

meeting. A resolution was passed directing the Churchwardens to have drawings prepared for consideration, and the by-law was read a first time, the amount to be raised being filled in at \$2,500.

THE PAINTING AND DECORATING.—The amount of \$2,500 which the Vestry have been asked to vote, is to be regarded as a vote of credit only, as subscriptions already given will reduce that amount, and it is hoped that sufficient may be subscribed to cover the whole. A meeting of ladies of the congregation was held lately to organize for a canvass of the Parish for subscriptions.

As the proposal to enlarge the Chancel has been dropped for the present, those who subscribed for that especially are requested to let the Churchwardens know whether they will withdraw their subscriptions, or allow them to be transferred to the general fund.

PAROCHIAL MISSION WORK.

It is with feelings of deep thankfulness to Almighty God that we announce the continued success of our Mission Meetings on Bulwer St. At every Service the rooms in which the services were held, have been overcrowded, revealing the great and pressing need of a mission room in that district. During the past month we were visited by Mr. McLure, and are deeply indebted to him for his very earnest and practical address. We also acknowledge our indebtedness to Mrs. Harvard, the visitor of Phœbe and Solio Sts., and Mrs. McKean, the visitor of Bulwer St., for their untiring efforts in promoting the success of these Mission Services.

THE FIRST SOD.

To-day, the 1st of June, at 10.30 a. m., the Rector, with Mr. Moore and several ladies, met at the site which has been selected for the Mission Room. It is in Phœbe street, a few rods east of the Public School, and in the centre of a populous district. The object of the gathering was to turn the first sod. After the Invocation of the Blessed Trinity, and the Collect, "Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings," the Rector handed a new spade, obtained for the occasion, to Mrs. Harvard who deftly turned the first sod, and thus inaugurated this new and important work in the Parish. Mrs. Harvard, who has taken a deep interest in the mission work from the start, was followed by the other ladies, who each in turn handled the spade in such fashion as to materially

lessen the labour of digging the first post-hole.

It is expected that the building will be finished and ready for use by the first day of July.

The first response to the Rector's appeal from the pulpit on Trinity Sunday was received this morning. Mrs. Wood, of Ross street, with her family subscribe \$7 per annum for two years, Fifty more such prompt responses, and the Mission Room will be paid for.

The Rector	\$25 00	Elmes Henderson.	\$25 00
J. R. Cartwright ..	25 00	Mrs. Wood	14 00

The Rector has given notice that the offerings at the early Communion on the first Sunday in each month, will be devoted to the Mission work.

THE NORTH-WEST.

A portion of the Ascension Day offertory was given towards the expenses of Rev. C. E. Whitcombe going to the North-West as Chaplain to the Grenadiers. In acknowledging receipt of the proceeds, Mr. Wragge, treasurer of the fund, gives details of the expense incurred, by which it appears that nearly \$100 is still required.

—Among the ladies who have offered their services as nurses for the wounded in the North-West, and whose services have been accepted, is Miss Mary Mackenzie of St. George's.

—The following is the prayer now in use:

O Lord God Almighty, who from thy throne dost behold all the dwellers upon earth; look down with pity on those on whom have fallen the miseries of war. Have compassion on the sick and wounded; give peace to the dying; support and comfort all who mourn; and to those who have gone forth to minister to the suffering, grant protection, wisdom, and patience. We beseech Thee also to restrain and subdue the unruly wills and passions of men, and to overrule all events to Thy praise and glory. Have compassion on our suffering brethren, and repair the desolations caused by war. Pour out upon us, and on all the people of this land, the spirit of grace and supplication, and join us together, in piety, loyalty, and brotherly love. Direct the counsels (and strengthen the hands) of all in authority, for the suppression of crime and outrage, and the maintenance of order and peace. And do Thou who makest wars to cease in all the world, pour down upon us, and upon all nations, the Spirit of Peace, and spread abroad the Gospel of Peace; and finally, bring us to the City of Eternal Peace, the heavenly Jerusalem, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*