

COTE ST. ANTOINE.—The enlargement of the Church of St. Matthias, Cote St. Antoine, Rev. J. Empson, Rector, is being discussed. The congregation is growing larger every day, as Cote St. Antoine, instead of being a rural district on the outskirts of the city, is becoming practically a part of the industrial portion of the city.

The churches at the east end of the city will have to keep open eye for work that is rapidly opening around them in consequence of the Pacific Railway's shops and factories. There is now a influx and settlement of laboring families of various creeds and nationalities gathering on the outskirts of, or perhaps included in, the Parish of St. Luke's and St. Mary's.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—*Christ Church Lay Association.*—Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the men of the congregation of Christ Church was held last night in the school room. The Rector, the Rev. B. B. Smith, from the chair, stated his reasons for calling the meeting. He said that, owing to the uncertain tenure of his office, he had refrained hitherto from moving in what he considered a matter of the gravest importance, but that as he would certainly remain this winter with the congregation he deemed it his duty to secure the assistance of his laymen in the Church's work. He thought that a lay association should be formed with the object primarily of instruction in the history, doctrines and ritual of the Church of England, but that as the society increased in numbers and efficiency it might be entrusted with active work, such as teaching in the Sunday School, visiting and assisting the poor, carrying out to completion the beautiful offices of the Church, decorating the House of God, etc. Mr. Chesley, as a chorister and Sunday School teacher, considered such an association most desirable. The Rev. John May testified as to the success of the Public School Teachers' Association, and described the manner of conducting its meetings. He thought that some standard work on Church doctrine might be adopted as a text-book for the proposed class, and comments passed and questions asked upon the portion chosen at each sitting. Dr. Small related his experience of Bible Classes in Montreal, and testified as to the benefit derived from them. Mr. Fletcher considered that it was but of little importance what form this association took so long as the members of the congregation were convinced that by its means satisfactory instruction was imparted, and information given on all points of Church history, doctrine, government and worship. Dr. Wicksteed was of opinion that the Church of England was destined, and that at no late future, to become the dominant Church of Christendom. That her tenets would eventually be adopted by all of the "Household of Faith." He regretted that her members were not fully aware of their great privilege in belonging to a communion possessing such a history, such an incomparable liturgy, and such a body of learned theologians—the only real "masters of modern thought." He thought the preferable mode of procedure would be for the association to select some portion of the Bible for examination at each meeting—and for each member to read out the remarks made thereon by some one of the great commentators. By this means all the written learning applicable to the passage under consideration would be obtained at a slight cost, and enunciated with little loss of time. Mr. Shaw occasionally found himself at a disadvantage when he met his enemy at the gate owing to the want of such a course of instruction. It was agreed to adjourn until Wednesday next, the 22nd inst., when the constitution would be adopted, the society organized, and if time permitted a short summary of the history of the Prayer Book would be given by the pastor.—*Ottawa Free Press*, 16 Nov., 1882.

OTTAWA.—*Woman's Guild of St. Alban the Martyr.*—The members of this Guild have resumed work for this season, and are prepared to receive orders for needlework. Surplices of latest patterns and at most reasonable prices a specialty.
Ottawa, Nov. 20th, 1882.

St. Alban's.—The correspondent who stated that "a member of the Church of St. Alban the Martyr has offered to complete the new organ erected in this church" is mistaken. The organ is already complete as it is intended to have it, and the congregation has every reason to be satisfied with it.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

(From our own Correspondents.)

THANKS.—The Secretary of the Domestic Mission Board acknowledges the following donations:—Towards the Bishop of Algoma's steam-yacht—A friend, \$10; a little boy, 25 cents; G. E. Bell, Esq., \$10; Cathedral Sunday School, \$28.93. For the Garden River Church—St. Matthew's Church, \$15; a friend, \$2.

HANDSOME DONATION.—The Treasurer of the Church Society has just acknowledged the receipt from an anonymous donor, of one thousand dollars, as contribution on Thanksgiving Day towards the Pension Fund.

MAGOG.—The projected new factory building at Magog is to be 351 feet long and 100 feet wide, and four stories high. The two first stories to be granite, the others of brick. There are to be also two other buildings, one nearly as large as the main building, the other smaller. Work on the foundations commenced in October.

LENNOXVILLE.—A very interesting game of football was played at Lennoxville on Saturday afternoon between fifteen from the present and past members of the school. The "old boys" team was the heaviest, their average weights being about 150 lbs., the "Present" averaged about 133 lbs. The match was a very stubbornly contested one, and, despite the extra weight of the old boys, their successors gave them a hard fight. Their team play of the "Present" was particularly good. On the side of the "Present" Elliott played a magnificent game, and Fry, Scott, Owens and Stabb, were particularly noticeable. In the "Past" Pringle, Meredith, Hall, and Wadleigh distinguished themselves. The result, after a very keen contest, was a draw in favor of the "Past."

