

borough, additional 10:50; St. Luke's, North Orillia, and Medonte, 6:75; Colborne, 7; Scarborough, Christ Church, 2:63, St. Paul's, 2:44, St. Jude's, 25 cents; Mulmur West, Whitfield, 1:58, Honeywood, 1:47, Elba, 1:05.

MISSION FUND.—*July Collection*: St. Mark's, Parkdale, 10:75. From St. James' Home and Foreign Mission Aid Society, 2:00.

NORTH-WEST MISSION FUND.—From St. James' Home and Foreign Mission Aid Society for Bishop of Rupert's Land, 225:38.

SHINGWAG HOME.—From St. James' Home and Foreign Mission Aid Society, 85:50.

On going to press, we have just learned the death of the Very Rev. H. J. Grassett, D.D., Rector and Dean of St. James's, Toronto, who died at five minutes to seven on Monday morning.

The Rev. E. H. Mussen, M. A., has been appointed to the incumbency of Aurora.

The Rev. Wm. Farncombe, of Craighurst, has been offered and has accepted the curacy of Holy Trinity, Toronto.

Ruri-Decanal Chapter of East York.—The next meeting of the above Chapter will be held at the residence of the Rev. A. Hart, Markham, on Tuesday, April 4th, 10:30 a.m. Subjects for consideration:—Greek Testament, 2 Tim. iii.; Liturgy: the last three rubrics in the office for Holy Communion, with the "black" rubric. Review: Gray's Creeds of Christendom, chap. vi. The members of the Chapter are earnestly urged to take a note of the above meeting, and to make arrangements to be present. Anthony Hart, Secretary.

THE BISHOP OF TORONTO has just issued the following announcement:—Annexed you will find a list of the Confirmations which I purpose, God willing, to hold during the coming spring and summer. This list is intended to be suggestive rather than final. Therefore if the date assigned for a visit to your parish appears to you to be inconvenient, or the route proposed capable of better arrangement, I should be obliged by your communicating to me your views at the earliest opportunity. If your parish is not included in the list, and you desire to have a Confirmation this year, please to let me know which month would be most convenient to you. April 2, S., Port Hope—Trin. Coll. Sch. and St. Mark's; 6, Toronto: St. Philip's; 9, S., Church of the Redeemer; 16, S., Aurora, Oakridge, and King; 17, Newmarket. Holland Landing, and Sharon; 18, Bradford, Middleton, and Coulson's; 19, Boudhead and Beeton; 20, Tecumseth and Tottenham; 21, Cookstown and Pinkerton; 23, S., Mimico and Islington. May 3, Streetsville and Churchville; 4, Tullamore, Castlemore, and Grahamsville; 5, Thornhill and Richmond Hill; 18, Toronto: All Saints'; 21, S., St. James' Cathedral; 23, Lloyd-town and Nobleton; 28, S., Toronto—Church of Ascension; 31, Pickering and Port Whitby. June 1, Brooklin, Columbus, and Ashburn; 2, Port Perry; 4, S., Toronto—St. Barthomew's; 18, S., York Mills; 19, Berkeley and Chester; 21, Scarborough; 22, Unionville and Markham; 23, Stouffville and Goodwood; 25, S., Uxbridge and Greenbank; 26, Sunderland and Brock; 30, Lindsay. July 2, S., Peterborough and Ashburnham; 3, Lakefield and Warsaw; 5, Oshawa; 6, Bowmanville; 7, Newcastle; 9, S., Cobourg; 13, Batteau, Duntroon; 14, Stayner, Creemore, and Banda; 16, S., Collingwood; 17, Everett, Adjala, and St. Luke's, Mulmur; 18, Thornton, Ivy, and Ballynascreen; — Keswick; — Minden and Stanhope. Sept. 3, S., Barrie and Shanty Bay; 4, 5, Craighurst and Vespra; 6, 7, Waverley, Wyebridge, etc.; 8, 9, Coldwater, Waubushene, etc.; 10, S., Orillia and East Oro; 11, Price's Corners and Medonte; 12, 13, Inisfil, Churchill and Allandale.

