

Monday evening in the Synod Hall, when two excellent papers were read, one by the Rev. L. N. Tucker, of St. George's, "How to Study the Bible," and the other by Mr. G. Capel, on "Teacher's Meetings."

LACHINE.—Services for the summer season were commenced in the church at Upper Lachine on Sunday evening last, the rector of the parish officiating.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese held an ordination at Trinity Church, Brockville, on the 15th inst., when the Revs. T. O. Smith, R. Coleman, R. L. Sloggett and W. M. H. Quatermaine, deacons, were advanced to the priesthood, and Messrs. R. W. Royson, M. McA. T. Chandring, G. Bonsfield, F. D. Woodcock, H. O. Tremaine and H. H. Johnston, were ordained to the Diaconate.

KINGSTON. The Synod of the Diocese was opened in Kingston on the evening of the 14th May with special service, at which the Rev. Dr. Body, Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, was the appointed preacher.

The scheme for a division of the diocese would seem to have been dropped; as at the Synod meeting last week, it was decided that nothing had been done, and there appeared to be quite a difference of opinion in regard to it.

The Rev. Dr. Mountain's offer for the creation of a Mission Canonry was accepted; \$10,000 have been given for this purpose.

The Synod adopted a resolution in favor of uniting all the dioceses of the Church of England in British North America into one legislative Body or Synod, the dioceses, however, preserving their autonomy and control over purely diocesan matters.

A meeting in the interest of Trinity College, Toronto, was held on the evening of the 17th inst., in connection with the session of Synod. Provost Body pointed out the advantages offered by Trinity College for a general education, and stated that last year there were 100 graduates. He called upon churchmen generally to rally to its support—instancing the example of the Presbyterians and the Methodists as to their denominational institutions. An increase of \$65,000 to capital account and \$3000 to annual income was needed to enable them to fulfil the objects aimed at. An interesting discussion upon the points referred to by Dr. Body followed, and his suggestions seemed to meet with hearty approval. The Divinity Students' Fund Committee of the Diocese were authorized to use the funds under its control for assisting candidates for the ministry going forward from the Diocese to Trinity College.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

WARSAW.—St. Mark's Church was re-opened on Sunday, May 13th, after having been vastly improved, under the management, and to a very large extent, the personal workmanship of the enterprising churchwarden, Mr. A. F. Choate. Although the seating accommodation has been greatly increased, every seat was occupied. The service was hearty and the music as usual, thoroughly well rendered. Many bright flowers, tastefully arranged, contributed by their beauty and fragrance to the gladness of the festival. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw. The improvements include a new chapel and vestry, and new furniture throughout the church. The seats, choir-stalls and chancel ceiling are all handsomely finished in ash, and the nave of the church, from which the gallery has been removed, is painted in warm colors. The chancel window, which was painted by the Rev. John Farncomb, Incumbent of the parish, adds greatly to the completeness of this pretty little church.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

GALT.—On the eve of his departure for England, the Rev. John Ridley, rector of Trinity Church, was presented with a purse of sovereigns, by friends in the congregations.

LONDON.—A special Ordination will be held by His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, on Sunday, May the 27th. In the evening of the same day His Lordship will (D.V.) hold a Confirmation service in St. James' Church, London South.

SARNIA.—This flourishing parish is again moving in the way of Church extension. A vestry meeting was held in St. George's Church on the 14th, to consider the desirability of erecting a new school-house in connection with the new church, and it was decided to proceed with the work at once; plans are being prepared for a neat and suitable building. It was also considered necessary to erect a chapel in the east end of the town to accommodate the growing wants of that section of the church people. It was agreed that such a move should be made soon as possible, but definite action was postponed for the present. This however is a matter for the near future.

LONDON.—A special meeting of the Executive Committee is called for May 28th. It is not expected that many will be present at this meeting as it is only called for the purpose of transacting such business as is placed on notice circular of a pressing monetary character in connection with Church buildings, &c.

Rev. R. Hicks has returned after one year's absence, and has again entered on his duties at St. Paul's, quite restored in health.

The Bible-class of St. Paul's, presented Rev. R. D. Freeman, who has had charge of it for about a year, during Mr. Hicks' absence, with a handsome Teachers' Bible and Church Service, as an expression of their good will and appreciation of his faithful services.

