

and the bundle of wood. 4th. The resurrection of Lazarus. He explained fully the meaning and significance of the fish, and showed how plainly, in these and other Eucharistic symbols, it set forth Christ's real Presence, and how the bread and the fish represented respectively the outward visible sign and the inward part or thing signified. These paintings are of the 2nd century. The lecturer also pointed out that the early Christians represented the Holy Eucharist by the chalice or grapes even more frequently than by bread or wheat—thus showing how much more primitive is our custom of partaking in both kinds than the Roman practice of withholding the cup from the laity. He concluded by showing an exquisite chalice and paten engraved with Catacomb symbols and inscriptions, made as a memento of his own visit to those wonderful subterranean sepulchres in 1880. At the close of the lecture his Lordship the Metropolitan briefly expressed the great pleasure and profit with which all had listened to it, and in a few well chosen words warned the audience against allowing the rough and almost grotesque character of some of the paintings they had seen to overcloud their sense of the intense reality and fervour of the faith expressed in them. Those first Christians were indeed rich in faith and love, though somewhat lacking in artistic skill.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondent.]

ANOTHER vacancy has been added to the number in this diocese. The Incumbent of Portage Du Fort has accepted a charge in the diocese of Niagara. Hemingford (if it has not already been stated) is also vacant. Rev. R. White is going to reside in the city, and not being in usual health, without charge, for the present.

THE Rector of Knowlton, Rev. S. Thicke, has been offered a larger and more important parish in Toronto. If he accepts it will be a loss to the diocese and a damage to this parish of Knowlton in which he has not been quite a year, and yet in which he has stirred up Church life to a healthy tone.

DEAN BALDWIN has commenced a series of lectures to young men. The first, delivered last Sunday evening to an overflowing congregation, was on "Gambling." It is much wanted, for the vice prevails much more extensively among our young men in country as well as town, than many would imagine.

THE "Tenders" are advertised for, for the new parsonage at Rougemont.

EASTER will see some changes in the locale of some of our Incumbents and Missionaries. Our diocese stands not alone, as has been noticed, in having several parishes vacant.

HIS LORDSHIP has given his endorsement to the request that a collection be taken up on Good Friday in behalf of Missions to the Jews. We doubt not the recommendation will meet with a general and hearty response. It was spontaneously done last Good Friday by a few parishes in the diocese.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

[From our own Correspondent.]

A DIOCESAN ORGANIZATION in connection with the Girls' Friendly Society in England has been formed here. The object of the G. F. S., as many may be aware, is to bind together in one society ladies as associates, and girls and young women as members, for mutual help and assistance in leading pure and useful lives. The first step is to enlist the aid of one or more ladies as associates in each parish; these associates search out girls just entering upon active life, especially those who are comparative strangers in the country, make friends with them, bring them into relation with the clergyman of the parish, and take a general interest in their welfare. The organization of the Society follows as far as possible that of the Church, being Diocesan and Parochial. A meeting was held in the school-house of Christ Church Cathedral on

Tuesday, the 6th inst., for the purpose of establishing this good work in our Diocese. The Bishop took the chair, and the Rev. R. S. Sutherland, Rector of St. Mark's, gave a valuable and interesting account of the formation, objects and works of the parent Society. Mrs. Fuller was unanimously elected President of our Diocesan organization, the wives of the city clergy were chosen Vice Presidents, and Mrs. McGiverin was elected Secretary-Treasurer. It was agreed to establish parochial branches wherever possible throughout the Diocese. In a large and manufacturing city like this especially there is a wide field for this beautiful form of active Christian sympathy; and he great number of girls and young women who come every year from foreign shores to this country without home or friends, would certainly seem to shew the pressing need of establishing throughout the length and breadth of the land branches of the Girls Friendly Society.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

[From our own Correspondent.]

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.—Col. Czowski has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Management of this Institution, and has promised \$500 annually to the funds. The Management should immediately nominate at least another dozen *Vice Chairmen*, and thereby augment the funds.

The Literary Society have arranged for a public debate during Easter week

TRINITY COLLEGE NOTES.—Devotional meetings have been held during Lent in Prof. Schneider's room, and are well attended.—Prof. Boys preached an able sermon on St. Matthias' Day on Agnosticism. We think the reverend gentleman should be requested to allow its publication.—The new curriculum, giving the subjects of examination for the degrees of B. D. and D. D., have been issued. *Rouge et Noir*, the College paper, strongly objects to this sensible scheme of the new Provost, but the reasons advanced are puerile and selfish.—At the last meeting of the College Institute a debate was held on the following subject: *Resolved*, "That the execution of Archbishop Laud was justifiable." Excellent speeches were made on both sides, and the negative won by a majority of one.

