

MONTREAL.—The annual convocation of the Montreal Theological College was held on the evening of the 9th May, when His Lordship Bishop Bond presided, and there were also present on the platform, Principal Henderson, Dean Carmichael, Archdeacon Evans, Canon Mills, Rural Dean Naylor, Hon. Justice McKay, Dr. Johnson, and Mr. Charles Garth.

After devotional exercises and the singing of a hymn, His Lordship delivered a brief address.

The educational council in the annual report read at the meeting, say:—

"In presenting the thirteenth annual report of the Montreal Diocesan Theological college, it is our duty to record the loss sustained by the Board of Governors in the removal by death of the Ven. Archdeacon Leach, who for some years took an active part in the educational work of the college, and to whom it has been indebted on several occasions for the benefits of his valuable counsels and advice.

It falls within our province also to refer to the contest on which we were unexpectedly engaged before the Legislature last year respecting the power of conferring degrees. To state the matter briefly, we applied, we contended, and we were unsuccessful, owing to the opposition of Lennoxville University. Although we are a college of McGill University, we were denied this reasonable request and were referred for a decision of the question in dispute to the Church Synod, which has no jurisdiction in the premises. The present position of the question is this: The Bishop has bound himself personally (not the college) not to sanction another application to the Legislature for the term of three years. Meantime, committees are to meet and consider the question in all its relations, with a view to arrive at some amicable and equitable arrangement, and report at the next regular meeting of the Provincial Synod. This College has already determined the course which it will recommend its representatives to pursue, and while it will vote for united action, on certain conditions, it is resolved, as far as possible, to maintain the independence of the Bishop of the diocese in the matter of clerical education."

The total number of students during the year is reported as twenty; the present number nineteen, of whom only two are stated to have previously taken their B.A. degree, and two more have taken it at the Convocation lately held at McGill University.

The teaching staff of the college it appears now consists of five lecturers in divinity and two tutors in the preparatory course. The Rev. G. O. Troop, M.A., has succeeded the Rev. Dr. Stone as lecturer in ecclesiastical history, and Mr. Warner has given a course of lessons in elocution during the last term.

(We hope to give next week the report of the address of the Principal.)

BEDFORD.—The Constitution of the Bedford District Clerical Union, contains the following articles:—

1. We rejoice in the comprehensive character of our branch of the Church Catholic, representing primitive truth as embodied in the three Symbols of the Christian Faith, sustained by the General Council and reflected by the living voice and mission of the Apostolic Ministry as embodied in our "Book of Common Prayer."

2. We hold all baptised persons to be members of the Church Catholic, and regard it as the special duty of the Church of England, amid the scattered and divided members of Christ's flock, to endeavor prayerfully and labour faithfully for the realization of the petitions of the Good Friday Collects.

3. We believe that a spirit of Congregationalism in any degree in any Parish, or Mission, is in conflict with the true nature of the Redeemer's Kingdom upon earth, and that as

individual Priests and Deacons set over God's Flock, we shall best correct such influences by the enlarged sympathies which can be awakened or strengthened by frequent intercourse, communion and conference among the clergy whereby the spiritual life of each may be invigorated, the result of parochial isolation in a great degree lessened, and parochial experience, turned to the benefit and advantage of all.

AYLWIN.—The advance guard of the party of farm hands chosen by the Church Emigration Society of London, England, for this district, arrived by stage on Saturday evening. There were twelve souls in all, eight single young men, and a married couple with their four children. The Sunday evening service at Kagubagua, at which all were present, was exceedingly cheery, the clear English voices ringing out with capital effect in the singing and responding. A second contingent of 20 souls is expected to arrive this week.

The representation of this mission in the next Synod, will probably be as follows:—

St. Peter's, P. M. St. George, H. M. Giles; Holy Trinity, Dr. L. H. Davidson, Q.C., J. C. Spence; St. John's, F. W. Thomas, E. P. Hannaford; St. James, George Hadril and C. G. Geddes.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—The ladies of St. George's Cathedral Churchwomen's Aid Society held a very successful sale of plain and fancy work in St. George's hall on the 11th instant.

St. James' Temperance Society held their usual monthly meeting on the 10th.

