

parsonage to the church. On entering the nave the choir sang the processional hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," after which the Incumbent presented eight candidates to his Lordship for the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. The Bishop's charge to the candidates and address to the congregation were most eloquent and forcible and full of that Christian zeal which bears its unmistakable stamp upon his every word and act. Then followed the hymn No. 270, and immediately after the "Laying on of hands." The Confirmation service was then concluded by the Bishop, and hymn 271 followed. The Archdeacon then read the offertory sentences, and as the wardens marched up the aisle the choir sang "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." Seldom has there been a larger congregation in St. Thomas' church. The number of communicants was the largest in the history of the parish. The Incumbent read the post-Communion service and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

A business meeting was held immediately after the service, his Lordship in the chair. The venerable Archdeacon made a most impressive address and was listened to attentively. The meeting was not without success. It was closed by the Bishop asking the congregation to sing the National Anthem, and the response left no doubt of loyal hearts.

EPISCOPAL VISITATIONS.—The Lord Bishop of the diocese has announced his regular visitation of the parishes in the Eastern Townships section of his diocese, as follows:

May 30, South Stukely, Rev. J. W. Garland.

" 31, Bolton, Rev. A. C. Wilson.

June 2, Sunday, Mansonville, Rev. Rural Dean Brown.

" 3, Glen Sutton, Rev. J. H. Lackey

" 4, Sutton, Rev. E. T. Capel.

" 5, Brome Corners, Rev. J. A. Lackey.

" 6, Knowlton, Rev. W. P. Chambers.

" 7, Iron Hill, Rev. F. Charters.

" 9, Trinity Sunday, Ordination, Montreal.

" 10, Cowansville, Rev. J. A. Elliott.

" 11, Adamsville, Rev. J. Catermole.

" 12, Dunham, Rev. N. A. F. Brown.

" 13, Freighsburg, Rev. Canon Davidson.

" 14, Bedford, Rev. Rural Dean Nye.

" 16, Sunday, Farnham, Rev. Canon Muason.

" 17, Stanbridge East, Rev. C. G. Rollitt.

" 23, Sunday, New Glasgow, Rev. F. H. Clayton.

" 25, Rawdon, Rev. W. Davies.

" 26, Kildare, Rev. W. Weaver.

Diocese of Ontario.

OTTAWA.—His Grace the Archbishop of Ontario arrived in Ottawa on Monday, May 13th, and was received at the station by most of the clergy of the city, and escorted in carriages to his son's residence on Cooper street. In order to save his strength the Confirmations were held in two principal churches, Christ Church and St. John's. At the former, on Wednesday, ninety candidates were presented from Christ Church, St. Alban's, Grace, St. Luke's, St. Matthew's and Billing's Bridge. At the latter, from St. John's, St. Bartholomew's and St. Barnabas. Large congregations were present, and his Grace's addresses were more than usually impressive.

Diocese of Toronto.

ORILLIA.—The organ recital in St. James' Church on the evening of May 17th, was well attended, the building being full to the doors. Rev. Canon Greene opened the proceedings with prayer and the reading of a short psalm, after

which the hymn 'Onward Christian Soldiers' was sung by both choir and congregation. The singing of the choir was particularly good; the leading singers were Miss Annie Madden, Mrs. Horner, Messrs. A. K. Bowes and Oscar Wedborne, of Toronto. The proceedings closed with the singing of the hymn, 'All Hail the Power of Jesus Name.' The offertory amounted to \$40.

At the May meeting of the Church of England Temperance Society here on Tuesday evening the 21st inst., a stirring address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Rix, of Cannington. Four new pledges were taken.

Diocese of Huron.

The Synod of the Diocese is called to meet in London, June 18. The Rev. Professor Clark, of Toronto, is to preach on that occasion; and the Rev. Cooper Robinson, missionary from Japan, will address the missionary meeting on Wednesday evening, the 19th.

The Bishop is holding Confirmations in the County of Bruce. His engagements, including the Synod, will occupy the time up to the early part of August.

The Rev. T. E. Sanders, Episcopal clergyman, of Aylmer, died on Monday after a brief illness. The deceased was in the 78th year of his age, and was born in Bath England, and came to Canada nearly fifty years ago. He was ordained a priest in 1859. His first parish was Walkerton. He went to Lucan in 1863; Tilsonburg, 1871; Norwich, 1875, and Delhi in 1878. When in Delhi, about 18 years ago, he was superannuated, and has since lived in Aylmer. He leaves six sons and four daughters. The sons are: C. E., of St. Thomas; Arthur, of Aylmer; T. J., of Omaha, Neb.; W. C., of Montreal; F. J., of Chapleau, and Harry, of Portland, Maine. His daughters are: Mesdames W. K. Snyder, of Sombra; W. B. Selly, Manistee, Mich.; John Hale, Aylmer; (Rev.) J. M. Gunn, Wyoming.

