

Clergymen, in each parish or mission, are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service as arranged in the following lists.

The remaining parts of the above counties will be served during the autumn, and the lists of services will be published later on in the year.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with Christian names in full and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which list, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

The Bishop places the responsibility of punctual attendance at each service on the clergyman in charge, and particularly requests that nothing may be allowed to interfere and prevent the Bishop from being present and ready for service, as named in the printed lists.

The following are the appointments for April in the counties of Perth and Huron:—

Rev. A. K. Griffin, Monkton, Sunday, 17th, 11 a.m.; Rev. R. Ker, Trinity Church, Mitchell, Sunday, 17th, 7 p.m.; Rev. D. Deacon, M. A., Sebringville, Monday, 18th, 10 a.m.; Rev. E. Patterson, M. A., St. James' Church, Stratford, Monday, 18th, 7 p.m.; Rev. D. Deacon, M. A., Home Memorial Church, Stratford, Tuesday, 19th, 10 a.m.; Rev. W. A. Graham, Grace Church, Millbank, Tuesday, 19th, 3 p.m.; Rev. M. Turnbull, Christ Church, Liatowel, Wednesday, 20th, 10 a.m.; Rev. W. T. Cluff, St. John's Church, Brussels, Wednesday, 20th, 3 p.m.; Rev. R. McCosh, St. Paul's Church, Wingham, Thursday, 21st, 11 a.m.; Rev. R. Shaw, St. Peter's Church, Lucknow, Thursday, 21st, 7 p.m., and on Friday, 22nd, 10 a.m., in Christ Church, Teeswater; Rev. J. H. Moorehouse, St. Stephen's Church, Gorrie, Friday, 22nd, 4 p.m.; Rev. H. D. Steele, St. Stephen's Church, Goderich Township, Saturday, 30th, 11 a.m.

MITCHELL.—The Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin, will make an official visit to this parish (D.V.) on Sunday April 17th., being the first Sunday after Easter. There is a large confirmation class in course of preparation. His Lordship is expected to preach morning and evening in Trinity Church, and in the afternoon to preach at Monkton, some 17 miles distant.

THE LADIES' ALGOMA COMMITTEE.—The Ladies' Committee, organized by the Bishop of Algoma, in connection with Trinity Church, met at the Rectory on Monday afternoon, for the purpose of arranging for future operations. Nearly all the members of the committee were present. Mrs. Ker was elected President, and Mrs. Dent and Mrs. J. T. Hicks to the joint offices of Secretary and Treasurer. After consideration it was arranged to prepare a box of clothing, it having been explained by the Bishop of Algoma, that every sort of wearing apparel would prove acceptable to the Indians or poorer class of white settlers in the Diocese. Contributions of new or old clothing will be thankfully received by any member of the Ladies' Committee, or may be left with the Treasurer, Mrs. A. Dent. Mrs. Ker called attention to the action taken by the ladies in London in regard to the Queen's Jubilee, the object being to help the Widows and Orphan's Fund of the Diocese of Algoma, by a contribution. It was arranged that Mrs. Ker should take charge of this matter and solicit subscriptions. Mrs. Ker and Mrs. Dent each promised an annual contribution to the fund. The Committee will now be glad to hear from those who have any articles of clothing which they would wish to devote to the object in view.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

PORT CARLING.—The incumbent begs to acknowledge from the President of the Quebec Cathedral Branch of the Women's Auxiliary

Domestic and Foreign Missions, a box containing clothing for the poor of his district. The contents of box a most seasonable gift to some poor families.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The *Church News*, Natchez, Miss., says:—

Of all the helps to a Christian life, there is no one thing more useful than the observance of the Christian year. For, as in forgetfulness lies always the greatest danger, nothing can be of greater service than that which helps us to remember. It was when they forgot God that Israel suffered afflictions. The whole ritual of the ancient Church was commemorative or prophetic. The Jews were bidden to keep certain feasts and fasts to put them in remembrance, to do certain acts or memorials, rather as reminders; and while they obeyed they prospered. But when they forgot God and ceased to walk in the way of their fathers, and turned to idols and to strange gods, then the anger of the Lord was visited upon them, as we read in the lessons of the Lenten season. And the Church of God never has given up such observances, such memorial days and seasons. Year by year

"The way before us lies

Distinct with signs, thro' which in set career
As thro' a Zodiac moves the ritual year."

and if we derive from them no benefit the fault is our own. It is because we do not use them aright, or else do not use them at all—just as no amount of food will benefit a famished man if he eat none of it, or as nourishment is of small advantage to the invalid if taken without appetite, or as exercise is of little benefit if gone thro' with mechanically, and without pleasure or interest.

