

demeanour, of unblemished reputation, respected by all, and especially loved by those who were privileged to know him intimately, he presented the truly attractive character of the Christian and the gentleman. His health had of late caused uneasiness to his friends, and on the morning of the 3rd inst., whilst preparing to start for his office, he ruptured a blood vessel, and though every assistance was speedily rendered, he did not survive more than about twenty minutes, passing quietly away in the 27th year of his age. His remains were interred in the Church yard at Holland Landing, the service being read by the Rev. H. B. Owen, of Newmarket. A very large attendance at the funeral evidenced the high estimation in which Mr. Barwick was deservedly held.

For his widow and family there is a wide and genuine sympathy.

BOLTON.—A lecture was delivered on Monday, the 7th inst., in the Town Hall, Bolton, on "The Music of the Bible," by Mr. John Hague, on the invitation of the Rev. W. H. Clarke, B.A., who presided. The lecturer gave a sketch of the researches of Layard, Rassam, and Wilkinson in Assyria and Egypt, which had revealed the forms of musical instruments in use in the earliest periods, and thrown great light upon many Biblical allusions. He exhibited a number of cartoons of scenes depicted in the tombs of Egypt, and on the walls of Babylon, having a bearing upon Biblical music. The frequent allusions to music in the Bible were made the ground of an argument for its use in Divine Worship, as being the offering of praise and prayer to the God who created music by one of His most beautiful works. The identity of the laws of harmony with those of astronomy and optics was dwelt on, and shown to be a demonstration of Almighty power and goodness. The various uses of music alluded to in Scripture were specified to illustrate the diffusion of musical knowledge in early times, and illustrative pictures shown which excited much interest. That the most spiritual book of Scripture was also the most musical book, the lecturer regarded as a complete answer to those who object to a musical service on the ground of spirituality. A vote of thanks to Mr. Hague was moved by Mr. Johnson, and seconded by a parishioner, a Presbyterian. It is a kind of work which laymen might well devote themselves to, and find ample reward in the appreciation of those who are unable to enjoy the privileges of city life.

NIAGARA.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of January, 1881.

MISSION FUND.—*Offertory Collections.*—Grimsby, \$18.00; Drummondville, \$20.45; Stamford, \$6.40; Barton, \$4.45; Harriston, \$14.21; Stony Creek, \$5.22; Bartonville, \$3.78; Ancaster, \$16.00; Orangeville, \$10.00; Georgetown, \$9.20; Waterdown and Aldershot, \$2.90; Queenston, \$1.68; Niagara, \$14.00. *Thanksgiving Collections.*—Drummondville, \$11.66; Stamford, \$7.64. *Parochial Collections.*—Drummondville, \$64.89; Stamford, \$29.98; Niagara, \$68.12. *On Guarantee Account.*—Harriston, \$94.60; Marshville, \$50.00; Caledonia, \$108.34; Bartonville, \$20.00; Nanticoke, \$62.50; Reading, \$38.00; Cayuga, \$125.00; Clifford, \$25.00; Drayton, 19.00; Waldemar, 7.50; West Flamboro, 65.00. *Voluntary Payment.*—Barton East, 15.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offertory Collection.*—Drew, \$3.42.

ALGOMA FUND.—Harriston, 4.00; North Arthur, 2.10; Dundas, 10.61; Welland, 7.88; Fonthill, 5.25; Mount Forest, 6.48; Milton, 5.05; Hornby, 7.51; Burlington, 6.00; Nelson, 4.00; Norval, 4.00; West Flamboro, 5.95; Fergus, 2.60; Port Colborne and Marshville, 23.00.

ORANGEVILLE.—We would like the person who forwarded last month two subscriptions from this parish to send us his name; as the name did not accompany the remittance.

