

emerged a dear little fair-haired, blue-eyed, child looking the picture of pure innocence. We cannot stop now to describe the other tableaux, which were all good. They were "Execution of Mary Queen of Scots," "Jack Spratt," etc., etc. The perfect way in which the little ones recited their dialogues was the subject of general comment. "The Little Philosopher" was particularly well acted, the two little girls who took part in it captivating the hearts of all. A very amusing little play was given in "Playing School." Each child took up his or her part promptly and decidedly. During the play the schoolboys' dodge of asking "Please may I go out?" was so naturally rendered as to bring down the house. Nothing during the evening's performance gave greater delight to the children than the dancing of an imported bear (for the occasion), "Jim Digley" was his *nom de plume*. The admirable manner in which old grizzly went through with his numerous feats reflected very highly upon the training powers of the bear's keeper. We must not omit to mention the singing of the children, who in spite of bad colds executed their choruses and solos very prettily. The selection of songs was taken from different composers, and included two songs and chorus from one of Sullivan's unmentionable operas. The singing of the whole audience and performers of "God Save the Queen" brought a most successful evening's entertainment to a close. We must reiterate that without the ever kind and energetic help of the ladies nothing could have been achieved. Always ready, always cheerful and willing, they render everything which they undertake delightfully successful. Well might the male portion of the congregation emulate their zeal for the furtherance of the interests of the Church in this mission. They will have an opportunity for so doing so soon as the ground about the new parsonage is ready to be laid out. Then, again, a well has to be dug before the parsonage can be considered complete—fit for a permanent habitation. Proceeds of concert, after paying expenses, \$25.

ONTARIO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

KINGSTON.—The regular meeting of the Mission Board of the diocese of Ontario was held at the Secretary's office, St. George's Hall on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. Owing to this being the meeting at which the classification and re-arrangement of the missions for the year were made, considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings, and a number of clergymen (not members of the board) were present. The following members of the Board were present, viz: The Lord Bishop of Ontario, the Very Rev. Dean Lyster, Ven. Archdeacon Jones, Rev. H. Pollard, Rev. Rural-dean Lewin, Dr. Wilson, Rev. Rural-dean Grout, Lyn; Rev. J. W. Burke, Rev. Rural-dean Baker, Rev. Canon White, Rev. Canon Pettit, Rev. E. P. Crawford, Rev. Rural-dean Kirkpatrick, Dr. Henderson, c.c., S. Keefer, R. T. Walkem, c.c., James Reynolds, James Shannon, J. B. McGuin, Dr. E. H. Smythe, A. J. Matheson, Edwin Rose, and H. Hartney.

The Rev. Canon White was elected chairman, and opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Secretary read the following financial statement of the Mission Fund for the year:—

Financial statement From December 1, 1881, to April 30, 1882:

Balance due Bank of Montreal, \$4,902.42; Paid grants to missions \$8,259.80; pensions \$250.00; balance due late Bishop of Algoma \$100.00; expenses of collection \$144.12; expenses of management \$270.00; total \$8,926.34.

To received on account Whitsunday collection \$9.43; Advent collection \$500.91; missionary meetings \$1,824.85; parochial \$4,122.42; Algoma Bishopric Fund \$164.73; transferred from Sustentation Fund \$1,968.62, total \$8,590.96, leaving balance due Bank of Montreal \$335.38.

Numerous questions were asked concerning the statement, which were satisfactorily answered by the secretary.

The following resolution was adopted:—Resolved, that in consideration of the fact that \$5,000 of the Clergy Trust Fund has been lying uninvested in the Bank of Montreal, in consequence whereof interest has not been charged on the balance due by the Mission Fund to the bank, the secretary be instructed to pay out of the Mission Fund to the Clergy Trust Fund interest upon the average debtor balance to be ascertained by him, for the past year at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

Classification of Missions. The chairman presented the report of the Classification Committee. In connection with the report a warm discussion arose relative to the appointment of a paid agent to attend missionary meetings as convener, and the following resolution was passed:—"That the Rev. G. W. White, F. W. Kirkpatrick, E. P. Crawford, H. Pellard, the Chancellor and Mr. Reynolds be a committee to report to the next meeting of the board upon the ad-

visability of appointing a missionary agent to attend the annual meetings on behalf of the Mission Fund."

