

Archdeacon Whitaker, \$100.00. *January Collection*—Toronto, St. Luke's, additional, \$7.31; Port Whitby (Pickering), \$1.00. *Parochial Collections*—Newmarket, Mr. Park, \$4.00.

PERMANENT MISSION FUND.—Rev. W. S. and Mrs. Rainsford, \$100.00; Miss Green, \$50.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*For the Widow and Orphan of a Deceased Clergyman*—Grace Church, Toronto, \$25.23.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LUTHER.—The Church congregation at Luther village, (near Orangeville) is a new and struggling one. They have no church to worship in. Feel the very great need of this want, they have with prayer to God and earnestness resolved to build a church and parsonage if possible. May they not ask for this important object, the aid of those who have at heart, the advancement of the same glorious cause? Any offering will be gratefully received. "Do good unto all men, and specially unto them that are of the household of faith." Gal. vi, 10. The Church to be of brick, holding about 200, Parsonage to be of frame, and brick thick outside.

Bishops Approval.—I hereby commend the appeal to our churchmen in the Diocese of the Reverend R. S. Radcliffe, Deacon in charge of the Mission of Luther, for assistance in the proposed erection of a church in Luther Village. Luther is a very poor part of the country in consequence of the large swamps in the township, and as the land is very high, being on the direct line between the streams running into lakes Ontario and Erie on the one side, and Huron on the other, and is the source of several of these. It is very subject to summer frosts. The people are poor, and need all the assistance they can obtain from their brethren in more favored parts.

T. B. NIAGARA.

Bishophurst, Hamilton, Feb. 25th 1879.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BRANTFORD.—Last evening a large number of the registered members of Grace Church assembled in the school house, for the purpose of considering the resignation of the Rev. R. H. Starr, M. A. Incumbent of the parish. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Starr, and Mr. Arthur K. Bunnell, Vestry Clerk, acted as Secretary.

After considerable discussion, a very large majority of the meeting decided that Mr. Starr's resignation be not accepted.

Mr. Starr stated he had made up his mind to resign, and would therefore press the acceptance of his resignation. He did not wish to hold the position of rector when he did not have full confidence of all the congregation. The movement that has been set on foot against him for the past few weeks has given him much pain and he did not wish to prolong it. The following was moved and carried:

Moved by Mr. W. C. Hatley, seconded by Dr. Griffin,

That inasmuch as Mr. Starr presses his resignation, after having been requested by a large majority to remain, we now with regret, accept the same, and do now proceed to elect the necessary delegates to confer with the Bishop on appointing a new Incumbent.—Carried.

The following resolution was then put that the church Wardens and Messrs Thos. Botham, H. Lemmon, A. Watts, John Brethour, Chas. Mason and Hugh J. Jones be a committee to confer with the Bishop with reference to the appointing of an Incumbent for Grace Church.—Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

LONDON.—Within three miles of this city the Rev. P. B. de Lom has been holding Mission services in a Section school-house every Thursday evening, with most gratifying results. In visiting a family in that locality, who are members of the Chapter House congregation, of which he is assistant minister, he met with this additional field of labour, and has since made it a part of his regular work. The Church services in the School and the preaching of the Gospel, have gathered a

large congregation. The house is full every Thursday evening; nor are his labours limited to Thursday. On last Wednesday evening, after having returned from service in the Chapter House, he was surprised by a visit of a deputation from his new congregation, Messrs. Burkholder, Laphorne and McMillan, who presented him with the following address and a purse of twenty-one dollars:

Address to Rev. Mr. De Lom:

REV. SIR,—It gives us great pleasure to have been deputed as the medium of conveying to you the cordial good wishes of your large circle of friends in this section, at the end of your series of meetings in our midst. This pleasure unfortunately is not an unalloyed one. Those things we most prize are frequently the first we lose, and we grieve that you cannot continue longer with us. For the past few weeks we have enjoyed the pleasure of your kindly, social intercourse, and whether in your meetings, or in friendly social relations, we have learned to esteem you more every day. From you we have realized the truth of eternity, which commands us to be prepared to leave this vale of tears. We beg you to accept this token of our esteem—a purse—and pray that your future life will be prosperous and happy. Wishing you God-speed in your labours, and that our Heavenly Father's blessing may rest upon you all this life, and that you may wear a starry crown in eternity.

On behalf of the congregation,

S. BURKHOLDER,

JOHN LAPHORNE.

Mr. De Lom, in reply, thanked his friends for their kindness in presenting him with this substantial evidence of their appreciation of his efforts in the Master's name. He intends holding a regular Thursday evening service in the school-house, as he has lately done, encouraged by the very large attendance.

BAYFIELD.—On Friday, the last day of February, there was a concert in aid of the funds of Trinity Church. The hall was literally packed full, and all enjoyed the treat of good music provided by the church members of Bayfield aided by their kind friends from Clinton. We are pleased to hear that the Incumbent of this far north parish, Rev. Mr. Forbes, is doing good church work in his mission.