## NIAGARA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of February, 1882.

MISSION FUND.—*Offering Collections*:—Dunnville \$4:00; Burlington \$5:00; Orangeville \$4:00; Caledonia \$21:00; York \$18:00; Merrittton, Homer, and Grantham \$7:00; Port Erie \$8:50. *Parochial Collections*:—Niagara \$194:00; Bartonville \$6:36; Stoney Creek \$3:62; The Beach \$2:02; Walpole South \$20:00; Queenston \$18:00; Georgetown \$68:88. *On Guarantee Account*:—Hillsburg \$40:00; Colbeck \$12:50; Moorefield \$37:50, Cayuga \$125.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offering Collections*:—Port Erie \$7:05.

ALGOMA AND N. W. MISSION FUND.—*Offering Col-*

*lections*:—Niagara Falls \$7:20; Erin and Garafraxa \$6:25; Hornby \$6:29; Milton \$3:85; Orangeville \$4:00; Ancaster \$13:00; Stewarttown \$4:00.

MISSION FUND.—*Offering Collections*:—Stamford \$3:77; Drummondville 10:58; Brulington 6:00; Nelson 5:00; Norval 2:00; Grimsby 8:00; Onagh and Palermo 3:60. *Parochial Collections*:—Stamford and Drummondville 86:75; West Flamboro' 69:30. *On Guarantee Account*:—Bartonville 20:00; Stoney Creek 25:00; Nanticoke 57:00; Port Colborne 100:00; Caledonia 108:34; Cheapside 32:50; West Flamboro' 60:00; Erin 75:00; Marshville 50:00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offering Collections*:—Queenston 2:00; Stamford and Drummondville 11:00; Rothsay 2:00; Thorold 5:34; Port Robinson 6:50; Norval 1:20.

ALGOMA AND NORTH-WEST MISSION FUND.—*Offering Collections*:—West Flamboro' 15:90; Thorold 5:22; Port Robinson 3:50; Aldershot 9:00; Queenston 3:57; Port Colborne and Marshville 25:00. *Thanks-giving Collections*:—Erin and Garafraxa \$4:00; Thorold 6:25; Port Robinson 4:69.

HAMILTON.—*St. Mark's*: The rector, the Rev. Mr. Sutherland, was made the recipient of a kindly surprise on Shrove-Tuesday last. Immediately after Evensong the ladies of the Guild presented him, in the name of the ladies of St. Mark's congregation, with the complete furnishings for his vestry, which has been made very comfortable, and has quite a handsome appearance. The ladies of St. Mark's desire to show by this act, the affection and esteem in which they held their rector.

## HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HYDE PARK.—The Rev. Mr. Hill has preached his farewell sermon previous to his departure for the county of Kent.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—Rev. W. F. Campbell, diocesan missionary agent, has been holding missionary meetings in South Essex during the week. On Sunday last he visited Essex Centre, North Ridge, and Leamington, delivering addresses, and administering the holy Communion at all the stations.

CHATHAM.—The Rev. Mr. Martin was announced to hold a special service, and preach a special sermon on sacred music, in Christ Church. So the Puritan repugnance to sacred music and choral services is disappearing in the Church in Canada.

THE DOMINION CHURCHMAN AND GRIP.—Several of the country papers have been referring with approval to the castigation the pious imitator of *Punch* has received from the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

WATFORD.—The contract for building a church on the Fourth Concession, East Warwick, has been let to Messrs. McKinnon and Woolcox, of this place. The building is to be 24 x 48, with recess, chancel, and vestry, and will cost \$800. It is to be finished by the first of June. The congregation has been worshipping in a school-house for some years. This forms one of the congregations in charge of the rector of Warwick.

LONDON.—*The Algoma Mission*: The Rev. Edward Wilson, commissary of the missionary diocese of Algoma, preached in St. Paul's at Morning Service, and on Tuesday evening delivered as address in Bishop Cronyn hall on missionary work in that diocese. Mr. Wilson referred to the vast extent of the mission, embracing an area of 800 miles in length and from 150 to 200 miles in width, taking in the north shores of Lake Huron and Lake Superior, the Manitoulin Islands, and the Muskoka, Parry Sound and Nipissing districts. The population of the diocese is estimated at 75,000, of whom 10,000 probably are Indians, and the remainder white settlers. The Muskoka and Parry Sound districts contain about three and a half million acres of land. The population is at present about 27,000, and two and a half million acres are still unoccupied. The central town of the diocese is Sault Ste. Marie at the south-east extremity of Lake Superior, and the pro-cathedral is the little church of St. Luke. At Sault Ste. Marie are also two Indian homes, the Shingwauk, which contains seventy Indian boys; and the Wawanosh, which contains twenty-six Indian girls. When the late Bishop of Algoma first took charge of the diocese, his staff consisted of seven clergymen, but such has been the blessing poured out on his labours the number has increased to fifteen. There were only fifteen missions, now there are ninety. At that time the annual expenditure was \$4,500, but last year it was \$13,000.

