

humorously, yet not without serious meaning, "Com-miserate me, you mean."

The four months which he spent in England after his consecration were employed in organizing his new diocese, in commencing a Diocesan Fund, and in making additions to his working staff. His departure was somewhat delayed by the expectation of a domestic event which added a fourth child to his household. But he was not idle during the interim. To myself he wrote, "I want you to look about and see if you cannot secure me a doctor or two." No doubt many others received similar communications. He searched the ranks of his friends for suitable men who would be willing to accompany him to the post of honor and danger at the front.

Amongst others he corresponded with the Rev. E. A. Fitch, of Pem. Coll., Cambridge, whom he eventually decided to take with him as his Chaplain.

In a letter to Mr. Fitch's father, the Vicar of Cromer, he says:

"MY DEAR SIR,—I am afraid that you will look upon me as a wolf and a robber; though I hope not.

"From the moment that you mentioned your son, I could not divest myself of the feeling that I must see him, and everything then seemed to lead that way. Most earnestly have I prayed that I might not act contrary to the Mind of the Spirit. It is a great question, both for you and for him; but I am sure you will be blessed, aye, greatly blessed, in making the sacrifice. I am giving up three children to go out, for they cannot go with us, and nobody can tell how at times my heart bleeds. It is agony. But I can do it for Christ's sake, and I believe that He asks it of me.

"If it is finally settled that your son goes out, I will endeavor to be a brother to him and a firm friend. Even yet the Lord may show that He has appointed us to run some different course.

"I remain, yours sincerely,
"JAMES HANNINGTON,
"Bishop in E. Eq. Africa."

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The first annual meeting of the Diocesan Women's Auxiliary Missionary society took place last week, in the Synod hall, His Lordship Bishop Bond in the chair, and was largely attended.

After devotional exercises Rev. J. G. Norton read the annual report, which set forth that on the 5th of this month the society will have been one year in existence; it was started with the view of extending mission work by interesting the women of the Church of England in the city and diocese, and stirring them up to a more active exertion of influence in that direction; detailed the steps taken prior to the formation of the society. The work the association aims to accomplish, next to the cultivation and diffusion of a missionary spirit, is to aid the diocesan, domestic and foreign missions by means of prayer, money, and work. It is not intended to interfere with parochial societies, but rather for such societies to work with or through this diocesan association, which has been formally recognized by the Provincial synod. The association has directed the attention of its members to various fields of labor, including our own diocese, Algoma, Saskatchewan, Arthabasca, the Mackenzie River, with its self denying band of missionaries, and all other dioceses in "The Great Lone Land." In foreign missions the interest centres in the Church of England Zenana society, the work in Eastern Equatorial Africa, China, Japan, etc.

The parishes in the city co-operating with the association are the Cathedral, St. Stephen's, St. James', St. Martin's, Trinity, St. Thomas', and St. Matthew's, while in the diocese work is going on in Durham, Ormstown, Waterloo, and Sorel. The association regrets the loss by death of Mrs. Helliwell, one of its most active members, and also of Bishop McLean, of Saskatchewan, and concluded with a statement of the work done in the various parishes, the contributions received and the purposes to which they were applied.

The treasurer's report was also read, which showed receipts of \$606.63, disbursements \$588.61, leaving a balance on hand of \$18.02.

On motion both reports were unanimously received and adopted.

Rev. Mr. Norton considered it a great honor to read the report, which was full of Christian endeavour, and told of good works. When there is not a fervent missionary spirit abroad it is the saddest sign of a low state of religious feeling. To three ladies, Mrs. Henderson, the president, and Mrs. Holden, the

treasurer, and Mrs. Houghton, the secretary, is due the present efficient state of the association.

Rev. Rural Dean Lindsay made a few remarks which tended to impress upon his hearers what difficulties missionaries have to contend with, and how much they stand in need of the prayers, sympathy and material aid of their more fortunate brethren, and described a visit which he had made last summer to the Shingwauk home in the North-west, in which he contrasted forcibly the state of the boys in the home with that of those crawling around the horrible wigwams.

