

\$60,000 required for the new School was gathered in, but that it still required \$4,000 to complete the chapel. McGill was congratulated on its wonderful benefactions, their hundreds of thousands making our thousands seem small by comparison. The names of Robert Hamilton and Colonel King were mentioned specially as recent benefactors.

The subject of University Extension was dwelt upon at some length. It was said that the Universities did not intend to hawk their wares, but that they would be ready to meet any demand that might arise for these lectures. The extension courses were not looked upon as substitutes for a university course; they were not in the long run to be carried on by the professorial or lecturing staff of the University, but by a class of lecturers who would doubtless be developed in time, as they had been in England. It was announced that Laval, through the influence of the Abbe Laflamme, was willing to work for the French speaking people, while a joint board had been formed from McGill and Bishop's, to be ready to supply lectures for the English.

A few words of congratulation to the successful graduates, and a reminder of the moral aspect of their work and the importance of a high tone, concluded the address. The Synod Hall was quite full upon the occasion, and the interest was sustained throughout.

ONTARIO.

ODESSA.—It is with deep gratitude that we are able to announce that we have now got an organ in St. Alban's Church. This is due to the kind interest and indefatigable efforts of Mr. Pense, of Kingston. We have been forced to abandon the idea of an exclusively male choir, and now have a mixed choir of six persons, and the services are bright and hearty. A thoughtful friend very kindly sent us some palms for Palm Sunday, and it was surprising what a difference they made in the appearance of the church. The Friday evening services during Lent have been fairly well attended, and the lectures on the Holy Catholic Church listened to with much interest. The subject was necessarily very much condensed, but if the lectures have the effect of leading to a careful study and investigation of it, their object will have been gained. During Holy Week we have had services every day, morning and evening, with brief meditations and addresses on the Passion, the address on good Friday night being on the descent into Hell. On the Sunday evenings after Easter, Rev. Mr. Dibb proposes to deliver a course of sermons on the "Intermediate" State. We have to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of \$5.00 from "Churchman" towards the purchase of a font. This was in response to our appeal in the CANADIAN CHURCHMAN of March 10th, and is the only response received to date. "Thy Father which seeth in secret, Himself shall reward you openly."

MISSION OF DUNGANNON—BANCROFT & L'AMABLE—Good Friday dawned beautifully and our little village had assumed an appearance of holiday quiet that was a contrast to other Good Fridays. All the places of business were closed. The Missionary, the Rev. H. Farrer, had the day before asked the merchants and mill owners to close their establishments, and they cheerfully consented to do so. Divine service was held in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, and not only the usual congregation, but a goodly number of people belonging to the denominations outside the Church of England, attended and took active part in the services. A more attentive and reverent group of worshippers could not be found. The sermon from St. John xii. 32 and the seven words on the cross, was listened to with profound attention. The Litany of the Passion Hymn, 467 H. A. & M., was sung by all kneeling before the Anti-Communion Service. It being a solemn prayer, the posture was most fitting. The collections for the Parochial Missions to the Jews Fund were generous. The day and its services was one for solemn remembrance. Divine service was also held at St. George's Church, L'Amable, in the afternoon, and the necessity of the great facts of the Crucifixion influencing our lives, affectionately urged on old and young in solemn prayer, scripture lesson, chant, hymn and sermon, at both these churches.

TORONTO.

St. Matthias' Parish.—Confirmation.—The annual presentation of candidates took place on Thursday evg., in Passion week, the usual day. There were over 80 in all. The church was filled to repletion, and the Bishop of Niagara (in the absence of the Diocesan) officiated. The perfect stillness of the great audience during the several addresses of his lordship, gave proof of the deep impression produced. The candidates were presented and the preliminary service conducted by the rector, assisted by Rev. F. G. Plummer and Rev. G. H. Webb. The appearance of the Bishop, vested with reverent care, and hold-

ing his beautiful Pastoral Staff throughout the ceremony, was very striking. He was the very picture of a true ecclesiastical shepherd, using both gestures and words befitting the occasion. His masterly and trenchant challenge, on behalf of the Apostolic and Catholic character of the Church of England, could not be surpassed; while the sweet persuasion of his hearers to a holy life, in obedience to the Spirit's gentle admonitions, produced a profound impression.

Church of Ascension.—Wm. H. D. Miller, Richard Miller and Herbert Sampson, of the Young Men's Bible Class, waited on Rev. R. A. Bilkey at his residence, 64 Beverley street, recently, and presented him with a silver pocket communion set consisting of flagon, patten, chalice and breadbox in a handsome case. On the breadbox was the following inscription:—"Presented to the Rev. R. A. Bilkey on the occasion of his leaving the Church of Ascension, Toronto, by the young men of the Bible Class, Easter, 1892." Messrs. J. E. Berkley Smith and R. H. Temple, churchwardens, with Messrs. Robert Bickerstaff and Edward Taylor, also presented Mr. Bilkey with a purse. The occasion of the pleasant gathering was the removal of Mr. Bilkey to Bowmanville, where he has been appointed rector of St. John's Church.

W. A. Appeal for Diocesan Mission Fund.—Receipts to April 15th: Shanty Bay W.A., \$5; Uxbridge W.A., \$10; Newcastle W.A., \$17; Mrs. F. Creemore, \$1; "In Memoriam," Colborne, \$20.

