

word, and deed; to ascertain his failures, how they were produced, and how they might have been avoided; to examine into the scope and character of his teaching—what has been imperfectly taught, what has been altogether omitted; into his conduct towards his fellow-workers, and how far his influence has been felt for good upon those who have come within the range of his influence.

If, however, the work of *introspection*, or self-examination is to be of any practical value it must be real. A mere superficial examination is useless. It would, indeed, only make matters worse—merely intensify mistakes, and shut the heart to those gracious influences of the Holy Spirit, which are the comfort and the support of the humble penitent. At such a time an examination into the motives which induced us to give ourselves to Christ's work, and to continue in the same service, should be carefully considered. Do they proceed from love to Christ? from a desire to serve Him who gave Himself for us? If so, all is well; but we must see that no lower motive has influence over us. The dangers to which Christian workers are exposed are very subtle—the favour of man, the love of notoriety, the good opinion of friends, the charms of pleasant society, and even the social advantages which the connexion with a band of Christian workers may sometimes obtain. These are some of the temptations which assail the Christian worker, and against the influence of which he has to exercise continual watchfulness.

The fact cannot be too often repeated that in all work for God, purity of aim is of the first importance. Its absence mars the most brilliant achievements. Mere worldly applause, or the advancement of our own interests are valueless without it. The single aim of the Christian worker should be the Salvation of those who look to him for guidance; and he should reckon it amongst his highest privileges that he is permitted to assist, according to his strength and ability, in the noble work of bringing the world in subjection to Christ's rule. No lower aim is worth working for. If actuated by any other motive he is—whatever his apparent success may for a time be—on the losing side; he is labouring for that which is not bread.

The Christian worker should cultivate a quiet and humble spirit—a spirit which enables him to continue diligent amidst the conflicting sounds which surround him. This enables him to be useful in the position in which he is placed. The work may be of a very humble character, but it will be blessed if done in a right spirit. Some persons imagine that it is only those who occupy leading positions in the Church who are doing important work, but this is a mistake. Every member of the Church should be a worker in some way or other—in the Church, in the parish, in business, in the home, or in the world—and the value of the work is not to be assessed by the apparent influence it has upon Society, and still less because it may fail to obtain adequate public notice and approval. If offered in humility, and with a desire to promote God's glory, it will be owned by Him who knoweth all things, in that day when every man will be rewarded according to his work.

Just a thought about *prospective work*—work which, by God's grace, we may be permitted to do for the advancement of His cause, and the good of His Church. What may be the character and influence of that work we cannot tell. The future is in God's hands; the present only is ours. We cannot tell what may be required of us, but our present duty is to remain steadfast in the quiet and conscientious performance of the work we have in hand. Other opportunities for usefulness may, in God's providence, be made clear to us by-and-by, but these generally come to men when they are at work. In worldly affairs the best test of a man's fitness for the performance of higher duties is shown by the manner in which he conducts himself in a subordinate position, and in spiritual work this is also true. We live in times of great religious activity, and questions of momentous importance to the welfare of the Church and to the spread of Christian truth are ripe for solution. Amongst these is the employment of Lay-help. The principle is now generally accepted, but the movement requires recognition and coherence in order to give it force and influence. The progress which has been made, and the readiness with which the laity have recognized their responsibility in this matter calls for special thankfulness. May all who labor in Christ's vineyard become more and more sensible of their increasing responsibilities. May they be endued with power from on high, strive daily to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and have wisdom to use all things to His glory, and the extension of His kingdom.—*The Church Worker.*

A sure means of overcoming a dislike which we entertain for any one is to do him a little kindness every day; and the way to overcome a dislike which another may feel towards us is to say some little kind word of him every day.

## Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

### DOMINION.

#### MONTREAL.

**MISSION BOARD.**—A meeting of the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church in Canada is called for the 28th inst. at Montreal, at 11 a.m. The Rev. W. F. Campbell, secretary, has arranged for reduced railway fares to members.

