

scholars of St. Paul's Church, Sunday school with a handsome silver chalice, and by the inmates of the "Knowlton Home" with a handsome illuminated text.

ONTARIO.

RURAL DEANERY GRENVILLE AND DUNDAS.—Deputation No. 2;—Rev. Stearne Tighe, B.A., Convener; Rev. A. W. Cooke, Coadjutor. Meetings will be held as follows:—Maitland, Jan. 25th, 7 p.m.; Temperance Hall, 26th, 7 p.m.; Lord's Mills, 27th, 7 p.m.; North Augusta, 28th, 10.30 a.m.; St. James's, 2.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, 7 p.m.; Merricksville, 29th, 7 p.m.; Burritt's Rapids, 30th, 7 p.m.; Montague, 31st, 7 p.m.

RURAL DEANERY OF HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD.—Deputation No. 4:—Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, Convener; Rev. W. D. Mercer, B.A., Coadjutor. Missionary meetings will be held as follows:—Sterling, Jan. 18th, 7.30 p.m.; Rawdon, 8th Line, Jan. 19th, 7 p.m.; Belleville, St. Thomas, Jan. 21st, 7 p.m.; Rawdon, 12th Line, Jan. 22nd, 7 p.m.; Marmora, Jan. 23rd, 7 p.m.; Madoc, Jan. 24th, 7.30 p.m.; Queensboro, Jan. 25th, 7.30 p.m.; Millbridge, Jan. 26th, 7.30 p.m.

KITLEY.—The concert given at Frankville in aid of St. Thomas' Church, on the 2nd inst., was a great success from every point of view. The Christmas tree entertainment at the Redan school-house was also very successful, and the greatest praise is due to all those who assisted in arranging it. Suitable presentations have been made to the organists of St. Thomas', Frankville, and St. Anne's, Easton's Corners, in acknowledgment of their highly appreciated services. A week-night service has been commenced in Hornick's school-house for the convenience of a large number of parishioners who are unable to attend either of the churches.

PAKENHAM.—The building of the church of St. Mark was begun a year after the present Incumbent, the Rev. A. W. Cooke, was appointed to the parish. It was opened six years ago, and now the congregation and the incumbent have rejoiced together in seeing it consecrated to the service of God. This very solemn and interesting ceremony took place on Friday, the 5th inst. A very large congregation assembled to meet their Bishop and to take part in the services of the day. Of the clergy there were present the Revs. F. L. Stephenson, of Almonte, and T. Codd, of Huntley, deputation work preventing several others from coming. The church cost about \$3,000, Gothic in style, and was built according to plans furnished by Mr. K. Arnoldi, Architect. The site was obtained many years ago by the Rev. C. P. Emery, a former incumbent. After the consecration service was ended, the rite of Confirmation was administered to thirty-five candidates. The Bishop then delivered an address in his usual clear and forcible manner. Then followed the Communion Service, a majority of the large congregation, including the newly confirmed, partaking. In the afternoon a very pleasant affair took place. The Churchwardens of St. Mark's, and of St. John's, Antrim, together with other members of the Church, met at the parsonage to present their clergyman with some valuable offerings and an address. St. Mark's congregation presented a handsome phæton from the works of Dixon, Toronto; St. John's congregation presented an elegant cutter, made by Abbott, of Ottawa. The Incumbent made a suitable reply to the address. The Bishop also expressed his pleasure with the services of the day, and his great satisfaction at seeing such signs of the progress of the Church in the parish of Pakenham. And he further stated his belief that Mr. Cooke would succeed and prosper in any other field of labour in the Church, to which it may please God to call him. During the eight years of his incumbency Mr. Cooke has succeeded, chiefly through the liberality of a few, in clearing Antrim church of a debt of \$600, besides purchasing an organ and Communion vessels for the same church, and getting some necessary repairs done on it. The parsonage has also been improved in value to the extent of at least \$600. *Laus Deo.*

RURAL DEANERY OF HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD.—Deputation No. 3. Rev. E. A. Hanington, B.A., convener, assisted by the local clergy and the clerical secretary. Tweed, Tuesday, 30th January, 7 p.m.; Thomasburgh, Wednesday, 31st, 7 p.m.; Roslyn, Thursday, 1st February, 7 p.m.; Belleville, St. Johns, Friday, 2nd, 7.30 p.m.; Lonsdale, Saturday, 3rd, 2 p.m.; Kingsford, Saturday, 3rd, 7 p.m.; Tyendinaga, Christ Church, Sunday, 4th, 11 a.m.; All Saints, 8 p.m.; Deseronto, St. Mark's, Sunday, 4th, 7.25 p.m. The Rev. A. Spencer, clerical secretary, will address only the Tyendinaga and Deseronto meetings.

