

was much moved, made a brief but very suitable reply.

The meeting was next addressed by the Rev. D. C. Roberts, who, in a very happy and interesting speech, pressed upon his audience the needs and claims of missions.

The offerings for the day amounting in all to about \$55, were given to Algoma.

LENNOXVILLE.—A most interesting lecture was delivered at the College Hall, on the evening of the 10th, by W. A. Ashe, Esq., P.L.S., the subject being: "The Esquimaux of Hudson's Straits." Mr. Ashe was one of the members of the Hudson's Bay Expedition.

RICHMOND AND MELBOURNE.—The health of the Rev. A. J. Balfour, has been quite seriously impaired, preventing any parish work for the past two months. During a portion of this time the Sunday services were kept up by Mr. Wilcox, Churchwarden, who for some years has done very efficient work in the district as lay reader. The Rev. H. J. Petry has been placed in charge by the Bishop and is working with his usual zeal and success in the town; as he has been forbidden by his physician to undertake any long drives the usual services at St. John's Church, Melbourne, have not been undertaken by him; his knowledge of this part of the country, (having spent seventeen years in the adjoining Mission of Danville), is no doubt of great assistance. By the way, Danville is at present deprived of the active efforts of the resident clergyman, the Rev. J. M. Thompson, who has gone to New York, to take part in the great Advent Mission of the Church in that city, where he has charge of the special services in the Church of the Holy Apostles. His son is acting as Lay Reader in his absence.

It is feared Mr. Balfour will be laid up for some time, he has gone to Quebec hoping the change will be beneficial.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

DEANERY OF SHEFFORD.—The quarterly meeting of the Rural Deanery of Shefford was held at Waterloo, on the first inst., at 10 o'clock a.m. There were present, Rev. Rural Dean Longhurst, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Revs. C. P. Abbot, J. D. Garland, A. B. Given, E. T. Saphir, F. H. Baldwin and William Robinson, (Deanery of Brome), including some members of the laity. Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Luke's Church by the Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. F. M. Baldwin, after which the members adjourned to the Court House for discussion on matters of interest in connection with the Church.

At 12:30 they retired to the basement of the Church, where the ladies of the congregation had very kindly prepared an excellent dinner. The afternoon session began about 1:30 P.M., the main subject being "United work of Clergy and Laity in saving of souls," which was thoroughly and very profitably discussed. After passing an unanimous vote of thanks to the ladies the Deanery adjourned.

The next meeting will be held (D.V.) at Granby, on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 1886, where a large attendance is earnestly solicited. Subject for consideration: "that special meetings for special prayer (otherwise than our present form) be conducive to the spiritual life of our people."

MONTREAL.—*St. John the Evangelist.*—On Tuesday evening a meeting of the members of the congregation of the Church of St. John the Evangelist was held in the Schoolroom of the Church, to take measures to establish a Young Men's Association in connection with the Church. His Lordship Bishop Bond presided, and expressed his gratification that a Young Men's Association was about being formed. He referred to the noble work done by the St. George's Association, and he believed that the same would be repeated by that now to be formed Association. He advised the promoters

not to be disheartened by any failures at first. Union was strength, and especially was it so in spiritual work.

Mr. Chipman, Manager of the Ontario Bank, one of the oldest members of St. George's Young Men's Christian Association, gave an account of the work which had been done by that organization, after which a general discussion took place on the necessity for establishing a society in connection with the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The following committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and rules, to be submitted to an adjourned meeting:—Rev. Dr. Wright, Rev. E. Wood, rector, and Rev. Arthur French, Messrs. Plummer and Holland, churchwardens, and Messrs. Ross, Reiffensteine, H. Spence, W. George and W. Plimsoll.

Trinity.—A most successful concert was given on the evening of the 8th Dec., in the Lecture-room of the Church, by members of the choir, under the able direction of Mr. F. A. Simon, the organist, Miss Bancroft, Miss Reedy, Mrs. Ackerman and Messrs. Fall, Morris, Fraser, Spence, Fleming and Taylor took part in the programme, and also the choir in several glees. The pianoforte duet by Miss Bancroft and Miss Reedy received well merited applause.

GRACE CHURCH.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Grace Church intend holding a sale of useful and fancy articles in the school-room, Wellington street, Point St. Charles, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th and 17th inst. Open from 2 to 10 p.m. The attractions are good, and the proceeds are to be devoted to clearing off the debt of the church, occasioned by the flood last April.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE.—We regret to say that the intention of having a United Sunday-school Service on Epiphany, as decided upon by the Sunday-school Association has been abandoned.

