

St. Thomas, \$15; St. John's, \$5.56; Christ's, \$4.34; Trinity, \$4.10; Trinity College School Chapel, Port Hope, \$11.47; Cook-town, \$1.07; Pinkerton's, \$1.25. Second Annual Payment under New Canon, Rev. R. W. E. Green, \$7.20.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND—April Collection—St. George's, Toronto, \$5.

An adjourned meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto was held at the Synod rooms on the 23rd, when business of importance was transacted. The bishop occupied the chair. The Rectory Lands Committee having at a previous meeting resolved, "That Mr. Charles Moss Q.C., be instructed to draft the notice necessary to be given in order that application may be made to the Ontario Legislature for whatever legislation may be required in order to vest the endowments of the rectory of St. James', in the City of Toronto, and of all other rectories in this diocese, and their management in the Synod: that the Executive Committee be requested to concur in the action of the Rectory Lands Committee in taking steps to obtain the legislation above indicated; and that the Executive Committee be requested to concur in the action taken by the Rectory Lands Committee in the preparation and presentation of the special case as ordered by the Synod." This resolution was laid before the meeting. It was decided, on the motion of Mr. John Carter, seconded by Rev. John Langtry, "That notice be given for the necessary legislation to vest the rectory lands in the Synod of the Diocese, as ordered by the Synod, and that the conduct of the bill through the House be entrusted to the Rectory Lands Committee, and that his lordship be requested to affix the common seal of the Synod to the petition asking for such legislation." Carried unanimously. On the motion of Dr. Snelling, seconded by Mr. A. H. Campbell, it was also resolved, "That the case be prepared by the Rectory Lands Committee on behalf of the Synod in reference to the St. James' Rectory be approved of; and that, so soon as the same is finally settled by the council acting for the St. James' Rectory case, be at once submitted to the courts for adjudication." Carried.

A series of missionary services were held on the 19th and 20th of Nov., by the Rev. John W. Forster, of Milbrook, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Cooper, missionary in charge in the mission of Cambray and Cameron. This mission, which is in a prospective state, is the largest in the diocese. It comprises the townships of Fenelon, Elton, Bexley, Luxton, Cardon, and parts of the townships of Mariposa and Severn. It is impossible for one man to do all the work that is required. All he can do is to give occasional services in some of the stations; an assistant is, therefore, greatly needed; one who loves Christ's mission cause and one who is not afraid of work could do good service in this place. The people of Cambray will build a church as soon as possible. A free site is offered and a promise to supply the bricks, so that there is a good prospect of the people having a place of worship of their own. At present they are holding services in a union chapel. At Victoria Road there is a very fine church, not quite finished; as soon as it is completed, it will compare favourably with churches in the now settled parts of the country; at Cobocook a church could be erected at a small outlay. This time the deputations were only able to hold services in the following places:—on Sunday morning, at Cameron; at Cambray, 1 p.m., and at 7 p.m. at Victoria Road. On Monday morning the deputations left Mr. Taylor, and proceeded on their way to Cobocook, stopping to dine at the residence of Mr. Winters, the lay reader at the Victoria Road, as the distance was about fourteen miles. Part of the road is very pretty, as it skirts the shores of the beautiful Balsam Lake, with its picturesque islands and bays. After leaving Mr. Winters, the road ran through a stretch of country which will never be settled on account of its rocky soil. This is part of the section through which the great fire raged last year, thus adding to the destitute appearance of this wild country. The meeting at Cobocook was an interesting one. The people expressed their desire to have a resident clergyman. The attendance, considering the state of the roads, was very good. Collections were taken up at all the meetings. It is proposed (D.V.) to hold the rest of the meetings in the mission when there is good sleighing.

