

aminers of the Church in this Diocese. Mr. Bliss has for many years devoted himself to the study of Divinity, and it must be a source of gratification to himself, as it is to us, and to his many other friends throughout the country, that he has sustained himself so creditably. The examination took place at Kingston during the past week, and Mr. Bliss was complimented by the senior examiner, Rev. Bleasdel, who took occasion to refer to the service he had rendered the Church in publishing two editions of his *Clerical Guide*, a work of great merit and importance."

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections etc., received during the week ending December, 7th 1878.

ALGOMA FUND.—*Day of Intercession Collection.* Holland Landing, \$2.01; Sharon \$1.32; St. Stephen's, Toronto, \$5.24; York Mills, \$5.50; Toronto, St. John's, \$3.68; St. Anne's, \$8.34; St. Luke's, \$15.50; Ashburnham, \$5.00; Etobicoke, St. George's, \$8.67; Christ Church, \$4.56; Collingwood, \$13.60; Barrie, \$14.00; Dysart, \$1.50; Newcastle, \$15.58; Manvers, St. Mary's, 50c; St. Paul's, \$1.25; Port Perry, \$4.00; Whitby, \$4.40; Hastings, 47c; Alnwick, 35c; St. Matthias' Toronto, \$2.67; Aurora, \$2.30; Oakridges, \$3.60; Carleton, \$2.50. Collection by children at St. Luke's, Ashburnham Sunday School, \$2.76.

MISSION FUND.—*Thanksgiving Collection.*—Toronto, St. George's, \$140.80; All Saints' \$61.58; St. Paul's, \$46.67; Church of the Redeemer, \$2.08; St. Matthias', \$7.72; Trinity College Chapel, \$35.10; St. John's, \$21.93; St. Anne's, \$17.25; Parkdale Mission Chapel, \$2.76; St. Luke's, \$32.31; Newmarket, \$8.00; Etobicoke, St. George's, \$4.37; Christ Church, \$3.40; Woodbridge, Christ Church, \$5.90; Newcastle, \$25.70; Manvers, St. Mary's, \$1.00; St. Paul's, \$1.25; Port Perry, \$8.00; Whitby, \$6.00; Colborne, \$4.75; Brighton, \$1.75; Haliburton, \$2.00; Wybridge, \$4.00; Orillia, \$16.55; Credit, \$4.25; Port Credit, \$4.90; Dixie, \$1.90; Hastings, 70 cents; Alnwick, 49 cents; Holland Landing, \$2.58; Aurora, \$5.60. *Special Appeal.* Edmund Wragge, Subscription, \$4.00; Walter R. Strickland, on acc. of subscription, \$12.50; Chancellor Sprague, on acc. of subscription, \$25.00. *Parochial Collections.*—Seymour & Percy on account, \$14.50.

MISSION FUND.—Canadian Land and Emigration Company's grant to Dysart for half year ending 31st December, \$50.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*October Collection.*—Tecumseth, Trinity Church, \$1.87; St. John's, \$2.00; Christ's Church, \$1.32; Clarks-ville, 98 cents; Batteaux, \$6.00; Duntroon, \$4. St. George's Toronto, additional \$48.50; Church of the Redeemer, Yorkville, \$75.00. *Donation.*—Rev. John E. Cooper and family, \$1.00.

St. Stephen's.—The Twentieth anniversary of the opening of St. Stephen's church was celebrated on Advent Sunday, appropriate services, conducted by the rector, Rev. A. J. Broughall, taking place morning and evening. In the course of his morning sermon, the Rev. gentleman gave a brief history of the church. St. Stephen's in the Fields as the church was originally called, was erected in 1858, and opened on Advent Sunday of that year. Since then, a new parish, St. Thomas' has been set off to the north, St. Stephen's has contributed of its boundaries to form three other parishes; still St. Stephen's parish has steadily grown. In October, 1865, the church with its organ and other contents was destroyed by fire nothing being left but the bare walls. In less than five months from the date of the fire the congregation reassembled in the restored church, which was out of debt. The clergyman's house having been burned down, a parsonage was erected, land for the purpose being purchased. A large organ was subsequently purchased for the church and, after that again, a new school house was built, one of much humbler proportions, which was located on ground given by the founder of the church, having been previously used. This year (1878) the church has been beautified and enlarged by the addition of two spacious wings.

Association of the C. G. S.—At the annual meeting held on the 2nd inst. the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Miss Oxenham. Vice-President, Miss Woollal. Secretary, Miss Sykes. Librarian, Miss Marshall. Assistant Librarian, Miss S. Edgar.

WEST MONO.—A Confirmation will (D.V.) be held in this mission in the Church of the Herald Angel, by the Bishop of Algoma on Sunday morning, Dec. 22nd, when a large number of candidates will present themselves for the Apostolic rite.

The death is announced of Dr. Langstaff, of Springhill, Township of King. The Doctor was loved by all who knew him, and his death will be keenly felt in the neighborhood. He died on the 27th, and leaves a widow, five sons and two daughters. He was a consistent Christian, the pillar and corner stone of the little Church which he so dearly loved. He laboured assiduously for its welfare. He had a decided opinion on Church matters, being an ardent believer in the doctrines of the Church. In his demise the Church loses a staunch and practical supporter, the community a kind and benevolent citizen and neighbour, his widow a loving husband, and his children a kind and indulgent parent.

Thanksgiving Day was observed in most of the City Churches. The attendance was generally good, and the collections in most instances, according to the Bishops directions were for the Mission Fund.

MILLBROOK.—The Missionary Meeting at Holy Trinity Church on the 6th was largely attended. The Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, Clerical Secretary of Missions delivered an excellent address.

