

Montreal, seem to be dragging out a miserable existence. Bishop Fallows, who, by the way, they style the Right Rev. in their announcements, came here last winter with a flourish of trumpets to launch the "Reformed" bark. Having effected his object to his own satisfaction and the admiration of the chosen few, he left for other fields, and the Rev. W. Maguire was inaugurated proctor of the Church. Things did not seem to work smoothly, for in a few weeks the new proctor resigned, and the flock has been for some time without a clergyman. Last Sunday the "Right Rev." gentleman made a second splurge in inaugurating the Rev. Dr. Ussher as proctor of St. Bartholomew's, as the Church is called. Dr. Ussher, we are told in advertisements, comes to Montreal "amidst the universal regret of the Protestants of Montreal." So far as their actions can be taken as indicating their sentiments, the religion of these so-called Reformers consists of bitter antagonism to, and deadly hatred of, the Church and of Church people, whether High or Low. That their enterprise will prove a failure here, even under the direction of a Dr. Ussher, is evident to all.

#### ONTARIO.

(From our OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The Lord Bishop has issued the following letter which we are requested to publish:—

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Ontario:

MY REV'D BRETHREN—I hereby notify you that I have appointed the Venerable Thomas Alexander Parnell, D.C.L., Archdeacon of Kingston, my Commissary during my absence from the Diocese.

I am faithfully yours,  
Ottawa, May 31st, 1878. J. T. Ontario.

KEMPTVILLE.—Tuesday, May 28th, was a day long to be remembered in the annals of the Church in this portion of the Diocese, for on that day the Bishop of Ontario laid the corner stone of a handsome stone church to the memory of the late Venerable Henry Patton, first Rector of Kemptville. On Monday evening the 27th a large number of the clergy, together with the Bishop, had assembled, when evening prayer was said in the old Church by the Rev. E. P. Crawford and R. Lewis, Messrs. Auston and Christie reading the lessons, and a very excellent sermon was preached to a full congregation by the Rev. Herbert Patton, youngest son of the late Archdeacon, who is now a Missionary in Deacon's Orders, at Billings Bridge, near Ottawa. The services of Tuesday commenced with an adult baptism at 9 a.m., followed by confirmation and a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9.30. The large number of 49 candidates presented themselves for confirmation, and upwards of 130 received the Holy Communion. The Bishop made one of his usual powerful and convincing addresses, in which he referred to the gratifying evidence of faithful and thorough work going on in this Parish, as shown by so large a number of candidates coming forward to confirmation, it being only 18 months since he had confirmed another large class in the same church. He also said that this work was general throughout his Diocese, and that the preparation of those confirmed was everywhere far more thorough than in former years. At 12 the first bell rang and the people began to assemble upon the new building and in the old Church. At 12.30 the second bell announced the commencement of proceedings, and, when it ceased ringing, the procession, which in the meantime had been formed within the old Church, began to move singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" to Sullivan's splendid setting. First came the children of the Sunday School with banners, then the members of the Choir, followed by upwards of 20 clergy in surplices the Curate of the Parish, the Archdeacon of Kingston bearing the pastoral staff and the Bishop. The corner stone, (a very handsome one) was laid by the Bishop with the usual imposing ceremonial, to the glory and worship of God, and in pious memory of Henry Patton, D. C. L., Archdeacon of Ontario, and first Rector of Kemptville. A collection of \$126 was laid upon the stone, and the Bishop gave a short address, in which he alluded in feeling terms to the good man whose memory they were then seeking to per-

petuate. The procession then re-formed, marched all round the walls of the building singing Psalm 48, and returned to the old Church singing "Brightly gleams our banner." The ladies of the parish entertained the Bishop and clergy at a bountiful lunch in the Parish Hall at 2 p.m., after which the respective clergy dispersed to their own parishes much refreshed, and rejoicing in the knowledge of the excellent work being accomplished in the Parish of Kemptville. One great source of regret was that the Rector of Kemptville, the Rev. Mr. Stannage, was not present, he being still absent in England where he has done excellent service to his parish by raising about \$4,000 towards the erection of this new church, and an endowment of \$4,000 for the formation of a new Mission at Oxford Mills. The Curate, Rev. A. Spencer, has had sole charge for some time, and has wrought hard and well in his Master's field. The new church is being built of limestone with dressings of white sandstone from Smith's Falls. It will be cruciform in shape with large chancel, transepts, tower and spire about 130 feet high, and porch on south side. The design is very neat, and it will add another to the long list of handsome churches built since the formation of the Diocese of Ontario.

BELLEVILLE.—At the late adjourned meeting of the Vestry of St. Thomas' congregation, the Rev. J. W. Burke, Rector, was presented with a numerous signed address, expressing the hearty sympathy of his congregation with him in his trials and persecutions, their confidence in his churchmanship, and their approval of his general course of action.