Collections and subscriptions received at the Synod Office during the month of November, 1885:

For the Mission Fund.—Glen Sutton, \$1.30; Franklin and Havelock, \$11.55; Outramont, additional, \$1; Aylmer, \$3; Glen Sutton, missionary meeting, \$1.37; Potton, \$6.07; South Bolton, \$2.16; Bolton Centre, \$1.60; Abbotsford, \$5.25; West Farnham, \$14.46; Nelsonville, \$6.36; Lachute, \$8; Christioville, \$30; Cote St. Louis, \$4.12; Papineauville, \$3.05; Trinity Church, united thanksgiving service, \$37.26; Buckingham, \$2.27; Coteau du Lac, \$4.75; L'Eglise du Redempteur, \$1; Adamsville and East Farnham, \$4.66; Boscobel, \$5.50; St. Johns, Que., \$40; St. Luke's, Montreal, \$6.79; Hull, \$2.40.

For Widows' and Orphans' Fund.—Archdeacon Lonsdell, \$5; Berthier-en-haut, \$6.

For Superannuation Fund.—Abbotsford, \$6.38; Berthier-en-haut, \$10; Sabrevois, \$1; R. W. Shepherd, Esq., fourth and fifth instalments of subscription, \$50; St. Luke's, \$5.50; St. Matthias, \$35; Abbotsford, additional, \$1.25; Lacolle, \$6; Philipsburg and Pigeon Hill, \$3.41; Adamsville and East Farnham, \$3.53; St. Johns, Que., \$10; Hull, \$4.35; Rawdon, \$1.51.

For Foreign Missions Fund.—Franklin and Havelock, for C.M.S., \$8.

For Domestic Missions Fund.—St. Matthias, \$40; Philipsburg, \$3.89; Pigeon Hill, \$2.20; Bockus Sunday-school, \$2.

Parochial Endowment Fund.—Abbotsford, \$50; Vaudreuil, collected at St. Mary's, Como, \$11.39, and at St. James, Hudson, \$5.69.

For Sufferers from Small-pox.—Como, \$7.86; Hudson, \$7.14.

For St. Saviour's Ward, Mount Royal Hospital.—Como, \$5.42; Hudson, \$4.32.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—On Sunday, the 6th inst., the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a general ordination in St. George's Cathedral. Candidates ordained to the priesthood were: Rev. Messrs. J. F. Snowden, of Fitzroy Harbour, Geo. Scantlebury, of North Frontenac, T. J. Stiles, of Cumbermere, A. J. Fidler, of Lombardy, and S. Bennett, of Roslin. Mr. J. M. Taylor, of Mattawa, presented himself for deacon's orders. The clergy present were His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario, Archdeacons Lauder and Jones, Revs. E. P. Crawford, B. B. Smith and A. W. Cooke. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. P. Crawford, the Bishop's chaplain. The sermon was concise and to the point, and contained advice which, if followed by those ordained will ensure them success in the ministry.

The Bishop preached in St. Paul's Church, Kingston, in the evening, the lessons and prayers being read by those ordained in the morning.

St. James' Church Temperance Society, Kingston, held a very successful meeting on the evening of the 8th. The Rev. J. K. McMorine delivered a lecture on "Stones crying out," giving an interesting account of the discovery of the key to the reading of the inscription upon the walls and porticos of Persepolis. The rev. gentleman handled his subject in a very able manner. A very enjoyable evening was spent by the large number present.

OTTAWA.—*St. John's.*—The usual weekly meeting of the Men's Guild was held in the School hall on the evening of the 8th ult., the first Vice-President, Rev. Mr. Mackay, occupying the chair. Resignations having been received from the Secretary and Treasurer, the same were accepted, and Messrs. J. G. Ternent and T. Beeson respectively were unanimously elected to fill the vacated offices. The constitution was amended on motion, by altering the night of meeting from Tuesday to that of Monday in each week, and by making eighteen the eligible age for members. The essayist of the evening, Mr. T. Beeson, then captivated the attention of the meeting at some length with a vigorous and graphic speech on the Reformation. The meeting on Monday evening last was a "general night," when songs, readings and recitations were given by the members in place of the usual literary entertainment.

UPPER OTTAWA.—The Rev. Forster Bliss gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to Mission work on the Upper Ottawa, and desires to express his hearty appreciation of the very kind and encouraging letters which accompany remittances per the post in response to the statement of mission work recently published. The value of the offering is greatly enhanced, when so cheerfully and kindly made: Smith's Falls, \$29.50; Belleville, \$46; Toronto, St. Luke's offertory, \$24.04; Toronto, general, \$135; Kingston, Cathedral offertory, \$25.62; Kingston, general, \$25.35; Kemptville, \$51.04; Brockville, \$32. Per post: Robt. Hamilton, Esq.; Quebec, \$20; Mrs. Christopher Robinson, Toronto, \$5; Miss Rice, Kingston, \$4; Mr. Tidy, \$4.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. William Rainer, formerly of this Diocese and Huron, is at present in the city, and it is reported will shortly enter on work in this Diocese.

The Ven. Archdeacon Pinkham, of Rupert's Land, is now visiting Ontario. He preached at St. Luke's, Ashburnham, and St. John's, Peterborough, on Sunday last, appealing for aid to Church work in the Northwest.

The Dean of Montreal passed through To-