

dined together at the rectory on Festival of St. Matthias, when Mrs. Ketchum's noted hospitality was amply enjoyed. Altogether this was a profitable and pleasant meeting, and the clergy returned to their respective parishes strengthened and refreshed by their re-union.—Com.

The Deanery of Shediak met at the rectory, Sackville, on Tuesday the 24th inst. The clergy present were the Dean, Rev. J. R. Campbell, and Revs. V. E. Harris, Donald Bliss, Arthur Hoadley and the Secretary, Cecil F. Wiggins. The Chapter assembled at 3 p. m., and after the opening service was said, proceeded to business. An expression of heartfelt sympathy was extended to the Rev. Arthur Hoadley in his late affliction in the death of his infant son. Mr. Hoadley made a most feeling reply and expressed his deep thankfulness to the Deanery for their kindness and sympathy. In connection with the re-establishment of the Book Depository in Moncton, the Dean reported the kind offer of the Deanery of Kingston, to permit us to share with them in the advantages extended to their depository in procuring of books. The Secretary of the Choral Union reported copies of service sent to the different choirs and other necessary provisions made for the prospective meeting at Moncton on the 14th April. A very interesting service was held in the parish church at Westcock, on Tuesday evening, at which addresses were delivered by the Dean and Rev. V. E. Harris. The subject of the Dean's address was "The office of the Layman." Mr. Harris spoke on the Church and her Services or "What mean ye by this Service?" Both addresses were received with marked attention from a large congregation. The Dean spoke of the late improvements in the church through funds furnished by the Sewing Guild, and complimented the ladies of the congregation in their laudable efforts towards the beautifying of God's House. There was a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's, Sackville, on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m., at which the Dean was celebrant and Rev. Arthur Hoadley, the preacher. The rector of Shediak, Rev. H. H. Barber and Missionary at Albert, and Rev. A. J. Cresswell were unavoidably detained from being present at this meeting.

DERBY.—A want that has long existed in the church here, has at length been supplied. A beautiful font of white American marble with shaft of polished St. George granite has lately been erected. On each side of the bowl is cut a quaterfoil, each alternate one having a cross in the centre, and round the top, the text "The laver of regeneration," Titus iii. 5. The font measures 20 inches across the top and stands 40 inches high; and is set upon a platform made in the form of a cross which gives it an additional height of seven inches. It is yet to have a cover and other appliances, and when complete will have cost about \$60.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

We understand that on the motion of E. J. Hemming, Esq., D. C. L., the Protestant Council of Public Instruction have passed a Resolution, that the Bible shall have place on the list of the authorized school books of Protestant schools, in the Province of Quebec.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Collections and subscriptions received at the Synod office, during the month of February, 1885.

For the Mission Fund.—Clarendon, \$8.17; Aylwin, \$13.50; Rev. H. Montgomery, \$5.00; Buckingham, \$3.75; Lochaber, \$1.99; Papineauville, \$7.79; Augmentation, \$1.45; Grenville, \$2.43; Como, \$14.00; Lachute, \$5.82; Lakefield, \$5.07; West Gore, \$3.27; Mille Isles, \$2.87; Morin, \$3.29; St. Thomas, Montreal, \$60.80; Outremont, \$12.67; St. Jean Baptiste Village, \$9.55; Grace Church, \$184.27; Church of St. James the Apostle, \$397.00; L'Eglise du Redempteur, \$3.60; Clarenceville, St. George's, \$14.00; St. Thomas, \$13.44; Mascouche, \$5.18; Terrebonne,

\$8.55; Huntingdon, \$18.59; Hinchinbrooke, \$24.12; St. Hyacinthe, \$22.03; Abbottsford, \$85.29; Miss Outhbort, \$40.00; Iron Hill, \$13.92; West Brome, \$12.82; Aylwin, \$11.00; Chambly, \$12.00; Boscobel, \$19.25; St. George's, Montreal, \$1,810.10, on account; Hull, \$43.25; New Glasgow and Kilkenny, \$4.84; Hochelaga, \$13.20; The Bishop of Montreal, \$25.00; Mrs. Wm. Molson, per the Bishop, \$100.00; "A Friend," per the Bishop, \$10.00; St. Armand East, \$16.60; Rougemont, \$5.77; Dunham, \$36.65; River Desert, \$5.75; Northfield, \$2.25; Stanbridge East, \$56.25; Cowansville, \$9.25; Sweet'sburg, \$5.55; West Farnham, \$48.45.

For the City Missionary Fund.—Cathedral, \$6.00, monthly contribution; Grace Church, Pt. St. Charles, \$12.50.

For the Algoma Bishopric Fund, assessments.—South Stukely, \$6.00; Stanbridge East, \$6.33.

For the Widows and Orphans Fund.—Rev. H. Montgomery, \$5.00; Rev. C. P. Abbott, \$5.00; Ven. Archdeacon Leach, \$5.00; Ven. Archdeacon Lonsdell, \$58.80; Rev. Rural Dean Mussen, \$5.00.

For the Superannuation Fund.—Clarendon, \$3.10; Rev. W. Ross Brown, \$5.00 for last year; Onslow, \$1.34; Rev. H. Montgomery, \$5.00; Rev. C. P. Abbott, \$5.00; Rev. C. P. Abbott, on account of arrears, \$5.00; Rev. Canon Ellegood, \$30.00; Longueuil, \$7.00; Chambly, \$2.00; Rev. Rural Dean Mussen, \$5.00.

