

ven. One thing in conclusion. How much the future of the Church and Kingdom, how much the future peace and order of English life, wherein each man enjoys in security his own gain, none making him afraid—how much, I say, of this depends upon the course which events may take in the next few years needs no prophetic eye to forecast. Changes must come. We probably as a nation are on the eve of very great changes. But amidst them all—the passing of political power more and more into the hands of the people, the heart burnings and jealousies and enmities which cannot but accompany such a transition state—amidst all these things, I say, there is no institution which occupies such vantage ground as the old Church of England; for among the jealousies, and distrust, and hostilities that prevail between various classes of the communities the Church lays her hands upon the two extremes of English life, the rich and the poor. She was cradled among the lowliest; she was adopted in her maturity by the princes of the earth. This Church seems to be marked out more than any other for the binding of the whole social system; it she but gather round her altars the strong hearts of the thousands who day by day go forth to their labour—only, as in earlier times in English history, she will learn to champion the weak against the strong, to get herself felt to be the friend of the many rather than of the few. And to this, my brethren, you may contribute by the society you have formed, by spreading among yourselves knowledge, sound knowledge, where the enemy is ever sowing false knowledge; by drawing others after you in the ancient ways of Christ's Catholic Church; by speaking one to another in your daily task, as Paul to Aquila; by not waiting for the clergyman to do it, but yourselves kindling the flame of love to the old Church of your fathers. This you may do if you will. For this I understand, you have banded together. May God the Holy Ghost who guided that first Church of the lowly and the oppressed, that church not of the master, but of the slave—may the same Holy Spirit preside over your operations and accept the work of your hands.

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DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

DURHAM LADIES' COLLEGE.—The success of this institution has exceeded the most sanguine expectation of its friends. There are now over forty resident boarders, exclusive of a very large number of day and special pupils. The Church was exceedingly fortunate in securing as Principal Mrs. J. R. Holden, and it is owing, almost wholly, to her admirable management that the school and its prospects are as they are to-day. Present indications are that the size of the buildings must be considerably increased before very long.

ORDINATION.—At the general ordinations, held on 21st January, in Trinity Church, Montreal, Rev. Josiah Ball, the respected incumbent of Morcouche, was ordained to the Priesthood, and Messrs. Duvernay and I. Rodgers, were made Deacons. The former of these two gentlemen was a student in the P. E. D. School of Toronto, he is well known in Montreal, and is greatly respected alike for his piety and zeal. Mr. Rodgers is a student of our Diocesan Training College and is a young man of much earnestness and promise.

TRINITY CHURCH.—It will gratify to all Churchmen who know anything of the history of this fine church, to learn that it is making great progress in strength and usefulness. Rev. Mr. Villstede the rector, has revised the young peoples association, and established a woman's society, and set on foot other organizations of a philanthropic nature. The Sunday services are bright and hearty and are attended by a constantly increasing number of adherents.

MISSION FUND.—The annual missionary meetings in aid of this fund were held in the city during the month of January. The Bishop attended each meeting and presided. A somewhat unusual plan, viz., that of having the meetings a part of the Sunday evening services, was adopted, in some instances, and with marked success. It is probable this innovation will soon become the rule with us. It certainly has much to recommend it. Speaking of the mission fund, suggests the reflection that the question of existing grants is one that needs careful looking into, if the fund is to retain its old popularity with our people.

SOUTH STUKLEY.—In this parish the work pursues the even tenor of its way, not seeking to attract much

attention from the outside work, but merely to strengthen itself in the hearts of the people. The present incumbent, Rev. J. W. Farland, has been in charge of the parish for the past eight years, no short stay in these days of frequent changes.

BOLTON.—The Rev. Mr. Clayton missionary, at this place, was the recipient, a few days ago, of a sum of \$61, a token of love and esteem, from the people amongst whom he has laboured for the past twelve years.

MONTREAL. St. George's.—This congregation is as strong, if not stronger, than ever before in its history. In truth the difficulty now is to get a sitting at St. George's, either for love or money. Last Sunday the collection for our diocesan missions amounted to over \$2,000, actually placed upon the plate. Last year the house to house visitation amongst the people of this congregation resulted in the collection of a sum of about \$1,500. This year there will be no house to house appeals, the assessment having been more than met by the offertory. More than most men, Canon Carmichael seems to have the art of doing the right thing in the right way; and his way is usually that of plain common sense. To follow people around and beg from them a trifle, has heretofore been the *modus operandi* in nearly all our parishes and missions. Surely the Rector of St. George's has shown us a "more excellent way."

St. James the Apostle.—It is not unlikely that Mr. Duvernay, lately ordained deacon by Bishop Bond, will be appointed assistant at this church in the room of Canon Norman, promoted to the rectory of St. Matthias.

WEST FARNHAM.—The growth of this parish is truly astonishing. Not many years ago it was looked upon as one of our weakest and least prosperous of missions, from which the total withdrawal of the Church, by reason of the increase of French Canadians and the departure of the English speaking people seemed only a question of time. Almost the only one who never lost faith in the future of his parish was the Incumbent himself; and so for years and years he toiled on patiently sowing the seed, and leaving the result in His hands to whom results belong. And now what do we find? Why, that Farnham is a self-sustaining rectory, sending to the Mission Fund instead of taking from it, and that it bids fair to be one of our strong Church centres in the eastern townships. Farnham has lately become a place of much importance in the railway and manufacturing; circumstances which have quite changed its prospects.

ONTARIO.

ORDINATION NOTICE.—The Lord Bishop of Ontario purposes holding an Ordination in Ottawa on St. Mark's Day, April 25th. Candidates should notify immediately the Archdeacon of Kingston, Napanee, of their intention to present themselves for the examination, which will begin on Thursday, April 19th, in the school room of Christ Church, Ottawa at 10 a.m.

