

hearts and willing hands had been at work preparing for the Christmas tree, homespun, stocks, mitts, yarn &c. &c., useful and also fancy articles, while mingled among these there fluttered handsome bank bills for the clergyman and his wife. Every thing must come to an end and at last the tree was stripped of its load. Then special prizes were given to the most deserving scholar in each of the classes, by the Rector, who in few words referred to the joyful season and the object of their meeting together. He then called upon all to unite in singing the National Anthem which brought to a close a most happy evening, the company dispersing with mutual good wishes and good will in their hearts.

## MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL.—On Saturday the 12th instant the Rev. W. Henderson, the new principal of the Montreal diocesan college delivered his inaugural address in the library room of Synod Hall, in which he set forth the object of the institution, he has been lately called to govern, and administered much sound advice to the students.

On Sunday 18th inst., the most Rev. the Metropolitan held an ordination service in Trinity Church, at 11 a. m., where Mr. Ball was made deacon. In order that the whole congregation might witness the ceremony the pulpit was removed from the centre of the nave and placed on the north side. The effect of this trifling change was truly wonderful. The *coup d'oeil* on entering the church was magnificent, presenting a full view of the chancel and apse with its elegant gothic panels. We hope that the authorities of the church will not restore the pulpit to its former place.

In the afternoon the Bishop of Saskatchewan preached at the usual choral litany of the church of St. James the apostle.

On Monday the 15th inst., the most numerous attended of the series of missionary meetings was held in St. George's church school-room. The speakers were the very Rev. the Dean, Rev. Canon Baldwin, and Messrs. C. J. Brydges, J. Hutton, and Lee Davidson. Another of the same series was held the following evening at the Cote St. Antoine church, where the very Rev. the Dean, Rev. Jas. Carmichael, Canon Evans and Lee Davidson Esq., gave addresses. The Dean, in the course of his remarks, shewed that in many parts of the diocese, what had once been large congregations had dwindled down until it became a question of closing the churches. He traced this state of affairs to the systematic purchasing by the Church of Rome, of lands owned by Protestants, which course was gradually weeding out the latter from districts of this province. He called upon his hearers to aid the mission fund of the diocese, in order to prevent the scattered remnants from being absorbed into communions antagonistic to the church.

The last meeting of the series took place on Wednesday evening at St. Thomas' Church. The speakers were the Rev. Archdeacon Lindsay (Rector of the Church), the Rev. Principal Henderson, and Messrs. M. M. Tait and Leo Davidson. These meetings have throughout attracted much attention among the members of our church, and it is to be hoped will be productive of much permanent good.

On Thursday, the 17th, the Rev. James Carmichael lectured in St. George's school-room on "The Turk." He commenced with the building of Byzantium by the Greeks in the year 627 B. C. and proceeded to sketch the inroads of the Turks into Europe, and their subsequent conquest of the Byzantine Empire. In dealing with the Turkish Empire of to-day, he eulogized the Turks and was of opinion that in matters of political economy they were abreast of most of the nations of Europe, and if anything ahead of Russia.

Conversations have been the order of the day this week, most of the city churches having held one on Friday evening the 19th inst., a brilliant entertainment was given in the lecture Hall of Trinity Church. The Hall which was gaily decorated with bunting, was filled with a highly respectable and appreciative audience. The pro-

gramme was excellent and was ably carried out. The readings and recitations by the Rev. R. W. Norman formed a pleasing relief to the musical portion of the entertainment. The best *morceau* of the programme, however, was the song of Mrs. Walter, of Thornloe, which was sung so artistically as to elicit thundering applause. The whole entertainment reflects great credit on Mr. Burks, the organist of Trinity, to whose indefatigable energy much of the success is due.

## ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BELLEVILLE.—The annual missionary meetings will be held as follows: St. Thomas' Church Sunday, 27th January; St. John's Church, Thursday, 31st January; Christ Church, Friday February 1st.

Items from the Belleville dailies of last week.—The Rev. J. R. Jones, of Christ Church, omitted the Athanasian Creed on the morning of the Epiphany, and at the evening service explained to the congregation that the omission was intentional and would be continued.

The Rev. Septimus Jones, lectured before the Belleville Mechanics Institute on Monday the 16th, inst. The subject was Oliver Goldsmith. The press praises the lecture very highly.

On Friday the 18th, an entertainment was held in the City Hall in aid of the building fund of St. John's Church; consisting of a tea-meeting and concert, which was very successful. The number present amounted to 300. The mayor was on the platform.

