

in aid of Trinity College Fellowship Fund in Peterborough, on Sunday last.

The Rev. John Farncomb, of Lakefield, exchanged duties with the Rev. S. Weston Jones, of Lindsay, on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

The Rev. F. H. Du Vernet, will commence a Mission in St. James' Church, Orillia, next Sunday. Services will be held daily at 3 and 7.30 o'clock.

BOBCAYGEON.—On the 23rd of December, there was placed in Christ Church, Bobcaygeon, a beautiful stained glass window to the memory of the late Rev. Henry Charles Avant, for some years Incumbent of the parish.

The subject represented is "the Baptism of Christ by St. John." The figures, about life size, are characteristically and well treated. At the lower part of the window upon a tablet of glass is inscribed: "In memory of the Rev. Henry Charles Avant, died December 1882, aged 34 years. Erected by the congregation."

HASTINGS AND ALNWICK.—Recently there was a surprise party and presentation at Mr. Thos. Drope's residence in Alnwick. A purse of \$50 was presented to Miss Drope, organist in the Alnwick Church, and with it a very flattering address which was signed by the Incumbent and churchwardens. The large company was hospitably entertained and separated at a late hour, having spent a very pleasant evening.

OMEMEE.—An entertainment will be given in the Village Hall, on Feb. 4th., under the auspices of the C. E. T. S. and Band of Hope. The entertainment will consist of views of Irish scenery shown and explained by Prof. Edmonds. The tickets are placed at the low rate of 15 cents.

BEAVERTON.—On the 28th of Jan., an excellent concert was given in the Alexandra Hall, in aid of the English Church. The military band was in attendance. Help was also freely rendered by friends from Lindsay and Cannington. The entertainment closed with the famous Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works. There was a good attendance and all were well pleased with the proceedings.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL FESTIVALS.—The annual distribution of prizes to the children of St. Stephen's Sunday School, Toronto, took place a few days ago. Forty-one prizes were given, and in addition to the usual programme of songs and recitations, short addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. H. Shortt, the rector, Rev. A. H. Broughall, and the Superintendent, Mr. Caldecotte. The school is in a very flourishing condition, 397 scholars and 39 teachers and officers were present last Sunday.

St. Philip's Sunday-school, Toronto, held their annual festival recently. There was a large attendance of scholars and friends. An excellent programme joined in by some 20 Sunday-school pupils was rendered, prizes were then distributed to the successful candidates, and as each child passed out, a bag containing refreshments was handed to them.

St. Matthias parish held its festival on Wednesday in Occident Hall. The performance of songs &c., by the scholars was highly creditable and the success of the entertainment is largely due to Mr. Webb, the Superintendent and Mr. De Gruchy, the Secretary. The distribution of prizes to the children added to the pleasure of the evening.

All Saints.—A meeting of the C. E. T. S. was held on the 26th ult., Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was much smaller than usual. After a short programme by Miss Atcheson, Messrs. Shaw, Dana, Major and Cobb, an interesting address on Temperance was given by the Rev. Richard Greene.

TRINITY COLLEGE NOTES.—At the last regular meeting of the Literary Institute held in the College hall, Mr F. Farncomb read an interesting essay on "Camping Life on Stoney Lake," the

description of which was graphic and amusing. The subject for debate was, "Resolved, that the prohibition of the liquor traffic is a measure to be supported." The affirmative was represented by Messrs. Kemp, B. A., S. D. Hague, B. A., G. Wright; the negative by Messrs. G. Beaumont, E. Oliver, B. A., and H. Symonds. Mr. C. Scadding occupied the chair. The question was well argued on both sides, and several excellent speeches were made, remarkable for their originality in dealing with a subject that has already been touched upon from almost every standpoint. The vote of the members present decided in favour of the negative by an overwhelming majority. The arguments advanced by the negative were rendered the more powerful by the fact that all the speakers who opposed "prohibition" were themselves total abstainers. The management of *Rouge et Noir* has completed arrangements for its republication. The first number of Vol. VI. will make its appearance on the 10th of February. At the last regular monthly meeting of the Theological and Missionary Association held in the Provost's lecture room, a paper on "The Late Discovery of Bryennius in its Relations to the Christian Ministry" was read by the Rev. Provost Body.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SYNOD FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP.—The special meeting of the Synod of Niagara called for the 27th ult., to elect a successor to the late Bishop Fuller, opened with the service in the Cathedral at 11 in the morning. There was a large congregation, and about 50 of the clergy of the Diocese attended.

At 2 in the afternoon, Archdeacon McMurray, the senior dignitary of the Diocese, took the chair at the meeting in Christ Church school-house, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Mockridge. Dr. Mockridge acted as Clerical Secretary, and Mr. J. J. Mason as Lay Secretary. There was a very large attendance of clerical and lay delegates, as well as members not delegates to the Synod, and the greatest interest was shown in the proceedings.

