

THE annual missionary meetings were held in this parish on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 15th and 16th. The deputation consisted of the Rev. J. W. Jones, of Westport. The congregations were not so good as they might have been. The collections were as follows:—

Richmond.....	\$11.16
Rathwell's	8.37

The amount at Rathwell's was not quite so large as last year, while that of Richmond was slightly better. We hope there will be an improvement in the parochial collection which is now being made. The names of all the contributors on the collecting cards, are to be printed this year for the first time. The Rector himself is making the parochial collection from the congregation at Rathwell's Corners. The amount sent up last year by this parish from all the collections for the Mission Fund was \$100. We hope in the Magazine for next month to be able to say we have done better than that this year.

SERVICES are being held at Richmond every Wednesday evening and at Rathwell's Corners every Thursday evening during the season of Lent. The services thus far have been fairly attended.

THE fourteen acres of land belonging to the Church in the Village of Richmond have been sold to Mr. Wm. Hemphill.

THE twenty fifth of March this year is a double festival. It is Easter Day, the day on which we commemorate the great truth of the Saviour's Resurrection, when He burst the bonds of death and rose

triumphant over the grave. This is the great foundation truth of our most Holy religion, for "if Christ be not raised, our hope is vain." But, besides being Easter Day, it is also the festival of the Annunciation, the day on which the Church reminds us of the visit of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary at Nazareth to announce to her that she should conceive and bring forth a Son and that He should be the Saviour of the world. We find the account of the Annunciation in St. Luke l., 26 to 36

THE time for the Easter Vestry meeting will soon be here,—try and attend and shew by your presence that you take an interest in the welfare of your Church. The election of a Lay delegate for three years will be made at the Vestry meeting at Rathwell's Corners. This is an important matter, as we expect the election of a Bishop for the new diocese of Ottawa will take place in the near future.

THE Rector would take this opportunity of thanking the congregation at Rathwell's Corners for their kindness in sending him quite a lot of grain for his horse.

"AND note, that every Parishioner shall communicate at least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one." So says the Prayer Book. We are to communicate at Easter because it is the greatest of our Church Festivals. But we are not to come to the Table of the Lord without self-examination. When we are going to any earthly feast we get ourselves ready beforehand. How much more should we prepare ourselves when we are about to join