BAILIEBOROUGH.—A large attendance was also present here on the 7th, when addresses, full of information, were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Hodgkin and the Rev. Mr. Harris, of Omamee, who were listened to with lively satisfaction.

CAVAN.—St. John's.—The Rev. Dr. Hodgkin preached three missionary sermons: in this church in the morning; at St. Mark's, Bethany, in the evening. His sermon at Millbrook was a powerful production, occupying an hour in the delivery, and the well-filled collection plates showed that it was not without its proper effect.

"Observer," in the *Port Hope Times*, says: "The labors of so zealous and able an advocate as Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, can hardly fail to help the cause of Missions in the Church of England very materially; he seems indeed to be the 'right man in the right place.'"

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of November, 1878:

MISSION FUND.—*Offertory Collections.*—Binbrook, \$1.20; Saltfleet, 75c; Oakville, \$7.20. *On Guarantee Account.*—Port Maitland, \$7.00; Palermo, \$20.00; Drayton, \$15.00; Nassagaweya, \$90.00; Harriston, \$60.00; Clifford, \$50.00; Carlisle, \$25.00; Fergus, \$26.00; Alma, \$20.00; Acton, \$50.00; Stewarttown, \$100.00; Omagh, \$100.00; Palermo, \$31.00. *Parochial Collections.*—Dunnville, \$11.00; Marshville, \$1.00.

AMARANTH SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION.—Mrs. Thomson, \$25.00; Mrs. Bruce, \$5.00.

ALGOMA FUND.—Drummondville, \$3.68; Stamford, \$4.60.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offertory Collections.*—Elora, \$5.00; Marshville, 70c; Binbrook, 92c; Saltfleet, 69c; Rymal, 58c; Clifford, \$2.10; Drew, 71c; Clifton (add'l), \$2.00; Guelph, \$67.48; Port Colborne, \$3.60; South Cayuga, \$4.00; Port Maitland, \$1.00; Cayuga, \$27.30; Palmerston, \$1.00; Lowville, \$1.20; Nassagaweya, Carlisle, 70c; Kilbride, 68 cts.; Stewarttown, \$2.00; Oakville, \$10.00; Milton, \$1.00; Grimsby, \$11.00; South Walpole, \$4.04; St. Thomas, Hamilton, \$4.00; Jarvis, \$4.91; Aldershot, \$2.07; Waterdown, \$3.00; Norval, \$3.70; Nelson, \$1.00; Burlington, \$4.00; Dundas, \$8.68.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PETERSVILLE.—On Advent Sunday, the Rev. J. Jacobs, missionary to his brethren, the Indians of Sarnia Reserve and Kettle Point, said morning prayer and preached in St. George's Church, to a large and deeply interested congregation. He spoke of the work of the Church among the Indians. The preacher, himself an Indian, was educated for the ministry in Huron College, and was ordained by his Lordship the Bishop of Huron. He was appointed to the mission of the Sarnia Reserve where he has, ever since he was ordained, been laboring among his brethren, and he has been greatly blessed in his labours. Scattered far and wide in "the clearings," the members of the Church have some of them a considerable journey to make to their morning and evening service, yet they are very regular in their assembling themselves together, and very reverent in their demeanor in the Court of the Lord. In the two congregations, numbering about two hundred souls, there are eighty communicants.

KIRKTON.—Rev. Mr. Scott will officiate until Easter here and at St. Patrick's Church, Bidulph. He will hold fortnightly services at Prospect Hill. This will doubtless be a great blessing to the churchmen in that district, the missions being so large that many families must be entirely without those privileges that they had enjoyed in the parochial system of their native land. In Huron County, of which this mission is part, as well as in the other northern counties, it is wholly out of the power of the missionaries, be they ever so zealous, and indefatigable, to gather in the harvest that awaits the few labourers.

The readers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, no doubt, remember the reception into the Church by Confirmation, of a congregation of German Lutherans and their minister, Rev. S. Edelstein; and the opening for Divine worship of their new Church. Mr. Edelstein, who had been converted from Judaism, and then had been for some time Lutheran minister, was the instrument in bringing about the conversion of his flock to the Church, and was ordained by his Lordship the Bishop of Huron, does not limit the sphere of labors to the Churches at Colchester and Kingsville, but is also holding services among the German colonists in other parts of that Western district. On the 1st inst., he held morning service in Hunton's Hall, and at evening service in Christ's Church, Chatham. This is the second of his monthly visits to Chatham. Christ's Church is in the parish of Ven. Archdeacon Sandys, but he gladly throws open his Church to this German mission.

The Church having had her Thanksgiving Services for the ingathering of the harvest, the day set apart by the Governor General as a day of National Thanksgiving was not marked by special services in our Churches in the city with (as far as we have heard) a solitary exception. The same holds good of our country Churches. In St. James', Ingersoll, there was a lecture by the Rev. E. M. Bland.

DELHI.—Norfolk.—The Holy Season of Advent is being religiously observed in this village. The new brick Church was brilliantly illumined for the first time on the Eve of the first Wednesday in Advent. Litany was said by the Incumbent, Rev. T. E. Sanders, who also was the preacher, taking for the subject of his first sermon, "Death," to be followed by three others, subjects: "Judgment," "Hell," "Heaven," these will occupy the Wednesday evenings of Advent, and hope, with God's blessing, that many a hearer will be benefited and made a meet partaker of the blessed Christmas-tide. A congregation of 80 worshippers were present, and a full choir who sang three appropriate hymns from the 'Hymnal' emanating from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, most heartily. "The Church" is making a rapid advance in this long neglected part of the Diocese.