JOHNSTON MISSIONARY MEETING.—The church missionary meeting was held at St. James' Church, Johnston, on Monday evening, the Rev. W. Lewin of Prescott, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Carey, Convener. Although the night was blustry and the cold fierce, the church was crowded. The offerings were \$7.50.

PRESCOTT MISSIONARY MEETING.—The annual missionary meeting of the Diocese of Ontario, was held on Sunday evening at St. John's Church, when the Rev. Buxton Smith, of Christ Church, Ottawa, and the Rev. W. B. Carey, rector of St. Paul's Church Kingston, the appointed deputation, delivered telling and instructive addresses. The former speaker put before the congregation firmly and clearly the grounds of our sustaining missions. The latter, the Convener, gave most interesting statistics relating to the growth of the diocese, its work in the past, and its needs for the future, ending with a powerful and eloquent appeal to the people to continue and extend the good work that had been done. The offerings were above \$32. The choir was as usual very effective. Notwithstanding the cold, stormy evening, there was a large congregation present.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending February 8th, 1888:

MISSION FUND—January Collection. Haliburton, \$2.50; Uxbridge, \$22.00; Orillia, \$9.00; Cavan, St. Thomas', \$5.00; St. John's, \$2.00; Christ's, \$4.00; Trinity, \$1.00; St. Mark's, East Oro, \$1.46; Omamee, Christ Church, \$2.46; St. John's, \$1.56. *Missionary Meetings.*—Clareville, \$5.00; Brampton, \$10.50; Wyebridge and Waverly, \$6.02; Cavan, St. Thomas',

\$5.00; St. John's, \$5.00; Christ's, \$3.37; Trinity, \$2.01; Omamee, Christ Church, \$5.46; St. James', \$4.05.

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION—Mission Fund. St. Thomas', Shanty Bay, \$5.00; Port Perry, Church of the Ascension Sunday School, \$1.00; Brooklyn and Columbus, \$2.70; St. Stephen's, Toronto, \$12.10; Ivy, \$7.18; Etobicoke, St. George's, Domestic, \$2.50; Diocesan, \$1.00; Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, Algoma, \$2.45; General Mission Fund, \$39.12.

WIDOW AND ORPHAN FUND—October Collection. Cartwright, \$9.00; St. Mark's, East Oro, \$2.54.

St. Matthias.—Rev. C. E. Whitecombe has been conducting a ten days mission in this Parish with much success.

Holy Trinity.—We regret to hear that the Rev. John Farncombe is taking a three months leave of absence owing to failing health. We hear that a new three decker organ is about being erected in this church, in the chancel, cost to be \$3,000.

St. Luke's.—There is also a prospect of this congregation being left without its Rector for several months as the Rev. J. Langtry is likely to be sent to Florida to recruit. We trust this trip will restore him to robust health. One of the leading low churchman of Toronto, recently said to us "we cannot afford to lose Mr. Langtry."

Trinity College.—One of the most successful entertainments ever given by the students of Trinity, came off on the 10th inst. The hall was crowded with the clergy, and members of the leading lay families of the City and suburbs. Judging by the late hour at which we hear the crowded company broke up, we should infer that the proceedings were not of an academic character, or that the co education of the sexes being carried on was under Professor Terpsichore.

EAST YORK RURAL DEANERY.—Missionary Meetings—

The closing meetings of this deanery were held during the late cold spell, and doubtless the severity of the weather was the chief cause of the very slim attendance. Yet some of the missionaries expressed the opinion that it is very difficult now to get a good attendance at a meeting, owing to the people having been so often disappointed through the deputation failing to put in an appearance. But is there not sometimes good reason for this shortcoming on the part of the deputation, and for the difficulty which is experienced in getting clergymen to attend these meetings? On the present occasion the last two meetings were to be held at different stations in the same parish. In the village where the last meeting was to be held a "Sabbath" School convention was in session in a Quaker meeting house. And there was the missionary welcoming the Church's enemies into his parish. In this work he was joined by the clergyman in whose parish a missionary meeting had just been held, and by a portion of the deputation, which the remainder of the deputation, finding that his ordination vows, of which he is reminded every time he says the Litany, as also at other times, when, in reading the Scriptures, he comes upon such passages as "Mark them which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrine ye have learned and avoid them" precluded his attendance at the convention, was left to spend the day hanging about an hotel in an adjoining town, and in the evening to find his way, as best he might, without guidance or direction to the missionary meeting. And here the strange announcement was made that, as the minds of the well trained and loyal churchmen of the parish were completely engrossed with the "Sabbath" School Convention, it would be useless to attempt to hold a Church missionary meeting. And thus for the sake of addressing eighty people—all told—the deputation was put to a considerable expense, to his great discomfort and inconvenience, and to a loss of much valuable time, while he discovered how disloyal to the Church are some of her members, both clergy and laity, and how discourteous to their brethren the former can be when engaged in helping the Church's enemies in their warfare against the Church.

RURI-DECANAL CHAPTER.—A meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter of Durham and Victoria was held at the parsonage in Lindsay on Thursday February the 1st. There were present, the Revs. Rural Dean Allen, Dr. O'Meara, Dr. Smithett, Mr. Jones and I. W. Forster. The following resolutions were carried: moved by the Rev. Dr. Smithett, seconded by the Rev. M. Forster, "that the members of this Rural Deanery desire to express their deep and heart-felt sorrow at the sudden and early removal from our midst of the late Rev. H. C. Avant, of Bobcaygeon, and we take this opportunity of testifying our appreciation of his self-denying and arduous labours as a missionary and his devotion to the cause of Christ and His Church. And that the secretary be requested to send copies of this resolution to the Dominion Churchman." Moved by Dr. O'Meara, seconded by