

life to the church; particularly in the right administration and due conception of the sacraments. And the stream has been gradually increasing. * * The great body of the clergy are conscious of this revival and are striving earnestly to increase and spread it. Some there are who see an important, almost an awful truth, growing in the minds of men, that as there is none other name given among men whereby they can be saved but the name of Jesus Christ. So the Church, which is His Body, cannot be separated from the Name, nor the Name from the Church; and this truth logically carried out will be an awful truth to great numbers of professing Christians. But not alone with the clergy has this revival shown itself, the laity have been largely affected by it; and the clergy look, and are justified in looking, for large and hearty co-operation from all sound members of the Church; and in nothing better or more important can that be shown than in reference to this sacrament of baptism * * by seeking to make this fundamental "doctrine of baptisms" all that it should be—not only initiation into the Body of Christ, but the reception of divine life—the impartation of the Holy Ghost, both enabling and requiring the baptised to walk in newness of life. It is the only safe, if not the only possible foundation of a Christian education. All who are parties in this sacrament, either as having been baptized or as answering for others, incur great responsibility and have need continually to watch and pray, lest their part therein has been in vain.

On Easter day there were three full services in the mission, and Holy Communion was administered. The purple covering of the communion table and of the pulpit, which had been used during Lent as symbolizing "the purple robe of scorn," gave way on Easter for white, the emblem of brightness, joy and purity.

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St. George's was held on Easter Monday and adjourned to that day week. The congregation of St. Stephen's met as a vestry on the Tuesday in Easter week, there was a fair attendance. The Curate appointed Mr. George Sharp, his Warden. The congregation elected Mr. James Tanner, of the Royal Hospital Corps, and Mr. Robert Hawks, Clerk and Treasurer.

ATHERLEY.—It is always a pleasure to record the revival of church work, and particularly so in a small place where the church has been kept alive through the efforts of a few devoted families. This has been the case at Atherley, and now that a resident minister has been appointed, those families ably second all the exertions of the clergyman to collect the congregation which has become much scattered, and to improve the services by making them truly bright and hearty. During Lent, there was evening service every Friday with very fair attendance. Preparations were made for decorating the church on Easter day, and in spite of the difficulty of procuring flowers it was most tastefully done. The young ladies worked hard and the result was pleasing. The musical part of the service was well rendered and great praise is due to the lady organist and the other members of the choir. A weekly choir practice has been instituted and a great improvement is already perceptible. There is a small debt on the church, and efforts are being made to wipe it off; that done the next endeavor will be to provide a bell which is much needed.

Beaverton is the southern extremity of the mission and here too a better church feeling is springing up. From a variety of circumstances this place has been neglected, and has never had a resident clergyman, and many church families have lapsed to the Presbyterians. Still it is the most important station in the mission, and a good congregation is being gathered together. The church is a good brick building and an effort is about to be made to pay off the mortgage, finish the tower and complete the fittings of the church. It is most earnestly hoped this will be accomplished that the building may be consecrated as early as possible. The lay representatives for this mission are Major Edward Leigh, Mr. Robert H. Bethune and Mr. Marmaduke Wilson.

St. Ann's.—The Lord Bishop of Toronto held two confirmations in St. Ann's parish in this city on Sunday last. At the Parkdale Mission in the morning there were eleven confirmed, most of

whom were adults. The congregation was large and attentive, and the service hearty, the singing especially being very good. We were sorry however to observe that they have not adopted the pointing of the new Synod chant book, which appears to be far superior to what has been customary in many of our churches. The Holy Communion was administered immediately after his lordship's earnest and instructive address and we have reason to believe that most if not all who were confirmed remained to partake of it, a practice which we think should always be observed when it is at all possible. The parish church in the evening was full to overflowing and the devote, and earnest congregation listened with marked attention to the Bishop's sermon, in which his lordship enforced the lesson of the collect for the day and set forth Jesus as the example and pattern of the godly life which becomes us all. And then in a few affectionate and impressive words to the young people who had just renewed their baptismal vow he exhorted them to persevere in their Christian course, seeking forgiveness at once if ever they were betrayed into sin, and striving by the help of the grace, which would be bestowed upon them in answer to their prayers, finally to conquer sin in their hearts. The clergyman who presented the candidates was assisted in the evening by the Rev. Mr. Grove, of Carlton. And we venture the opinion, if we may judge from the indications of last Sunday that it will not be long before both in the parish church and at the mission, increased church accommodation will be required.

WHITBY.—We are happy to learn that the Rev. Mr. Cole is progressing favorably. Though still very weak, he is in good spirits, and hopes are entertained of his complete recovery. At the Vestry meeting the churchwardens appointed and elected were Dr. Carson and W. J. Hickie, Lay Representatives: J. H. Perry; John Wolfenden, G. Young. Sidesmen: Dr. Adams, Wm. Tibb, C. Nourse, T. W. Breden.

TULLAMORE.—Not having received any instructions similar to those mentioned in last week's DOMINION CHURCHMAN as having been sent to Fenelon Falls, this parish showed, at its Vestry meetings, the most deplorable ignorance as to whether it was High Church or Low Church. The lamentable consequence of which was a perfect harmony at the meetings, at which the following appointments were made: *St. Mary's*—Wardens: H. Endacott, T. Chamberlain. Lay Representative, I. M. Chafee. *St. John's*—Wardens: George Bland, James Maw. Lay Representative, Jas. Craven. *St. James'*—Warden, Capt. Blain. Lay Representative, Capt. Blain.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending May 4th 1878.