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

(From our own correspondent.)

GRIMSBY.—St. Andrew's Church has lately been renovated within and without. A new roof has been placed and the stone work has been pointed. The internal ornamentation consists of very tasteful fresco work by Mr. A. R. Hooenden, of Toronto. The fresco is in the florid oriental style. The ceiling of the chancel has a particularly fine effect. Scrolls and two gilt shields bearing an epitome of the Decalogue relieve the walls, as also a broad gilt border, which latter is the gift of the artist. The ladies have provided scrolls, shields, a new pulpit and chandeliers, etc., and shortly the church will be re-seated. St. Andrew's is one of the oldest churches of this Diocese. Its beautiful surroundings give to it quite an old country appearance. The Rev. Canon Read has been Rector for nearly twenty years.

HAMILTON.—*St. Thomas'.*—A fund has been started for the permanent improvement by addition to the Sunday School-room of this church. The lay Superintendent of the Sunday School is Mr. Bedlington, to whose untiring energy is due in great measure the flourishing condition of the School.

ARTHUR.—Rev. A. J. Bolt, B.A., has been translated from Erin to Arthur. The latter incumbency has been vacated by the sad death of Rev. J. Rixon. The late Mr. Rixon had, by his energy and self-denial, placed the parish in a very satisfactory condition, having built a new church and got the parsonage property into good condition.

ANCASTER.—A missionary meeting was held in St. John's, and was very successful both in attendance and amount of offertory. A full choral service (Tallis' Festival) was rendered by the choir of Christ Church, W. Flamboro'. An address, expla-

natory of the appointment scheme for raising the three standing funds of the Diocese, viz., Mission Fund, Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and Algoma Fund, was given by Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, of Stony Creek. The choir were entertained after Service by Rev. W. R. Clark, the Incumbent at the Parsonage.

GEORGETOWN.—The Rev. R. C. Caswall has been removed from Welland and given charge of Georgetown, vacated by the removal of Rev. J. Cooke to Sault Ste. Marie, Diocese of Algoma.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondent.)

TORONTO.—*The Cathedral.*—Rev. W. S. Rainsford, it is said, has received a "call" from St. George's Church, New York. He is now on a visit there with reference to it. The salary is said to be \$8,000, and the probability is Mr. Rainsford will accept the position.

TORONTO.—*St. Philip's.*—This Rectory is still vacant, and the old congregational habit of "calling" is to be resorted to in order that the position may be filled by a thorough-going, so-called, Evangelical. The Rev. J. F. Sweeney of St. Luke's, Montreal, is spoken of for this position, and will no doubt be willing to remove.

TORONTO.—*St. Bartholomew's.*—Late last month the congregation of this Church held their annual Thanksgiving Services. The altar was draped in white and ornamented with natural flowers, while fruits, etc., were tastefully displayed in front. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Langtry and was in that gentleman's best style.

CRAIGHURST.—The Rev. E. Daniel, one of the graduates of the P. E. D. School, has been appointed to this Mission. It has unfortunately been kept vacant for several months although the people were very anxious for services. In consequence of this Mr. Daniel has up-hill work before him. The Mission is scattered and rather hard to work, but contains some very earnest and enthusiastic Churchmen.

TORONTO.—*St. Matthias.*—The choir of this little city church spent Thanksgiving Day in Orangeville and took part in several services in the latter place during their outing. They arrived in Orangeville on Wednesday evening the 8th inst., when Evensong took place in the Church, the Rev. Mr. Radcliffe assisting the Rector and preaching the sermon. Next day the choir aided at the morning service, their singing being greatly admired. In the evening they returned to Toronto.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.—The quarterly meetings of the various Synod Committees took place on the 16th and 17th, being a week later than usual owing to the 9th having been appointed as Thanksgiving Day. There was a full attendance of members, clerical and lay.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—The annual Michaelmas Convocation took place on the 16th and was unusually well attended. The degree of D.C.L. was conferred on the Bishops of Toronto and Algoma. Rev. C. H. Mockridge, Hamilton, and the Very Rev. Dean Baldwin, of Montreal, obtained the degree of D.D.; and Rev. R. C. Starr, Kincardine, and Rev. G. Johnston that of B.D., and quite a number of other degrees were conferred. Several speeches were made, that by the Dean of Montreal being particularly eloquent, and loyal to Church and Alma Mater. The assembly was very brilliant and the students enjoyed themselves after their usual hilarious fashion on such occasions. A new departure was made this year by holding service at 11.45 a.m. in the College College. It was of course fully choral.

NORWAY.—*St. John's.*—Sunday week a Thanksgiving Service was held in this pretty little church. The building was nicely decorated with fruit, vegetables, etc., and as many flowers as could be expected at such a late season of the year. The service was hearty and congregational and an excellent sermon was preached by the Incumbent, Rev. C. Hattan.