

The third argument is from human analogy, that as Christ was subject to His mother once, He must be so still, just as every dutiful son is to his parents; and that she, as Queen, partakes all the King's privileges, and bestows all His bounties.

The answer is, that it is the Queen-Consort, not the Queen-Mother, who shares the King's dignity, so far as communicable, and that the Church, not the B. V. M., is the Bride and Wife of the Lamb; while no loving bridegroom makes his own mother the channel of the gifts and favours he bestows on his bride. The plea as to the continuance of St. Mary's maternal authority in Heaven even if it were not disproved by our Lord's own acts and words after He entered on His ministry, so far as it is based on earthly analogy, cannot stand for a moment in England, where we are familiar with the fact that when Queen Victoria came to the throne, her mother, the Duchess of Kent, sank at once to the grade of a powerless subject, and was not even first in that rank amongst women so long as the Queen-Dowager survived; while she would have receded again to the second place, had she lived till there was a Princess of Wales.

NOTE.—It is not unfair to press Roman Catholics, who are fond of applying to the Pope language which Scripture confines to Christ, with the argument that no special tribute or authority in ecclesiastical matters has been alleged to vest in the mothers of Popes, albeit many have survived the elevation of their sons.

Diocesan Intelligence.

MONTREAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL.—On Sunday the 6th inst., the Rev. J. Walters, Rector of Trinity Church, received back into the Church of England a lady, the daughter of an English clergyman, and an old member of Trinity Church, who was led to embrace the errors of the Roman Church during the incumbency of the late Dr. Bancroft.

The services of this church are well attended, and the number of communicants steadily increasing. All that is required to make this Church a success is a feeling of security. At present the Trust and Loan people, who are unable to secure either capital or interest of the debt, are suing the bishop of the diocese for the amount of their claim. That a church is wanted in this section of the city is a fact indisputable, perhaps not such a large building as Trinity Church. Should Trinity be lost to the Church of England it will be a lasting disgrace to this diocese, and will react upon the other churches, and be the means of drying up in a measure the channel of Christian charity, for who will care to give money towards the building of Churches, if after a few years the buildings are to pass into the hands of dissenters or of Romanists.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE. Collections, &c., received during the week ending 12th March, 1881.

MISSION FUND. *Parochial Collections.* Holy Trinity, Toronto, \$235.80; St. John's, Toronto, additional per Church Women's Mission Aid, \$2.90. *Thanksgiving Collection.* Cambray, \$1.35; Cameron, 35 cts.; Rosedale, 45 cts. *January Collection.* Cameron, 10 cts.; Rosedale, 20 cts.; Cambray, 55 cts.; Victoria Road, \$1.40; Thornhill, \$3.04; Richmond Hill, \$2.18; Brooklin, 94 cts.; Columbus, \$1.00; Bobcaygeon, \$2.44; Dumfries, \$1.30; Alliston, \$1.61; West Essa, 80 cts. *Special Appeal.* "G. M. R." subscription, \$5.00.

PERMANENT MISSION FUND. Miss Millicent Henderson, England, subscription for 1881, \$50; Miss Mary Henderson, England, subscription for 1881, \$100; Henry Rowsell, Toronto, \$100.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND. Subscription, Henry Rowsell, Toronto, \$25.00. *October Collection.* St. Luke's, Ashburnham, \$16.08; Cambray, \$1.40; Cameron, 18 cts.; Cobocook, 52 cts.; Rosedale, 36 cts. *For the Widow of a deceased Clergyman.* St. Mark's, East Oro, \$1.90.

ALGOMA FUND. Subscription, Henry Rowsell, Toronto, \$25.00.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND. Subscription, Henry Rowsell, Toronto, \$10.00.

St. Matthew's. The Church has received the gift of a handsome surplice from the Church Women's Mission Aid Association.

MISSION BOARD. At the regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mission Board, held at the Synod Office, Toronto, on Friday, the 11th February last, the following resolutions were adopted, viz.:

Resolved. That his Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested to take such steps as he may deem best in order to secure effective collectors to get in unpaid or additional subscriptions to the Mission Fund, in response to the offer of "Fratres."

Resolved. That a committee of this Board be appointed annually at the meeting in February to prepare a report on the revision of the grants made to the several missions, such report to be presented to the Board at its meeting in May; and, as finally approved, to be incorporated in the Report of the Mission Board to the Synod.

Resolved. That the Mission Board in considering the renewal of any grant to a mission in whole or in part, or the making of a new grant of money, and before making any such grant or any renewal, shall have before it from the proper officers of the mission, a full statement of what moneys are or can be annually provided by the mission for the support of the Church and its ministrations, and the amount of the parishioners' annual subscriptions, and a proper estimate of the annual current expenses of the said mission for all purposes to be returned to the Board on a form furnished by them.

Resolved. That the resolution of the Mission Board adopted at its meeting in November, 1879, authorizing the Secretary-Treasurer to accept receipts from the missionaries in lieu of moneys due from the congregations in the several missions, be now rescinded, and that this resolution be communicated to the several missionaries of the Board.

Resolved. That the services of the Church be not withdrawn by the missionary from any station except with the consent of the Mission Board, given on the recommendation of the Rural Dean.

Sub-committees were appointed, (1) to report to the May meeting on the revision of the grants to the missions of the Board; and, (2) to draft a form of application for a grant from the Mission Board.

