

troubled, to visit her, or make her wants known to themselves, they quite miscalculated her size, and made no allowance for her increase in bulk and stature, so the clothes that were sent fitted her very awkwardly, her skirts were barely to her knees, and the sleeves of her jacket only reached to her elbows. This made her an object of derision to other children whose parents cared properly for them. Poor little Alcoba was becoming gradually used to her life, though she couldn't really see what use her guardian was to her when he had to be away nearly all the time, going round to the aunts to collect food and clothing for her. However she would not repine, she trusted in God, and believed that he who cared for the little birds in the woods, would not let her starve. At length, one day came a letter from Torunda, and a very strange letter Alcoba thought it.

"Dear Alcoba," she said, "I am delighted to hear you are getting on so well. What a happy child you must be. The basket of provisions I promised you, I find I cannot send. God bless you. Goodbye."

Now Alcoba had been waiting for that promised basket of provisions. She had gone to bed without her supper the night before, and had had no breakfast that morning. The poor child read the letter, and then casting it on the floor, she burst into a paroxysm of tears, and cried herself to sleep. When she awoke she found another letter by her bedside. Hastily she opened it. "Had her mother relented?" was her thought. She turned pale as she read it.

"Dear Alcoba,—It has always been my custom to make my children pay me back 5 per cent of all that I bestow upon them. I think it a good plan, as it teaches them to be careful. I have been considering whether in your present position you can properly be called my child, or not, and whether I can legally claim this assessment. I have come to the conclusion that I can, and necessity obliges; so do not think it hard. Send me back the last two baskets of provisions I sent you, or,—if they are consumed—drain five ounces of your life's blood and send it."

Such is the sad story of Alcoba. If Alcoba dies (which God avert) surely her blood will cry from the ground against her unnatural mother and her too indifferent relatives.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

The St. Mary's Church, Prince Edward Island, is being very tastefully trimmed this year, and when finished will reflect great credit on the young ladies and gentlemen who have been decorating it. The trimming is principally of spruce. All along under the cornices and around over the top and bottom part of the arch at the head of the church are green trimmings. Below this trimming on the left hand side are the words, "Mine eyes have seen thy Salvation;" on the right, "Behold, I bring you good tidings" in prettily formed red and green letters. Over the arch at the entrance of the chancel is a curved line ornamented with stars is "Let all the angels of God worship him," and inside of the chancel over the communion table will be seen "I am the bread of life." The windows, stove-pipe, supporters, reading desk and pulpit will all be trimmed, while across the gallery will be festoons of evergreens.—*Summerside Journal*.

#### ONTARIO.

The following circular has been sent by the Lord Bishop, to the members of

Deputations on behalf of Missions in the Diocese of Ontario.—My dear brethren: Let me remind you of the grave responsibility which attaches to your office as pleaders on behalf of the Missionary work of the Diocese. Hitherto our receipts have been more than equal to our annual expenditure, and consequently there is danger lest zeal should flag, and our congregations, having become accustomed to this fair state of things, should suppose that nothing more was demanded of them than the customary offering. Our position, however, for the ensuing year becomes a critical one, as our Treasury will require at least \$10,000 to meet our engagements to our Missionary Clergy. This demand on the resources of the Churchmen of the Diocese should be a cause of great thankfulness, because it arises from the increase in the number of labourers in the Mission field. There are now no vacant Missions, and several of the old ones have been subdivided. The drain on the fund thus created for salaries and outfits, besides the moral obligation that lies on the Church to furnish the Board with means of adding to the present small stipend of our Missionaries, will surely furnish you with materials for a strong appeal at every meeting this winter. You can set forth in forcible, because practical, language, that the increased self-denial required of us will test our sincerity, because it has been the result of our own prayers. On days of Intercession, we and the whole Church have humbled ourselves before God, and begged that He would send more labourers into His vineyard, and now that our prayers have been graciously answered, "it is meet, right and our bounden duty" to show forth our thanks for the same by impressing on the minds of all committed to our charge that "the Lord hath ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." I am, your faithful Bishop, J. T. ONTARIO. *Ottawa, Dec. 9, 1875.*

CHURCH OPENING.—The *Picton Gazette* says:—St. Andrew's Church, Wellington, (under the charge of the Rev. C. H. Mockridge, M.A.) was opened for divine service on Sunday, Dec. 26, after having been enlarged and otherwise greatly improved. The Rev. J. J. Bogert, M.A., Rector of Napanee, preached in the morning and afternoon. His sermons were earnest and appropriate. The Rev. E. Louka, Rector of Picton, preached a practical and useful sermon in the evening. The singing throughout was good—and the congregations (excepting the morning—owing no doubt to the very cold weather) were very large. The Church, as now enlarged and improved, presents a very fine appearance, and affords every convenience for quite a large gathering of people. It is cruciform in shape, the old part crossing the new at the back, and forming a transept. The new part fronts the road. This is the second Church which has been enlarged and restored in this mission under the guidance of Rev. Mr. Mockridge—Christ Church, Hillier, having been opened in its improved form just a year ago.—*Chronicle*.