The Chairman appointed the following committee to pass upon the objections to the list of delegates as printed: Rev. Rural Dean Belt, Rev. Canon Curran, Hon. J. B. Plumb, Messrs. F. W. Gates and Edward Mariin. The committee reported on the eight objections which had been lodged.

The Chairman then delivered the following opening address:—

Reverend Brethren of the clergy and Brethren of the laity: In my present position of Chairman of this meeting of Synod, in virtue of being the senior dignitary of the Church in the Diocese of Niagara, I do not feel called upon, nor do I consider it my place or province, to make any lengthened remarks, but simply to state to the Synod now assembled the course I have taken in the discharge of my duty, in accordance with the 34th clause of our constitution. Nevertheless, may I not be permitted, before proceeding further, and I feel assured I will only express the profound regret you all feel, in common with myself, at the decease of our beloved and venerated Bishop, who, in the all-wise providence of God, has been called away, full of zeal, full of years, nevertheless full of labor in his blessed Master's service, and solicitous for the welfare of that portion of the Church of God committed to his charge. And most diligently, most indefatigably, did he perform the high trust reposed in him, even in the midst of weakness and infirmity which few could have borne, but which his indomitable spirit, combined with a high sense of duty, impelled him to discharge. He has left the Diocese over which he so ably and impartially presided for more than nine years in a peaceful and united condition—no official duty neglected—not even a single letter unanswered up to the date he was stricken down by the hand of death, and called to his reward. I lost no time, consistent with respect, in communicating the painful intelligence, the death of the Bishop, to the Metropolitan of the Church in Canada, as required by the constitution, as follows:—

NIAGARA, Dec. 20th 1884.

"MY LORD BISHOP,—It becomes my duty as Archdeacon and senior dignitary of the Diocese of Niagara to Notify your Lordship, as Metropolitan, that this see is now vacant by the death of our beloved and venerated Bishop, the Right Rev. Thomas Brock Fuller, which painful event took place on the 17th inst. In case your Lordship should not have the constitution of the Diocese of Niagara, I enclose you herewith a copy of the 34th section, which has reference to the vacancy of the see. I am, my Lord Bishop, your Lordship's faithful servant,

WILLIAM McMURRAY."

Subsequently I communicated to the Metropolitan, as I felt in duty bound, that the endowment was not made up. In reply to my letter the Metropolitan wrote as follows:

FREDERICTON, Dec. 26th, 1884.

"MY DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter informing me of the death of the Bishop of Niagara, and to thank you for enclosing a copy of the 34th section of the constitution of the Diocese of Niagara. As it is not practicable for me to attend the meeting of the clergy and laity of the diocese, in order to elect a successor to the late lamented Bishop, I request that you, as Archdeacon and senior dignitary of the Diocese of Niagara, do summon the meeting of the clergy and laity, according to the provisions of the constitution, that the matter may be duly and legally held in the time specified. I only got your letter yesterday, being Christmas Day. I earnestly pray that God may guide your deliberations to the good of the Church, and that a man of true piety, learning and vigorous health may be found to preside over the diocese. The matter of endowment seems to me to be a serious one, and to demand grave consideration. On the one hand, it is important that the Bishop should be independent; on the other that no man should be elected merely because he had private means. And these difficulties appear to render it necessary not to take undue haste in so important a matter.—I remain, my dear sir, yours very faithfully, JOHN FREDERICTON, Metropolitan."

On receipt of this letter I at once proceeded to Hamilton and put myself in communication with the Secretary-Treasurer, and caused the following notice to be issued by him and sent to the clergy and lay delegates of the diocese:

"SECRETARY-TREASURER'S OFFICE,
HAMILTON, Jan. 3rd, 1885."

"Under the provisions of clause 34 of the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, I am directed by the Venerable Archdeacon McMurray, in accordance with the request of the Most Reverend the Metropolitan, to summon a meeting of the clergy and lay delegates of the said diocese, to be held in the Sunday School room of Christ Church, Hamilton, on Tuesday, Jan 27th, 1885, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the election of a Bishop for the said diocese. Yours respectfully, J. J. MASON, Secretary-Treasurer."

Having proceeded thus far I felt called upon to communicate the steps that had been taken to the Metropolitan, as follows:

"NIAGARA, Jan. 5th, 1885.

"MY LORD BISHOP,—In compliance with Your Lordship's request, I at once directed the Secretary to summon a meeting of the Synod of Niagara, for the election of a Bishop to fill the vacant See, which has been fixed for Tuesday, January 27th. I herewith enclose Your Lordship a copy of the notice which has been sent to the clerical and lay members of the Synod. I am, my Lord Bishop, Your Lordship's faithful servant,

"WM. McMURRAY."

Before I close, may I be permitted to add that we are assembled to-day on no ordinary occasion, but one of very deep importance, and I trust, with an earnest desire to discharge the important business which has called us together, as Christian ministers and Christian men, with singleness of purpose, for the welfare of the Church of God, and for the solemn duty of electing an overseer of the Church in this Diocese, void of all prejudice and free from that passion which is too apt to warp the