

On account of the Widow of the late Rev. G. S. J. Hill.—Omeme and Emily \$3.66; Scarborough \$8.63; Lindsay \$3.88; Ashburnham \$3.50; Vespra \$5.00; Pickering \$5.00; Peterborough \$19.64; Toronto, St. Luke's, \$8.00; Toronto, St. John's \$6.00; Apsley 67 cents; J. W. G. Whitney, (additional), \$4; Norwood, &c., \$5.27; Toronto, St. Matthias \$2.32; Toronto, St. James' Cathedral \$87.00; Toronto, St. Anne's \$6.00; Bradford \$7.00; Oshawa \$10.25; Etobicoke, St. George's \$2.63; Christ's Church \$4.37; Trinity College Chapel, Toronto, \$4.40;

Annual Subscriptions.—Rev. F. J. S. Groves \$5.00; Mrs. Leech \$5.00;

Mission Fund.—*Thanksgiving Collection.*—Omeme and Emily \$2.58; Scarborough \$9.27; King, (additional), 50 cents; Apsley \$1.04;

January Collection.—Weston \$3.23; Dysart 97 cents; Toronto, St. Bartholomew's \$2.43, St. George's \$50.00, St. Matthias \$8.12, St. John's \$6.90, St. Stephen's \$13.00; Credit \$6.00; Cameron \$2.50; Hastings and Alnwick \$2.05; Leslieville \$2.00; Trinity College Chapel, Toronto, \$14.65, Holy Trinity \$85.40, St. James's Cathedral \$27.00.

Parochial Collections.—Lindsay \$15.00; East Ops, (Cameron), \$3.00. *Missionary Meetings.*—Dysart \$3.03; Alliston \$10.00. *Donations.*—Grant for Dysart from Can. Land and Emigration Company \$25.00; "What it would have cost to have accepted an invitation to a ball," Toronto \$25.00.

Book and Tract Fund.—Leslieville, for Sunday School Library \$10.00.

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 \$9,300. 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.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

MEMORIAL CHURCH.—A memorial church is to be erected at Queenston during the present year to General Sir Isaac Brock, who fell while defending our country. The Rev. J. Fennell is now in Toronto soliciting subscriptions for the same, and there is no doubt that compatriots of the General will feel it a pleasure to contribute to so worthy an object. The following are some of the names which are prominent on the list of subscribers:—The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Niagara, W. A. Thomson, Esq. M.P., J. B. Plumb, Esq. M.P., and George Durand, Esq.

CAYUGA MISSION.—On Friday, Feb. 9th, a Tea Meeting was held in the School House connected with this most interesting Mission amongst the Indians. It was a good meeting and the ladies deserve great credit for the abundance of preserves placed upon the table. Dr. Dee, owing to the illness of Rev. Mr. Roberts, occupied the chair. The Indian Choir sang several pieces very sweetly. Dr. McGargo also sang several times. Rev. Mr. Chance addressed the meeting at some length. At half-past ten, God Save the Queen was sung by the audience. Mr. Chance pronounced the benediction and the assembly dispersed.

GUELPH.—There have been of late two organ recitals in St. George's Church, which excited great interest in that prosperous town. At the first the church was densely crowded, about 1100 being present, filling up every available spot, and hundreds had to go away disappointed. A good collection was taken up. The second took place on the 6th, and also drew together a large attendance. The vocal parts as well as the instrumental were admirably rendered. Miss Geddes, the organist, is a very brilliant performer, and the choir, under the able management of Mr. Benton, the choir-master, has obtained a high degree of efficiency. At the opening of a new reed organ at Puslinch Church, all the Guelph choir were present with Miss Geddes. The offertory amounted to \$25.

STONY CREEK.—*Church of the Redeemer, in the Deanery of Hamilton.*—A correspondent writes us, regretting that no account of the opening of a new church at Stony Creek, in the Diocese of Niagara, had been sent, for the columns of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN. A brief statement is now sent us: In the recent season of Epiphany, the opening and consecration of the Church of the Redeemer, at Stony Creek, took place. The Bishop of Niagara and 14 of his clergy attending. It was a most cheering occasion. The church walls are of concrete, excellent design, lancet, stained windows, with belfry and bell. Sittings nearly 200. The Rev. C. E. Whitcombe is missionary in charge. One feature, unusual in these days of Church building, is most worthy of notice in connection with the opening services of the Church of the Redeemer, at Stony Creek,—that the consecration of the church also took place, testifying that the building was free from the burden of debt. We heartily accord much praise, on this account as well, to the prudent care and pious zeal of the Incumbent and building committee. The collection at the offertory was \$136. The number of candidates confirmed, on that occasion also, was seven; and the number of communicants about 70. The Bishop's thoroughly practical and earnest address with the solemn service of the day were most impressive proofs of which are almost daily seen and heard. The Christian way of dedicating Houses of God was seen and felt by all present.