The chairman then announced that the following had been chosen as office bearers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Henderson.

Vice-presidents, the presidents of all affiliated societies, and the wives of the clergymen of affiliated parishes; recording secretary, Mrs. Houghton; corresponding secretary, Miss McLeod; treasurer, Mrs. Albert Holden.

Rev. Mr. Windsor then gave an address upon Zenana missions, in the course of which he said that it was more in his line to describe the work amongst men than the work amongst women. He gave an amusing description of the way in which a visit to a Zenana school is made. When one looks at the peaceful happy state of Christian homes and Christian women, how one longs to bring Christianity to the million homes of India. You may go to those homes and look round in vain for a book, writing materials or anything of the kind in the women's apartments, and you wonder how they spend their time. Ask them and they will tell you we sleep a good deal and we dress ourselves. The time spent in dressing consists principally painting their eyebrows, etc., and when finished they are curious specimens of the painter's art. The women never go outside of their homes and know nothing whatever of God's beautiful world. What jealousies and what heartburnings are there when a new and beautiful wife and perhaps another and another is introduced. How would you, ladies, feel if you saw a new and pretty wife introduced to take your place as soon as the first bloom of your youth has worn off? These are the mothers of India, and it has been said "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Girls are not wanted in India, and it is looked upon as the greatest misfortune to a man when a daughter is born. Early marriages are practised, and it is no unusual thing to see female children of five or six years running around in play with the golden band around their necks, which be tokens that they are married. Ofttimes the husbands are boys of tender years, among whom infantine mortality leaves a large number of widows, it being estimated that in India there are 21,000,000 widows who have never been wives, and what a life is theirs. They are treated as a direct visitation from the gods, and are accursed by all. If a man meets one of them in the morning he will curse her and return to his home to make a fresh start under more favorable auspices. The speaker then recited a hymn and sang it in the vernacular as a sample of the music of the Christians of the East. Our own English Wycliffe has been called the day star of the Reformation, but how long are we to look for the day star of the reformation in India. In 1793 the missionaries in India could be counted on the fingers of one hand and there was not a single convert. To-day there are 575 missionaries and 528,600 converts. God hasten the consummation of the conversion of the rest.

Rev. Dr. Henderson spoke upon the martyrs of Uganda and the cruel death which so often falls to the lot of missionaries. Well may the heathen sometimes say: "Where is now thy God? Is this the resurrection that He deals out to His servants?" How are we to answer them? It is a mystery to many why God should permit such things, but it is not a mystery to all. One purpose that he has in view is that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. We remember what a potent reason that was when our Lord Himself was called upon to yield up His own life, and it is just as necessary that the Scriptures should be fulfilled in our day as it was then. He believed that such testimony would have more effect in causing men to believe in the existence of an Almighty than would have been the case had the lives of such men as the martyrs Stephen, Bishop Hannington, Gordon and others been spared.

After the hymn, "The Son of God goes forth to war," and the benediction, the meeting adjourned.

LEACH MEMORIAL FUND.—The following subscriptions for a portrait of Dr. Leach, to be hung in the college building, are in addition to \$362.50 previously acknowledged:—Rev. Prof. Conssirat, \$5; J. Kirby, \$2.50; Sir William Johnson, \$5; Dr. G. M. Dawson, \$5; Rev. Robt. Laing, Halifax, \$5; Prof. N. W. Trenholme, \$2; Rev. C. Fenwick, Elder's Mills, Ont., \$2; J. L. Morris, \$5; Peter Redpath, Chislehurst, Eng., \$10; Mr. Howell, Eng., \$10—making in all \$422. The amount desired is \$500. Further sums may be sent to W. D. Lighthall, Montreal.

