

of the Anglican branch of the Catholic Church, as they received them from devoted missionaries in the neighborhood of the frozen ocean. Mr. Wilson, formerly of Montreal, who is Mr. Cumming's successor at the H. B. Company's fort, Lake St. John, officiates as organist in the new church.

**THE BISHOP'S VISITATION.**—The Lord Bishop of Quebec, accompanied by his Chaplain, Rev. Lennox Williams, M.A., and the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, Missioner to the Labrador coast, left for the north shore on Thursday, the 16th July, by steamer 'Otter.' His Lordship will be absent for some weeks, having to sail in an open boat along some three hundred miles of dangerous coast during his Episcopal visitation. It is probable that he will also visit the Magdalen Islands. Rev. Mr. Sutherland will remain for the winter upon the coast, as he did also last year. During the absence from town of the Rector of St. Matthews, the curate being also absent, the Rev. Mr. Cole comes to Quebec every week to take the Sunday services at St. Matthews. The weekday services and other duties are being attended to by the Rev. A. J. Balfour, M.A., Rector of St. Peter's.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

**ALBYNE**—On the 26th June a most successful concert was held in aid of the parsonage fund. The building (kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Henry Heeney) was crowded.

The programme was of a very high order and contained many original items, most of which evoked a great deal of mirth. The success of the entertainment was largely due to the untiring efforts of Miss Allen, Portage du Fort, who is on a visit here. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

**OWATOWN.**—St. James—A large congregation assembled in this Church on Tuesday, the 7th inst., to witness the marriage of Miss Katie M. Lockhart, second daughter of the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Lockhart, to Mr. Joseph Taylor, of Montreal. The Church had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers and ferns by the young people connected with the Sunday school and choir. The ceremony took place at 11:30 a.m., and was performed by the father of the bride, assisted by her uncle, the Rev. Canon Rollit, of Montreal. As the bridal party, preceded by the officiating clergymen, entered the church, the choir sang hymn 351, A. & M., 'How welcome was the Call,' and Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played at the conclusion of the service. The bride was dressed in cream coloured silk, with veil and orange blossoms, and carried a lovely bouquet of white carnations. Her uncle, Mr. R. Lockhart, of Chateauguay Basin, gave her away. The bridesmaids were her sister, Miss Maggie Lockhart, Miss F. H. Vanvliet, of Lacolle, and Miss Aimee Moss, of Montreal. After the usual signing of the registers in the vestry, where the newly married couple also received the congratulations of a large number of friends, they repaired to the rectory, where the wedding breakfast was given, and shortly after left by train for Montreal, en route for the Maritime Provinces. They were accompanied to the station by a host of friends, and started amid the usual showers of rice, &c., and followed by the good wishes of all. The bride was the recipient of a number of beautiful and valuable gifts. She will be much missed here, especially in the Church, where she has for years been indefatigable in every good work, as organist leader of the choir and Sunday school teacher. In the latter capacity she was greatly beloved by her scholars, her untiring devotion to the work and kind gentle manner having peculiarly endeared her to the young.

The interior of this Church has been greatly improved through the efforts of the ladies of

the Mite Society, who met fortnightly during the winter at the rectory, where they spent a pleasant hour and partook of afternoon tea, each member paying ten cents. With the amount thus collected, new matting had been laid down, and the arched tops of the windows have been filled with colored 'glacier' purchased from DeZucke & Co., of Montreal, which, together with the softened light cast by blinds of appropriate colored material, add greatly to the appearance of the sacred edifice, which is in itself a fine one and capable of being made one of the most beautiful country churches in the diocese.

**AYLMER.**—Christ Church.—At the close of the Sunday school on Sunday, June 28th, the Rev. H. L. A. Almon, on behalf of the Teacher's Bible Class and some other friends, presented Mr. Dresser, the teacher of the Bible Class, with a handsome Oxford Teacher's Bible. The Rector in making the presentation referred to Mr. Dresser's faithful work, and expressed the regret of all at his departure from Aylmer. Mr. Dresser, who was quite taken by surprise, thanked the Rector for his kind words and the teachers and class for the token of their regard. He exhorted the members of his class to be faithful students of God's Word, and punctual in their attendance.