MADOC.—The Rev. A. F. Echlin and Mrs. Echlin on leaving Madoc have been the recipients of numerous pleasing and substantial tokens of the good will and esteem of the parishioners and others. During Mr. Echlin's short incumbency he has done much towards improving and finishing the church edifice, and otherwise forwarding the material interests of the parish, by the purchase of a plot of ground for a parsonage. He has labored earnestly for the good of the congregation, studying to approve himself unto God as a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

SMITH'S FALLS.—On Tuesday May 14th, the Bishop of Ontario confirmed forty persons in Smith's Falls, twenty male and as many females. Five of the number, three married men and two young women had been lately baptized by the Rector. The Bishop gave one of his very best addresses and expressed himself highly gratified at the flourishing condition of the parish. There were one hundred and twenty communicants on the occasion. This parish is one of the few in Canada that have the privilege of weekly and Saint day celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The number of communicants have more than doubled since the change from once a month to once a week celebration.

The Easter decorations were retained for the Confirmation day, whilst others suited to the occasion were added.

The same day the congregation presented their Rector with a handsome carriage and set of harness accompanied by a hearty address expressing their gratitude for the work accomplished by him in the parish for the furtherance of their spiritual well being.

#### TORONTO.

ASHBURNHAM.—St. Luke's Church.—The very interesting and somewhat unusual ceremony of consecration took place at the above Church on Friday, the 17th ult., at three o'clock p.m. The usual petition for Consecration, signed by the Incumbent, Church Wardens and several parishioners, was read by the Rev. Mr. Bradshaw on the entrance of the Bishop at the west door. At its conclusion, his lordship in a few words, kindly signified his great pleasure in assenting to the prayer of the petitioners, and at once began the service by proceeding towards the Chancel, followed by the several clergy present, all repeating responsively the 24th Psalm. Then followed the usual solemn and impressive prayers dedicating the House to God—setting it apart "from all

common and profane uses for ever," and imploring the Divine blessing and assistance on all religious acts—ministerial and otherwise—which should take place within its walls. Evening prayer was then said by the Rev. Messrs. Clementi and Mussen—the lessons appropriate for the occasion being read by the Incumbent. After singing a hymn, Canon Givens read the Ante-Communion service. The sermon, which was a most eloquent one, was then preached by the Bishop's examining Chaplain—Canon Stennett—and was listened to with marked attention by the large congregation present. The offertory was devoted to the organ fund of the church, and was, we are glad to hear, a liberal one. The interesting service was brought to a close by the Bishop invoking a special blessing on the religious work of the day, and by pronouncing the benediction. It is a matter worthy of particular comment in these days of heavy debts on so-called houses of God, that a church which has only been opened to public worship a little over six months has thus, by the perseverance, assiduity and liberality of clergymen and congregation, been presented to God free from all encumbrance.

MARKHAM, Grace Church.—Our church being much in need of repairs, the ladies of the congregation consulted as to the manner in which the required funds could be raised. They decided to hold a Bazaar, in the large principal town hall, on the Queen's birthday, with an entertainment consisting of Tableaux Vivants, songs and music in the evening, and also to furnish refreshments during the day. Each of these three departments were under the control of a committee of ladies, and admirably did they fulfil their duties. A fair display of fancy and useful articles, attesting the skill and labour of the contributors, some from friends at a distance, was made and nearly everything was sold at good prices. A novel feature was the fishpond, a vessel containing a number of articles, of varying value wrapped up in paper, one of which might be fished out on payment of ten cents. It was so well patronized that it was speedily depleted. About 300 persons sat down to dinner and tea. The refreshments were provided by the ladies and were excellent in quality, and so abundant, that enough remained over to give the children of the S. School a treat (which was done on the Tuesday following.) A cricket and a base ball match were played on the grounds during the day. The great attraction however, was the Tableaux Vivants, in the evening, at which there was a very large and appreciative attendance. The scenes which were much admired, nearly all being re-demanded, reflected much credit on those who took part in them; and on those on whom devolved the task of arranging the scenes. The ladies and gentlemen who took upon themselves the task of supplying the musical part of the entertainment, discharged their duties well, and to the satisfaction of those present. The total proceeds after paying all expenses, will be about \$230 or \$240. All are pleased at the success, and are happy in looking forward to the improvements to be effected in the appearance of the Church as a result of their efforts. The best feature of the whole affair, however, is the harmony displayed by all who took part in it, and which perhaps, was drawn out, or at least strengthened by their efforts to make it a success. It has added another proof of the old days that "unity is strength." May we continue to experience what is equally true that "unity is happiness."

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending June 1st, 1878:

MISSION FUND.—Special Appeal.—Seymour and Percy, per Rev. J. D. Smithett, \$6.50; Collingwood and Barrie, per Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, \$61.00; F. D. Barwick, Toronto, \$20.00; on account of collections in Toronto by Mrs. McCaul, \$41.00; by Lady Macdonald and Mrs. McCaul, \$40.00; Port Hope collected by Mrs. Short and Mrs. Lauder, \$28.50; Whitby, Oshawa, Cannington and Uxbridge, per Rev. I. Middleton, \$134.94. Parochial Collections.—Seymour and Percy additional, \$8.25; Holland Landing and Sharon, \$40.35; Woodbridge, \$97.15; Hastings and Alnwick, additional, \$1.50.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—April Collection.—