

ley, from whom the Bishop heard it. "The Church," the Dean said, "does not know what it owes to the Queen. Disraeli has been utterly ignorant, utterly unprincipled; he rode the Protestant horse one day; then got frightened that it had gone too far, and was injuring the county elections. So he went right round, and proposed names never heard of."

Disraeli recommended—for Canterbury!!! The Queen would not have him; then Disraeli agreed most reluctantly and with passion to Tait. Disraeli then proposed Wordsworth for London. The Queen objected strongly; no experience; passing over Bishops, &c.; then she suggested Jackson and two others, not you, because of Disraeli's expressed hostility; and Disraeli choose Jackson.

Disraeli opposed Leighton with all his strength on every separate occasion. The Queen would have greatly liked him, but Disraeli would not hear of him. You cannot conceive the appointments he proposed and retracted, or was overruled; he had no other thought than the votes of the moment; he showed an ignorance about all Church matters, men, opinions, that was astonishing. "The Duke of Marlborough told the Bishop 'of Disraeli's excitement when he came out of the Royal Closet. Some struggle about the Primacy.' Lord Malmesbury 'also said that when he spoke to Disraeli, he said, 'Don't bring any more bothers before me; I have enough already to drive a man mad.' The whole impression the extracts give of Mr. Disraeli is curiously different from that usually entertained of him. If in his closing years he lost in vigour, he certainly seems to have gained in temper."

Of the Bishop of Cork, Bishop Wilberforce tells a good story:—"The Congress began with service in St. Patrick's; admirable sermon from Dean of Cork, of which Bishop of Cork said, 'It was an admirably arranged and delivered sermon, clever, eloquent, argumentative, illustrative, and not in it Gospel enough to save a tomtit!' Limerick, 'clever, quite unread—no taste for Episcopate; was scarcely persuaded to be made a Bishop. His living—the best in Ireland—was wanted, and so he was quite pressed into accepting.' Cashel, 'very fond of money, and simply a low party man.'"

The Church of England owes to Lord Beaconsfield a very real loss. But for him, Bishop Wilberforce would have gone to London in 1868, and in that great diocese he would have found an admirable field for his peculiar gifts. That he would have made as eminent an Archbishop of Canterbury as Bishop Tait, we are inclined to doubt. He might have been too ubiquitous, too much the Primate "of All England." But in London he would have been exactly in the right place. No man could grapple with work as he grappled with it, and the continuous contact with mankind which would have awaited him there would have brought out the best aspects of his character, his readiness, his unwearied energy, his power of sympathising with all who would allow themselves to be sympathised with. It is to be noted, as a striking exception to the knowledge of men with which Lord Beaconsfield is credited, that he made no attempt to gain—seemingly, never even wished to gain—Bishop Wilberforce.—*Spectator*

Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

DOMINION.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—The missionary meetings in connection with the city churches have just been held with encouraging results. The Bishop took the chair on each occasion. The Rev. Mr. Duvernet, son of Canon Duvernet, rector of Chabley, is named for the position of curate at the church of St. James the Apostle. Mr. Duvernet received deacon's orders on the 21st Jan., at the hands of the Bishop of Montreal. The Rev. Canon Henderson, who lately met with a serious accident, is convalescent and will resume his lectures at the college.

St. James Church.—The Rev. F. H. Duvernet has been appointed to the curacy of this church by the Bishop.

AYLMER.—It is expected that an appointment will be made to this parish in a few days. It is rumoured that the Rev. T. E. Cunningham, incumbent of Buckingham, will be appointed. The Rev. Mr. Naylor preached on the occasion of the opening of the church after restoration.

BOLTON.—The Incumbent of this mission has commenced a series of historical classes, which are largely attended and very much appreciated by those preparing for confirmation, and those anxious to receive

instruction in the history of the Church. The results of such classes in the past history of the mission speak favourably in regard to their utility.

ONTARIO.