That the Chancellor and the Secretaries be a sub-committee to revise the resolutions of the Mission Board.

The board adjourned at one o'clock, resumed business at two, and continued until four o'clock, again adjourning for an hour in order to make way for the Clergy Trust Fund Committee, which sat for about an hour when the consideration of the classification scheme was resumed and concluded, the classification scheme as finally adopted is \$8,750 divided as follows:—

Class I.—\$100 per annum. Huntley, North Gower and Oxford Mills, \$800. Class II.—\$150 per annum. Amherst Island, Lansdowne Rear, Leeds Rear, Merrierville, Nepear, Newboro, Vankleek Hill (the missionary to obtain \$250 on relinquishing Caledonia), Pakenham. Class III.—\$200 per annum. Arnprior, Camden East, Cumberland, Edwardsburgh, Fitzroy Harbour, Madoc, Marmora, Moulinette, Mountain, North Augusta, North Frontenac, Osgoode, Pembroke, Selby, Stirling, Shannonville. Class IV.—\$250 per annum. Finch, Franktown, Gloucester, Kitley, Lansdowne Front, Lobo, Stafford, Tamworth, Plantagenet. Class V.—\$300 per annum. Eganville, Lanark, Pittsburg, Beachburg. Class VI.—\$600 per annum. Mission of Mattawa and Chalk River.

\$400 was voted to the Bishop for the support of a missionary at Rockingham Mission, County Renfrew, and \$300 for a missionary to do duty in the townships of Clarendon, Miller, Palmerston and South Canoto.

Resolved that those missions in Class I. be notified by the secretary that at the close of the present financial year they will be liable to be struck off the list of missions so that funds may be freed for the purpose of opening missions. The board adjourned at six p.m. The meeting of the Divinity Students, Fund Committee was held at nine o'clock last evening. Present: Rev. Rural-dean Baker, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Rural-dean Kirkpatrick, the Clerical Secretary, and Mr. James Shannon.

The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Rev. Rural-dean Baker was elected chairman. The secretary read the financial statement as follows: 1881, Dec. 1st. Balance in hand \$714.63; 1882, April 29: collection \$20.17; interest \$84.00; and cash from Rev. W. R. Clark \$10.10, total on hand \$828.80.

Payments:—1882, April 29, Exhibitions W. Moore and R. N. Jones \$66.67 each; expenses \$42.12; leaving on 1st May balance in Bank of Montreal \$653.84.

Applications for new grants were made on behalf of Mr. Chas. P. Anderson, of Oxford Mills, who intends studying for the church. The secretary was directed to assure Mr. Anderson that at the proper time his case would be favourably considered. An application was made on behalf of Mr. John G. Hooper for the usual grant. A grant of \$150 per annum was made. Application was made on behalf of Mr. J. A. Shaw, of Ottawa, who is studying at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, for a grant. A grant of \$150 was made. The above grants were made on the usual conditions.

The board then adjourned.

PEMBROKE.—The long delayed appointment to this important field of labour, has at last been accomplished, the missionary, the Rev. Forster Bliss, having entered upon his work immediately after Easter.

The Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt accompanied the missionary, introducing him at each point where services, by previous announcement, were held. Great pleasure was expressed on every side at the prospect of having once more regular Church services, and after each service held on the way up, the missionary felt that he was not undertaking a very unpromising sphere of labour, notwithstanding that the extent of territory over which he would have to travel, was so great. The first service was held on Tuesday the 19th, at Chalk River, about twenty miles west of Pembroke, in a school-house, the scholars having a holiday given them in order that the room might be used for service. The attendance was all that could be expected, the service being on a week-day and in the morning. One old man had walked ten miles the previous day in order to be present, and had the prospect before him of walking the return journey after the service. Morning Prayer was said and earnest addresses delivered by the Rural-dean and the missionary. In the afternoon a second service, with baptisms, was held at the house of Mr. Wm. Feild, a staunch Churchman and an old friend of the Rural-dean's. A goodly number assembled at this service. Evensong was said throughout by the Rev. Mr. Bliss, and the Holy Sacrament of Baptism was solemnly and impressively administered by the Rev. Mr. Nesbitt. Two little girls aged respectively six years, and nineteen months, daughters of Mr. Feild, very tastefully dressed in pure white, were presented by their sponsors, the elder child receiving the sacred rite kneeling. The ceremony, impressively performed as it was, could not fail in its effect upon those who witnessed it. The proper performance of our Baptis-

mal Office would be far more instructive than many an ordinary sermon on Baptism.

