

NEW CHURCHES—Your correspondent knows of at least three Churches which will be erected in the coming spring. One is to be built at Lindsay, as already stated, another at Millbrook, and a third on the Island opposite Toronto.

THE ISLAND CHURCH—The name of this structure is to be St. Andrew's Church. It is expected to be built in time for occupation during the summer. The estimated cost is \$1,400. The building committee, who have also in charge the question of ways and means, consists of Messrs. J. S. McMurray, G. M. Chadwick, A. Thorne, and R. Cowan. About \$800 is now in hand towards the erection of the building. Part of this was collected last summer, the remainder was raised by subscription last week. The Bishop contributed one hundred dollars to the fund. It is thought that his Lordship will build a summer residence near the Church, as his family generally spend several months on the Island every year.

TORONTO—All Saints'—The school room of this Church was well filled at the fifth social entertainment held recently. Mr. Baldwin presided. Songs were given by Miss Lay and Mr. Parker, which were well received. The entertainment closed with a comedietta, entitled "Dearest Mamma," which was heartily enjoyed. A large sum of money has been raised by these gatherings towards the Building Fund.

NORWOOD—The Rev. John Gibson, Missionary in charge of this Parish, is making strenuous efforts to erect a Parsonage in Norwood. The committee has secured a good lot near the Church, and a very fair subscription list has already been obtained, Mr. Gibson heading it with the handsome offering of \$100. A parsonage will be a great boon to the underpaid Missionary in this district.

S. S. ASSOCIATION—The last meeting of the Toronto S. S. Association was held in St. Stephen's Church, and was well attended. The Bishop read an interesting paper on S. S. rewards, prizes and treats. He strongly advocated the giving of rewards, not by the teachers, but by the authorities of the school, and these, he said, should be distributed, not at an entertainment, but at a children's service held for the purpose. Rewards should be given, not for lessons recited, but for regularity, attention and good conduct. An interesting discussion took place after the Paper was read, and then the meeting was dismissed.

CRUCIPHOBIA has not quite died out among us. A Protestant crank has written lately to a Toronto paper, stating his strong objections to the badge of the C. E. T. S., because on it appears a very modest Maltese cross! It is a matter of rejoicing that this disease is in its last stages, and it is to be hoped that the present generation will be the last to know anything about it. It seems unaccountable that reasonable men should detest the symbol of our common Christianity, and the mark which is at once Christ's glory and His shame.

TORONTO—Christ Church—A very successful concert took place in the school house on the 24th ult.; Dr. L. Smith occupied the chair. Among the performers were Misses Hague, Hillary, Myers, Ince, St. Croix, Doane, Baldwin and Nightingale, and Messrs. Willis, Dr. Ince, Sims, Dr. Smith, T. H. Monk, and A. & H. Simmers. A series of such entertainments are to take place during the winter in aid of the Church funds.

LANGTRY V. DUMOULIN.—Another adjournment of this noted case has taken place. It is most likely to be another instance of Tennyson's brook, as the interests involved are so important and the lawyers are greatly interested, for are not their fees large and quite safe? It is feared by many that the plaintiffs have no *locus standi*.

ASHBURNHAM—St. Luke's.—The Temperance Society in connection with this church has had a

very successful series of entertainments. At the last concert the School House was well filled and an excellent programme of trios, solos, readings, &c., was carried out. Among the performers were Mrs. Bowman, Misses Minore, Dunn, Butcher, Miller, Scott and McGarrity, and Messrs. Gardner, Sanderson, Best, Lech, Sherwood and F. Miller. The Society receives fresh accessions of members every month.

TORONTO—St. John's Church.—The Guild in connection with this church had their annual meeting recently, when the following members were elected:—W. A. Shutt, Warden; J. H. Mumford, Assistant Warden; F. B. Edmunds, Assistant Secretary; W. Mumford, Treasurer; Edwin Colwell, Librarian; B. Postell, Assistant Librarian; F. T. Shutt, Organist; H. G. Langley, C. Harding, and H. W. Ellison, members of the Court of Enquiry.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