**CONSECRATION OF DEAN BALDWIN.**—The consecration of Dean Baldwin as bishop, will take place on the 30th inst. at Montreal, and a mass mission meeting will be held on Friday evening, the 30th.

#### ONTARIO.

**OTTAWA.**—*Christ Church Lay Association.*—This association reassembled the evening of the 1st inst. The report of proceedings during the winter season 1882-3 was read and received. According to this report, the following subjects were discussed at the several meetings of the association. "The Bible in public schools," "How to secure attendance at Public Worship"; "The relation of Church to State"; and "Tithes." One open meeting was held, at which a very interesting lecture on "Symbols" was delivered by the then Vice-President. After the reading of the report, a discussion arose as to the best manner of advancing the interests of the members of the association, and accomplishing the objects for which it was formed. It was finally decided to make no change in the order of business of the meetings, which now mainly consists of instruction by the chairman, and the discussion of a selected subject. The election of officers for the year then took place, and resulted as follows: President, Rev. Mr. Muckleston; Vice-President, Mr. D. E. Sheppard; Secretary, Mr. D. H. Keeley; Committee of management, Messrs. G. M. Greens, H. N. Chesley, W. H. Morgan, and G. F. Shaw.

**BELLEVEILLE.**—*St. John's Church.*—A very successful parlor concert was held on the evening of Nov. 7th, at the residence of the Rev. D. F. Bogert, Incumbent. The proceeds amounted to \$28. The Rev. Mr. Bogert and Mrs. Bogert are earnestly at work in the parish, and have already created the most favourable impression among their new parishioners. We trust that this congregation will continue to prosper under their new pastor.

**ADOLPHUSTOWN.**—On Tuesday morning, Nov. 6th St. Paul's Church was the scene of a very interesting and unusual ceremony, viz., the induction of the new rector the Rev. R. S. Forneri, B.D., to the temporalities of the rectory. A goodly congregation being assembled, and the churchwardens of the churches in Adolphustown and Fredericksburg being present, the Archdeacon of Kingston, the Venerable T. Bedford Jones L.L.D., read the mandate of the Bishop of the diocese authorizing the induction, after which the churchwardens delivered into the hands of Mr. Forneri the keys of their respective churches. The prescribed forms and ceremonies being fulfilled, morning prayer was said, and the Holy Communion celebrated. The service was hearty, and the Venerable Archdeacon's earnest address, appropriate to the occasion, was listened to with the utmost attention. Several improvements have been made in the pro-chancel of the church. The high pulpit has been removed and a new reading-desk, altar, and carpet have been introduced. We have much pleasure in hearing of the great kindness extended by all to Mr. Forneri on all sides, and we trust that he may be blessed richly in his work and have the comfort of labouring amongst a happy and united flock.

#### TORONTO.

**GORE'S LANDING.**—*Mission Meeting.*—Although Monday, the 29th ult. was a most unpromising day, raining very hard and quite cold, it did not much affect the missionary meetings held both at Gore's Landing and Harwood, respectively on the 29th and 30th ult. The advent of the general missionary agent, the Rev. W. F. Campbell, B. A., to this perhaps the weakest, but at the same time as regards scenery, the prettiest mission in the diocese, was one which may be a good augury for future meetings under the new auspices. It is to be hoped that a revival of energies which seem to have lain dormant for some time past, may be the fruit of these meetings. The Rev. James Roy, L.L.D., of Cobourg, who kindly assisted, spoke with