PORT DALHOUSIE.—On Tuesday evening, February 8th, the St. John's Church Juvenile Choir of this parish, met at the rectory to bid farewell to Miss Thring. She formed this choir about four years ago, and they have sung in the evening services since then, besides getting up several of the Services of Song published by the Church of England Sunday School Institute. She was indefatigable in training them, and her talent and tact made her most successful. They have hence become very warmly attached to her, and felt that they owed her a debt of gratitude which they could never adequately repay. So after a pleasant tea together they presented her with a handsome

gold ring set with pearls and turquoises, with the following address:

Dear Miss Thring.—We the members of St. John's Juvenile Choir, feel that we have now a sad duty to perform to say good-bye to you our kind teacher and organizer. As we look back over our practice meetings for service and festival, and remember those beautiful Services of Song you have taught us, we cannot but look forward and wonder how we can get along without you; we shall be like a crew without a captain, or an army without a leader. We are very sorry that you find it necessary to leave us, and hope that it may not be long ere we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you back again. We feel that we cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for us. In teaching us to lead the praises of the congregation, you have taught us to love the grand old services of the Church, far more than we should otherwise have done; and we trust that we shall ever believe in our hearts, and perform in our lives what we sing with our mouths. We ask you to accept this ring as a small token of our esteem, gratitude and love; and we pledge ourselves that we will all and each of us do our best to keep together as a choir, and if indeed, we can no longer sing together with you in the earthly sanctuary, we will try so to enter into God's courts with thanksgiving, and into His gates with praise, that we may sing together with you in the heavenly temple where partings are unknown. And now we have only to add as the prayer of all our hearts, God bless you. We are your affectionate friends and pupils:—Lottie Wood, Kate Newall, Bella Hutton, Lizzie Hutchinson, Susie Brownjohn, Minnie King, Fanny Hutton, Georgina King, Mary Julian, Bessie Clarke, Clena Gregory, Sarah Johnston, Maggie Hutchinson, Libbie Jones, Lily Gribble, Minnie Read, Minnie Brownjohn, Clara Rose, Minnie Doan, Lucy Colvin, Mary Rose, Laura Gregory, Andrew Lambell, John Hutton, Arthur Gribble, Willie Julian, Joseph Hiltz, Joseph Johnston.

Miss Thring responded in a few touching words, exhorting them to maintain their organization, declaring that her work among them had been a pleasure, and expressing the sorrow which she felt that her stay among them was about to come to an end. The final leave-taking showed the warmth of affection which she had kindled in those young hearts.

HURON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON.—The Choral Festival in St. Paul's on the 28th ult., was in every respect very successful. The music under the direction of Mr. Sippi, the organist of the Church, was all that could be desired. The house was crowded. The nett proceeds were over \$150. It was given to the Orphan's Home and the W. C. A.

LISTOWELL.—Divine Service was conducted on the past two Sundays in Christ Church, by the Rev. E. Newman, now a resident of London. Mr. Newman was sometime since placed on the list of the Superannuated Clergy of the diocese, but we are glad to learn that his health has so much improved that he is able to do much parochial work notwithstanding his age. Mr. Newman was the first Church Missionary in the district comprising the northern parts of the counties of Perth and Huron. His labours in the mission were very arduous, comprising not less than eight congregations to minister to, with all the various duties of mission work in new settlements. We may well conceive with what pleasure they, among whom he laboured as a pioneer missionary in the Queen's Bush, as the district was called, greeted him on his temporary return.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Is our Church declining? Are the members in her dioceses less? Are her ministers remiss in their duty? These queries are suggested by the correspondence read in the DOMINION CHURCHMAN based on the Blue Books. Our reply from our own knowledge is that the contrary is the fact in the diocese of Huron, and from the most reliable intelligence, other dioceses fall not behind Huron in good work and its result. We would merely refer to the primary work in the Church, the instruction of the young. In the short period of twenty years our Sunday Schools in this city have increased from one—our old St. Paul's—to seven; the number of Scholars from two hundred and fifty to sixteen hundred; each Sunday School being the nucleus of a Church. That the same good work has been going on throughout the diocese, the regular correspondence of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN has borne witness that we might have done more we confess but we have not been inactive while others have been working. It is however well that we do not now rest on our oars, and that our teaching be the distinctive teaching of the Church.