RURAL DEANERY OF STORMONT.—Deputation No. 1. Rev. Rural Dean Baker, convener; Rev. T. Bailey, B.A., coadjutor. Moulinette, Sunday, 28th January, 10 a.m.; Eamer's Corners, Sunday, 28th, 3 p.m.; Cornwall, Sunday, 28th, 7 p.m.; Newington, Monday, 29th, 7 p.m.; Chrysler's, Tuesday, 30th, 7 p.m.; Chertville, Wednesday, 31st, 7 p.m.; Wales, Thursday, 1st February, 7 p.m.; Woodlands, Friday, 2nd, 7 p.m.

TORONTO.

HASTINGS.—The teachers of St. George's Sunday-school desire to thank those ladies and gentlemen who by their literary and musical talents contributed to the success of a concert and Christmas tree, as well as those who patronized the entertainment. A seasonable gift to the Rev. John McCleary was accompanied by the following address: "Presented by the members of St. George's Church, Hastings, as a small token of affection and good-will toward their beloved pastor," which was gratefully acknowledged.

DURHAM AND VICTORIA.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter will be held on Thursday, 1st February, at the parsonage, Lindsay. Scripture subject for consideration will be the 2nd chapter of Philippians, from the 12th verse to the end of the chapter. Will those who purpose to attend the meeting intimate the same to Mr. Jones. J. W. FORSTER, Secretary.

HIGHER EDUCATION OF WOMEN.—We are pleased to see that the examination in music will be open to women at Trinity College. We understand that several young ladies are being prepared for the first examination in October, at Mrs. Lampman's School of Music. The staff of teachers at this institution will almost insure success. The opening of these examinations to women is a step in the right direction. Many young women of superior talent have heretofore had no inducement to study music as a profession, as there has been no recognized institution to obtain a diploma from.

WESTON AND CARLTON MISSION MEETINGS.—On the 18th inst., a meeting on behalf of missions was held at Carlton, which was addressed by the Rev. C. A. Thomson, rector of Weston, Canon Tremayne and Mr. John Hague. The next night a mission meeting was held at Weston, which was very well attended, and proved to be a most interesting as we hope it will prove to have been an edifying one and fruitful. The rector presided, and addresses were delivered by Rural Dean Osler, Canon Tremayne, the Rev. J. P. Lewis and Mr. John Hague. Mr. Hague took occasion to draw attention to the sad conviction of two young men that day for manslaughter, at Leslieville, as terrible evidence of the neglect of mission work in that district, as for years there has been a large population practically unshepherded and uncared for, while the agencies of evil have been multiplied.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of December, 1882.

MISSION FUND.—*Offeritory Collection.*—Guelph \$43.52. *Parochial Collections.*—Niagara, \$209.06; Ridgeway, 75 cents; Welland, \$2.10. *On Guarantee Account.*—Drayton, \$15.00; Palermo, \$52.00; Luther, \$14.00; Drew, \$13.00.

ALGOMA AND NORTH-WEST MISSION FUND.—*Offeritory Collection.*—Guelph, \$110.87. *Thanksgiving Collection.*—Elora, \$12.00; St. Catharines, St. Thomas, \$13.42; Niagara Falls, \$47.8; Queenston, \$2.80. *Shingwauk Homes.*—Guelph S. S. 85 cents.