CLARA. It is but nine months since this mission, away up the Upper Ottawa to the extreme western limits of the Diocese, was established. It is one of several new missions the Bishop has caused to be opened in the past year. It occupies a very large tract of country, upwards of one hundred miles from Ottawa, ten miles west of Pembroke to the borders of Lake Nipissing, not many miles from the eastern boundary of Algoma. The Missionary chose for his head quarters, as being most central, the picturesque little village Mattawa and Mattawa Rivers. Here he has established himself and from this central point he makes his periodical missionary trips east and west, and here also he has built a church and parsonage house, making it indeed the one part of his mission where he can look forward to having a hearty and reverent service in a house dedicated to such use, and this, after frequent services in log houses and shanties, is a comfort to appreciate which must first be realized. Mattawa is a thriving village (and a very expensive one for a residence) with a population of about 600, it is well chosen as the head quarters of the mission. It is the distributing point for the vast lumber regions of the Upper Ottawa, and in consequence has a very large floating population. The church now being finished is the first English Church in this section of the Province, and the missionary Rev. Mr. Bliss, the first Church clergyman. There is not another English Church within a distance of one hundred miles. Building in this part of the country is a serious matter, everything being so costly. The Church and parsonage, however, have been rapidly and energetically pushed on. The latter was built first, and both buildings have been brought to their present state of partial completion within six months. The Church (Holy Trinity) was opened for divine worship on the Sunday before Christmas. The Rev. Mr. Forsythe, of Pembroke, celebrated Holy Communion and preached an admirable and most appropriate sermon, and in the afternoon addressed the Sunday-school children and a considerable congregation assembled for the Litany service. At the evening service Rev. Mr. Bliss, preached, addressing his people for the first time in the little church they had together laboured so hard to erect. Rev. Mr. Daw of Beachburg, and Rev. Mr. Howey of Stafford also came up to take part in the services which were continued throughout the early part of the week. The congregations were good throughout, and though some were disappointed in their expectations of seeing the Bishop, were yet very glad to learn that his lordship would be up later on and hold a Confirmation, for which it is expected there will be a number of candidates. The church is a very neat structure, gothic, and capable of seating one hundred. It is a frame, veneered with brick, cost, when finished, will be about \$2,000. This is more than it was contemplated to expend, but it could not be done cheaper. It is almost paid for, the Missionary having succeeded in collecting \$1,500. The parsonage, however, has yet to be paid for. It was built with money borrowed from a very earnest churchman in the mission, and to refund this the Missionary is pledged. He will have to collect this sum as well as the balance required for the church, but from the success that attended his efforts last year we do not anticipate much difficulty in this respect. A portion of the sum will be subscribed in the mission, but the people having contributed a good sum last year, and being mostly all poor, a very large part has to be collected from outside. It is hoped that when our clergyman again goes out to distant and wealthier parishes soliciting aid to build up this young and very poor mission, he may meet with that practical assistance of which we stand so much in need, and which wherever solicited in the past year was always cheerfully rendered.

PERTH.—The Bishop of Ontario administered the apostolic rite of laying on of hands in St. James' Church on Sunday the 14th. January. The Rector Rev. R. Stephenson, M.A., presented fifty-one candidates, 29 males and 32 females, all of whom had undergone a careful preparation in confirmation classes during the preceding three months. Several were converts from the Presbyterian and Methodist bodies, and a few were workmen in the car-shops of the Canada Pacific Railway. The Bishop addressed them at some length on the benefits of the Holy Rite of Confirmation, and the blessings which are thereby received. All the newly confirmed received the Holy Communion. At evensong the annual missionary meeting was held. Before introducing the deputation, the Rector announced that the parish had contributed towards the missionary work of the diocese during the past year the sum of \$178.04, and to the missionary diocese of Algoma \$80, making a total for mis-

sions of \$208.04. The convener of the deputation, Rev. Canon White, stated that the policy of the Mission Board was to withdraw gradually the grants from the older missions and to open missions in the remote and sparsely settled parts of the diocese, and be no longer a crutch for some parishes. The Rev. J. W. Muckleston, of Cardinal, well and plainly set before the congregation the claims of the Church to their sympathy and support. The Bishop, who was also present, delivered a forcible and telling address. The offertory at the close amounted to \$54. At both services the spacious church was crowded. Miss Hicks accompanied the services on the organ throughout the day. Special care had been given by the decorating committee of the guild of St. James' to the Christmas decorations. By the proceeds of an apron sale and concert, the debt on the organ, purchased from Messrs Warren in March 1882, at a cost of \$2,000, has been reduced to \$250, and from annual subscriptions to the rectory house debt, the churchwardens have been enabled to reduce the mortgage on the house to \$950, the building cost \$5,000 exclusive of site. The extra parish debt at present is only \$1,200. The Rector's stipend is paid to the day, and in addition, on Christmas Day, he was presented with \$150, in cash, besides presents in kind to the value of more than \$10.