Of that amount \$7,000 was given by the English societies and English friends, and \$5,000 was raised in Canada. The diocese never was in debt. During the year ending Sept. 30th, 1881, the amounts contributed by all the dioceses was \$2,924. A large increase is required in the number of clergy and churches, the present number being entirely inadequate to meet the wants of constantly incoming settlers.

## ALGOMA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks, a small box of books from Miss Clara Brown, of Hamilton, for the Sunday-school at Rosseau.

GRAVENHURST.—The Rev. T. Lloyd wishes to acknowledge thankfully, the receipt of \$5:00 from M. A. Baker, Picton; \$1:00 from "a friend," Wainfleet; \$2:00 from "a friend," per Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, Toronto, for our sufferers from bush fires.

## S. S. Teacher's Assistant

TO THE INSTITUTE LEAFLETS.

Fifth Sunday in Lent.—No. 18.

THE COLLECT, ETC.

HAVING passed Midlent or Refreshment Sunday the 4th in Lent, we have, as it were, passed the meridian of the sacred season. The rays of light begin to cast evening shadows on our meditations, and the darkness gives hints of the approaching gloom of Holy Week. The special subject our Lord's Passion, or suffering, comes directly into view; and that subject is set forth before us as the special one for future contemplation. The day itself which begins this change is emphatically known as "Passion Sunday" though the title of "Passion week" may more naturally be reserved for that which intervenes between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. If we first turn our attention to the Epistle, we find that it brings before us our Lord's office of High Priest from the Jewish point of view. He is represented by the peculiar title of "High Priest of good things to come." Not only is He Priest, but also Victim. Not the blood of goats and calves any longer is offered under the new Dispensation, but His own Blood. Not the purifying of the flesh, but the purging of the conscience, is now the object of sacrifice. So, through this thorough sanctifying of the inner part of our nature, the promise of eternal inheritance becomes ours. With this extract from the Epistle to the Hebrews is joined, as Gospel, a passage from the Gospel according to St. John, which draws sharply for the Jews the contrast between Abraham and Christ, and emphasizes the divinity of Christ also in a way which produces, like the first rumbling of the thunderstorm, an open act of persecution and angry vengeance against the person of the Redeemer. "They took up stones to cast at Him!" "Never see death!" He said: and yet Abraham was dead—the glorious "Father of the Faithful"—and the prophets too were dead centuries ago. "If a man keep My saying he shall never see death"—what presumption this seemed to them. [So far from modifying His words, because, of their angry insults at this, He puts the idea still more strikingly: "If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death." Still they could not see the spiritual meaning of His words. When He added, "Before Abraham was, I am," their rage burst all bounds. He used the mysterious Name of God in the Old Testament, nay, He appropriated it to Himself. It seemed the very height of blasphemy. It was at any rate a most distinct claim to be regarded as the Eternal God, though veiled in human flesh, capable of being insulted, injured, crucified, slain. All this they would ere long put to the proof.]

From this point of view, then, we enter into the spirit of the Collect, whose words seem commonplace enough from any ordinary point of view. This God is our God, and we claim to be, by His grace and adoption, His family, His people. Under the shield of this Man, Christ Jesus, we take our position, and ask Him to govern and preserve, to rule and guard us evermore. Body and soul alike, we place under His protection who is both God and man at once.

## THE CATECHISM.

Q. Where do we find our LORD'S PRAYER?

A. In St. Matthew vi. 9, where it is introduced with His words, "After this manner therefore pray ye," and in St. Luke xi. 1, 2, where He says, "When ye pray, say, Our Father," etc.

Q. Does "after this manner" mean no more than