

had to travel over the same ground, and had as many people as all the rest put together. He had many misgivings about calling upon the Churchmen of Ottawa for aid, but felt they all knew that one of their privileges was giving. Bible teaching shows it.

THE Bishop intends, (D.V.) holding a confirmation at Christ Church, Ottawa, in the spring. Classes will meet, *ad interim*, every Saturday for girls at 3 p. m., and for boys at 8 p. m.

PERSONAL NOTES.—Dr. Lauder, Archdeacon of Ottawa, has returned from a tour on the Continent of Europe, and is now in London, England. He is expected to arrive in Ottawa before Easter.

DR. JONES, Archdeacon of Kingston, met with an accident on Wednesday, being thrown from his cutter while turning a corner on his way to celebrate a marriage at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee. He was pretty well shaken, but the high contracting parties were united all the same.

THE Rev. S. Daw, Missionary at Beachburg, and the Rev. A. W. Mackay, Missionary at Rockingham, are at Ottawa, soliciting subscriptions on behalf of their respective Missions.

THE Rev. B. B. Smith, M. A., Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Ottawa, has been offered the Rectorship of Sherbrooke, by the Bishop of Quebec. Mr. Smith has not yet accepted, but if he should, I am sure he will be regretted by the congregation of Christ Church.

By a letter lately received from England, I learn that the Rev. H. B. Patton, late Incumbent of the Mission of Gloucester, and at present doing temporary duty at Dunster, Somersetshire, England, hopes to return to Canada next summer.

MISSION OF GLOUCESTER.—It is understood that the Bishop will not fill the vacancy in the Mission of Gloucester at present. His Lordship is, it is said, waiting the arrival of some graduates of Saint Augustine Missionary College, England.

XMAS OFFERINGS TO THE BISHOP.—Presentation of a beautiful Persian lamb coat, accompanied by a short but pithy address to His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese of Ontario.

To the Right Reverend J. Travers Lewis, D. D., L. L. D., Lord Bishop of Ontario.

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER,—A number of the Clergy of your Diocese respectfully ask your Lordship to accept this Persian lamb coat as a small token of their friendship and good will at this Holy Season, and trust that your Lordship may long be spared to preside over them. Very Rev. James Lyster, L. L. D.; Venbl. Archdeacon Jones, L. L. D.; Revds. Canon Bleasdel, Canon Mulock; Canon White; Revds. H. Wilson, D. D.; F. W. Kirkpatrick; R. Lewis; E. H. M. Baker; G. W. G. Grout; H. Auston; T. Bailey; J. W. Burke; W. B. Carey; J. J. Christie; F. Codd; R. J. Harvey; R. L. M. Houston; A. Jarvis; G. Jemmett; K. L. Jones; S. T. Lenthly; E. Loucks; G. J. Low; S. McMorine; W. D. Mercer; G. Metzler; R. D. Mills; J. A. Morris; J. W. Muckleston; J. H. Nimmo; A. J. O'Loughlin; J. Osborne; M. G. Poole; S. G. Poole; A. C. Nesbitt; T. G. Porter; F. Prime; A. H. Coleman; A. W. Cooke; E. P. Crawford; A. F. Echlin; A. Elliott; C. P. Emery; H. Farrar; R. S. Forneri; J. W. Forsythe; S. Fraser; G. Gardner; T. Garrett; T. Godden; E. A. W. Hannington; R. Harding; C. M. Harris; W. A. Read; J. Spence; F. L. Stephenson; S. Tighe; J. W. Weatherdon; W. Wright; C. V. F. Bliss; S. Daw; C. O'Dell Bayley; T. Stanton; D. V. Gwilym; D. F. Bogert; J. J. Bogert; B. B. Smith; J. Serson.

His Lordship replied as follows:

To the Reverend Rural Dean Nesbitt and the Reverend George J. Low:

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—I thank you most sincerely for the kind present, which on behalf of a number of the Clergy of the Diocese, you have been kind enough to give me lately.

The donors meant the gift of such a valuable Persian lamb coat, as a mark of good will and friendship at the Holy Season of Christmas, and as such I accept it with many thanks, and reciprocating all your good wishes.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

J. T. ONTARIO.

Ottawa, January 1st, 1883.

### DIocese OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondents.]

MONTREAL.—The Rev. T. E. Cunningham, late of Buckingham, has been appointed to Aymer.

COTE ST. ANTOINE.—*St. Matthias*.—The Rev. Canon Norman took duty here on Sunday last as the Rector of the church. The church was, both morning and evening, full to overflowing. The Rev. Mr. White assisted in the services. Canon Norman is well known to be the most scholarly divine in the Diocese, and his sermons are always able, interesting and have a bracing tone of Churchmanship about them of which we cannot have any too much in these days, provided that it is that Churchmanship which makes the members feel what it is to be members of Christ, to be in Christ, to be one with Christ and Christ one with them, if so be they are at all walking worthy of the vocation whereunto they have been called. This is true Churchmanship, and this, we know, the new Rector of St. Matthias will in its fulness place before his flock. He has organized Bible-classes—one on Friday for ladies, one on Sunday at 4 p. m. for men and boys. We have no doubt he will bring all his parochial organizing experience to bear, and we shall no doubt see a working, a live and prosperous parish ere long. The Rev. Canon has not had any sole charge before in Canada, as he did not seek it.

