was presented with an address accompanied by some beautiful plated ware and a magnificent Album.

Miss Hotchkiss, although completely taken by surprise, replied feelingly and fittingly. Miss Hotchkiss will be missed in every department of Church-work here.

ABBOTSFORD.—Mr. C. P. Green, B. A., of Melbourne, has been rendering good service to the Church here by training the Choir of St. Paul's, and thus improving the singing. Mr. Green has had considerable experience in such work in England.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*St. George's.*—The Rector was to sail from England on Sept. 15th. He is in good health, and enjoying his holiday. Rev. R. Moore has returned from his holiday, but is suffering from a severe cold.

During the last few Sundays, Rev. F. Webster's duties have been lightened by several other clergymen; Rev. J. Langtry, of St. Luke's, Rev. Mr. Westcote, of Rugby, England, and Rev. T. Street Macklem, having officiated and preached in St. George's.

Great praise is due (says *The Parish Magazine*), to the members of the Choir and School Teachers who have manfully kept to their posts during the last two months. Considering the numbers the music has been very satisfactory. On Sunday evening, Aug. 21st, the Congregational singing was very fine no doubt owing to the familiar chants and hymns.

The daily Evensong was resumed on September 1st. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this privilege of meeting together for prayer, praise and intercession.

The regular meetings of the Church Army begin this month. The help of more workers is earnestly asked for. Funds are needed to carry

on the work. It is proposed shortly to organize a Temperance Society.

St. Matthias.—At a vestry meeting of St. Matthias' Church, held on Monday evening, the establishment of a mission chapel at the corner of Ulster street and Manning avenue was authorized. This will form the nucleus of a new congregation. Only the chancel will be erected at present, costing about \$4,000, and accommodating 200. The present building of the parent congregation on Bellwood's avenue has been too small for the requirements, and it has been decided to erect a new church to the north, using the old building as a Sabbath school. The estimated cost of the building is \$15,000. It will be of red brick with white facings, and will seat 1,000. Father Field, of Baltimore, Chaplain-General of the Guild of the Iron Cross, which was established in the United States about two years ago after the pattern of the Church of England Workingmen's Association, will address a public meeting in St. Matthias' Church on Monday evening. Father Hall, of Boston, a member of the Order of Cowley Fathers, will conduct the parochial mission services in St. Matthias' Church for the last ten days in October. The harvest festival of St. Matthias will be held on the first Sabbath in October. The Church will be appropriately decorated and special and impressive services will be held all day. Discourses will be delivered by prominent clergymen.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

We make these further extracts from the admirable address of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, at the last Meeting of the Diocesan Synod, as recorded in the Journal of Proceedings:—

VESTRIES AND THEIR PROVINCE.—The Vestries of our Churches meet under the Church Temporalities Act, and By-Law III, of this Synod, constituting vestries of free Churches. Being so assembled, they are not qualified to consider or discuss or take any action upon any matter or subject other than those indicated in the Act and By-Law.

Confusion and dissension amongst the members of our congregations would in some instances be avoided if vestries and churchwardens and clergy would be careful to limit their discussions to the subjects which they are authorized to deal with. Difference of opinion and taste will always prevail amongst educated, intelligent people. It is most important that these differences should not be permitted to divide members of the same congregation into parties.

The Legislature in enacting the Church Temporalities Act, and the Church in enacting her Canons and By-Laws, have been careful to keep all questions of taste and opinion as far as possible, out of vestry meetings. Yet their members and clergy permit them to be discussed and voted upon to the serious prejudice of Christian charity and mutual confidence.

Now that we have our Handy-book, all may and all ought to acquaint themselves with the laws affecting the regulation of our Church's affairs in the Diocese and in each congregation.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE.—The Handy-book will show you that the Legislature of this Province has seriously impaired the protection which the publication of banns of marriage has secured for the community. The law of the land is now satisfied by the proclamation of banns on a Sunday immediately before the service begins or immediately after it ends, or at some intermediate part of the service.

I have to draw your attention to the fact that the Civil Law cannot release us as clergymen of the Church of England in Canada, from obedience to her law, which requires that the banns must be published in the Church three several Sundays during the time of morning service or of evening service, if there be no morning service.