The next point for service was at Bissetts Creek, where upon arrival it was found there was no place in which service could be held, and but poor, if any, accommodation for the night. However, forewarned is forearmed, and having the lumbering depot of Levi Young, Esq., pointed out to them, the deputation walked over, leaving their valises in charge of the station agent in Waggoner, a good Churchman and former parishioner of the Rev. Mr. Nesbitt. Arriving at Capt. Young's depot, the missionary presented a letter of introduction with which he had been kindly favoured by Mr. Gordon, one of the firm in Ottawa, and which ensured most hospitable treatment at the hands of Mr. Stewart, the foreman at this depot, and Mr. Carmack. One can form but little idea of the extent of our lumbering operations unless first paying a visit to the regions where these labours are carried on. A lumbering depot is the headquarters of operations for a certain section, generally speaking it comprises a farm with its necessary appendages in the way of stock, &c., for the purpose of raising supplies for the shanties; but as the demand exceeds the supply, large importations have to be made from other parts of the country. The buildings at this depot give one an idea of an almost model farm, and certainly Mr. Stewart is a model foreman, for he seems to be everywhere at all times, directing and superintending the large concern under his charge. After a very pleasant evening, a refreshing night's rest, and a capital breakfast (which, by the way, had to serve till six o'clock in the evening) the rev. gentlemen bade adieu to their kind entertainers, and wended their way back to the station. Here the Rural-dean had engaged to administer Baptism to the infant daughter of Mr. Samuel King, after which the train was again taken en route for the Mattawa, the headquarters of the mission. After a journey of some six hours—delay having been occasioned by the track being under water in some places—Mattawa was reached in time for tea, which latter was enjoyed to its fullest extent, a not surprising fact considering that there had been no possibility of obtaining anything since breakfast at 9 a.m., at Mr. Young's depot: Tea disposed of, the hour for service arrived, which according to prior arrangement was held in the then only available place in the village, a union meeting house—the joint property of the Presbyterians and Methodists. Not feeling disposed to intrude into the elegantly upholstered rostrum which occupied a prominent place in the meeting house, the clergy took up their position on either side thereof, and for the first time in the village of Mattawa the service of the Church of England was performed, the Rev. Mr. Nesbitt taking the first part, and the Rev. Mr. Bliss the lessons and concluding prayers. The place was well filled with a well conducted and attentive audience, a few being observed to follow the service in their Prayer Books. The Rural-dean introduced the missionary in a very warm and kindly spoken address. The Rev. Mr. Bliss in his address told the people why he had come among them, by whom he was sent, and what he wished to do and accomplish, the extent of his field of labour, and bespoke their encouragement, their support, and their prayers. He announced that a building had been placed at his disposal for temporary use as a place of worship, and that he would hold the first service the following Sunday, calling upon all Churchmen and well-wishers of the Church, to give encouragement to his work. The Rural-dean followed with an earnest and stirring address, clearly and forcibly setting forth the mission and character of the Church, defining and defending her position in the midst of so much heresy and schism, as a true branch of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Mr. Nesbitt was most happy in his address, outspoken as it was, and however much it may for the time perhaps shock the Puritanic ear to have to listen to such "pernicious" teaching within their sacred walls, yet there were present true-hearted Churchmen who would appreciate and endorse all that was claimed. A little more leaven of this sort might be advantageously worked in when our clergy have the opportunity of addressing mixed assemblies (e.g., missionary meetings might thereby be made a little more interesting, and in one sense much more profitable).

At the conclusion of the service the Rural-dean met several old friends, whom he introduced to the missionary. He was also called upon to go and marry a couple, the young woman having been a former parishioner; but the licence not having been procured, it had to be delayed till next afternoon, when the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Bliss. The morning after the meeting the Rural-dean had to take the first train for home, in order to arrive there before Sunday. Thus ended the first missionary trip of the Church of England into the regions of the Mattawa, and it had been well for her had she sent missionaries here earlier. There are two agents of dissenting bodies ahead of us, and though they have not won over more than three or four Churchmen, and they, I trust, not irreclaimable, yet they make Church work

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