

tee declined to act, and others have been added each year since, under the powers of the Committee to add to its numbers. All who help in the Deputation work become members.

This year the Committee mustered seventy-one strong, the increase being in part due to the assistance given during the influenza epidemic by Trinity College and Wycliffe College, whose help saved many a parish from disappointment. Many others were added by enlisting the services of the rural clergy to address congregations in Toronto. This feature of the campaign proved a great success. None are better qualified to speak of the needs of the Missions than those who live in their midst.

The first Deputations went out on the 10th November, when Mr. L. H. Baldwin started for Cookstown and Mr. A. M. Dymond for Bondhead. Mr. N. F. Davidson fired the last shot at Aurora on 10th March.

There were 57 addresses delivered in the rural deanery of Toronto, while 60 deputations visited the outside parishes and delivered 161 addresses. The result of all this fervid eloquence is not yet apparent, but by the end of last week the Treasurer of the Diocese had received about \$6,000. This would seem to indicate that Churchwardens and P. M. A.'s are still fondling sums which ought by this time to be in the Treasurer's hands. Perhaps the difficulty of securing money makes them loath to part with it. But notwithstanding this fact it is evident that the total will fall far short of the \$20,000 aimed at.

The characteristic feature in the past season's work was the universal cry for a reduction in the allotments. Considering that the Mission Board has declared that \$20,000 is the sum required to serve the Diocese as it ought to be done, the outcry for reductions is unfortunate, but very human. And as it is from humanity that the funds must come, it looks as if the Board would have to be content to attain its ideal by slower steps.

Amongst others there are three prominent reasons which seem to account for the difficulty in raising large sums for the Diocesan Mission Fund. One is the greater popularity of the Foreign Mission field in many parishes.

The second reason is that there is in many minds an ineradicable conviction that many of the parishes which are in receipt of grants are able to support themselves. This is a very illogical reason for refusing to aid other parishes of whose need there is no doubt, but here again we have to deal with human nature as you find it.

These are difficulties which cannot in the nature of the case be overcome, but the third is one which ought not to exist. It is the bad example set by the numerically largest and wealthiest, and for this reason, from a secular

standpoint, the most important, parish in the Diocese. On the 28th March the total sum sent in from St. James' was \$464.29 on an allotment of \$1,503.80. Last year their total amount for the year was \$777.93 on an allotment of \$2,087.81. With all eyes looking to St. James' to see what they do, it is not surprising if other parishes adopt the same standard of giving. Moreover, uncharitable as it may be, the rest of the Diocese naturally declines to bear the additional burden which St. James' has cast upon them by repudiating the larger part of its own.

#### CLERICAL CHANGES.

The Rev. A. U. dePencier has been appointed Assistant Curate of St. James', Toronto.

The Rev. A. H. Wright, of Stayner, has been appointed Rector of All Saints' Church, Whitby.

The Rev. M. J. Goodheart has resigned the Mission of Haliburton. As yet no appointment has been made.

The Rev. F. J. Lynch has been appointed Rural Dean of South Simcoe.

#### MISSIONARY.

At the February meeting of the Mission Board the following Guarantee Bonds were submitted, all dating from December 15th, 1900, for three years:

Craighurst.....	\$200 00
Crown Hill.....	150 00
Minessing.....	100 00
Hillsdale.....	50 00

These were accepted by the Board, and a grant of \$225 for two years, from January 1st, 1901, was made to the Mission.

The Mission Fund was overdrawn on the 15th March \$6,540.92.

A new and promising field for Mission work has opened up at Cordova, in the Township of Belmont, where the Cordova Exploration Company is carrying on extensive gold-mining operations, employing about 300 men. Costly buildings and a number of dwelling houses have been erected by the company. As yet there is no provision for religious service of any kind. The Mission Board has authorized the Rev. R. J. Carson, incumbent of Havelock and Belmont, to raise at least \$800 for buildings and earlier expenses in connection with the work, while the assistance of the company is confidently looked for. The Bishop cordially endorses the appeal for this amount, and contributions may be forwarded to Rev. R. J. Carson, Havelock.