Diocese of Newfoundland.

The Confirmation on the first Sunday after Easter at St. Thomas', St. John's, was a delightful service, hearty and well attended, and the address of the Bishop was practical and touching. There were 114 candidates, 43 men and 71 women, of whom ten were from other parishes. The Rector's report at the Easter meeting showed the number of the congregation to be 2,478; Communicants 598; Sunday school scholars, 441; Teachers, 10; Lay Readers, 2; District visitors, 20; Temperance Society members, 164; Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 13. The delegates to the Diocesan Synod, Hon. A. W. Harvey and Hon. G. T. Rendell, were re-elected.

Contemporary Church Opinion.

The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette, Dublin:

Some people who talk about their loyalty and freedom from party spirit might well ask themselves, are they so very loyal to the principles of the Reformation? We take a statement of these by the late Dr. Fraser, Bishop of Manchester, who was a very moderate man. According to him the five fundamental principles of the Church of England established at the Reformation are—(1) The sufficiency of Holy Scripture (2) The necessity of retaining the ancient Creeds. (3) The independence of national churches. (4) The necessity and validity of the Christian sacraments. (5) The ancient three-fold Apostolic organization of bishops, priests, and deacons. Though people said the doctrine of

Apostolic Succession was a Popish figment he simply stated it as an historic fact. It was as much an historic fact as that Queen Victoria sat on her throne as the legitimate successor to the Crown. They could not allow the Church to be considered as a sect. It was not a sect. It was the ancient, historic, reformed Christian Church in this land."

It is quite evident that many of us have great good and reason to widen our conception of what is meant by "Principles of the Reformation," and men who talk a great deal about their loyalty to them have often much necessity to re-examine whether it be not the fact that what they call disloyalty is only a larger and truer view founded on broader and deeper knowledge.

The Family Churchman, London, Eng., May 10:

One of our most illustrious laymen has passed away in the person of Lord Selborne. A profound lawyer, a subtle dialectician, a sincere politician and a sound Churchman, Lord Selborne united in himself many of the characteristics which go to make a great Englishman. His intense affection for the Church dated from his Oxford days, and there, too, was founded the religious view of life and action which characterised his career from first to last. He declined the woolsack in 1868, because he would take no part in the disestablishment of the Irish Church, and he attacked the policy which dictated it in a series of speeches which now read almost like prophecies confirmed. His manual on Church endowments is known to everyone interested in Church defence, and the last months of his life have been spent in exposing the proposals to despoil the Church in Wales. It is a sad thing that the death of this veteran defender of the faith should come just now when his presence is sorely needed in Parliament to resist the latest attack upon the Church he loved. It is the special glory of the Church of England that she produces the highest type of laymen—men devoted to her, who are alike Christians and scholars and gentlemen. Among them all there have been none more illustrious than Roundell Palmer, Earl of Selborne.

The English Churchman, London:

By the death of the EARL of SELBORNE the country loses one of its most illustrious and conscientious judges. The name of the ex-LORD CHANCELLOR will always be associated with the high sense of honour exhibited when he found himself obliged to break with Mr. Gladstone on the Irish Church Disestablishment Measure—declining the woolsack rather than compromise his conscience. He was a man of deep practical piety, and amongst his more popular Christian publications stands the hymnal—"The Book of Praise" which he issued in 1863.

"THE LORD'S DAY."

Mr. Gladstone continues in the *Church Monthly* for April his article on "The Lord's Day," the first part appearing in the March number. We quote the following: "We are born, on each Lord's Day morning, into a new climate, a new atmosphere (so to speak), by the law of the renovated nature, the lungs and heart of the Christian life should spontaneously and continuously drink in the vital air. It may perhaps be said that this view of the subject disparages the Christian life of the other six days of the week. A fatal objection, if only the fact were so. But I believe, if we search the matter to the bottom, it is found difficult or impossible to reach any other firm foundation for the observance of the Lord's Day. The counter-idea is to give a certain portion of the day to work associated with the new life, and to withhold the rest. On what authority, what