For Foreign Missions Fund.—Potton, \$2.50; Aylwin, \$1.50; Onslow, \$1.16; Edwardstown, \$1.33; Adamsville, 82 cents; East Farnham, \$2.20; North Wakefield, \$5.00; Lacolle, \$6.26; Longueuil, \$9.40; Abbottsford, \$14.71; South Stukely, \$12.40; Dunham, \$11.35; Mrs. Carpenter, per the Bishop, \$1.00.

For Domestic Missions Fund.—\$2.50, St. Matthias Church; \$45.00, Longueuil; \$14.91, New Glasgow and Kilkenny; \$3.93, Cathedral Sunday School, per Mrs. A. Holden; \$25.00 for Shingwauk Home.

For Theological College.—Rev. Canon Empson, \$10.00; Rev. Wm. Robinson, \$5.00; Franklin, \$5.00; Mrs. Wm. Molson, per the Bishop, \$50.00.

DEANERY OF IBERVILLE.—A series of Missionary meetings successful as to interest and numbers have just been held in this Deanery. First in point of time was one held at Huntingdon, the speaker for the evening being Archdeacon Evans. The Church was filled and a good collection made. The deputation, consisting of the Revs. Rural Dean Fulton, W. R. Brown and Rev. Mr. Garrett, that visited the other portions of the Deanery were gratified with good and attentive audiences. It was very gratifying indeed to find that not withstanding the inconveniences attending the afternoon appointments for Hinchinbrooke (Rev. T. Haslam) and Hallerton, commonly known as Bogtown, under charge of Rev. Mr. Weaver, good congregations assembled. In the first place the churchwardens expressed their great gratification with the deputation, and in this place though the church was, as a building, the poorest in internal appearance of any in which meetings were held, and the congregation evidently not of those that can sit at ease and in luxury, the offertory was the largest. Unfortunately there were two evenings of the week spent by the deputation in doing nothing. In one parish, that of Franklin, no meetings were held, the Incumbent not being satisfied with the theology of the entire deputation; in the other, Edwardston, the notice of the altered evening had not been received. It was a great disappointment to the Incumbent of this parish, for a successful meeting had been looked for. The Rural Dean providentially escaped a serious injury while at Edwardston. The Incumbent's horse raised its heels in a very unwelcome and unpleasant manner, passing the face so closely that an abrasion was made on the upper portion of the face, and his coat torn in such a way as showed that a very little more and a serious injury would have resulted. The amounts raised were as follows: Ormstown, \$6.02; St. Paul's Hinchinbrooke, \$10.40; Hallerton, \$3.98; Lacolle, \$7.88.

St. George's Church.—The Lenten services are largely and regularly attended. On Tuesday night the confirmation lecture, which is preceded by a

service, is thrown open to the congregation and many avail themselves of the opportunity of listening to the defined course of instruction given. The Catechumens sit in the choir seats, the congregation in the pews of the middle aisle. On Wednesdays and Fridays the entrance to the Church is by the front porch, and as the side aisles are roped off the congregation are forced to sit in the pews on each side of the middle aisle, and so far these pews have been filled from chancel to door at both service. The choir of boys attend regularly on Friday at 4.15 p.m., and on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock; there is a large choir of men and boys. The services are very hearty, and the addressed suited to the season. The Wednesday night addresses are given by Dean Carmichael and the assistants of St. George's, the Rev. Messrs. Hood and Trotman. The addresses on Friday are delivered by clergy of other city churches. The united offerings of the congregation for Diocesan Missions offered on the first Sunday in Lent, amounted to \$2,132.65.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—A New Congregation.—The matter of most absorbing interest to Church people at the Capital during the past week has been the purchase, by a number of gentlemen, members of the congregation of Christ Church, Ottawa, of the "Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church," Metcalfe street, with a view to the formation of a new congregation. It is a nice brick building, with a handsome tower and spire, and was erected in 1880, at a cost of about \$30,000. Owing to the recent union of the various branches of the Methodist Society, it is not now needed by the denomination. The price to be paid is \$14,500. It is considered it will not be necessary to go to much expense in the matter of alterations to the interior of the edifice, further than the placing of a Communion table and rails. The new parish will probably embrace portions of the parishes of Christ Church and of St. John the Evangelist, situated in the very heart and best, and most fashionable part of Ottawa. It is proposed to at once organize the new congregation, and have the church opened for Divine service on Easter Day next. In the performance of the services it is the intention to observe the right mean between error in excess in ritual in one direction and defect in another. The pluck, earnestness and liberality of the gentlemen engaged in the new enterprise deserve very high praise. The gain to them, however, involves a very serious loss to Christ Church, over which hangs a dreadful debenture debt of nearly \$17,000, with its attendant interest. It is feared that the departure of both churchwardens, most of the sidesmen and a proportionate number of the congregation, including some of its most useful and wealthy members, will impoverish it to a great extent. *Prohibit Deus.* A new era in the history of the Church of England at Ottawa is thus about to be opened, and it is to be hoped that it will prove an era of greater numerical and spiritual growth than any that have preceded it.

A meeting of the upper congregation of Wolfe Island was held last week. There was a large attendance, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. Mr. R. Bullis presided. The Rev. W. B. Carey, M.A., Rural Dean of Frontenac, entered into lengthy explanations of the affairs of the Mission. After some discussion it was resolved that the stipend of the incumbent—between grants and subscriptions—shall be \$800 per annum. A subscription list was opened at the meeting, when a total of \$160 was promised. A committee was appointed to canvass the two congregations on the Island, to raise the required amount, to report to an adjourned meeting to be held in the beginning of this week. It is understood that at the adjourned meeting the names of three clergymen will be selected for submission to the Bishop for choice of an incumbent for the Mission, now vacant.

Work on the United Empire Loyalist Memorial Church, at the village of Adolphustown, will be