

request of the chairman, addressed the meeting on the subject of the proposed new See. After his Lordship's remarks and a short discussion the meeting adjourned. At 10.30 the next morning the union met to resume the discussion, which ended in the following resolution, proposed by Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, and seconded by the Rev. G. C. Robinson, being carried unanimously: "That this meeting heartily approves of the formation of a new diocese out of portions of the dioceses of Montreal and Ontario, and having the city of Ottawa as the seat of the See, always understanding that before the new diocese is actually formed satisfactory arrangements be made that the endowment of the bishopric and the sustentation of the existing missionary work of the Church be secured." After arranging subjects for consideration at next meeting the union adjourned, to meet in the month of May at St. Alban's Church, Ottawa.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN.—Lent Mission.—The season of Lent was opened by a nine days mission in this parish, commencing on the 1st Sunday in Lent and closing on Monday Feby. 26th. The Incumbent having failed to obtain the services of any brother clergymen as missionary, and feeling the urgent need of a revival and deepening of the spiritual life of his congregation, determined to conduct the "mission" himself. Notice was therefore given in Church two weeks previously, and was repeated in public and private, every subsequent opportunity. House to house visitation was commenced three days before the mission, and continued every day till its close. The mission was opened by the regular Sunday morning service, with a celebration of the Holy Communion, when the communicants were instructed to offer up a special prayer for God's blessing on the work. An address was delivered setting forth the plan and objects of the services. On Sunday evening and on all subsequent evenings during the nine days, a mission service compiled by the Rev. E. P. Crawford, and authorized by the Bishop, was used, and stirring addresses were delivered on Repentance and Faith. The subjects chosen for the addresses were "Sin," "Death," "The Prodigal," "The Sprinkled Blood," "Hell," "See thy way in the valley," "Behold, I stand at the door and knock," "Confessing Christ." An after-meeting was held at the close of each service, when were delivered plain instructions in the way of salvation, and the missionary obtained an opportunity of conversing with those who had been impressed by the services. Prayer meetings were held on three afternoons during the week, conducted as follows: Hymn, General Confession, Absolution, Collects, Penitential Psalms, Lesson, Meditation, Hymn, short readings on "Repentance and Faith" and "Salvation" from Rev. W. W. How's "Pastor in Parochia." The services were all well attended, the congregation increasing every night. Sunday evening last the Church was crowded to excess, several being unable to obtain seats. As the result of the mission 18 have given in their names as candidates for Confirmation, and 12 to prepare to receive the Holy Communion at Easter, making a total of 30 to be ultimately added to the present list of Communicants. This will increase the number of Communicants to 61, a large number for a small country parish. The Incumbent was assisted in the work by his lay-reader.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—We are happy to be able to state that the special application to the city for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the Mission Fund is very successful. The contributions up to the present time amount to more than \$3,500.

St. Matthias.—The Secretary of the Choir Fund begs to acknowledge with many thanks the subscriptions below:—Rev. R. Harrison, \$5.00; J. H. Cass, 50c; P. H. Keys, 50c; J. T. Keys, 50c; J. T. Lewis, 50c; P. A. Irving, 50c; J. Farncomb, 25c; J. R. Serson, 25c; R. T. Nichol, 25c; H. V. Ogden, 25c; H. A. Avant, 25c; A. Sympthiser, 25c; S. Mills, 25c; A. Friend, 25c; R. S. R., Secy., \$5.00; A. Friend, Hamilton, \$1.00; A. W. S., 25c; G. B. Cook, 25c; St. Matthias' Choir, \$10.00; A. Friend, \$1.00; Jno. C., 25c;

John Way, 25c; C. E. S. Radcliffe, \$1.00; T. S. Ross, 25c.—R. S. RADCLIFFE, Sec.-Treas.

TORONTO.—St. James'.—The services during the past week, superintended by the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, have been going on in the same way we mentioned in our last issue. Such crowds have attended the Bible classes in the afternoon that they have had to adjourn from the school room to the church. The evening services have also been equally successful. On Sunday the church was attended at all the services to its utmost capacity. Four or five thousand children were present at the services for the young in the afternoon. The text was: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

TORONTO.—Synod Office.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending March 3rd, 1877: **MISSION FUND.**—On account of *Special Appeal*—Chief Justice Hagarty, \$50.00; Archdeacon Whitaker, first instalment of subscription, \$100.00; on account of collections by Rural Dean Allen and Mr. S. G. Wood, \$94.00.

July Collection, 1876.—Peterborough, \$23.05. **Thanksgiving Collection, 1876.**—Peterborough, \$38.95.

January Collection.—Uxbridge, St. Paul's, \$8.34; Greenbank, \$1.00; Goodwood, \$1.00; Peterborough, \$28.09; Toronto, St. Peter's, \$40.93; St. Anne's, \$5.68.

Missionary Meetings.—Peterborough, \$16.

Parochial Collections.—Campbellford, \$30.00; Gore's Landing, \$5.50; Harwood, \$5.05.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—October Collection—Peterborough, \$65.18.

On account of Mrs. Hill.—Grafton, \$5.00; Toronto, St. Peter's, \$33.37; Port Perry, \$2.00.