MISSION FUND.—*Parochial Collections.*—Cardiff and Monmouth, \$8.90; St. Thomas', Toronto, \$13.50; Scarborough, additional, \$5.45; Uxbridge, on account \$85.00; Cartwright, on account \$28.15; North Essa, additional \$51.25; Elizabethville, (Perrytown) additional \$2.00; Darlington, \$5.00; Port Perry, additional \$21.50; Georgina, \$35.42; Peterborough, \$177.10; Credit, additional \$13.00; Newcastle, \$175.00; Manvers, St. Mary's \$27.00; Collingwood, additional \$10.75; Innisfil, additional \$21.75; Lloydstown, \$36.24.

Thanksgiving Collection.—Cardiff and Monmouth, \$1.00. *January Collection.*—Cardiff and Monmouth \$1.00; St. Mark's, Port Hope, \$2.00; *Missionary Meetings.*—Bowmanville, \$5.53; Enniskillen, \$1.00. *Special Appeal.*—Credit, Rev. Dr. McNab, \$5.00, on account \$43.50.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Annual Subscriptions.*—Rev. Joseph Gander, \$5.00. *October Collection.*—York Mills additional \$10.00; Peterborough, \$22.56.

DIVINITY STUDENT'S FUND.—*April Collection.*—Oakridges, \$4.62; King, \$2.76; Cardiff and Monmouth, \$1.00; Norway, \$2.00; Chester, \$2.00; North Essa, Christ's \$2.15; St. Jude's, \$1.19; Port Perry \$7.00; Grafton, \$5.00; Perrytown, \$1.50; Elizabethville, 50 cents; (Darlington) Bowmanville, \$4.00; Enniskillen, 72 cents; Georgina St. George's \$1.89; St. James's \$1.27; St. James' Albion, \$1.44; Mono Mills, 35 cents; Minden,

\$1.01; Gore's Landing, \$1.11; Harwood, 60 cents North Orillia & Medonte; St. Luke's \$2.75; St. George's 93 cents; Etobicoke, St. George's \$3.93 Christ Church, \$2.12; Lloydstown, \$1.40.

TORONTO DIOCESAN MISSION FUND.—The following letter has been addressed by his Lordship the Bishop, to the gentlemen appointed to collect on behalf of this fund:—

Reverend and dear sir,—As you have kindly undertaken, with others, the duty of making special application to the members of our church, on behalf of the Mission Fund, I send you the following details of its present position and requirements in order that you may be enabled to give the fullest information on the subject to those to whom you may appeal.

The present indebtedness of the fund to the bank is \$4,572.23, the former amount of that indebtedness having been recently reduced—

1st. By the payment of the debt of the Diocese of Niagara, amounting to \$2,642.54.

2nd. By special subscriptions for defraying the debt already received, out of \$5,223.50 promised, \$3,000.50.

There is also now required to pay salaries due on the 1st of April, \$2,137.50.

Making our present liabilities altogether \$6,709.73.

Against this may be set \$2,215, still due of the special subscriptions for the reduction of the debt. Were this received our present liabilities would amount to \$4,494.73. Further, we have to provide for the payment of the salaries of missionaries now on our list, \$2,137.50, quarterly, the next payment being due on July 1st. For the net sum required annually to sustain our present 39 missions is \$8,550, and it is not safe to set our probable annual expenditure for the ensuing year at less than \$9,000, three vacant missions not being included in the above estimate.

Again, unless the church is prepared, for the future, to abandon her most solemn duty of extending the ministrations of religion to those within this diocese who are still destitute of them, it must be allowed that a further expenditure of \$1,000 annually is not too large to devote to this purpose.

It lies before the members of our church therefore, to compass two most important ends:—

1st. To wipe out our existing debt of \$4,500.

2nd. To raise an annual income of at least \$10,000, being an increase of \$1,325 on the income of last year.

I earnestly press upon you then the necessity of making an urgent appeal, not only for special subscriptions to liquidate the debt, but also for increased annual subscriptions to place the Mission Fund on a secure basis for the future. It will be of the greatest advantage that there should be in the hands of the Secretary (as is the case with the societies at home) a list of annual subscribers throughout the diocese, which list may furnish an important item in calculating the probable income of the fund for any year.

The disgrace of our present indebtedness may at once be obliterated by a generous effort. In the spring of last year \$5,134.00 were subscribed for this purpose in the city of Toronto, by no more than 145 individuals. Surely an equal amount might at once be contributed for this important purpose, if not by a like number, at least by some 400 or 500 of our wealthier members.

In respect of the future income of the fund I am persuaded that it may and ought to exceed, by far, the limit which has been here proposed.

May God alike enlighten our understandings and open our hearts to recognize what we owe in this regard, both to Him and to our brethren, so that we may "be doers of His word, not hearers only, deceiving our own selves."

I am, reverend and dear sir,

faithfully yours, A. N., Toronto.

NEWCASTLE.—Contrary to my intentions I was detained in the village of Newcastle, and obliged to spend Easter from home, yet when the bells pealed forth their welcome call with thankful heart I followed the many who were wending their way to the sanctuary. As I entered, my attention was attracted to a beautiful marble font appropriately decorated with caller lilies and trailing ivy. I thought many of our city churches would do well to imitate its design. I was told it was an Easter