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EDITORIAL.

MISSION AND W. & O. FUNDS' APPEAL.

The returns in response to this appeal made both by circular and in person through the members of deputations sent throughout the Diocese, are still slowly coming in. The result at the present showing that in the majority of cases the Parishes both in the city and outside have done their best to wipe off the reproach of indebtedness on these funds, and it is devoutly to be hoped that the balance of those who have undertaken to act in this matter will speedily send in their returns. Appended is an item which illustrates both the zeal of the members of the deputation and the spirit in which they were met. This item is only a sample of what has characterized the whole enterprise.

"On Sunday, 23rd January, at St. George's, Oshawa, at 11 a.m., Messrs. F. Barlow Cumberland and D. T. Symonds, appealed for \$85 arrears and \$85 assessment for 1898, a total of \$170, and left there assured that the total would be forthcoming. Here they enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Wm. Cowan at his beautiful residence.

In the afternoon they proceeded to St. John's, Whitby, but unfortunately through some misunderstanding there was no meeting held. Rev. Mr. McKim, however, intimated that this Church's assessment would also be forthcoming.

In the evening at 7 o'clock at All Saints', Whitby, to a good congregation, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. It is expected that the assessment of \$49.50 will be met. The Rector, Rev. J. S. Broughall and Mr. Downey, extended their hospitality to the deputation."

DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL.

Since our last number His Lordship the Bishop has issued a circular to the members of the Church with reference to the contributions through the envelope system to the interest account of the Cathedral in which after expressing his gratitude for what has been done, he proceeds to point out what a slight effort would be further necessary to meet what is designed by this scheme, viz., quarterly subscriptions of 1,400 persons at 25 cents each to cover interest and management. The scheme was proposed in February, 1897, so that it has now been on trial for one year, with the result that the total receipts have amounted to \$991.50 representing contributions from seventy-nine parishes and missions out of a total of 126. We feel that it is not too much for His Lordship to expect that not only those Parishes which are already contributing should increase the number of the contributors—for some Parishes have given very little indeed—but also others who have manifested no interest should at once begin to do so and thus reach this figure of 1,400 subscribers. It should be a satisfaction to all Churchmen to feel that the financial difficulties of the Cathedral could be so easily met. When we consider that 9,000 persons communicated last Easter in Toronto, it is surely not too much to expect that one-third of these at least should have sufficient interest in their Church to contribute this small amount to the Diocesan Cathedral funds. It may be well to note that if any sum should come in on this fund in excess of what is required for interest and annual charges it will go towards the reduction of the principal. **LET EVERYONE DO HIS DUTY AND THE RESULT WILL BE MORE THAN SATISFACTORY.**