Of all the seasons of remembrance and renewal, Lent is perhaps the most precious. As long as we are in the world, we must live more or less in contact with the world.

Living in the world exposed to its temptations and subject to its dangers, Lent comes to us and says: "Come ye apart in a desert place and rest awhile." Rest from the turmoil and the strife of life, rest from the amusements, the festivity, the pleasure even which may be harmless and innocent enough in themselves, but which do take up some time and portion of your thoughts. Sanctify a fast. Bring to your remembrance the story of your redemption. Live over for these forty days your Saviour's passion and precious death. Remember that you are bought with a price and oh! how great the sum of that price. Wash you. Make you clean. If you have gone astray stop now and come back. Come back and read once more, hear once more the story of the Cross—and know that because of that Cross and passion you may return to your Father; because of that, returning you will be forgiven, justified, cleansed, redeemed—not for any merit of your own, but for the priceless merit of the Son of God!"

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The name of Correspondent must in all cases be enclosed with letter, but will not be published unless desired. The Editor will not hold himself responsible, however, for any opinions expressed by Correspondents.)

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—A writer over the initials F. F. W. has written a letter to our church papers in which he seems greatly exercised over the fact that somebody has given through our Missionary Society one dollar to Labrador.

This is simply a specified offering from one person in one diocese out of the \$5,100 and more received by the Treasurer of the Domestic

and Foreign Missionary Society since August last, and one would think from the tone of his letter that this small sum and "a mere handful of silver" more represented all the work of the Society during that time.

It would have been fair to have added the amounts together and have shown that \$5,142 39 in six months is not so despicable as he would imply. The Board always respects the wishes of donors, even to the extent of one dollar, and will always send their contributions to the places desired by them.

When our friend says, "Why do you Christian men, who have your thousands stored away, let your wives give their \$5 nest-eggs, and your daughters go round with their collecting-book, getting a quarter here and a half-dollar there to carry on this great missionary work, instead of yourselves stepping forward and proving the truth of your Christian profession by laying your hundreds and thousands at the feet of the Saviour?" he speaks well; but when he says, "What is this Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions but a farce? To what object is all this machinery and organisation while people's hearts remain unstirred, while people calling themselves Christians are wholly given over to nineteenth century idolatry?" he surely cannot have weighed his words well, for the object of the Society is to arouse that very feeling which he says lies dormant, and to show people the importance of supporting missions. Twice a year the Board issues an appeal signed by all the Bishops and sent to all the clergy to be read to all the congregations, calling upon all the people, for God's sake to take an interest in missions, both foreign and domestic, and asking them for offerings in support of them. What more can be done than that, at least as a beginning? This Society pays no salaries to her officers. They do their work as a labor of love, and it is easy for our friend to say, "send your secretaries and your treasurers and your paper missions (whatever he means by that) to the winds," but how much better off was the Church in Canada before this society, which he ridicules, was established?

How was the great missionary spirit which has made the Anglican Church a power in the face of the whole world to-day aroused if not by the means of societies? Too long has Canada been without her missionary organisation and now that exists let noble men and true stand by it and help it in all its endeavors to promote the cause of missions instead of writing sentimental gush on such a text as "Labrador one dollar."

He wonders what our Lord "sitting above the feathery clouds" thinks of this one dollar for Labrador. This we cannot know; but we do know that once He sat over against a treasury and saw a poor woman casting into it two mites which make a farthing, and that He declared that she had cast in more than those who had given their costly gifts. May it not be, for all we know, that "Labrador, one dollar" represents just such a case as that?

Yours truly,

CHAS. H. MOCKBRIDGE,

Hon. Secy. D. and F. Missionary Society.

Hamilton, Ont., March 18th, 1887.

THE HALIFAX CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—"Nova Scotia" in his plausible appeal strongly smacks of the one who wondered why such treasure should be wasted on his Masters feet while the suffering poor were penniless. There is a savour of unreality and peevishness about the whole letter, and in his charge of "Vanity" "shows but little real generosity.

But as a Nova Scotian, kindly allow me to protest against King's College being thrust upon us on every occasion. This unfortunate tendency in its friends has been the obstacle