

SHERBROOKE.—The Church of England Temperance Society held a public meeting in the Church Hall on the evening of the 11th of Oct. inst. The attendance was good, and the proceedings throughout most interesting. The President gave an invitation to all who wished the Temperance cause well to join the Society. During the evening Mrs. Markill rendered a song most beautifully; Mr. Reed gave a piano solo; Miss Edwards a reading, and the Rev. Jas. Thompson, of Danville, an earnest and instructive address on Temperance and the work of the Society. It is intended to continue these meetings throughout the winter on the first Monday of each month.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

VEN. ARCHDEACON LEACH.—During last week the Church of England in Canada lost, through the death of the Ven. William T. Leach, D.D., D.C.L., LL.D., Archdeacon of Montreal, one of its most learned and scholarly Divines, and one who for years past has held an important and high position in the educational world. At the time of his death, Dr. Leach held the offices of Vice-Principal of McGill College, and of Dean, and Emeritus Professor in the Faculty of Arts, with which institution he has been connected since 1859. Though his death could not be regarded as a surprise, in view of his advanced age and his failing health for several years past, yet it will no less be a source of deep regret to the many whose privilege it was to know and admire him, and who were wont to turn to him for counsel and advice. In consequence of his retiring and humble spirit, his noble qualities and great abilities were not perhaps as fully recognized as they ought to have been; but to those who had the privilege of anything like close intimacy with him, his true worth, deep and varied learning, and kindly, Christian disposition will not soon be forgotten. Many, many indeed, will mourn the loss of a wise and true friend. He will, too, be remembered by many of the congregation of St. George's, Montreal, as an eloquent and able preacher and a faithful Priest of the Church of the Living God. His sermons were models of composition, such as one seldom hears now: full of thought, and couched in language of poetical beauty and rhythm, and delivered in a style peculiarly adapted to the thought and composition, and to the preacher. Many and many a time has the writer, when a young man, listened with deep admiration, wrapt attention, and to his benefit to the wonderfully beautiful compositions of this master mind. And as Professor of English Literature in McGill College, there are many who must bear him in loving remembrance, and who love to call to mind the lectures—exquisitely beautiful in diction, delivered by him. William Turnbull Leach was born at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1805, studied for the ministry, and was ordained in the Presbyterian Body in 1831, having four years previously taken his degree of M.A. He came to Canada, and for several years was pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, taking a prominent part in the movement to establish Queen's College at Kingston, in 1834. In 1841, through conviction as to the invalidity of Orders in the Presbyterian Body, he joined the Church of England, and became the first Incumbent of St. George's, Montreal, which post he filled for nearly twenty years, resigning it to devote his whole time to his educational duties in connection with McGill College. The congregation was then the strongest of the Anglican communion. He also filled for some time the office of Rector of Lachine. With McGill College he was prominently connected for twenty-seven years, during which he filled the positions of Professor of the Faculty of Arts, of the Molson Chair of English Literature and of Mental and Moral Philosophy. In 1849 McGill and in 1867 Lennoxville conferred upon him the degree of D.C.L. In 1854 he received from Bishop Fulford, the first Metropoli-

tan of Canada, the dignity of Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, and in 1865 he was appointed Archdeacon of Montreal. Failing strength, owing to his great age, compelled him several years ago to abandon active teaching duties, but he continued to retain his honorary connection with the College, and was a prominent figure at the meetings of Convocation. He was three times married, and leaves three children, Mr. David Leach, advocate, of this city, Mrs. Howell, of London, England, and a young daughter residing with her mother in Montreal. The funeral took place on Friday, the 15th instant, the service being held in Christ Church Cathedral. There was a large attendance of the most prominent men of Montreal, including many of the Governors and Professors of McGill and also of the Clergy of the Diocese. The Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay read the introductory sentences and Psalm, Rev. A. French, B.A., the Lesson, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (formerly his Assistant at St. George's) the Committal, and the Rector of the Cathedral the concluding prayers. To the family of our dear friend we tender our most sincere sympathy, and in it we know that many a former student will sincerely join.