NEWBURY.—The last of the series of four concerts in connection with Christ Church, was held last week in the Town Hall. The Rev. J. Downie of Morpeth, gave a good practical address. Some pieces were well rendered by the choir of the Church, and there were readings and recitations by Col. O'Mally and others. The Incumbent in his address, referred to the flourishing state of the Church and the large and increasing congregations. The National Anthem and the Benediction, brought the pleasant services of the evening to an end.

PETERSVILLE.—St. George's Church was with the exception of St. Luke's, the last organized of our London Sunday Schools. Six years ago there were forty scholars and six teachers—now there are one hundred and twenty-five scholars with fifteen teachers. Last Friday they had their annual Winter Festival with the Christmas tree in Collins Hall. After the supper in the dining-room. A large Christmas tree was planted on the platform, laden with presents. Miss Gower kindly played the piano during the evening. Several Sunday School hymns were sung and dialogues recited by the scholars. There were short addresses appropriate to the occasion, by the Incumbent, Rev. Dr. Darnell and by Mr. Dyas the Superintendent. There were given to the scholars from the Christmas tree one hundred and thirty presents. There were also presents to teachers from their classes; nor were the minister and the superintendent omitted in the distribution. Ere the close of this happy meeting the National Anthem was sung, all heartily joining in the prayer "God save our Queen." The teachers and the other ladies of St. George's may well be congratulated on the pleasures of the Christmas Festivals and the prosperous condition of the Sunday School.

ALGOMA.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PARRY SOUND DISTRICT.—The Bishop of Algoma in his annual journey through this part of his widely extended diocese, visited McKellar on the 1st, and Dunchurch on the 2nd February, where large congregations assembled to meet and hear His Lordship. On these interesting occasions not only our own people, but many others dissenting from us, are glad to come out to welcome our popular Bishop, and to listen to his excellent discourses. His piety, wisdom, and affability win him golden opinions from all sorts of people. He is in fact a thorough missionary Bishop, working with an untiring devotion for the spiritual interests of his scattered flock. How unreservedly he has given himself up to a self-denying life, willingly going into the very corners of his wide-field of labor, if, haply he may feed two or three of the sheep committed to his care! Let us honour him by working more earnestly with him for the glory of our Divine Master and the extension of our beloved Church, to which he has consecrated his gifts and his powers, and let the Canadian branch of the English Church honour him by adequately supporting him in his labours. What grieves him is his inability to provide the ministrations of the Church in places where they are so needed, and so pleadingly asked for. In this neighbourhood there is ample scope for the labours of a missionary with the rising village of McKellar as the centre, but no hope can be held out to us owing to a lack of funds. When will our Church show herself fully alive to her responsibility in regard to this diocese? Will she wait till many of her children, strangely neglected so long, drift into dissent? Now is the time to act, our people can no longer endure a silent isolation. The settled portion of the district now demands the services of the Church, and it is most devoutly to be wished that the Bishop may speedily have all that is needful for the work before him. The "Lay Reader" serves a most useful purpose, but it is confessedly difficult to find suitable men in these back settlements for such a position, and at best he is but make-shift with the limited powers and privileges granted him.

MARY LAKE MISSION, PORT SYDNEY.—On behalf of the teachers and friends of the Christ Church Sunday School, I desire to thank the members of the Church Women's Aid Society of Toronto, for their kindly present of a box of toys and other gifts for the children. We had a little festival on the occasion of their distribution, and with the aid of a magic lantern and some music, passed a very happy evening. The radiant faces of the little ones as they came forward to receive the gifts shewed their hearty appreciation of their value. The school deserves encouragement, as it has been maintained very efficiently in spite of many difficulties, entirely without clerical aid, or even (for some months) the support which a church service gives. The superintendent and teachers deserve much credit for zeal and perseverance. The really beautiful little church here is to be consecrated during the approaching visit of our Bishop, (on Sunday, March 6), when a Confirmation Service will also be held.