THE MISSION OF MERICKVILLE.—This Mission has lately set a noble example to other Missions in the Diocese of Ontario by the liberal manner in which it has responded to the appeal made by the Rural Dean sent in by the Bishop to increase the clergyman's stipend. Some few years ago the Rev. R. Houston, one of the most successful of our missionaries, was appointed to Merickville. On his appointment the Mission Board made him a grant of two hundred dollars, but some members of the Board had long felt that the older Missions should be gradually thrown on the voluntary principle, and the money thus saved expended in opening new missions. Consequently at the end of the first year \$100 was withdrawn, and notice given that the tenure of the remainder was very uncertain. The worthy missionary suffered for a time in silence, but at length determined to see if there was any virtue in Rural Deans. Here I may mention that our far-seeing Bishop some few years ago divided his Diocese into districts, and appointed a Rural Dean for each. Some doubted the wisdom of this act, and the services of the R. D.'s were not at first in great demand, but now all is changed and the clergy are beginning to realize their value. But to return to our subject, the Rural Dean of the district visited Merickville, and explained in a few plain words the state of the case, and the congregation rose as one man determined to make the parish self-supporting. The Rural Dean remained in the parish five days, visiting from house to house. The farmers were visited, the foundries were explored, and the workers in iron dedicated their silver and gold to the good cause; the sewing girls were not overlooked, and the result was \$950 subscribed, being \$620 from Merickville and \$330 from Burrit's Rapids, an out-station, showing an increase of \$350 over the old subscription list. The Incumbent was benefitted, the Mission Fund was saved \$100, not only for a year, but forever. Some think that the solution of the problem "how shall the Mission Fund be best increased?" has been solved by the Churchmen of Merickville. Could any deputation, could any eloquent preacher have induced this mission to contribute a like amount to Diocesan Domestic or Foreign Missions? Certainly not, the people gave to the faithful minister who went in and out amongst them and his popularity freed the mission Board from a grant of \$100 for ever. Given a certain number of Church families in a mission with a certain amount of wealth what is to hinder an active Rural Dean from achieving like results? And if our deputations after speaking would go round through the Church members assembled and take up subscriptions for three years and spend the next day in visiting from house to house with the same object in view, two or three clergymen taking different routes, would I believe, complete the work; this would only need to be done every third year, and the mission fund would be doubled. It is sad to think how many of our poor clergy are suffering, while in most cases there is plenty of money in the parish to be had for the asking. In

some Dioceses the fault lies with the Bishops who have not appointed Rural Deans or other officers to do the work, these officers might be appointed for a year and if found active continued in office.

OTTAWA.—Refinement spreads very slowly at the Capital. There are still some dreadfully vulgar people to be found here, persons whose minds are not cultivated, and who have no idea of real good breeding. An indignant correspondent of the *Ottawa Free Press*, "Scrutator," has been giving vent to his outraged feelings in a silly letter published in a late number of that paper, in which he complains that at the state dinner given by His Excellency the Governor General, at Government House, on the night of the opening of Parliament, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ottawa, Dr. Duhamel, was called upon to say grace, and after dinner to return thanks, instead of his Lordship the Bishop of Ontario, or Dr. Lauder, Archdeacon of Ottawa, who were both present. The correspondent writes of this event as a "slight and an indignity offered to a large class of Her Majesty's subjects." Following the publication of this nonsense, the generally reliable *Ottawa Citizen*, explained that when two Bishops are present on such occasions, the junior Bishop performs the duty, and as the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ottawa, by date of his consecration, is the junior of the Bishop of Ontario, there could have been no indignity offered to the latter. All this is of course highly important and very interesting to the uninformed, but the notable feature of the case is that grace was really said by our Bishop and not by the Roman Catholic Bishop, and that after dinner he also returned thanks. It was, however, fully understood that the latter office was only undertaken by the Bishop of Ontario at the particular request of Dr. Duhamel, who considered he did not speak English well enough. The correspondent of the *Free Press* is unfortunate in his choice of a *non de plume*. "Scrutator," translated literally, signifies "a diligent speaker, particular of such as come before Princes." Had he taken the trouble to ascertain the real facts of the case before making his entirely erroneous statement, he would have found no basis whatever for the fancied "slight and indignity." The Protestant indignation is amusing.

KINGSTON.—The proposed See House at Kingston, will, it is estimated, cost \$11,000, of which amount the Church people of that city are expected to subscribe \$3,000.

The Rev. Henry Wilson, D. D., late curate at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, has addressed a letter, dated from St. George's Rectory, New York, to the congregations of the Cathedral, and Christ Church, Cataragui, in which he informs them that all efforts to reinstate him as Assistant Minister having failed, there seems no other course open to him, but to seek work in some other part of God's field. He intends to return to Kingston about the 10th of February to settle up his affairs there, and then bid the members of both congregations a loving farewell, and go whither God may lead him.

St. Paul's Church.—The anniversary services commemorative of the restoration and removal of St. Paul's Church, Kingston, some years ago, were held on Sunday the 20th January. There was a fair congregation in the morning, but many seats were empty, consequent upon the coldness of the weather. There was, however, a much better attendance in the evening. The Rev. A. Spencer officiated in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. W. B. Carey, M. A., who has been confined to his bed for several weeks past. The Ven. Lewis Evans, M. A., Archdeacon, Diocese of Montreal, and Rector of St. Stephen's Church in that city, delivered the sermon on both occasions. His discourse in the morning was based on the words "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ," Matthew xxvii. 22. The Archdeacon is a fluent and graceful preacher and enlisted the