

M.A., of West Shefford, delivered a lecture on *Mental Culture*. The lecture was well appreciated. During the months of January and February, the strength of our storms seemed to be reserved for Sundays. A result in country places has been small congregations. It requires pluck to face a storm in any case, but particularly does it require it on the Lord's day, when it is so very easy to excuse ourselves in the eyes of most of our friends. Your correspondent had the pleasure of the acquaintance of a young lady who in three years did not miss a Sunday from her place in the choir of her church. She braved every storm, walking a distance of six miles each Sunday. This lady is still living and a most energetic worker for her church. Hers is a good example for stormy weather and might be followed with much profit in any kind of weather.

BUCKINGHAM, P. Q.—On Friday, the 14th February, the people belonging to one of the Mission Stations, served in connection with the parish of Buckingham, presented the Rev. Mr. Ker, the Incumbent, with a handsome cutter, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation. The gift was accompanied by the following:—"Rev. and Dear Sir,—Please accept this cutter as a gift from the members and friends who belong to this part of your parish, with our best wishes for your welfare and that of Mrs. Ker; hoping that under the blessing of Divine Providence you may long continue amongst us—a blessing to us and to all among whom you have been called to labor. We remain, &c." Signed by Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Arnold Newton, Mrs. R. Newton, Jr., Mrs. Wm. Dodge, Mrs. J. Hall, Mrs. Charles Biglow, Mr. Jacob Brewer, Mr. Thomas Lonsdale, Mr. Robert Lonsdale, Miss E. J. Hall, Mr. Matthew Lonsdale, Mrs. Chester Biglow, Mrs. Dickson, Mr. J. Lonsdale, Mrs. John A. Windsor, Mr. Allen McMillan, Mr. Hugh McInnes, Mr. Wm. Seney, Mr. James Car, Mr. Duncan McMillan, Mr. W. Burgess, Mrs. W. H. Leggo, Mr. Robert Gehan, Mr. F. Laing, and Messrs. Arnold, Newton and Chas. Devine, Secretaries.

The Rev. Mr. Ker said he felt very grateful to them for their kindness; as far as he was concerned it was totally unexpected, as well as undeserved; he was sure it was a spontaneous offering, and as such he valued it very highly—more highly in fact than words could express.

Episcopal Visit.—On Saturday, the 15th, his Lordship the Bishop arrived at Buckingham station, shortly after two p.m. He was met at the depot by the Rev. Mr. Ker and the two churchwardens of St. Stephens, who accompanied his Lordship to the parsonage. On Sunday, the 17th, he preached at both morning and evening service. Holy Communion was administered in the morning to about twenty-six, or twenty-seven persons. Notwithstanding the severe storm, there were large congregations at both services. On Monday afternoon his Lordship received and was introduced to a number of the parishioners. On Monday evening there was a large congregation present to take part in the confirmation service. In addition to his Lordship and the Rev. Mr. Ker, there was also present the Ven. Archdeacon Lonsdale and Rural Dean Robinson. The Archdeacon read the preface, after which

The Rev. Mr. Ker presented the candidates, saying: "Right Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons present to be admitted to the holy rite of Confirmation."

The Bishop—"Take heed that the persons whom you present unto us are duly instructed in the principles of the Christian faith, and are themselves fully prepared to undertake the solemn ratification of their Baptismal covenant."

Mr. Ker—"I have enquired of them, and also examined them, and think them so to be."

"The Bishop then addressed the candidates—eighteen in number—and after the usual ceremonies, each candidate was brought forward separately and confirmed. The effect was very impressive both as regards the candidates and the congregation. His Lordship delivered an earnest and practical address, vindicating the Scriptural and Apostolic nature of the ceremony, and its beneficial influence as a means of Spiritual growth.

On Tuesday morning His Lordship, accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon and Rural Dean,

proceeded to one of Mr. Ker's outstations for the purpose of consecrating a new Church. This was the first consecration which the Bishop has performed since his appointment. There was a large congregation assembled, and after the necessary legal documents had been read and handed to the Rural Dean, who acted as Registrar, the Rev. Mr. Ker proceeded with the morning service. Rev. Mr. Robinson read the proper lessons, and the Archdeacon took the Ante-Communion, after which the Bishop preached. On returning to Buckingham the Bishop and clergy, together with some other friends, were entertained to dinner by Capt. McNaughton, a much respected Presbyterian; and in this connexion it may be said that the hearty way in which all denominations endeavored to do honor to the new Bishop was not the least pleasing feature of a very pleasing visit.

On Tuesday evening the annual missionary meeting was held. The Bishop in the chair. Addresses being delivered on the subject of mission work by His Lordship, by the Archdeacon, Rural Dean, Rev. J. Roett, and Geo. H. Davidson, Esq., Montreal. Mr. Thomas White, M.P., had promised to be present, but was unfortunately detained by Parliamentary duties. Mr. Davidson was, however, a host in himself, and right ably he put the claims of the Mission Fund before the people. A collection was taken up, and although a comparatively poor congregation, the amount was over \$12.

His Lordship warmly complimented the Rev. Mr. Ker on the admirable way in which all the services were conducted, and the highly satisfactory condition of the parish.