London Sights and Scenes.—A large audience assembled in Shaftesbury Hall on the 23rd inst., when an entertainment, consisting of Prof. Chas. Richardson's Dissolving Views of London, interspersed with songs, hymns and games, rendered by Mr. Walter Reed and the choir of St. Matthias Church. The chairman, Rev. R. Harrison, in introducing the lecturer, paid a high tribute to his personal character, as well as his devotion to scientific pursuits, prophesying for him a career both honourable to himself and beneficial to religion. The scenes were, indeed, of extraordinary merit, and shown with great skill, and ex-

plained with good taste. The views of Trafalgar Square, Cleopatra's Needle, Somerset House, the Thames Embankment, etc., were particularly good, and in the views of the choir and altar of Westminster Abbey, and St. Paul's, the effects were exceedingly fine and reflective. The song of "London Bridge," by Mr. Reed, brought tears to many eyes, while that well known structure was being presented to the view of the audience. Frequent applause told how well Professor Richardson and Mr. Arthur Richardson (who worked the lime light), performed their parts. The apparatus and scenes are imported direct from the London Polytechnic, several other sets and lectures being in preparation. It is understood that Prof. R. prefers to give his lectures in connection with churches and Sunday-schools throughout the Province, on the share plan of mutual benefit method of distributing the profits. The proceeds on this occasion were given to St. Matthias Parish.

How is it in Toronto that the clergy seem to avoid exchanging pulpits with each other, each so-called "school" keeping to its own set as though their other brethren were excommunicated? This abominable display of party bad feeling and ungodly exclusiveness is unspeakable in the highest degree. We blame no individuals, but each individual clergyman should make it a point of honour to break up such an obnoxious brotherly unity which the laity would like to see fostered more and more as it is in the old land.

Niagara.

ANCASTER.—On Monday, 20th inst., a missionary service took place at St. John's Church, of a very cheerful and edifying nature. The choir of the neighbouring parish of West Flamboro', consisting of about eighteen members, rendered their part in the choir service exceedingly well under the able leadership of Mr. Mun-en, with Mr. Humphrey, organist. The Rev. C. E. Whitecombe gave the missionary address, containing pointed and abundant reference to the work in this diocese, besides Algoma and the great North West.

STONY CREEK.—On Wednesday, 22nd inst., a missionary service took place at the Church of the Redeemer, Stony Creek. The choir of West Flamboro', sixteen members, again well sustained a hearty choir service. An earnest address was made by the Rev. Thomas Geoghegan, of West Flamboro'. The attendance was large.

Preferments.—The Bishop of Niagara has been pleased to appoint Rev. C. R. Lee, B.A., of Port Colborne, to Mount Forest and North Arthur; the Rev. Robert Gartner, M.A., of the last named parish, to Port Colborne; the Rev. A. J. Belt, B.A., to Arthur; and he will remove before Advent Sunday to that parish.

HAMILTON.—In this city a small but earnest band of ladies are deeply interested in a foreign work in behalf of the Zenana Missionary Society in India. The title Zenana refers to that part of a house in India particularly reserved to women. We may, therefore, infer that this work is of necessity exclusively belonging to domestic ladies, for the reformation or Christianization of their sex in India. It must needs be a work of peculiar importance, demanding our sympathy and prayers. Who but devoted Christian women will go to that distant land, and be entrusted with work of more than ordinary difficulty? We are greatly interested in the objects of the society which already has spoken in appeal for help to ladies in Hamilton, Toronto, Peterboro', and elsewhere in Canada. Progress and success have already marked the efforts of the society. Mrs. G. Miller, of Herkimer St. Hamilton, will be happy to receive contributions in behalf of its operations.

HURON.

SARNIA.—At a vestry meeting held in St. George's Church on the 15th inst., it was decided that steps be at once taken to proceed with the erection of a new church. A building committee was appointed, who are abroad soliciting subscriptions, and meeting with such success as to warrant the hope that an edifice like creditable to the Church and diocese will be erected. Building operations will be commenced early in the spring.

PRINCETON.—A concert took place here on Tuesday last in aid of the church. The performers were chiefly from Woodstock, who acquitted themselves admirably. The Paris brass band played in their popular style. The Rev. Mr. Hastings, of Woodstock, the Rev. Mr. Hind, of Burford, and the Rev. Mr. Caswell, the incumbent, delivered suitable addresses. The concert was the most successful ever held in Princeton, and reflects much credit on Mr. Cooper, by whom it was managed. The proceeds were \$70.