WATERDOWN.—During the month of January Mrs. H. McLaren gave an entertainment to her Sunday School children at Balquhider Farm. As there are a number of children belonging to families in West Flamboro' who are too far from the Sunday School held in the Parish Church at Waterdown, Mrs. McLaren, with that Christian zeal for which she and Mr. McLaren are noted, opened a Sunday School in her own house, and has for some time employed Sunday afternoon in the good work of imparting religious instruction to these children, for which interest in their spiritual welfare, they have shown themselves not

ungrateful, by making her a presentation at Christmas.

On Wednesday, the 24th of January, a successful concert was held in the Town Hall, Waterdown, by amateurs of Hamilton, who attracted a large number of their friends from the city. The object of the concert was to raise funds for providing prizes for the children attending the Sunday School of Grace Church. A sufficient sum was realized for the purpose, and on the evening of Tuesday, the 6th of February, the prizes were distributed in the Town Hall, when the Incumbent of the Parish, who is also S. S. Superintendent, was ably assisted by his neighbour the Rev. P. L. Spencer, who gave an address well suited to the occasion, and delighted the children with his Magic Lantern Exhibition.

HAMILTON.—A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on the 9th inst., the following members being present: Rev. Canon Read, D.D., chairman; Very Rev. Dean Geddes, D.C.L.; Rev. Canon Roberts, M.A.; Rev. E. J. Fessenden, B.A.; Rev. John Gribble, and Messrs. F. Lampman, F. W. Gates, F. E. Kilvert, T. Rixon, and R. S. Wood. The following resolutions were adopted: (1) That the receipts to the 30th Dec., 1876, on account of the Diocesan Mission Fund, the Algoma Mission Fund, the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the Episcopal Endowment Fund, be assessed pro rata to cover the amount at the debit of General Expense Account at that date. (2) That the Synod assessment for 1877 be the same as that for 1876.

A meeting of the Apportionment Committee was held at Hamilton on the 9th inst., the following members being present: Very Rev. Dean Geddes, D.C.L., chairman; Ven. Archdeacon of Niagara, D.D., D.C.L.; Rev. Canon Read, D.D.; Rev. Canon Hebden, M.A., and Mr. Henry McLaren. The Secretary-Treasurer was directed to issue a circular, of which the following is a copy, and the meeting then adjourned:

"The Apportionment Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod of Niagara, (See Journal of Proceedings 1876, page 65) request the clergy to obtain for them from the assessors of the several municipalities in their parishes, the number of persons returning themselves as members of the Church of England, and the total amount for which they are assessed; and to transmit the same not later than the 15th March to the Secretary-Treasurer, together with the statistical returns asked for by the Bishop, where such returns have not already been made, in order that the committee may have the necessary information to enable them to furnish a draft of the apportionment required."

GUELPH.—With commendable enterprise and zeal the vestry of St. George's Church have decided to erect a rectory on the church property north of the church. The plans and specifications have been prepared by Mr. A. G. E. Westmacott, architect, Toronto, and the contracts have been let. The building will be of a domestic Gothic style of architecture, and will in every respect be in keeping with the architecture of the Church itself. The main building in size will be 43 by 40 feet, two stories and an attic in height, and facing on Woolwich street, with a handsome square bay window carried up to the first floor. There will also be a square window, the top of which will be filled in with tracery. Upstairs facing the same street will be gable mullion windows, surmounted with hoods. The main entrance, with a handsome pointed arch over it, will face the church. This side will have four windows. Entering the main door there will be a handsome vestibule and a hall eight feet in width, with a fine staircase. On the ground floor will be a drawing room 22 by 17 feet; dining room 21 by 18 feet; and library 21 by 18 feet. The first flat will contain five bedrooms, with bath-room, linen closets, &c. In the attic story there will be three bedrooms, looking through small windows on Woolwich street. The north side of the building will have four large mullion window openings. The kitchen will comprise a wing 20 by 18 feet, lighted by three large windows, with a door facing the river. With the kitchen, as well as in connection with the entire building, all modern conveniences will be placed. Underneath the kitchen there will be a basement