CALEDONIA FLATS.—The new church at Caledonia Flats was opened for divine service for the first time on the afternoon of Thursday the 10th inst. The building is a substantial brick one, and its interior presents a very neat, pretty, and church-like appearance, a great contrast to the ugly hall hitherto used by the congregation. The clergymen taking part in the opening services were three in number, the present Incumbent, the Rev. J. F. Fraser, who took charge last Easter, the Rev. W. J. Muckleston, his immediate predecessor, and the Rev. A. Phillips, who was Mr. M's. predecessor, and during whose incumbency the building was begun. Mr. Phillips preached an excellent sermon suitable to the occasion. After the service the members of the congregation present bade a hearty farewell to the Rev. W. J. Muckleston, who is leaving Vankleek Hill, and indeed was now on his way to Edwardsburg his new parish. It is only right that the name of Mr. Philip Downing should be specially mentioned in connection with the building of this Church. It is very doubtful whether our congregation here would, for some time to come, have had a church to worship in, had it not been for his zeal in the matter. It is refreshing to see a country layman and a farmer willing to devote so much of his own time and labour to such a work, instead of contentedly leaving the greater part of the trouble to the clergyman as is so often done. Very few churches have been built with so little trouble to their clergyman as this one has been. May Mr. D. have his reward and not only in this life.

## TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, etc., received during the week ending January 19th, 1878:

MISSION FUND.—*Special Appeal*—Harry Moody, balance of subscription, \$12.50. *January Collection*—Toronto: St. Anne's, \$10.44; St. John's, \$10; Barrie, \$7; Cobourg, \$41.68; Georgina, \$3; St. James', \$3; St. George's, \$3.88; Collingwood, \$9.20; Credit: St. Peter's, \$2.53; St. John's, Dixie, \$2.40; Port Credit, 83 cents; Shanty Bay: St. Thomas' Church, \$5.50. *Thanksgiving Collection*—Carleton, \$1; Minden, \$1.61; Cannington, \$2.50. *Parochial Collections*—Credit, on account, \$69.24. *Missionary Meetings*—Cannington, \$1.40; Oakridges, \$8.15.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*For the Widows and Orphans of two deceased Clergymen*—Norwood, \$2.25; Westwood, \$2.74; Minden, \$1.60.

ALGOMA FUND. *Day of Intercession Collection*—Minden, \$1.

EAST YORK.—The quarterly meeting of the Ruri-decanal chapter, was held at the Rectory, Unionville, on Thursday the 10th, inst. The Rural Dean and the members present read the 3rd. Chapter of 1st. Timothy, Verse 8, to the end in the original, and held an interesting discussion thereon. The next meeting of the Chapter was arranged to be held at Uxbridge on Tuesday, 2nd April, at 10 a. m. C. R. BELL, Hon. Secretary.

Having spent the past week in company with a clergyman as a deputation to missionary meetings, in one of the Rural Deaneries of the county of Simcoe, I send a few brief notes of what we saw, and one or two ideas which have occurred to me arising therefrom. Let me say, first, I do think it a very appropriate and proper plan that one or more laymen should attend with the clergy, on these visitations, and state to their fellow churchmen, the condition past, present, and prospective, of the mission work, as of the funds, of the church, not hesitating either to point out to the various congregations the duty devolving upon them as professed members of the church to dutifully and systematically contribute of the means with which God has blessed them, for this purpose; this recommendation coming from a layman, will partly relieve the clergy of a somewhat unpleasant part of his duty, or will at least second somewhat effectively any remarks the clergy may make on the subject of finance, it being also more exclusively in the department of laymen, and acting as we do on these occasions, in a representative character it will also be in keeping with a principle which obtains in things secular, and which seems to be founded in equity viz.: "no taxation without representation." I do hope therefore, that each layman who may be named to act in this capacity, will make a point to attend, and do his part and duty in the matter, I believe it will result in good to themselves as well as those they visit, and that more interest in the work of the church will result from this plan if faithfully carried out, and; it is undeniable that great room for increase of interest does exist.

Our first visit was to Waverly where we had a fair meeting, not so large as it would have been had there been snow enough for good roads: a small but churchly edifice is here, under charge of Rev. G. T. Porter, who by the way, has no less than five stations at which he does duty; we were thence taken to Altonwood some ten miles west of Waverly, where for the present service is held in an Orange hall, but, a small church is in course of erection here, which we hope will be ready for service in a short time. Here also we had a fair meeting.

Our next visit was to Wye Bridge where we were met by the Rev. Mr. Anderson chaplain to the Reformatory at Penetanguishene who also takes charge of Wye Bridge and Midland, the little church at Wye Bridge has recently been painted and otherwise improved, giving it a very neat appearance. We had a good gathering here and an interesting meeting. We then went over to Midland, an embryo city, most beautifully situated on the bay, commanding a delightful prospect. It is evidently a place of "Great expectations," the area of the city, as per survey is large, but the inhabitants are yet few, and the buildings scattered; it is however, likely to become the terminus of a railway within a very short period; a very neat little church is here, and we had a good turn out, and an agreeable meeting, after which we went to Penetanguishene where we found a handsome brick church newly erected, most creditable to the taste and energy of the people: it is not entirely finished, but sufficiently so to have been opened for service on Christmas Day: the members of the Church in this town are few in number, so that church progress has fallen upon but a small number of persons, the Messrs. Thompson, and Mr. Copeland being foremost in the good work; the parish is in charge of Rev. Mr. Mills, who has also a station some eight miles North west of the town; we had an interesting and satisfactory meeting in each and all the places we visited, we were most kindly received and listened to, and I feel persuaded, that in pro-