LANARK.—On the 15th January, the Bishop of Ontario held a confirmation at Balderson in this mission. The missionary Rev. D. V. Gwilym, presented 41 candidates. The Bishop addressed them at some length. After the Confirmation Service, a member of the congregation presented a paten and chalice for the service of the Altar of correct ecclesiastical design. This mission has lately been divided, and a new mission set off with the village of Maberly as head quarters. An earnest and energetic presbyter would here find a suitable field of labour. Two new lines of railway pass through the centre of the mission, whilst a few miles west, trains run on the Kingston and Pembroke Railway. The grant to this mission from the Mission Board is \$400 per annum. \$200 or more could be raised by the church people. There are two churches free of debt. The people are attached to the Church. An unmarried presbyter by tact and management and devoted work, has here the promise of most encouraging reward.

PRESENTATION TO THE BISHOP.—The following address and reply explain themselves:—To the Right Reverend J. Travers Lewis, D.D., LL.D., Lord Bishop of Ontario. Right Reverend Father,—A number of the clergy of your diocese respectfully ask your Lordship to accept this Persian lamb coat as a small token of their friendship and good-will at this holy season, and that your Lordship may long be spared to preside over them. Very Rev. James Lyster, LL.D.; Venerable Archdeacon Jones, LL.D.; Revs. Canons Bleasdel, Mulock, White; Revs. H. Wilson, F. W. Kirkpatrick, R. Lewis, E. H. M. Baker, G. W. G. Grout, H. Austin, T. Bailey, J. W. Burke, W. B. Carey, J. J. Christie, F. Codd, R. J. Harvey, R. L. M. Houston, A. Jarvis, G. Jemmett, K. L. Jones, S. T. Leathly, E. Loucks, G. I. Low, S. McMorine, W. D. Mercer, G. Metzler, R. D. Mills, J. A. Morris, J. W. Muckleston, J. H. Nimmo, A. J. Loughlin, J. Osborne, M. G. Poole, S. G. Poole, A. C. Nesbitt, T. G. Porter, F. Prime, A. H. Coleman, A. W. Cooke, E. P. Crawford, A. F. Elchlin, A. Elliott, C. P. Emery, H. Farrar, R. S. Formeri, J. W. Forsythe, S. Fraser, G. Gardner, T. Garrett, T. Godden, E. A. W. Hannington, R. Harding, C. M. Harris, W. A. Read, J. Serson, A. Spencer, F. L. Stephenson, S. Tighe, J. W. Weatherdon, W. Wright, C. V. F. Bliss, S. Daw, C. O'Dell Bayley, T. Stanton, D. V. Gwilym, D. F. Bogert, J. J. Bogert, B. B. Smith.

To the Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, and the Rev. George J. Low. My Dear Brethren,—I thank you most sincerely for the kind present, which, on behalf of a number of the clergy of the diocese, you have been kind enough to give me lately. The donors mean the gift of such a valuable Persian lamb coat as a mark of good-will and friendship at the season of Christmas, and as such I accept it with many thanks, and reciprocating all your good wishes. Believe me sincerely yours, J. T. Ontario. Jan. 1st, 1888.

DEPUTATION No. 3.—The Revs. C. P. Emery and E. W. Mackay, visited ten mission stations at the beginning of January, to advocate the cause of desecrated missions. Three of these stations were without a missionary, and but a few of the people had been informed of the meetings. A severe snow storm occurred during the visit to three other stations, making many of the country roads impassable, yet the monetary response to the appeals of the missionaries was in advance of last year. In some cases the increase was thirty per cent., and in others just double.

RURAL DEANERY OF LANARK AND RENFREW.—Deputation No. 3. Rev. R. L. M. Houston, B.A., Convener; Rev. A. H. Coleman, Coadjutor. Meetings will