KIRKTON—St. Paul's.—On Nov. 1st the bishop confirmed twenty-three candidates, nine were from Trinity Church, Prospect Hill, one of the congregations. The bishop's address ably set forth the meaning and value of this service, and was listened to with wrapt attention. The hearts of all have been cheered by the holy influences of that sermon of self-consecration on the part of the young.

Missionary Meeting.—Our annual missionary meeting was held on Nov. 7th. Those present exhibited great interest in the earnest appeals of the Rev. W. E. Campbell, Missionary Agent.

BRAMPTON.—The consecration of Christ Church took place on Tuesday, 16th inst., and being one of the most imposing of the rites of the Church of England, and performed for the first time in Brampton, evoked a great deal of general interest. The usual thanksgiving service was held on the 9th, for which the church was appropriately decorated with fruit and flowers, which were allowed to remain in the church, adding greatly to this most impressive ceremony. They were most appropriate for a service that partook of the character of a harvest festival as well as a feast of dedication. The first service was celebration of the Eucharist at 8 a.m., the rector being the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. O. P. Ford, B.A., of Woodbridge, who delivered an address upon the subject of the Holy Eucharist. Consecration commenced at 11 o'clock, before which hour the church was filled. A double line of surpliced clergy stood on either side of the walk from the gate to the porch. Between them the bishop, in his robes, attended by his chaplain, passed, and was received at the door by the Rev. C. C. Johnson, rector, the wardens and vestrymen. The rector read the petition for consecration, and after the bishop replied, assenting to it, the procession moved to their places in the choir, his lordship being preceded by the wardens, the rector, and the other clergy, as the choir chanted the 24th Psalm. The title deeds to the church property were then presented to the bishop and laid upon the altar. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Canon Dixon, bishop's chaplain and signed by his lordship. The lesson was read by the Rev. Charles H. Shortt, and the Rev. Alfred Belt. The following clergymen also took part in the service:—Rev. W. J. Pigott, C. J. Thompson, R. S. Radcliffe, O. P. Ford, J. Ridley, T. Walker, J. A. Hanna, F. W. Swallow, and W. J. McKenzie. The Rev. Canon Dixon, of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, was expected to preach, but about an hour before service a telegram was received stating that he had missed the train. His lordship, with his usual good nature, kindly took his place and preached a most eloquent and beautiful sermon. The appointed psalms were chanted by the choir, and the hymns selected were most suitable. During the offertory, the choir sang Mowbray's Deus Miseratur, and after the benediction they sang the closing hymn as a recessional.

In the evening a harvest festival was held, a substantial tea being served in the fire hall, to which ample justice was done. The concert hall was also crowded to its doors, addresses being delivered from the bishop, and the Revs. J. Ridley, O. P. Ford and R. S. Radcliffe. The band gave some choice selections, and the audience were favoured with piano and cornet duets by Mrs. Baddell, and Mr. Hustrawer, a piano solo by Mrs. Baddell, and songs by the Misses Drose, and Mr. E. Schuch, recitation by Miss Brown, all being heartily received.

We congratulate the rector and congregation upon having a substantial church and comfortable personage free from debt. It must be gratifying to them that their church has been solemnly dedicated to the service for which it was erected. The ladies of the congregation are also to be congratulated upon the evening's entertainment, all the arrangements for which were ably planned and successfully carried out.

GODERICH.—The choir of St. George's Church gave a concert in the new Sunday-school on the 15th, to aid the building committee in paying off the liabilities incurred in building the school. The Ven. Archdeacon Elwood, rector of the parish, presided, who referred to the great pleasure he enjoyed in seeing the progress of God's work. He gave to his fellow-workman, the Rev. Mr. Hicks, due credit for being mainly instrumental in erecting the beautiful school they have now met to open. The result of Mr. Hicks' zeal was not only this handsome school house, but also the magnificent church to which it is attached. Competent judges say that even in Montreal there is no church that for appropriateness and neatness excelled St. George's Church, Goderich. The concert realized ninety dollars for the building.

STRATFORD.—The concert given by the choir of St. James' Church, in Princess Hall, on 17th Nov., was largely attended. The program was well carried out; some of the singers were especially encouraged. Mr. Niven, who has for some time been acting as organist of St. James', sang a duet with Col. Smith in good style.