#### ONTARIO.

TRENDENAGA.—Mohawk Mission.—A "Jacob's Ladder" was tried in Christ Church on the evening of the 14th ult. About 150 children were present, and not less than 300 people. The ladder, situated at the head of the middle aisle and facing the congregation, was heavily laden with treasures for the little ones. The proceedings opened with the singing of Hymn 384, "Onward, Christian soldiers," &c., as a processional. This was followed by a short service by the Rector, after which Hymn 325, "Hark, hark, my soul," &c., was sung by the School choir, Miss Baker playing the accompaniment. Chief Sampson Green, the Superintendent, then, in a very neat address, spoke of the satisfactory progress made by the Sunday Schools during the incumbency of the Rev. Mr. Baker, and showed that in the past season there were 163 pupils enrolled, and concluded by thanking the Mill Point people, more especially St. Mark's choir, for their generous assistance. Some sacred music was then given by the Mill Point choir, led by Miss Dora Weldon, and two pieces by the Mohawk choir, Miss Lydia Hill presiding at the organ. Then came a brief address by the Rector, and a collection for the Diocese of Algoma. The distribution of presents next followed, when not only the children and Mr. and Mrs. Baker were remembered, but the teachers likewise, and Messrs. Egar and McRae and Miss Hill, to whom it was felt the compliment was justly due. Aside from the school gifts, too, were some presented by parents and friends—in one case a beautiful Church Service to Miss Weldon, of St. Mark's choir; in another a handsome set of furs, the recipient being little Miss Sarah Green, Chief Green's daughter. The distribution over, Mr. Baker thanked all those who had made the occasion a success, St. Mark's choir sang another piece, the benediction was pronounced. The collection for Algoma amounted to \$34.

OTTAWA CLERICAL UNION.—The next meeting of the Ottawa Clerical Union will be held at St. Alban's, Ottawa, on March 11th, when several matters of interest will be discussed, including (1) R. K. L. Jones, paper, "How best to promote reverence amongst clergy and people." (2) Subject for discussion, "Origin and meaning of doctrine 'Prayers for the Dead,' and how far countenanced by the Church of England." (3) The relation of xxxix. Articles to the Church of England. (4) Burial Services in Houses, Churches, Graveyards. (5) C.B.S. *Cui bono* in Canada?

#### TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending March 1st, 1879.

MISSION FUND.—January Collection.—Toronto, St. Paul's, \$5.58, St. Luke's \$18.00; Apsley, \$1.06; Cartwright, \$2.40. Parochial Collections.—Norwood and Westwood, \$34.00; Cameron and Dunsford, \$8.78; Port Whitby, \$4.00; Sunderland and Brock, on account, \$2.55. Missionary Meetings.—Charleston, \$3.62; Cataract, \$3.50; Alton, \$1.06; Campbell's Cross, \$5.20.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—For the Widow and Orphan of a deceased Clergyman.—Scarborough, St. Paul's, \$2.21, Christ Church, \$3.55; Brooklin and Columbus, \$3.25; Dysart, 22 cents; Apsley, \$1.50; Sunderland and Brock, 38 cents.

The following subscriptions have been received in answer to the letter published last week:—E. O. Bickford, \$100; Dr. Snelling, \$100; Prof. Buckland, \$25.00; S. G. Wood, \$25; Chief Justice Wilson, \$20. The Misses Henderson, England, \$150; Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, \$50.

MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP.—On Thursday, the 27th ult., a meeting of the clergy and lay representatives of the Diocese—commonly but erroneously spoken of as a meeting of Synod—was assembled in St. James' Church for the purpose of electing a successor to the late revered and lamented Bishop.

In the morning, service was held in the Church. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. J. D. Cayley; Rev. Canon Osler read the lessons. The Rev. A. J. Broughall preached an admirable sermon on Heb. xiii. 7, "Remember them which have the rule over you." We regret we have not room for the entire sermon. Holy Communion was then celebrated by the Very Rev. the Dean, Venerable Archdeacon Whitaker, Venerable Archdeacon Wilson, and the Rev. Canon Givens.

In the afternoon the clergy and lay representatives assembled in St. James' School-house. The officers of the Synod, who occupied seats at a table, are as follows:—Chancellor, S. B. Harman, Esq.; Registrar, Dr. Snelling; Clerical Secretary, Rev. C. H. Mockridge; Lay Secretary, Dr. Geo. Hodgins. At 2.45 the Very Rev. Dean Grasett took the chair, being supported on either side by Ven. Archdeacon Wilson and Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker.

Archdeacon Wilson offered up the prayers appointed for the occasion.

Rev. J. H. McCollum read the report of the committee appointed to examine the certificates of the lay representatives. All were reported on favorably with the exception of one each from the churches at Aurora, Markham, Peterborough, Woodbridge and Vaughan, Penetanguishene, Wyeborough and Midland, Atherley and Beaverton. These doubtful ones were referred for final adjudication to the Committee on Contested and Doubtful Seats.

The Dean then delivered his opening address as follows:—

MY REV. BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY:—The occasion which has brought us together is one of deep, solemn and affecting interest. It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take unto Himself our beloved and venerated Bishop, whose remains have been committed to the tomb with every token of the respect and affection in which he was held, both by his clergy and people. It affords me a melancholy satisfaction, as one of his oldest friends, to embrace this opportunity of adding my willing testimony to that of so many others to the various graces and virtues of his character. To the kindness of his affections and the winning gentleness of his manner a just and generous tribute has been paid. To those who knew the Bishop intimately, and were privileged to see him in the retirement of his own family, there was in his demeanour something singularly engaging—an unruffled calmness, a quiet cheerfulness, a gentle and unaffected courtesy and kindness which well befitted a Christian Bishop. He is indeed no longer with us, but Holy Scriptures plainly declare that the souls of God's people, when delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity. When absent from the body they are present in the soul, even with Him who loved them and washed them from their sins in His own blood. That venerable form which is impressed