BRANTFORD.—Grace Church.—At a large of the members of the congregation, held on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., it was decided almost unanimously to have a surpliced choir. The Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, Rural Dean, rector of the parish, referred to the matter in his sermon the previous Sunday, and his desire has been heartily endorsed by his parishioners. The assistance of ladies will however be retained.

Mr. C. Nelles has offered to supply the surplices for the boys.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

SAULT STE. MARIE.—The Rev. E. F. Wilson has received word from Ottawa that the Government has granted \$8,000 towards the erection of his Washakada Home at Elkhorn, Manitoba, besides guaranteeing four-fifths of the cost of tuition and maintenance of eighty pupils.

DIOCESE OF CALGARY.

CALGARY.—Bishop Pinkham has received the official report, confirming the division of the Diocese. The eastern is to retain the name Saskatchewan, the western, to be called Calgary; of course we feel honored. Although there may be some Calgarians as proud of their town as the Scotchman who, on the occasion of the marriage of the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, remarked, "The Queen should be a proud woman to ha' her daughter married till a Combell" Although much has been said and written of the beauties of the location and the fast growth of the town yet one cannot but wonder when reviewing it from ~~some~~ beautiful hills which completely it,

and reflecting that what five years ago was an almost unknown piece of prairie, is to-day a beautiful town of three or four thousand people and fast filling up. Some five stone and brick buildings, fine churches and schools, good railway service, electric light and telephone service.

Yesterday, May 13th, was a day of good things. Morning prayer at nine, ordination service and Holy Communion at eleven, when the Rev. H. W. Gibbon-Stokes was advanced to the Priesthood. The Bishop was assisted by the Revs. J. W. Tims and E. P. Smith. After Sunday-school the Rev. J. W. Tims addressed the children, describing some of the blessed results of his four and a half years work amongst the Blackfoot Indians near Gleichen, thirty miles east of here.

The Bishop left by the Eastern train this morning, and after a few weeks in Winnipeg where his family reside, he will sail for England to attend the Lambeth Conference, and work in the interest of his Diocese, or Dioceses, as he still has charge of both Saskatchewan and Calgary.

After his return a Synod will be held; he expects to have his house built and his family here then. The Bishop of Rupert's Land has promised to preach the sermon on the occasion of the first Synod. Our Rector, the Rev. A. W. F. Cooper, is expected back from his trip to the paternal Home in a few days. His numerous warm friends will welcome him back and hope he is much improved in health. Everything looks bright and promising for good work to be done in our town and country. May the Holy Spirit the Comforter guide our every step and effort, that many may rejoice as a result of the labors in this corner of our Masters' vineyard. The GUARDIAN is a great blessing to us here, bringing cheering accounts of the working of our blessed Church in other fields. If it were but read regularly and carefully by all our people what a different people we would be!

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Scottish Guardian has the following from its London correspondent:—

Once more that perennial nuisance, the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, is trotted out, and once more all the well-known fallacies in support of it have been furbished up. One may know perfectly well that all the historical and Scriptural arguments in its favour are garbled and cooked, that it is not a question about which the working classes care a straw, that the colonies, so far from being in love with the system, would, as a rule, gladly be quit of it, and intend some day to be so; and that no matter what civil law may obtain in different countries the Church universally and without exception, condemns such marriages. No matter, the old well-worn, worn-out arguments are reiterated, and the doctrinaire faddists who desire to put the nation's law in direct contravention to that of the Church have won yet another victory in the House of Commons. At a working-man's meeting in the east of London the other day the thing was put in a nutshell from the working man's point of view:—"A man of our class who wants to marry his wife's sister goes through some form of marriage, his pals don't think worse of him or her—if there are children no one looks on them as illegitimate; if there is no property to inherit it's no lawyer's business, so that's all right. But if he's a Churchman he don't want to do it, and if his mates are Churchmen they won't approve of his doing it, and no Act of Parliament will ever alter that. Parliament can't make 'em married before God, and if they don't care to be that, they can have everything else without an Act." This, I believe, is the working-man's attitude generally, except where it has been stirred into a sense of an imaginary wrong by some political agitator.