On Monday, June 28th, a 'Service of Praise,' under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary, was held in the Church. The Rev. F. R. Smith, of Hull, delivered a very helpful address; and the choir, assisted by the organist and some of the members of the choir of Christ Church, Ottawa, gave the following music very well indeed: Solo, 'Come unto Me'; quartette, 'Bow down Thine Ear'; solo, 'The Palms'; anthem, 'O Lord, how manifold are Thy Works'; solo, 'There is a Green Hill'; duet, 'The day is done'; solo, 'The Radiant Morn has passed away'; Strand. The offertory was in aid of Missions.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

##### SYNOD NOTES.

From the Bishop's address it appears that the work at St. Alban's Cathedral is progressing satisfactorily, though not as rapidly as could be desired, owing to lack of funds. A Diocesan Theological Library has been created in the Cathedral, open to the clergy of the Diocese, and already containing nearly 12 000 volumes of books.

In view of the prevailing secularization of education in connection with the public schools and colleges, the Bishop urged upon the Synod the necessity of supporting and advocating the claims of the special institutions of the Church, such for instance as Trinity College, Toronto, Trinity College School, Port Hope; Bishop Strachan School, Toronto.

The St. Andrew's Brotherhood lately formed in the Diocese came in for favorable notice at the hands of the Bishop.

**C. E. T. S.**—The report of the Church of England Temperance Society for the Diocese was of a hopeful and satisfactory character, and statistics were given to show that a gradual decrease in drinking habits had been going on at least in Toronto. The erection of more Inebriate Asylums and of compulsory confinement of inebriates therein was recommended. The following resolution was adopted towards the end of the session:

'That in the opinion of this Synod, the drinking saloons are unmitigated evils, and that we pledge ourselves to use our utmost endeavours to further all wise legislation which shall tend to the restriction and ultimate extinction of such saloons.'

The Synod, however, declined to endorse the Dominion Alliance platform, and refused to send delegates to its meeting.

**Winnipeg Conference.**—The Synod endorsed

the scheme for the Consolidation of the Church by adopting the following resolution after considerable discussion: That it be resolved, 'That this Synod heartily accepts the tentative scheme for the consolidation of the Church of England in British North America submitted by the Winnipeg Conference, believing that such a consolidation would tend to concentrate and unite her force in the accomplishment of the great work before her, not only in maintaining a strict uniformity in doctrine, worship, and discipline, but also in infusing greater energy as well as promoting greater economy and efficiency in the missionary and educational work of the Church.'

The proposal to establish a distinct Church Bookroom met with almost unanimous approval, but the means whereby such a work should be undertaken and carried on occasioned considerable difference of opinion. The committee advised the raising of \$5,000 by voluntary contributions, and a guarantee of 5,000 more by the Synod for this purpose. Some members supported the formation of a joint stock company; but ultimately, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee to report at next session of Synod.

**W. & O. Fund.**—Judging from the terms of the report of the Committee having charge of this fund, some of the clergy in the Diocese must be very remiss since the report contained the following strong clause, which, with the report itself was adopted by the Synod:

'We feel that when St. James tells us that pure religion is 'to visit the fatherless and widows,' and with the many passages of Holy Writ, that the Church should care for such persons, that the clergyman 'refusing' to make such an appeal cannot be considered a Christian according to St. James' definition; and that should such a man's efforts fail in such a case as this to produce any result, he should seek some other sphere for work as soon as possible.'

The following resolution was adopted on the last day of Synod:

1. That it is advisable for the Anglican Church in Canada to publicly maintain her divine authority, and assert her position.
2. That it is essential that the necessary steps should be taken at any early date to institute and carry out the instruction of all Church people and others in matters of Church history, government and doctrine, (a) By the episcopally sanctioned personal work of suitably educated and trained men of both clergy and laity; (b) by the spreading broadcast of suitable Church literature; and (c) by city and diocesan missions, mission schools, and chapels.
3. That this Synod request the Lord Bishop to appoint a committee at the earliest date possible for the purpose of considering and reporting the ways and means by which the foregoing resolutions can best be carried out.
4. That the said committee shall report on the above matters to this Synod in 1892.

The great assistance which the Church, not alone of this diocese but also throughout Canada, is receiving from the Women's Auxiliary was recognized by the adoption of the following motion: 'That this Synod desires to express to the W. A. Missionary Society its grateful recognition of the very valuable assistance afforded by that Society to the cause of Missions—Foreign and Domestic and Diocesan—the Synod heartily wishes the W. A. God-speed in its excellent work, and trusts that it may be enabled long to continue, as efficiently as at present, its most Christian work.'

Although the mortgaging of the property of a parish now requires the consent of the Executive Committee, the Synod nevertheless instructed such committee, that: 'In future before any parish be given the consent of the committee to mortgage its property or to