St. James' Cathedral Mid-day Services.—Whoever conceived the idea of throwing open Toronto's large central church for worship and instruction during Lent, at mid-day, deserves not only credit but thanks from the many hundreds who have availed themselves of the privilege. These old city churches are like oases in the desert of banks and warehouses, and it is well that tired, doubting and saddened hearts should be able to "cling to the horns of the altar" in these "cities of refuge"—if it be only five snatched minutes in the very heat of business hurry. The attendance at St. James' has been phenomenal, not only because the idea was not heralded by trumpet, drum, or tambourine—the news really leaked out only by degrees and percolated the city gradually—but because the interest has so steadily increased. At first, of course, the ladies led the way; then a few men, perhaps chiefly of the younger sort; then, hard headed veterans of mart and store, then the rank and file of working men and women of the humblest classes. All felt the want, all received the welcome equally—the missing link between sacred seasons and business had been found. People who could not attend a 7 a.m. celebration, and were far from home at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. services in their parish churches, were glad to find themselves followed, as it were, by the Church, and provided with wholesome spiritual refreshment at noon. It goes without saying that Canon DuMoulin was equal to the occasion, and exhibited that wonderful eloquence and tact in preaching these brief and pointed addresses which have always distinguished him. Many have been reminded, as they gazed upon the great building filled with eager faces, of Pere Hyacinthe's Conferences in Notre Dame, Canon Liddon in St. Paul's, Knox Little in Regent St., or Father Ignatius in Lombard St. The public—for the attendance has included many dissenters, and people of all grades and classes—will be pleased to hear of the continuance of these mid-day services throughout the year (as is proposed in response to requests), with special addresses on Wednesdays and Fridays. It is evident that the rector has resolved to do his best to make St. James' the church for the people. We suspect that the Brotherhood of St. Andrew have been active in this movement—if not, there is much for them to do.

Easter Services.—The Toronto churches may always be depended upon to make some advances each year in the observance of such a season as that of Eastertide; and this year, notwithstanding the widespread depression in trade, has been no exception. This is as it should be. The time when Providence "calls a halt" in our secular progress, in our accumulation of wealth, in our full enjoyment of health, is the very time when we find an occasion to use aids intended to be so used—for greater religious devotion, and, even especially, thankfulness for past favour and grace received from on high. It is a healthy sign when a community readily responds to the rein of the Deity's control, and turns as He would have them. From the days of Jonah and Nineveh onwards, such responses prove their hearts to have been not far gone astray. The musical services, decorations and sermons in Toronto's thirty odd churches had the true ring, the right aspect, about them this year; and they may plod on faithfully, with hopeful hearts, in the round of daily cares and duties.

NIAGARA.

GRAND VALLEY.—Mr. T. J. Hay, of Christ Church Cathedral Chapter, Hamilton Brotherhood of St. Andrew, has been appointed by the Bishop as Lay Reader, under the Rev. I. H. Leake.

ALGOMA.

Mr. Edward Earl, lay reader at the Sudbury mines, has been transferred by the Lord Bishop of Algoma to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, where Mr. Earl commences his new duties at Easter.

RAVENSCLIFFE.—The superintendent of the mail contract branch, Ottawa, has informed the Rev. L. Sinclair that his petition for a tri-weekly mail to Ravenscliffe is to be laid before the Postmaster General.

ILFRACOMBE.—Mr. David Jack and Miss Martha Matilda Christie, of the township of McMurrich, were married in Christ Church by the Rev. L. Sinclair.

QU'APPELLE.

QU'APPELLE STATION.—The Synod will be held at this place, on Wednesday, June 15th.

KINBRAE.—The long winter nights have been enlivened with social gatherings at the school house. The attendance on each occasion was very good, in spite of the extremely cold weather.

SALTCOATS.—Since the new church has been in use the congregation has steadily increased; week after week we see new faces in the church, and the new comers continue as attendants. It is hoped that ere long a vicarage will be built, as the need of a resident clergy is much felt. The townspeople are very anxious for the house to be built, and several have already begun to move in the matter.

YORKTON.—The priest-in-charge of this large district is now visiting the northern parts. He found Yorkton a small village at the end of the Manitoba Northwestern track, consisting of about seventy-five inhabitants. The Church people are in the minority, and apparently so in the surrounding country. Several people enquired of the priest whether services would be regularly supplied. A service was held in the school house on Sunday.

British and Foreign.

It is stated that Mr. James Hakes, the promoter of the ritual suit against the Rev. J. Bell Cox, vicar of St. Margaret's, Liverpool, has been compelled to pay costs to the amount of £2,875.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward is the only woman who ever examined at Oxford. She was the Examiner in Modern Languages several years ago.

Mr. Gladstone was amongst the large congregation at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, for the third Lent lecture by Dr. Samuel Kinns, on "The Historical Accuracy of the Bible."

We understand that Canon Fleming will in future edit the *Religious Review of Reviews*. Of the April number, to which the new editor will contribute, there will be a first edition of 10,000 copies.

The income of the Metropolitan Bishop of Capetown, who has the oversight of some seven Dioceses, is only £700 per annum, and he has no coadjutor.

Divorce is apparently going to be made easy in New South Wales as well as in Victoria, for the Divorce Law Extension and Amendment Bill, intended to assimilate the divorce laws in the two States, has been read a third time in Legislative Council.

The Rev. Charles Gore has consented to hold a Three Days' Retreat for clergy at Keble College, Oxford, at the end of June. Particulars can be obtained from Hon. Rev. J. Adderley, Christ Church Mission, Poplar.

The oldest Wesleyan local preacher is said to be Mr. J. David James, of Pontypridd. He is a Cornishman, and fought at the Battle of Waterloo. Though ninety-eight years of age, he still preaches and lectures.

One of the most interesting of recent announcements is of an addition of the *Book of Common Prayer*.