DURHAM.—A concert, consisting of tableaux, vocal and instrumental music, &c., was held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Wednesday, the 19th ult., in aid of the funds of Trinity Church. The tableaux were very much enjoyed, and the singing very good.

PETERSVILLE.—St. Georges.—The Sunday-school teachers and their friends, the members of the congregation, had their annual social party in the Town Hall on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday—Wednesday being the children's evening. The Rev. Mr. Darnell, minister of St. Georges, presided, and after the refreshments which had been provided by the ladies of the church had been partaken of, he congratulated the Church on the good turn out, and briefly referred to the object for which the meeting was held, to provide for an addition to the Sunday-school library. The entertainment is conceded to have been one of the best, in every respect, that was ever held Petersville. The proceeds it is said were about forty dollars nett, a very much needed addition to the Sunday-school fund. The school is continuously increasing in the number of teachers and scholars, and to carry on the work efficiently the necessary means must be forthcoming.

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Huron was held in the Chapter House, London, on Wednesday, March 5th, 1879, at 2.30 p.m. Present—the Lord Bishop of Huron, in the chair, Very Rev. Dean Boomer, Ven. Archdeacons Elwood, Marsh, Sandys and Sweatman; Rev. Rural Deans, Canon Caulfield, W. Davis, W. Daunt, D. Deacon, R. Fletcher, Canon Grasett, A. H. R. Mulholland, Canon Nelles, and J. W. P. Smith; Revs. W. B. Evans, Canon Innes, J. B. Richardson, R. H. Starr and J. T. Wright (19).

Messrs. H. Crotty, V. Cronyn, W. H. Eakins, J. D. Noble, R. Ashton, G. F. Ryland, James Hamilton, Dr. A. C. Pousette, R. Fox, Jasper Golden, B. Stanley, H. S. Hughes, L. Skey and the Sec.-Treas. (14). The usual prayers were read by the chairman.

The Bishop having been requested to leave the chair, on motion duly carried, the Very Rev. the Dean was placed therein. It was then moved by Mr. H. Crotty, seconded by Rev. Canon Nelles,

Resolved, That the members of this Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron, desire to take the opportunity of their first meeting after the return of the Bishop from his visit to England, to tender his Lordship a hearty "welcome back" to his diocese, and to record their thankfulness to Almighty God for his preservation in health and safety during his journeyings. They feel deeply grateful for the happy results of the deliberations of the great Council of Bishops at Lambeth, in which they were represented by His Lordship, as graciously overruled by the directing Spirit of God and calculated to unite in greater harmony and strength the various branches of the Church of England scattered throughout the world. Acknowledging his Lordship's unwearied efforts in behalf of the Western University, they offer their sincerest thanks to those English friends who have so liberally responded to his appeals, and particularly to the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge for their magnificent grant in its aid. With their congratulations on his safe return they would couple their assurance of glad sympathy with Mrs. Hellmuth and himself in the family mercies they had enjoyed in the improvement of their son's health. Rejoicing to have once more the personal presence of the Bishop amongst them to administer the affairs of the church with the same ability, zeal and liberality that have contributed to bring the Diocese to its present state of prosperity, they hereby renew their sincere professions of attachments to his person and loyalty to his sacred office. The motion having been put, was carried unanimously by a standing vote. The Bishop having resumed the chair expressed his gratification for the kindly and loyal feelings to himself and his work as exhibited in the resolution. He pointed out the great benefit that might reasonably be expected from the conference of Bishops at Lambeth, and the general satisfaction shown at their proceedings. For himself, he could sincerely say that his earnest desire was to spend and be spent for the good of his Diocese, and he could assure the Standing Committee that the individual welfare of his clergy and the progress and prosperity of their parishes was a source of the deepest personal gratification to himself. He thanked God for being spared to meet them again, and he appreciated most thoroughly their cordial greeting.

ACCOUNTS.—The Sec.-Treas. submitted a statement of postage and contingent expenses for December, January and February, amounting to \$42.15. An account of \$12.65 from E. A. Taylor & Co. was ordered to be paid.

The Sec.-Treas. submitted a report of the Land and Investment Committee, showing the investments made since the last meeting. The Committee appointed to look into the Wardville matter reported that they had met, and that the Rev. Mr. Wye had withdrawn his claim.

Assessment Committee.—In pursuance of the notice given at the last meeting, moved by Rev. W. B. Evans, seconded by Ven. A. Sweatman, That a Committee be appointed to assess the various Parishes of the Diocese with a view to deciding what amount each should contribute to the stipend of the incumbent thereof, so as to secure a satisfactory basis on which to make the grants from the Mission Fund; and that the Committee be authorized to communicate with the various Deanery Committees appointed under the Mission Fund Canon, and request them to meet and report to this Committee the respective amounts which they think each Mission in their Deanery should be assessed. The Committee to consist of Ven. J. W. Marsh, Rev. W. Davis, Rev. R. Cooper, W. Grey, the Sec.-Treas. and the mover and seconder; Ven. A. Sweatman to be the Convener.

Special Committee.—Moved by the Sec.-Treas., seconded by Mr. J. Golden, That the following gentlemen be appointed a Committee to prepare