

day the 14th inst. The Deputation consisted of the Rev. T. A. Parnell, Archdeacon of Kingston, and the Rev. C. B. Pettit. Addresses were also given by the Rev. J. W. Forsythe, Canon Mulock, and the Rev. E. P. Crawford, Incumbent. There was a large and attentive audience, and several hymns were very heartily sung. The speakers remarked upon the steady increase and prosperity of the Church, and urged the duty and benefit of systematic giving. There was a practical illustration of how this principle was carried out in Trinity Sunday School, when at the close of the meeting, after the general collection was taken up, the children came forward and presented \$25 for the Algoma Fund, it being their own contribution gathered monthly during the past year. This was the more creditable, as the parish is a new one, and every effort is being made to finish the very handsome Church now in course of completion. The children are also, by what they call *Self-denial boxes*, collecting enough to pay for the pulpit for their new Church, \$30 being already subscribed towards it. All of which is an evidence of much real life in this new parish of Trinity Church.

TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The Rev. W. S. Rainsford will commence his evangelistic labours in St. James's Church on Sunday next. He has recently been assisting the Rev. Mr. Tyng in his "Gospel Tent," New York; and as the readers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN will have observed, he has subsequently been labouring in London, Ont.

WHITBY.—A concert was given in aid of All Saints' Church, on the 12th inst., in the Oddfellow's Hall, Dr. G. A. Carson acting as manager. A large attendance was present, the programme was well carried out, and the result altogether was most successful. The music, instrumental and vocal, and the readings were well performed by Mrs. Bredin, the Misses Wolfenden, M. A. Blow, Spurrell, M'Intyre, Black, Gross; Messrs. Jewell, Jeffrey, Gallaway, Farewell, M'Millan, Milne, and Souch.

TORONTO.—St. Stephen's.—On the evening of the 13th inst., a second entertainment, consisting of music and readings, was given at the Toronto Home for Incurables, by the Association of the C. G. S. connected with St. Stephen's congregation, assisted by a few friends. The inmates expressed their thankfulness for this break in the monotony of their ordinary life. On that occasion, the Rev. A. J. Broughall formally presented to the Institution a neat book case, the gift of two students of Trinity College, who are in the habit of conducting religious services weekly at the Home, and also a goodly number of interesting books collected by some members of the Association above referred to.

Last month "a few little girls," from a desire to be useful, held a quiet sale of work in the school house. At the outset they hoped to realize fifteen or twenty dollars, but with God's blessing the sum was ultimately doubled. Thirty dollars were handed to the Ladies Benevolent Society in the parish; the other ten dollars go to the building fund of the Shingwauk Home.

At a complimentary benefit recently given to Miss Blackburn, the organist, the sum of \$40 was realized, and has been handed to her. The complement was well deserved by the young lady, who is very zealous at her post.

ALBION AND MONO.—A deputation from the congregation of St. James's Church, Albion, waited upon their pastor, the Rev. W. F. Swallow, a few evenings since and presented the following address:—

To Rev. W. F. Swallow,

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We your parishioners take this opportunity of expressing our deep thankfulness for your earnest labours among us. We are aware that in the performance of your duties there are many difficulties and discouragements, as is the case with all those doing the Master's work; but we desire to convey to you our appreciation of what you are doing for us, and to ask your acceptance of a slight token of our affection and gratitude. We therefore beg you to

accept this purse and accompanying gifts; with our earnest prayer that God may long spare you to labour amongst us; and that He will give us humble hearts to receive the Church's teaching. Wishing you and your estimable lady the choicest blessings, we subscribe ourselves, in behalf of the congregation, HENRY BRACKEN, JAMES DONAGHY, Churchwardens.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, Subscriptions, and Donations received from 1st Feb., 1877, to 19th Feb., 1877:

MISSION FUND.—January Collection.—York Mills, \$3.93; Stayner and Creemore, \$5.00; Toronto, St. Thomas's, \$8.00; Newmarket, \$5.00; Newcastle, \$19.16; Pickering, \$3.00; Cobourg, \$29; Cookstown, \$2.00; Pinkerton, \$1.00; Brampton, \$12.50; Colborne, \$9.04; Brighton, \$1.57; Galway, 15 cents; Whitby, \$18.34; Toronto, St. Luke's, \$13.00; Apsley, \$1.44; Medonte, St. George's, \$2.03; St. Luke's, \$10.00; Grafton, \$6.00; Cavan (Millbrook), St. Thomas's Church, \$7.00; Christ Church, Bloomfield, \$5.74; St. John's Church, Cavan, \$2.00; Barrie, \$19.75; Georgina, \$6.54; Perrytown and Elizabethville, \$3.00; Manvers, St. Mary's, \$1.00; St. Paul's, \$2. Thanksgiving Collection.—Toronto, St. Thomas's, \$3.02; Manvers, St. Mary's, 70c; Bethany, \$1.30.

Parochial Collections.—Cameron, \$14.00; Cobocok, \$6.25; Galway, \$13.50; Port Whitby, (Pickering) \$3.55.