MONTREAL.—*The Cathedral.*—The service of Song on Tuesday evening, the 12th inst., is said to have been well attended. The secular papers report the proceedings in much the same style as they would use in speaking of the performance at an opera or concert, noting the particular "numbers" of the programme and the manner in which the several "soloists" acquitted themselves. In the report of the sermon which the Rector preached from Psalm xcvi, 1: "O Come let us sing unto the Lord," (not unto the people merely); he remarked that such services were upon their trial in Canada, and that the issue would depend largely upon the reverent demeanor, right spirit and Christian charity of those who attended them. He also seemed to regard these "services" as one of the special means now being employed to reach those whom the ordinary ministrations of the Church have failed in attracting, and is, therefore, not intended primarily for ordinary church-goers. We, however, adhere to the position we have taken and do not believe that any real good can result from a use of God's House,—the House of Prayer for all people—for services in which there is lamentably little of a true devotional "worshipping" spirit; where the whole *modus operandi*, and the chief end in view would seem to be to please the multitude and display the artistic talents of the performers—some at times not even of "the faith" as we are informed—and by which we unhesitatingly declare our feeling to be that this House of God—the Parish Church of this Diocese—is dishonoured, and an example is set which we most devoutly hope will not be followed in any of the larger centres of population outside Montreal. There are many Churchmen here to whom these "services" are not only displeasing but distasteful; and whilst admitting the purity of motive of the Rector in permitting them, we would be thankful to learn of a determination to discontinue them.

Christ Church Cathedral.—The Rev. H. W. Kittson, M.A., has been appointed "Reader" at the Cathedral, in place of the Rev. Canon Henderson (Principal of the Theological College). Dr. Henderson held the position until the students were withdrawn, when he resigned his office. We congratulate Mr. Kittson on his appointment, and on his again being numbered amongst the Clergy of the Diocese. Mr. Kittson has served for two years past as Assistant Minister at the Church of St. James the Apostle, but that position did not seem to entitle him to rank as a Priest of the Diocese, as his name did not appear on the Clergy List at Synod. We were under the impression that all Assistant Ministers, who were allowed to act as such for

any length of time, were included in the List of Clergy.

LACOLLE.—The lecture kindly given by Dr. W. Geo. Beers (according to previous notice), in aid of the Church of St. Saviour, was well attended. The proceeds amounted to about sixty-one dollars, of which the lecturer contributed twenty.

PERSONAL.—On Tuesday, the 12th inst., the Rev. Canon Mills, Rector of Trinity Church, was married to Miss Katherine S. Bagg, daughter of the late Stanley C. Bagg, Esq., of this city. The Bagg family have been for many years staunch supporters of the Cathedral, and the service took place there, the Lord Bishop officiating. The presents are said to have been numerous and costly, amongst them being a very handsome black-walnut sideboard, beautifully carved, from Trinity Church congregation.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OXFORD MILLS.—Tuesday, Oct. 5th, was observed in this parish as a day of thanksgiving for the many mercies of the past year. To the disappointment of many, the day turned out to be very unpropitious, but though all without was wet and lowering, within the little fane all was bright and beautiful. The fruits of harvest were artistically arranged, and the altar cross shone out with mystic glow from its surroundings of brilliant flowers. At 11 a.m., in spite of drizzling rain, a fair congregation assembled for the celebration of the Holy Communion, which was rendered in a most devotional manner. The sermon preached by the Rev. C. P. Emery, Rector of Kemptville, was of the most energetic and practical character. Towards evening the weather rather improved, consequently the church was nicely filled for evensong. The service was most hearty, and the sermon delivered by the Rev. P. Owen Jones, Rector of St. George's, Ottawa, drove home to the hearts of the people the many reasons for gratitude to a loving Father in heaven. With the exception of the drawback caused by the weather, the day was a complete success. Too much praise cannot be given to the organist and choir for their rendering of the services. About forty received at the celebration, and the offertory was over twenty dollars.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

HASTINGS AND ALNWICK.—On Sunday, the 10th of October, the Rev. John McCleary, incumbent of Hastings and Alnwick, died at his residence in the former village, after a very brief illness. For over ten years Mr. McCleary has fulfilled his duties conscientiously and faithfully in this Mission, winning thereby the love and esteem of his flock. This was evidenced on Monday by the long array of carriages which followed his mortal remains to the grave, and by the sorrow so clearly shown by his numerous friends and parishioners throughout the Mission. Mr. McCleary may be said to have literally died in harness. His illness lasted less than four weeks, during which period his congregation showed extreme thoughtfulness and attention. He was a faithful and earnest worker for the Master, and during his long experience in the ministry of the Church of England he devoted himself to his duties with unremitting zeal and assiduity. His lot was cast in no very prominent sphere, but his was just the character to see in "the daily round and common task" the opportunity for practising self-denial and self-sacrifice, and for doing the work to which God appointed him, so as to win the approval of his Lord at the great day of judgment. This he did earnestly and to the best of his ability. Mr. McCleary was ordained Deacon on the 19th of October, 1862, and Priest on the 28th of October, 1863, both by Bishop Strachan, in the Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto. His several appointments were Mul-