

TORONTO.

The Reverend Provost Body, of Trinity University, has been selected to deliver the Paddock Lectures in New York for this year. The series consists of five lectures, the first three of which will be delivered during the week ending March 18th; the dates of the remaining two are not yet fixed. The subject of the lecture will be the Book of Genesis.

*Trinity University.*—The annual business meeting of the Theological and Missionary Society was held on Tuesday, March 6th, at 3 p.m. Reports of the year's work were presented, all of which were more or less satisfactory. At the present time there are 30 members of the Society who are either engaged in regular work or are available for occasional duty, besides the 7 clerical members of the faculty whose services are constantly in demand. The officers for the coming year are as follows:—President—The Rev. the Provost; Vice-Presidents—Mr. H. M. Little and Rev. R. Seaborne; Secretary—Mr. G. F. Davidson; Treasurer—Mr. W. L. Baynes-Reed; Committee—Rev. Prof. Cayley, Rev. H. H. Bedford-Jones, Rev. J. S. Broughall, Rev. A. A. De Pencier, and Messrs. Francis, Chadwick, Gwyn, Mockridge, Paine, Spencer, Seager, and Madill.

*Perrytown.*—We are sorry to hear that the Rev. Mr. Rooney has had the misfortune to lose his horse, and he is a poor missionary without means of replacing it—it is going to sadly impede his work in the mission; perhaps some of our numerous readers will assist him in procuring another horse.

*Alliston.*—The mission services held in St. Andrew's Church here during the past week by Rev. Mr. Wade, of Hamilton, have proved very interesting and drew large attendances each evening. The rev. gentleman is a fluent speaker, and his visit here will undoubtedly prove of much spiritual benefit and comfort to the aged, as well as food for thought for the young.

NIAGARA.

*Nanticoke.*—On Wednesday evening, 28th ult., a special missionary service was held in Christ Church, at which the Bishop of Athabasca gave an address descriptive of the Christian work among the Indians of the far north. His Lordship's remarks were very earnest and practical, and were listened to with the deepest interest by a large congregation. This is the first time we have ever had a visit from one actually labouring among the heathen, and we trust that it will result in deepening the interest among our Church people in missionary work in far off lands. On Thursday, 1st inst., the ladies of Christ Church congregation met at the parsonage, and took steps for organizing a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, to give aid to the work in Athabasca.

HURON.

*Seaforth.*—Special services are being held in St. Thomas' Church on Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons. A large choir of men and boys take the musical portion of the Wednesday evening services. The average attendance at the week-day services has been over 100. In few places in the diocese will you find a more hearty service or more evidence of steady progress than at Seaforth.

*Chatham.*—A feeling of keen regret is universal in the city over the demise of the Ven. Archdeacon Sandys, D.D., who was stricken with paralysis early last Monday morning, and died just before 11 o'clock, not having regained consciousness. Dr. Sandys was curate of Christ Church, although he has not of late years discharged the active duties thereof, owing to the enfeebled condition of his physical health. Everywhere he was held in the highest esteem. Mr. Ed. W. Sandys, of New York, and Mrs. Denison, of Toronto, well-known magazine writers, are two of the children of the deceased clergyman.

*Parkhill.*—The work of the Church in this parish is advancing with steady activity. Hitherto our progress has been somewhat hindered by lack of a parish room, but this has, through the efforts of our beloved pastor, the Rev. Dr. Beaumont, been remedied. A brick building, adjoining the parsonage and church, has been purchased and fitted up for a parish room suitable for week night services, guild meetings, Bible classes and the Sunday school, as well as for many miscellaneous purposes connected with Church work. The gentlemen of the congregation, especially Messrs. G. M. Wedd, Geo. Shobottom, E. M. Bigg, Thos. Watson and Churchwarden J. F. Roberts, entered with great zeal into the negotiations necessary to secure the building and the money to pay for it. The Young People's Society, through its officers, Misses Watson, Manes, Shobottom and Hall, furnished the money to make the necessary alterations, and to put in electric

lights. A parish room for meetings of various kinds is as necessary as the church itself, nor can parochial work be properly carried on without it.

*Port Dover.*—*St. Paul's Church.*—On the evening of the 2nd, His Lordship, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Young, Bishop of Athabasca, delivered an eloquent lecture in St. Paul's Church to a large and appreciative congregation. His Lordship was particularly eloquent in describing the scenery of the Peace River District and some other portions of his vast diocese. During his stay in Port Dover he was a guest at the rectory.

RUPERT'S LAND.

*Brandon.*—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, the Rev. Herbert Dransfield was celebrant at early celebration in St. Matthew's, and preacher at matins.

After evening prayer had been said at St. Matthew's Church on Friday evening, the Rev. M. Harding was presented with an address which we publish. The congregation was a large and representative one, and demonstrated the estimation in which the reverend gentleman is held by the Church people here. Senator Kirchhoffer read the address: To the Reverend McAdam Harding, rector of St. Matthew's Church, Brandon Man.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:—We, the select vestry, and members of the congregation of St. Matthew's Church, desire to address you, and by this means convey to you appreciation of your invaluable services as rector of St. Matthew's during the past year.

We are pleased to be able to inform you that as an earnest of their good-will towards you, and as an evidence of their faith in the prosperity of the parish, the congregation, in spite of the dull times, have enlarged the church in order to provide seating capacity for the ever increasing congregation. The interior of the church has also been altered and renovated, so that the services may be made more impressive and conducted with greater decency and order.

It is pleasing to know that during your brief incumbency the Sunday school has increased in numbers, that the Bible class has become an important Church factor, that the Young People's Guild is a live and growing institution, and that the number of communicants is far in excess of previous years.