The Anglican Choral Union gave a concert in St. Paul's schoolhouse on the 11th inst. It was well attended. This Society, although but recently organized, is winning golden opinions.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*St. Barnabas*—Some six or seven years ago the mission of St. Barnabas was established, chiefly by the efforts of Rev. R. Harrison in the fast growing district between the parishes of St. Matthias and St. Anne. The services were at first conducted by Rev. H. S. Leslie in a small room in Dundas street, and the congregation scarcely numbered a dozen for the first few weeks. From this small beginning has grown the large congregation which will henceforth worship in the handsome new church in Halton street, which was opened for divine service on Sunday, May 8th, when Rev. Provost Body, of Trinity College, preached and celebrated Holy Communion, assisted by the Rector, Rev. W. H. Clark. The church is of red brick, with stained gothic windows. The interior decorations are not quite complete but in view of the fact that the former building has long been quite too small for the congregation it was thought better not to delay opening the new church.

St. George's.—*Church Army Wedding.*—On Saturday, May 7th, Capt. Robertson, of the Church Army, was married in this church to a lady just arrived from England. The ceremony was performed by the Rector, assisted by Revs. R. Moore and F. Webster, and a celebration of the Holy Communion followed. The newly married pair, with the clergy and officers present, were afterwards entertained at luncheon by the Rector and Mrs. Cayley. In the evening Capt. and Mrs. Robertson were present at a reception given in their honor in Phoebe street mission hall.

The Bishop of Algoma preached in this church on Sunday morning, May 8th. His Lordship expected to leave in a few days for his diocese. He will be greatly missed in Toronto.

St. Luke's.—A very pleasant and instructive

evening was spent on Monday, May 9th, in the school house of this church, when Mr. Harry Ryrle, assisted by Mr. F. B. Whittemore, under the auspices of the Guild of St. John of this church, gave an illustrated account of his rambles through Europe on a bicycle. The lecture and views were much appreciated and the audience were highly delighted with the beautiful scenery through which the bicyclist took them.

St. Matthew's.—An attempt is being made to raise the necessary funds to purchase a site and to build a rectory in connection with St. Matthew's church. Mr. J. S. Howard has offered to give \$500 on condition that the congregation will guarantee an equal amount. Mr. John Russell has also volunteered a donation of \$100 towards the same object.

The Clerical Association, which embraces the clergy of Toronto, met in the Synod office on Monday, May 9th, Rev. Richard Harrison in the chair. Fifteen clergymen were present. The subject of religious instruction by the clergy in the city schools after school hours was discussed at length.

ORILLIA.—On the 3rd ult., Miss C. Stewart, daughter of the incumbent of the parish, was waited upon by two members of the congregation who, in their behalf, presented her with a purse containing over \$60, "with the thanks of St. James' congregation for her services as organist and in the choir."

MEDONTE.—The Rev. John Jones, incumbent of Medonte, has, says the *Orillia Packet*, offered to give \$100 to anyone who can show a country Church in the Diocese of Toronto, at a cost of \$3,000, which can be pronounced as beautiful and substantial as the new St. George's Church in his parish, which cost only \$2,000.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

ST. CATHARINES.—The Rural-Deanal Chapter of Lincoln and Welland met at St. George's, here, on Monday and Tuesday, May 2nd and 3rd, and three clergy were present. A communication from the Bishop of Niagara was read, stating that Rev. Canon Holland having resigned his office of Rural Dean, he desired the clergy to nominate a successor. Rev. J. Gribble, Rector of Link and Port Dalhousie, was elected by the clergy, and the Bishop of Niagara has been pleased to appoint him to that office. A resolution was passed, expressing the deep regard and affection of the clergy for Rev. Canon Holland, and bearing testimony for the faithful and able manner in which for so many years he had discharged the duties of Rural Dean; also a resolution congratulating Rev. J. Fenwell on his having been, through God's blessing and prayer, restored to health. Part of St. John xviii was read and considered. There was also an animated discussion on the obligation of the tithe. An instructive sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Spence, the new Rector of Thorold, on Church Unity.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

The Synod of the Diocese will be held on June 28th, which is later than usual, owing to the Jubilee celebration.

SARNIA.—A large Confirmation class is being prepared by the Rector, who expects his Lordship the Bishop towards the end of next month.

His Lordship the Bishop of Algoma visited Sarnia and preached in St. George's Church recently. The congregation gave him \$114.67 for his Diocese, and Mr. Gurd, one of the most faithful and liberal members, has since sent him \$100 additional.

BERLIN.—Rev. Dr. Beaumont, who is about to remove to St. Thomas from Berlin, was waited upon recently by his parishioners, at