

operation. The acting treasurer, Walter Drake, Esq., presented the treasurer's report of the various funds, which appeared satisfactory. The contributions to the Mission Fund so far reported were in excess of those of the previous year. Enquiry was made as to the non-publication in the Journal of Synod of the report of the Committee on French work. It was explained that owing to the amendment introduced and adopted by Synod, providing for the reception only and not the adoption of the report it had not been printed following the usual rule; and the Secretary was sustained in this course. It was, however, felt that the report contained considerable information of importance and it will be printed in connection with the Sabrevois Committee Report. It was explained by Dr. Davidson, the mover of the Synod amendment and his seconder Mr. Drake, that they had no desire of preventing the publication of the report but simply wished to secure the further information set out in the questions embodied in the resolution and adopted by Synod before any direct action should be taken upon the report itself. A Committee has been appointed to follow up the Resolution of Synod and report at the next session of the Executive Committee. It is said that those engaged in French work felt aggrieved at the non-publication of the report but the explanation given, will doubtless be as it should be, satisfactory.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS FOR JUNE.

Thursday, June 1.—Granby, Rural Dean Longhurst, and South Ruxton, Rev. R. F. Taylor.

Friday 2.—N. Shefford and Warden, Rev. R. F. Taylor.

Sunday 4.—Boscobel and N. Ely, Rev. C. P. Abbott.

Monday 5.—S. Stukely and Eastman, Rev. J. Garland.

Tuesday 6.—Bolton, S. D. G. Rollit.

Wednesday 7.—Mansonville, Rev. Rural Dean Brown.

Thursday 8.—Knowlton and Bondville, Rev. W. P. Chambers.

Friday 9.—Brome Corners, churchwardens.

Sunday 11.—Iron Hill and W. Brome, Rev. F. Charters.

Monday 12.—Adamsville and E. Farnham, Rev. J. Cattermole.

Tuesday 13.—W. Shefford and Fulford, Rev. S. Mills.

Wednesday 14.—Waterloo and Frost Village, Archdeacon Lindsay.

Thursday 15.—Farnham, Rev. Canon Mussen.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, L'Eglise du Redempteur.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese made his visitation to this Church on Friday evening and confirmed eight persons, one of them being Rev. Groulet, missionary, formerly of the Presbyterian body—the Archdeacon of Montreal, Dr. Henderson, Rev. L. N. Tucker, W. Sanders, Jokyll and Roy were also present and the Bishop. After the service an adjournment was made to the Ecole de la Mission Sabrevois, where the closing exercises of the College were held. The Bishop presided and called upon Rev. Principal Lariviere to read the report. The school had been re-opened on October 17, and 92 pupils had been admitted, fifty of whom were boarders. The four teachers had been most successful in their respective departments. Referring to church work, the report stated that there were many indications that the Church of Rome was losing its hold in the province, and instanced the case of the bold utterances of certain of the French Press and also the case of a

parishioner who sued his priest for having refused to baptize his child. Special mention was made of the generosity of Mrs. M. H. Gault in connection with the institution. The prizes were then presented by His Lordship, Miss Vezina, of Quebec, captured eight and Mr. Joseph Cote, five. Rev. L. N. Tucker and the Venerable Archdeacon Evans both gave complimentary and inspiring speeches.

ASCENSION DAY was well observed in the city, services being held in nearly all of its parishes; and in some cases there being two or more celebrations of Holy Communion. There has been a marked improvement in the observance of this Festival within a few years past. And why should there not be when it occupies like position with Christmas Epiphany and Easter, as to special collect, Epistle Gospel and Proper Preface? Why not, when the Church pleads in the Litany for deliverance, by the "Glorious Ascension as well as the Glorious Resurrection of her Lord."

Diocese of Ontario.

HAWKESBURY AND L'ORIGNAL.