#### TORONTO.

A NUMBER of ladies and gentlemen met at the Parsonage, Aurora, on New Year's Eve, and presented the clergyman, Rev. A. J. Fidler, B.A., with a very handsome carriage and harness of the value of \$175, and an address of congratulation and confidence, signed on behalf of the several congregations by Dr. Strange, Hon. C. J. Douglas, Dr. Langstaff, and Mr. H. A. Bernard.

DEANERY OF TORONTO.—The appointments for missionary sermons and meet-

ings in this Deanery during the present month of January, which appeared in the DOMINION CHURCHMAN of the 6th inst., were printed from an incorrect list. The following arrangements have been agreed to by the clergy:—St. James' Cathedral, the Very Rev. the Dean; Trinity Church, the Rev. A. Sanson; St. Thomas, Jan. 16th, 11 a.m., Rev. Mr. Trow; Christ Church, Jan. 16th, 11 a.m., Rev. J. H. McCollum; St. Peter's, Jan. 23rd, 11 a.m., Rev. W. Checkly; Ch. Redeemer, Jan. 23rd, 11 a.m., Rev. Dr. Smithett; St. Paul's, Jan. 23rd, 11 a.m., Rev. S. Jones; St. Anne's, Jan. 23rd, 11 a.m., Rev. S. Givins; St. John's, Jan. 23rd, 7 p.m., Rev. A. Baldwin; St. Stephen's, Jan. 23rd, 7 p.m., Rev. Dr. Smithett; Carlton Church, Jan. 23rd, 11.30, Rev. Mr. Maddock; St. Bartholomew's, Jan. 25th, 7.30 p.m. meeting; Grace Church, Jan. 26th, 7.30 p.m. meeting; St. Matthew's, Jan. 28th, 7.30 p.m., meeting; Holy Trinity, Jan. 30th, 11 a.m., Rev. R. D. Allen; St. George's, Jan. 30th, 7 p.m., Rev. R. D. Allen; St. Luke's, Jan. 30th, 11 a.m., Rev. Dr. Smithett; St. Matthias, Jan. 30th, 11 a.m., Rev. J. Langtry; All Saints, Jan. 30th, 7 p.m., Rev. Dr. Smithett. Deputation appointed by the Synod: The Rev. Rural Dean Allen, the Rev. Rural Dean Smithett.—SALTERN GIVINS, Rural Dean, Toronto, 7th Jan., 1876.

CHRIST CHURCH, YORKVILLE.—In our Christmas notice of this Church, last week, we omitted to mention that a very handsome pair of chandeliers had been presented to the Church, and were hung up in position for the first time on Christmas eve, so as to take their place with the Christmas decorations. They greatly improve the appearance of the Church, even by day; and of course add especially to its brightness and attractiveness in the evening. They were the gift of Mrs. Trow, the Rector's wife, aided by contributions received by her from some kind friends in Belleville.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TORONTO.—The first annual festival of the children attending the Sunday school in connection with this Church, was held last Thursday evening in the rooms on King-street, at present used for the purposes of the Church. Over two hundred people were present, as well as the teachers and a large number of friends. The chair was occupied by Vice-Chancellor Blake. The proceedings opened with the singing of hymns and carols by the children, which were followed by solos by Miss Maddison, a duet by Miss Maddison and Miss Cameron, and readings by Vice-Chancellor Blake and Mr. G. M. Adam. The programme throughout was very complete and interesting. Vice-Chancellor Blake, as chairman, added much to the pleasure of the occasion. At the conclusion of the singing a large number of prizes were distributed, and a Christmas tree which had been well hung with toys of every description, was lighted with tapers, and the toys were distributed by Santa Claus, represented by Mr. Fahey, among the juveniles present. The festival was brought to a close about ten o'clock.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL, PORT HOPE.—The annual Christmas examination was brought to a close on Thursday, December 15th. At this examination the boys are thoroughly tested in all the work of the past Michaelmas Term, and one prize is offered to each form for general proficiency in all the subjects of examination. A minimum of sixty per cent. of all the marks is required to entitle a candidate to this prize, while all others obtaining such proportion of marks receive honourable mention. The school is divided into six forms, the Sixth being the highest; while the First Form is subdivided into