HAMILTON.—*Induction.*—The services at the Church of the Ascension, on Sunday, 4th inst., were interesting and impressive, the occasion being the formal induction of Rev. Hartley Carmichael, M.A., to the rectorship of the Church of the Ascension and parish. After singing a hymn, at the close of the third collect, the Bishop walked to the front of the chancel, the rector to be inducted standing at his side. Adam Brown, rector's churchwarden, then addressed the bishop, saying, "that at a meeting of the vestry of the Church of the Ascension, held on September 19, 1882, it was decided to place the name of the Rev. Hartley Carmichael, M.A., of Highgate, London, before your lordship as the unanimous choice of the vestry for their rector, and request you to appoint him—that was on the 20th of September, the committee did submit his name, and on the following day your lordship was pleased to make the appointment; on behalf of the vestry I have now to request your lordship to induct him as rector of the Church of the Ascension." His Lordship then, turning to the rector elect, duly appointed him. J. J. M. Burns, people's

churchwarden, then presented the newly inducted rector with the keys of the church. The bishop then presented the books of the church to the rector, saying, "Receive these books, and let them be the rule of thy conduct in dispensing God's Holy Word, in leading the devotions of the people, in administering the Sacraments of Christ, and in exercising the discipline of the Church, and be thou, in all things, a pattern to the flock committed to thy care." The bishop preached an appropriate and practical sermon from Acts xx. 28: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

St. Thomas' Church Literary Society.—The annual commemoration of this excellent association was observed on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., by a dinner, at which were several invited guests, in the Sunday-school and lecture room adjoining. About 70 associates were present, with the active and genial president, the Rev. Canon Curran, M.A. Addresses were made by several, in response to calls by the president, or vice-president Mr. Kittson, which deservedly elicited applause. Culture was apparent, which is the laudable aim of the society, besides that of fostering the spirit of fraternity. Professor Aldons, B.A., among others, made some very thoughtful remarks on kindred tastes in music and painting, and said that classical music had not been so well sustained or so highly regarded, of late years, in England, as in the chief cities of Europe, but that attention was now directed towards improvement in this respect by members especially of the Royal family. The Rev. D. B. Bull spoke of the necessity of direction and judicious aid to literary pursuit, in the days when indifference and perversity are so observable. The Rev. L. DesBrisay, in response also to a call, spoke upon the great standard of all books, the Bible, but maintained that variety of reading was not only useful but necessary to improve intellect and reason. It will be seen that the Literary Society of St. Thomas' parish, Hamilton, is much to be commended. Weekly meetings are held during the winter months, for reading prepared papers, recitals, debates, discussions, music and song, and are invariably well attended.

BARTON.—*Holy Trinity Church.*—The Bishop of Niagara attended this church at the evening service of Sunday, the 14th inst., and preached from 1 Peter iii. 15. The subject was "Natural Theology," introductory of a series in relation to Christian evidences. The Bishop's arguments and illustrations were very striking and well sustained, commanding the closest attention of a deeply interested congregation.

HURON.

CHATHAM.—The Christmas decorations in Christ Church were very slight this year, owing to the chancel being altered and re-painted. The Christmas offertory was \$86.50, which was given to the Rev. N. H. Martin. The Sunday-school is very prosperous, having 400 on the books. The school house was seasonably decorated for Christmas by the teachers.

LONDON.—A public debate, under the auspices of the Church of England Institute, was held Dec. 19th, in Bishop Cronyn Hall. The subject was: "Resolved, that women have done more for the advancement and civilization of the world than men." The Rev. A. Brown took the chair, and called on the leader of the affirmative, Mr. Luscombe, to open the debate. The other debaters on the affirmative were Messrs. Tennant and Jewell. Very strong arguments and facts were brought forward by them in favor of the resolution, the chief of which was that women had, by their moral character, religious example, instruction and influence, done towards the advancement of civilization that which man, with his natural sternness of character, inventive genius and physical strength, could never have accomplished. The negative was ably represented by Messrs. Stevenson, Morphy and Innes. In opposition to the resolution, it was argued that the world had become more civilized through the inventive power, the physical strength, the musical, literary, poetical, oratorical and political genius of man. At the close of the debate, the chairman reviewed the arguments, and rendered his decision in the affirmative.

SARNIA AND KETLE POINT INDIAN MISSION.—The Christmas tree entertainment on the Sarnia Indian Reservation, in connection with St. Peter's Church, came off with great *éclat* in the Council house, on the 26th ult. At 6 p.m. a sumptuous tea was served to old and young, and at about 7 p.m. the long expected Christmas tree was clothed with almost everything to make glad the heart of the young child of