ST. MATTHIAS' PARISH FUNDS.—Churchmen who are interested in the important work among the poorer classes, which is being carried on under very adverse circumstances in this parish will be pleased to hear that the interest on the debt having been now fully subscribed (and nearly all paid) for the current year, an effort is being made to reduce the principal itself. This is the first time for many years that it has been thought possible to collect anything more than the annual interest in lieu of rent for the premises on Strachan Street, used as a mission chapel in Toronto. In 1877, the desperate effort to reduce the principal was abandoned, and a "straight loan" obtained, requiring only the payment of annual interest. Meantime the clerical stipend having been suspended, and other expenses reduced, nearly the whole of the floating debt has been liquidated. Chiefly by collections made by the incumbent personally in the United States—a step only justified by the emergency which had arisen during the pressure of hard times in Canada, bearing very heavily upon the labourers and mechanics, by whom the area of the parish is chiefly inhabited. Collection has now been resumed in Toronto and vicinity for the reduction of the principal. The Building Society has liberally consented to renew the mortgage at a much lower rate of interest next June, and it is hoped that the collection made meantime will materially reduce the amount of the principal, for which the new mortgage will then have to be made. The incumbent, who is conducting these collections personally, hopes to raise \$1,000 this year for the reduction of the principal debt, towards which two subscriptions of \$50 each and some smaller sums have already been promised. If the liberality of Churchmen exceed that amount, so much the better. Increase in the value of property, and numerous improvements in the way of building, help to encourage those who have been hoping almost hope against hope of late years in their efforts to maintain the ministrations of the Church in this part of the city. The parish lay helpers, with a few exceptions, have kept bravely to their post; and the record of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communion, Sunday School, &c., has marked the steady progress of the spiritual work. It is due to those who have given their generous help in the past that these encouraging facts should be publicly known. The force of such facts may not be lost, either, upon a few persons, members of wealthy city congregations, who superciliously wonder why the debts of such mission parishes are not reduced more quickly. They do not seem to consider that while their own wealthy parishes each possess an income of \$4,000 to \$5,000 per annum, the mission parish by straining every nerve can furnish only \$400 or \$500 to do substantially the same work. They have no margin wherewith to reduce the principal of the debt; there is not half enough to pay the interest

and other ordinary current expenses. Egyptian task-masters required the Israelites to make brick with stubble instead of straw; there are some Churchmen still more unreasonable. They expect mission parishes to pay off their debts—*with nothing!* This too, while the whole parochial machinery—clergy, organist, choir, &c., is doing literally "for nothing" work which supercilious brethren are lavishing thousands of dollars every year upon with results no better.

A depository has been opened in Toronto for ladies' work, to be received and disposed of on behalf of needy gentlewomen. The articles can be made at their respective homes, and thereby enable many, who are forced by adverse circumstances to use their accomplishments as a means of support, to dispose of their handiwork at a fair value, without publicity. Provisionally, the Honorary Presidents are, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Macpherson, Mrs. Gzowski, President, Mrs. K. M. Moffatt, Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Hamilton Merritt, Mrs. B. Homer Dixon, Mrs. James Henderson; Secretary, Miss Crooks; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Sprague; Treasurer, Mrs. Lockhart Gordon; Agent, Mrs. Inman. A circular has been published stating the conditions required, and the arrangements adopted.

NIAGARA.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A successful missionary meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb. 15th, at the Air Line Junction, half way between Welland and Port Colborne, this being one of the new stations at which Sunday School and service have been begun by the Rev. R. C. Caswall, since his appointment to Welland. Certainly the Church is making progress in this part of the diocese. At the first visit of your correspondent to Mr. Caswall some months since, he had the pleasure of taking part in a service at the Southern Railway Junction, another of his new stations, and found there, on a weekday evening, a congregation of eighty, a hearty service, and warm congregational singing. And now at another visit, he attended a missionary meeting. Addresses were delivered by Rev. R. C. Caswall, Rev. J. Gribble, and Mr. Ross of Welland. The incumbent told them that he hoped soon to be able to give them Sunday services, as Pelham was about to be set off as a separate mission, an announcement which seemed to give great satisfaction to the congregation.

HURON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

INGERSOLL.—The Rev. E. M. Bland writes to say that in the report of the Missionary Meeting on the 17th ult. at the Memorial Church, London, there is a slight misprint. It was the duty of reading Church papers, not Church prayers, that he urged upon the meeting as a means of ascertaining the condition of the Church in other parts. He is of opinion that their influence in a parish cannot be over-rated, and that wisely and impartially conducted, they must be productive of greater liberality of feeling and breadth of view, than we find where they are not circulated.

SARNIA.—St. George's.—The Churchmen of Sarnia have determined to have a new church to replace St. George's. The new church will be built on the present site, which is, without exception, the best that could be found, being in the handsomest part of the town. The Building Committee have been to see St. James' Church, Westminster (London South) preparatory to submitting their report to the Vestry for approval. They have decided to build the new church after the model of St. James', the congregation approving. It is intended to lay out the grounds artistically, having two entrance gates, with walks leading up to the church, forming a crescent, and to terrace the ground. When the work will have been completed, it will be one of the finest church properties in the diocese. The grounds, even in their present condition, are very valuable. The whole expenditure will not exceed \$12,000. A large amount has been already subscribed, and the work will be commenced immediately.

STRATHROY.—The members of St. John's are about building a new church. They had intended to enlarge and improve the partly renovated church, but they are now making arrangements to procure another site in another part of the town, and to build a handsome new church. The congregation of St. John's is not large, but they are remarkably zealous and energetic; and we have no doubt that in their present undertaking there will be no failure. They have been labouring under a heavy debt—now nearly cancelled, and, from being a weak mission, aided by the Church