Owing to the condition of our roads, the annual Vestry Meetings for this parish were postponed till the 26th and 27th ult. Reports presented at Hawkesbury showed a satisfactory increase over 1891 and 1892, both in church attendance and offertory, while, during the year, the parsonage was re-shingled. Since the building of the Church of the Nativity at L'Orignal, the average there, in attendance and Sunday school, has been doubled and the offertories more than doubled. A much needed and handsome set of service books, consisting of Bible, Prayer Book and Altar Book, has been received from S.P.C.K. and preparations have been completed for the immediate erection of a driving shed 60 feet long.

Diocese of Toronto.

PETERBOROUGH.

St. John's.—The South ward Mission under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary in connection with this Parish held an entertainment and sale on the evening of Wednesday of last week, when two tables of tasteful and ornamental articles were offered for sale and an excellent programme was rendered during the evening. During the intermission refreshments were served. Mrs. H. Stapleton, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hibbard, the Misses Macdonald, Yokome and Robinson, and Messrs. Boswell, Parker and Worham took part in the programme; the Rev. Mr. Loucks presided. The proceeds amounted to something over \$35.00.

Diocese of Niagara.

THOROLD AND PORT ROBINSON.

The Bishop of Niagara on the 1st inst. confirmed in St. Paul's Church, Port Robinson, four young persons, and in St. John's Church, Thorold, on the 2nd inst., the largest class hitherto presented in the parish, the candidates numbering forty-four. Notwithstanding the numerous removals that the parish has sustained, the services in both Churches is somewhat larger than formerly. Further improvements are contemplated with regard to the interior appearance and arrangements of the buildings. A new church for Allanburgh is spoken of. (P.L.S.)

THE ORIGIN OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Sunday schools, says the *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, are probably as old as Christianity, for Eusebius says that the Apostle John regularly taught the Scriptures and the doctrine of the Church to young men and children on the Sabbath day. It is quite likely that, to a limited extent at least, Sunday instruction of children and youth was kept up throughout the Middle Ages; but the greatest impulse given the Sunday school was by the famous Cardinal Bormeo, who, in Milan 1580, organised a system of Sunday instruction and put numerous schools into operation. About the middle of the next century Rev. Joseph Alleine established Sunday schools in England, and between the year 1760 and 1763 scores of Sunday schools were established in various parts of England and Scotland by Rev. David Blair and Rev. Theophilus Lindsey. Robert Rakes, of Gloucester, has usually enjoyed the credit of being the founder of Sunday schools, but it is a credit to which he is not entitled, for his schools were not established in Gloucester until the year 1780. In most of the early English Sunday schools established by the gentlemen mentioned hired teachers were employed to give instructions in reading, writing, and ciphering, while the Catechism and religious training were considered not more important than is instruction in the elements of an English education. Sunday was chosen as being the day most favourable for those who attended, since the first pupils of the Sunday school were drawn from the children of working people and artisans.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW NOTES.

The Chapters now number, in the United States, 980, 20 new Chapters being reported in the May number of *St. Andrew's Cross*.

Over 18,000 copies of the "Points on Brotherhood Work" have been published.

The largest Chapter in the Brotherhood is probably that of The Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia, which contains seventy-five members.

The *St. Andrew's Cross* for May contains an interesting and instructive paper from the two special delegates appointed to visit the West (Messrs. McBee and Wood) in which they point out the immense possibilities for The Church West of the Mississippi, and the pressing need of assistance in order to realize these possibilities. This assistance they say must be given by the Eastern Dioceses. They state that in less than sixty years twelve Dioceses and fourteen Missionary Districts have been set apart in the territory west of the Mississippi; they now contain 76,000 communicants, or one-seventh of the total number in The Church. Wise leadership and faithful work have laid solid foundations.

The needs of The Church in the West are expressed as being: (1) Priests—men of high ability and consecrated character and strong manliness. (2) Consecrated laymen who will take their places in every day affairs, and prove that a devoted Christian life is not inconsistent with active business. (3) Money, for although there is great wealth west of the Mississippi, assistance from the East is needed. They conclude their article by saying: "Whatever is done should be done quickly; one man now is worth five men ten years hence, \$1 is worth \$10 ten years from now."

No additional Chapters are reported in the