COTEAU DU LAC.—On Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., the parishioners of St. Lawrence Church paid a visit to the parsonage, bringing with them baskets full of provisions as a donation to the incumbent. After spending a pleasant evening, which was enlivened by singing and music, they all retired, very much delighted with the success of the entertainment. After they had departed, an envelope was found, addressed to the incumbent and Mrs. Young, containing \$15.25. This, with the Christmas collection, which amounted to \$13.70, makes \$28.95 which was given as a special donation to the incumbent this winter, for which both he and Mrs. Young return their sincere thanks.

ONTARIO.

PICTON.—The annual Diocesan Missionary meeting was held in St. Mary Magdalene's Church on Monday evening, the 7th inst., and was very well attended, though the weather was unfavorable. Addresses were delivered by the convener of the deputation, the Rev. A. H. Coleman, M. A.; by the junior member of the deputation, the Rev. C. M. Harris, and by the Revs. Messrs. Smythe and Forneri, neighboring clergymen. The Rev. Mr. Harris, who spoke first, likened the three essentials of successful Missionary work—viz. praying, working, and giving—to the three strands of a cable. He very skilfully, throughout his speech, developed, illustrated, and practically applied this admirable similitude. The Rev. Mr. Smythe, recently from the Diocese of Michigan, who spoke next, referred to his labors in the Diocese of Ontario twenty years ago, and his residence there for some time in Picton. He expressed his pleasure at meeting the congregation again, and congratulated them upon the progress the Church had made in their midst during the interval. He spoke of the disastrous conflagration in Michigan in the year 1881, which destroyed, together with all other property, the churches and parsonages; and the good that ultimately resulted from it in the increased devotion and liberality of the members of the Church, and particularly of some young ladies who worked heroically to help the destitute sufferers and to restore the wastes. The Rev. Mr. Forneri's address followed, in which he gave a short account of his tour in N. Hastings, and contrasted the abundant spiritual comforts and privileges of the congregation before him with the comparative destitution of the Mission he had visited. The convener of the deputation took for his theme the financial aspect of the Diocesan Missionary work. He described the system upon which the Mission Board proceeded, which was gradually to withdraw grants from the stronger Missions to help the weaker, and to open up new places. He mentioned the pleasing fact that the contributions to the Mission Fund, last year, amounted to \$9,566, being an increase over the previous year of \$1,748, in consequence of which the Board had been able to form five new Missions. A few remarks from the rector closed the proceedings. He referred to the wonderful progress of the Anglican Church throughout the world, and then spoke of what his parish had been doing during the past year. He thanked God that through the liberality and exertions of his people and particularly of the ladies, his Church, which had long groaned under debt, was now entirely free. But their labors for their own parish had not interfered with any Diocesan claim. Each appeal as it came round was responded to with praiseworthy liberality, and he was sure that the parochial collections for the Mission Fund this year would exceed all previous records. Mr. Loucks did not claim any credit to himself for the prosperous state of his parish; but his people are not ungrateful or unappreciative.

The Guild of St. Mary Magdalene.—About two months ago the rector invited the young women of his parish to hear from him a description of the work done by a Guild in connection with Grace Church, East Orange, N. J., which he had witnessed during his Autumn holiday tour. Quite a number responded to the rector's invitation, and after hearing his account determined to form a similar association. There and then about forty enrolled themselves members of the new Guild, with the object of working for the Church in every possible way. Several Committees were formed to fulfil different sacred duties. Namely the Chancel Committee, the Sick and Poor Committee, and the Sunday School Committee. These Committees have all been working earnestly. A meeting is held every alternate Wednesday evening, when the several Committees make a report of work done and enjoy reading and singing. Already they have gathered in a large addition to the Sunday school and have clothed a number of destitute children, besides sending the \$10 asked for by the Rev. E. F. Wilson for his new Indian Homes. Should any parish wish to start a similar guild, Miss Trigg, the Secretary, will be most happy to give all details of the organization. This new society in no way interferes with the "Will-ing Workers" who continue to meet weekly to sew, and who in the space of two years have raised \$400 for Church purposes.