ALGOMA FUND.—Peterborough, \$34.31; Otonabee, \$2.55.

Collection on day of Intercession.—Peterborough, \$5.55.

UXBRIDGE.—A meeting was held in Unity Hall, on Friday evening the 23th ult., Rev. I. Davidson in the chair, in order to take mutual counsel as to the advisability of passing a certain Act in the county; the subject having appeared of too political a character to discuss in the Church. The Chairman thought, nevertheless, that the subject was sufficiently important for all to take an active interest in it. As to temperance itself, he thought there could be but one desire among them—that of upholding it as part of the gospel the Minister of Christ is bound to publish; the question being as to the best means to be adopted for the purpose of lessening the use of intoxicating liquors. His views in reference to the Act in question were that it would not increase the evil in the case of those who wished to reform; that no vendor of liquors would sell to any man, he considered would be likely to drink to excess; and that many who now habituate our bar-rooms and drink to excess, would pause before procuring the larger quantity. As to the tavern keepers, it would be a positive benefit to them to exchange their debasing traffic for one which would benefit their fellow creatures. He referred to the Township of Richmond, where the Act has been in operation for eight years; to Prince Edward County, where a large majority have just recorded their votes; and to the State of Maine, where a prohibition Act has been in force for twenty years. He came to the conclusion that he could not conscientiously oppose the Dunkin Act, wishing it to have a fair trial; and that the advantages of it would be to remove immediate and pressing temptation, to raise the hotel-keeper in the moral scale; and to lay upon ourselves this necessity of self-denial. When good can be done to our fellow creatures, a mere monetary consideration ought not to weigh in the balance, neither ought a selfish argument for convenience to prevail. Differences of opinion were expressed at the meeting, but the utmost good feeling prevailed.

NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

HAMILTON.—The week following my last letter has been singularly barren of church news. But little space will suffice to tell it all. The usual Wednesday evening services were held in the vari-

ous churches, or rather in the school rooms of the churches. At the Church of the Ascension, the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe officiated, and preached a most impressive sermon.

During Lent at All Saints there is to be daily service at five o'clock. There is generally a very good attendance.

The Literary Society of Wentworth School is arranging a course of public lectures, the proceeds to be used in procuring a library for the school. The names of some of our most distinguished men appear on the programme.

A social was held in Mr. Ball's parish of Barton last week. The proceeds of these entertainments are to be kept as a sort of surplus fund to be distributed as the pastor and his churchwardens think fit. This is certainly an excellent idea, and shows there are other purposes for which ladies and others in a parish are to labour besides merely getting money to pay off debts on expensive buildings. The poor and needy of a parish ought certainly to be provided for as well as the wealthy. ERALC.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara has been of late visiting the parishes in the north-eastern part of his diocese, between Guelph and Brampton. Friday and Saturday he spent at Georgetown and Norval. On Sunday the 25th he drove 30 miles with the Rev. Mr. Lee, preaching in the morning at the Church of the Ascension, Eramosa, where he also administered the Holy Communion to 25 persons. In the afternoon he preached at Rockwood, and also administered the Communion to 20 communicants, Mr. Lee being in Deacon's orders. On the evening of the same day he preached at Acton to a large congregation. On Monday he drove over to Milton, 13 miles, saw some of the leading members of the church there, and in the evening delivered a lecture to a good audience. On Tuesday he proceeded to Hornby, and delivered a lecture there also. We learn that an ordination will be probably held in St. George's Church, Guelph, during the Whitsun season.

HURON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PAISLEY.—The annual missionary meeting was held in the Church of the Ascension on the evening of Feb. 28th. An address, full of Christian earnestness, was delivered by Rev. W. Shortt, of Walkerton, who was followed by Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, of Kincardine, in a most interesting account of the life, labours and death of the late Bishop Pattison. The Rev. Rural Dean Cooper closed with some excellent remarks well calculated to impress upon the people their duties and their privileges. The collection was equal to any of former years. When we remember that this congregation has lately contributed handsomely towards the enlargement of their church—now much beautified and improved—and when we consider the "hard times" we must confess that it is doing well. In addition to this it is pleasing to be able to say that the salary given the Incumbent is larger than ever before, and is paid with much greater promptness; and we are not without hope that this will become, in the course of two or three years, with the blessing of God, a self-supporting congregation. The Deanery meeting was held in the morning of the same day. Present: Rev. Messrs. Cooper, Rural Dean; Shortt, Mackenzie, and Wall, Incumbent. Matters of interest were discussed, we hope, to the edification of all. The church in Bruce is certainly progressing, and as far as man can see the future looks bright.

LONDON.—Not less appropriate than "Catholic" and "Apostolic" is the term historic, applied to the Anglican Church—historic in her continuity and not less so in her services, bringing before her people in regular rotation the great events of sacred history that are the foundation of her faith. From the first Sunday of the Christian year till Trinity Sunday the marvellous events in the life of the great Head of the Church are inculcated on the minds of her children from their infancy in her regular services. It were to be wished that the observation of this Lenten season were more thorough, and we more desirous of commemorat-