These, together with the general interest which all take in the church's work and welfare, and the peace and harmony which now prevail in the parish, must be gratifying to you as well as us.

It is with feelings of much apprehension that we have heard that you have been offered preferment in an eastern diocese, and although the position may be more promising, the work more easy and the surroundings more congenial, and although we should be sorry to stand in the way of your promotion and future happiness, still we feel that there is yet a great work left undone in our own parish, the accomplishment of which, we hope, may not go unrewarded. We feel that by your removal, not only a great loss to the parish would be sustained, but also to the diocese as well.

In conclusion, we assure you that we shall do all in our power to assist you in your efforts here, and all we can to lighten your burdens, and we pray that for many years to come you will remain to influence us for good, and ever be our esteemed and beloved rector.

*Alexander.*—The Rev. Mr. Weaver will shortly leave for the Peace River District, diocese of Athabasca.

*Carberry.*—The Rev. M. Harding, rector of Brandon, is preaching a course of sermons here during Lent.

*St. John's College.*—The Archbishop of Rupert's Land, in a recent pastoral letter, says:—"For the past ten years, since the erection of the new college, there has been difficulty in meeting, year by year, the necessary current expenditure; in the past year the debt has been considerably reduced and the General Endowment Fund of the college increased, but it is likely that in the near future, in the present position of higher education in this country, further expenditure may be necessary in the interests of our students. The supply of the ministry of the Church is mainly dependent on the college. We are continually in want of more men. This is the urgent cause for formation of a Studentship Fund, by the offerings of the children of the Church in Lent. That fund is for the purpose of enabling promising candidates for the ministry, without private means, to prepare for the college studies. The college, and college school in addition, supply higher education under religious influences and careful arrangements, which should commend them to all Churchmen, but especially to parents who have to send their sons and daughters for such education from home."

abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to Thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end." Amen.

*Point St. Charles.*—*Grace Church.*—A debate took place on Thursday evening, March 1st, between Grace Church Young People's Literary Society and the Grace Church Y.M.C.A., on the subject, resolved "That city life is preferable to country life." Messrs. J. H. Farrar, Jenkins and Hollis represented the former and Messrs. McGrath, Manning and Jos. Farrar the latter. A very interesting and animated discussion took place for upwards of an hour and a quarter, after which it was left in the hands of the jury, consisting of Messrs. Clark, Clement and Price, to decide. Their decision was that the affirmative, viz. city life, had the best of the argument and consequently won the debate. As the Y.M.C.A. have hitherto been champions in the various inter-society debates that have taken place in Point St. Charles, this victory gives the championship to the Literary Society.

*St. Lambert's.*—*St. Barnabas.*—The St. Lambert Company Boys' Brigade intend holding a missionary exhibition at St. Lambert on April 2 to 4. The members are collecting missionary reports, and literature of all denominations, pictures of heathen deities, temples, rites, etc., articles from heathen lands and Indian relics, Bibles, prayer and hymn books in various languages, etc. It is hoped to make this a permanent museum and bureau of missionary information. Articles and correspondence may be sent to the Rev. W. J. Dart, St. Lambert.

*Evangelistic Services.*—The season of Lent has been unusually interesting in Montreal this year, owing to daily gatherings of vast congregations, under the Rev. Fay Mills—of all denominations—and the movement has much sympathy among Romanists as well as Protestants.

*Personal.*—Rev. Canon Mills has been confined to his house for some days through a prolonged attack of illness.

*Boscobel.*—*Obituary.*—The lamented wife of Rev. C. P. Abbott departed this life in February after a lingering illness. A devoted wife and mother, a cheerful, kindly and consistent Christian. Aet 55 years. On motion of the Dean, at Clerical Society meeting held in Bishop's Court, 5th inst., the clergy asked the Lord Bishop to express to Mr. Abbott their sympathy in the great loss his family has sustained.

*St. George's S. S. Festival.*—A very pleasant evening was enjoyed Friday (2nd March), in the large parish room of St. George's Church. Percy Moore delighted the young people with magic lantern views, sacred, descriptive, and amusing. Miss Ada Bickley's Band of Hope children repeated the Daisy chorus, which seemed as fresh as ever. Some dozen of the diocesan students enlivened the programme with a couple of choruses. Some clever young ladies and gentlemen amused everybody with an episode with a book pedlar, and Mr. Spicer took us to a picnic with his wife—and, as an encore, bought a coffin for her at auction—hoping it might some day be useful, and meanwhile cure her of attending auction sales. But the crowning thing was a fine old English gentleman in character by Mr. Haycock. The Dean thanked all the friends for their assistance in making the festival a success, which was responded to with cheers from the juveniles, and a verse of the National Anthem closed a very pleasant evening. Distribution of oranges and candies formed the parting scene.

ONTARIO.

*Manotick.*—Recently, Mr. Henry Tomkins, lay delegate of Manotick, and Mrs. Geo. Clark, drove round the parish and made a very handsome collection of oats, flour, beef, pork, butter, etc., which they presented to the Rev. J. P. Smitheman on behalf of the parishioners. Mr. James Butler, warden of Wellington, and Mr. Albert Nixon, warden of Osgoode, did the same kind office in their respective places and were equally successful. These generous gifts are tokens of a warm welcome to the clergyman and his family. Once a week during Lent the incumbent is giving a series of lectures on the History of the Bible at Wellington and Manotick. The text books used are Bishop Westcott's Bible in the Church, and Bishop Wordsworth's Theophilus Anglicanus, or the Manual of Instruction on the Church and the Anglican Branch of it. These lectures seem to be received with pleasure and profit.