force on the necessity of supporting the highest organization which had for its object the preaching Christ, and making His "saving health known to all nations." Add to this the accounts of the missionary agent by which he shewed the great prosperity of the Church in the mother land and the real energy of her missions elsewhere, must bring home to many of the listeners the dangerous effects of trusting to inferior organizations. To the want of such knowledge in our outlying missions we perhaps may trace the paralyzed energies which are so common there. The immediate results of both meetings were a good collection for missions, and the expressed wish of the Incumbent to endeavour to renew the good work of the P. M. A., which has been discontinued for some months past. It would be a real gain, however, if many of the antiquated ideas of Churchmanship common in some of our missions were eradicated; such ideas hinder, they do not help; for under the name of Churchmen some gain a certain respectability, sometimes wound too high for their poorer brethren. It is worthy of remark that a great part of the pleasure of these meetings was contributed by F. W. Barron, Esq., M. A., churchwarden at Gore's Landing. The Rev. W. F. Campbell left for Peterborough on Wednesday.

**WOODBIDGE.**—On Sunday last, Nov. 4th, the Bishop of the diocese held a confirmation in Christ Church here. There was a large congregation present, the church being full. The services were choral, Mr. C. W. Edwards the organist having taken great pains to have the music well rendered. The Bishop delivered a very suitable address to the candidates, after which he confirmed seven males and sixteen or seventeen females. The offertory anthem was "Cast thy burden upon the Lord." At the celebration following the confirmation service the Bishop was celebrated, Rev. W. Heaton, Epistoller, and Rev. O. P. Ford, Incumbent, Gospeller. At the 8 a.m. celebration, Mr. Ford was assisted by Rev. J. B. Mead, who leaves us this week for Dover, New Jersey. In the evening the Bishop delivered an address on confirmation, at the Claireville Church. He took the opportunity thus afforded, of congratulating the people of the Claireville congregation upon having erected so pretty a church in which to worship the God of their fathers. The parsonage is progressing, several hundred dollars are, however, yet needed to finish, and any subscriptions sent to the Incumbent, Hy. Abell, Treasurer, or C. J. Agar, Secretary, will be promptly acknowledged.

**LAKEFIELD.**—On Oct. 24th a meeting was held in the P. C. A. Hall, Lakefield, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Church of England Temperance Society in the village. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. William Farncomb, of Bobcaygeon, and the Rev. John Farncomb, Incumbent of Lakefield; after which it was moved by Mr. Sparham Sheldrake, and seconded by Mr. R. C. Strickland, that a branch of the society be herewith formed; cards of membership were signed by thirty-five persons, and the first regular meeting of the society was appointed to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 30th. Pursuant to notice, the first regular meeting of the Lakefield branch of the C. of E. T. S. was held in the old church on Tuesday evening Oct. 30th, for the purpose of electing officers, enrolling members, etc. The meeting was well attended, and five more cards of membership were handed in, bringing up the total number of members, in Lakefield, to forty. The meeting having been opened by the Incumbent with prayer, and a hymn having been sung, the business of the evening was proceeded with, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. John Farncomb, President; Mr. R. A. Strickland, Vice-President; Mr. Sparham Sheldrake, Secretary; Mr. H. J. LeFevre, Treasurer. The Rev. J. Farncomb and Mr. F. Lilliecrap were elected delegates, a committee was appointed; and all the members present were enrolled in due form; after which the meeting was closed with a hymn, and prayer. A Band of Hope, in connection with the society, will soon be organized.

**NORWAY.**—On Saturday morning Miss Patterson, of Blantyre Park, was made the recipient of an address, accompanied with a handsome testimonial, by the teachers of St. John's Church Sabbath School. Miss Patterson has superintended the affairs of this school very successfully. She has now resigned that position in consequence of having decided to remove to Bermuda. The best wishes of all who have been associated with this lady will accompany her to her new home.

**SEYMOUR AND PERCY.**—This parish, for several years past under the charge of Rev. R. W. Hindes, B. A., has been of late manifesting remarkable signs of quickened Church life. The church has been enlarged by the addition of a handsome tower and chancel. The re-opening service took place Nov. 2nd. On the same occasion, a confirmation was held of 26 candidates, some of whom were adults. His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese delivered an