THE DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.—Collections in the Diocesan Mission Fund are no longer made by means of collectors soliciting personal subscriptions. The Rev. Canon Carmichael disapproves of the system, and last Sunday week envelopes were distributed in the pews of St. George's Church, with circulars setting forth the objects of the Mission. The experiment was successful. Last year the distribution by personal subscription amounted to about \$1,500, contributed by fifty-five persons. Yesterday the envelopes laid on the plates contained \$2,057.50 in various sums. This is worthy of attention of other congregations. Here are \$500 raised with little trouble over and above last year. Enough to give a grant to a new mission.

THE Rev. Mr. DuVernet, ordained Deacon last Sunday in January, has accepted the temporary post of assistant minister to St. James the Apostle's. The gentleman is a nephew of the Rev. Canon Ellegood. He preached a sermon described as eloquent and attractive in many points. He has a fine voice and one over which he has full control. Influence is being used to have the appointment a permanent one.

WATERLOO.—St. Luke's Church, of which Archdeacon Lindsay is the well-known genial rector, has had some improvements made to it, more especially around the chancel. The platform of the chancel has been extended some 10 feet into the nave, and the choir stalls that somewhat overcrowded the chancel are now removed on to this extension, and the prayer-desk and lectern have been placed in position more in accordance with proper ecclesiastical usage than they had. The sanctuary stands out in consequence clear of anything that would obstruct the view. The improvement is recognized by all. Will the time ever come when this Church shall become the Cathedral of a new diocese, as was once projected. We fear there is not much room for hope. The English population, not even to mention the church portion, is not keeping pace with the French. These latter are increasing everywhere in the township. Your correspondent believes that the time will come, and is not far off, when the political cry of the French Canadian, "Lower Canada for the French," will

find its fulfillment. Everything seems to tend that way. The idea broached by a French paper (strange to say), that the Island of Montreal should be annexed to Ontario, will be an idea worth entertaining and working out.

STEPS are being taken to erect a memorial to the late Rural Dean Robinson, whose untimely death still fills the mind of all who knew him. This memorial is to come from those clergy especially who at any time labored in his Deanery. It is suggested that it take the form of a new altar or lectern for the new church he built in Aymer, but which is not yet finished. The promoter, however, of this memorial has, unwisely, we think, put five dollars as the lowest sum expected from the clergy appealed to. To our knowledge an appeal for even one dollar made by a brother clergyman to his co-above for help towards a parsonage had very few respondents. The clergy are, in the country, chronically poor.

HASTINGS.—The parsonage at Hastings was recently the scene of a very pleasant event. A number of the members of St. James' Church, Altwick, drove over to Hastings, to take possession of the parsonage, and their preparations for an evening's social enjoyment. An abundance of good things were provided, not only for the occasion, but also for the future use of the Incumbent's family. A heartfelt address was presented to the Rev. John McCleary, together with a purse and other useful presents.

### DIocese OF TORONTO.

[From our own correspondents.]

THOSE BILLS.—The Bill with reference to the disposal of the St. James' Rectory lands has, as I foresaw, met with determined opposition, and the amendments proposed were so sweeping that the Bill was withdrawn. The Cathedral Bill passed, the only change of importance being replacing the title St. Philip and St. James which was first proposed, by St. ALBAN'S—a decided improvement, there being a St. Philip's Church and a St. James' Church already in the city. The Bishop is to be Dean of the projected Cathedral. The Chapter is to consist of the Archdeacons, Canons and eight lay members, four of whom are to be elected by the clergy and four by the lay members of the Diocesan Synod.

TORONTO—*St. Peter's*.—The Church Women's Association in connection with this Church held their annual concert on the 2nd inst. in the school-house, Blecker street. The following ladies and gentlemen assisted in the programme: Mrs. Bradley, Misses Hillary, Edmonds, Geikie, McCausland, Spanner, Dr. Geikie and Messrs. Thompson, Manly, Darby, Tinning, Fisher and Greaves. The attendance was large and the proceedings very enjoyable.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—The Literary Institute of Trinity College gave their annual *conversazione* in the Convocation Hall of the College on the 1st inst. Not less than six hundred invited guests representing the *elite* of the city attended, and the whole affair was most successful. Among those present were the Bishop, the Chancellor of the College, Hon. G. W. Allan, Provost Body and Mrs. Body, Professor Jones, Sir W. P. and Lady Howland, Attorney General Mowat, Mr. Justice Osler and Mrs. Osler, Professor Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Goldwin Smith, Sheriff Jarvis, Dr. Scadding, Lady Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, and the Revs. McLean Ballard, J. D. Cayley, T. W. Patterson, and many others. The guests were received by the President of the Literary Institute, Mr. Gibson, and the Secretary, Mr. C. Scadding. Refreshments were served during the evening and a concert of vocal and instrumental music in which Miss Nellie Hillary, Miss Munro and Messrs J. H. Thomson, Schuch, Phillips, Hirschfelder, Nicholson and Bayley took part, added to the enjoyment of all present. After the concert dancing took place, and was indulged in with zest until a somewhat late hour.