MR. RAINSFORD.—Perhaps some of your readers may like to see what the New York correspondent of the *Southern Churchman* has to say of this gentleman and his work. Here is the clipping referred to:—

"On Monday evening a notable assembly gathered at the house of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan to meet Mr. Rainford, the new rector of St. George's. It was an elegant way of introducing this gentleman to some of the representative people in this vicinity. I really hope Mr. Rainford was as pleased with the company as they were with him, and with everything appertaining to that most interesting occasion. It gave him a sort of social send off—a thing I am sure which he duly appreciates.

Mr. Rainford is now getting under way with everything to favor and no one to oppose. Not only are his hands not tied, but he is completely free as any rector in this city. When the delegation went to see him last fall, he imposed conditions more with the expectation of having them rejected than otherwise, but they were accepted without hesitation, and everything is down in black and white.—I think of this: A free Church, a staff of clergy, a guaranteed fund for three years, an organ, with choir at the opposite end of the Church, absolute control of the music, etc. Then, again, he has rented a house which is to serve as a clergy house, and his suggestion, that the ladies of the parish suitable furnish it for that purpose will no doubt be joyfully and speedily carried out. This clergy house will serve as headquarters for his staff of assistants, and will no doubt be in the charge of that right hand man whom he is now in search of. Some changes are also being made in the rectory from which I gather that Mr. Rainford is a believer in hospitality as well as humanity in general. He is, in fact, ruminating over all sorts of plans by which to make St. George's, if possible, a centre of wide and powerful religious influence. With God's

help, all this, I have no doubt, he will be able to do. He is an energizer. He not only plans the machinery, but generates the motive power. He would bring together the rich and the poor. He would reach the German population. He would stir up the Sunday school. He would work himself and get work out of others. He will do this, I am confident, though he is as far removed as possible from a knowledge of the difficulties he has to contend with."

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO

[From our own correspondents.]

OTTAWA.—*Dominion Parliament*.—Legislation is making slow progress this session. The Senate has had a lengthened adjournment, and the House of Commons short sittings, and so far, has not been sitting at night, but it is expected it will do so continuously from this out. Notwithstanding the brevity of the sittings, however, some very valuable work has been done. It is expected that a considerable part of the session will be spent in Committee, as in addition to the Bill for the Consolidation of the Dominion Lands Acts, there are the Militia Law Consolidation Bill, the Bill to consolidate the Customs Laws and some other bills of a similar character. The proposed consolidation of these laws, accompanied by the elision of mystifying verbiage, with the insertion of some simple amendments, will, I have no doubt, tend to perfect them very considerably. A number of petitions have been presented to Parliament in favour of the abolition of the duties on Bibles, and for the better observance of the Lord's Day. It is rumored that the Dominion Parliament will adjourn for the Easter Holidays from the Wednesday before Easter, to the Tuesday in Easter week.

Christ Church.—The Rev. J. Brock, M. A., graduate of Oxford, England, and one of the Professors of the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Diocese of Quebec, is spoken of as the successor of the Rev. Buxton B. Smith, at this church. Mr. Brock is an eloquent and popular preacher. He is the guest of Mr. A. J. Cambie, of the Department of Agriculture. Christ Church has followed the plan of raising money for the Diocesan Mission Fund by the envelope system, introduced lately into some of the churches in the city of Montreal with such advantageous results. The new plan had its first trial on Sunday the 11th March, with what success remains to be seen. The Wardens of Christ Church called a meeting of the Sidesmen of the Church, preliminary to the assembling of the Vestry at Easter, for Tuesday last (6th March), when the accounts for the current year were gone over. The financial affairs of the congregation were reported to be in a satisfactory state. The advice of the Sidesmen on the various items, as well as on Church matters generally, which were freely discussed, were taken into favourable consideration by the Churchwardens and the result of their joint deliberations will be submitted to the Vestry. The Churchwardens, I think, act wisely in calling these occasional meetings of the officers of the Church.

MADOC.—The Rev. C. T. Denroche has been presented with a purse containing \$50 by the Church people of Queensboro.

KINGSTON.—*Saint James' Church*.—The alterations and improvements at Saint James' Church have become more extensive than were contemplated by the Vestry, in order to make thorough work. The Vestry authorized an expenditure of \$2000 at a recent meeting and the Churchwardens have been instructed to give the old pews to the Mission Churches in the rear of the County of Frontenac. The intention of re-opening the Church at Easter has been abandoned in consequence of the extension of the plans.

DESORONTO.—Since writing last week, I have learned that contrary to expectation, the Rev. D. F. Bogert, of Selby, has declined the invitation of the Vestry of Saint Mark's Church to accept the Incumbency of this Mission.