Missionary Meetings.—Cobocok (Cameron), \$1.75; Gore's Landing, \$4.64; Harwood, \$2.86; Mulmur West, \$5.00; St. James's, Vespra, \$10; Medonte, St. George's, \$3.00; St. Luke's, \$8.00; St. John's, Atherly, \$3.16; Barrie, \$7.25; Port Whitby (Pickering) \$8.50; Georgina, \$12.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—On account of the Widow of the late Rev. G. S. J. Hill.—Cartwright, \$2.60; Mulmur West, \$3.25; Cookstown, \$2.00; Carleton, \$4.05; Galway, 25c; Whitby, \$10.00; Georgina, \$7.35; Toronto, All Saints', \$14.04.

COLLECTIONS ON DAY OF INTERCESSION.—Cookstown, \$1.00; Brampton, \$3.85; Manvers, St. Mary's, \$1.00; St. Paul's, \$2.00.

ALGOMA FUND.—Toronto, St. Stephen's, \$20. SHINGWAUK HOME.—Tecumseth Parochial Association, \$12.50.

WEST SIMCOE RURAL DEANERY.—The usual winter meeting of the R. D. Chapter was held at the Parsonage, Cookstown, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 6th and 7th instant. On the first evening a Sunday-school entertainment was to be held, but, as the hall had been pre-engaged for another purpose, it had to be postponed until the following Tuesday. The clergy present, however, spent a very pleasant time in discussing the prospects of the Church and other ecclesiastical matters. The following morning the Rural Dean having to leave for Toronto, the remaining clergy present went to the church for an early celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar. They were cheered by the comparatively large congregation which had assembled at so early an hour, and still more so by the fact that nearly thirty communicants presented themselves to partake of the life-giving Eucharistic Feast. In the absence of Dr. Lett, R. D., the incumbent of Cookstown was celebrant, being assisted by the incumbent of Alliston. Business was then commenced, the chair being taken by Mr. Baker. Amongst others the following resolutions were passed:

Moved by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Clarke, that the members of this Rural-Decanal Chapter do offer to his Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, their profound and most deeply felt sympathy with him in his late sad bereavement, and they pray that Almighty God may support and comfort him in his hour of trial.

Moved by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Ball, that the Rural Dean be requested to confer with the Rural Dean of East Simcoe, with the object of holding a Sunday-school convention of the two rural deaneries as soon as practicable.

It was also decided that the meetings of the Chapter had better be held quarterly, and that an essayist be appointed at each meeting to write upon some assigned subject for the next meeting. It was suggested that Mr. Murphy, of Innisfil, write an essay upon Church Government, to be read at the next meeting of the Chapter, which it

was settled should be held some time during next May, at Bond Head.

In the evening the clergy, having robed in the parsonage, marched in procession to the church, and, upon their entering the sacred building, the whole congregation joined heartily in the old favourite processional, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The prayers were said (*i. e.*, monotoned) by the incumbent of Alliston, and the lessons were read by the incumbent of Bond Head. The music, under the leadership of Miss Rachel Patterson, was devotional, plain, congregational. The sermon was preached by the incumbent of North Essa, from "He breathed on them and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain they are retained"—St. John xx, 22, 23. The object and tendency of the discourse were to show that the words used by the Bishop in admitting men to the Priesthood and the form of absolution in the Order for the Visitation of the Sick, were fully warranted by the Sacred Scriptures—that they were not there to be explained away or to be misinterpreted, or quietly to become obsolete, to be apologized for, or to be ignored, but to be understood, to be maintained, to be used—that in fact it was not only right to have them there, but that it would be a positive wrong not to have them.

MISSION FUND.

To the Clergy and Lay Members of the Church of England in the Diocese of Toronto:

At a meeting of the Mission Board of this Diocese on Friday, February 9th, the following Resolution was passed unanimously:

"That it is, in the opinion of this Board, a matter of the greatest importance that a special effort should be made forthwith to wipe out its indebtedness, and that for this purpose two or more gentlemen be appointed by the Lord Bishop to make personal application, in the first instance to the Churchmen of this city, and afterwards to those of the several towns in the Diocese, and that his Lordship be requested to sanction and recommend this effort in a pastoral letter to be read in the several churches of Toronto, and of the other places in which the appeal shall be made, on the Sunday immediately preceding the making of such appeal."

I rejoice, and am thankful, that a Resolution so opportune has been so heartily adopted; and that the means for carrying it into effect were promptly arranged by a committee appointed immediately after the adoption of the Resolution.

On the part of the Mission Board, I have to state that its indebtedness, after deducting what is due from the Diocese of Niagara, amounts to \$8,000. We desire, therefore, to raise that amount at once; and, believing that forty persons in this Diocese will be found who will each contribute \$200 towards its extinction on the terms of payment proposed, I am in hope that the result of a general canvass throughout the Diocese will be the attainment of a sum far beyond this requirement, and show a balance that would form a promising nucleus for a permanent Sustentation Fund. This could, at intervals, be increased in future years, through a special appeal like the present; and thus in time a fund would be established from which the weak parishes of the Diocese, as well as remote and poor missions, could be permanently assisted, without risk of embarrassment from the fluctuating character of the collections made year by year throughout the Diocese.

At present we have thirty-nine missions to aid at an annual cost of \$9,800. These it is the duty of the Church to maintain. But there will be better assurance of this if we wipe out the indebtedness that now exists, and the existence of which must be a grief and shame to every earnest and conscientious churchman in the Diocese.

To these we appeal, and not without a confidence that the appeal will be widely and generously answered.

I remain your faithful servant,
Toronto, Feb. 12, 1877. A. N. TORONTO.

If we walk lowly before God, we shall walk gracefully in the presence of our fellow-men.