

was a celebration of the Holy Communion, and in the afternoon a children's service. The congregations increased each evening, and the number of communicants on Friday morning exceeded the incumbent's most sanguine expectations, several new communicants being added to the list. It is devoutly hoped that the interest which was created, and the good which appears really to have been done, may prove of a permanent and enduring character.

HASTINGS.—The churches in Hastings and Alnwick were beautifully decorated on Christmas-day, and were both well attended, considering the state of the roads. And we had a very successful concert with a well-furnished Christmas-tree in the Town Hall in Hastings. The box of toys which we received from the C. W. M. A., encouraged the friends of the Sunday-school to furnish other useful articles for the children. A sum of about \$50 was realized, with which it is intended to repair the old pipe organ, which is so much out of order as to be at present useless.

BRIGHTON.—At the annual entertainment of the St. Paul's Sunday-school, the church was comfortably filled. The scholars of the school, under the leadership of Miss Nellie Bibby, who presided at the organ, acquitted themselves very creditably, singing some nice pieces. A Christmas-tree, laden with showy and enticing fruit for every scholar of the school, appeared to be the centre of attraction for the little ones. The incumbent of the church was made the recipient of several presents—one, of a five dollar bill from Mr. R. G. Clark; and another of a very serviceable overcoat, worth \$23.00, accompanied by the following address:

Reverend and Dear Sir,—We have much pleasure in presenting you with a small token of our affectionate regard and heartfelt esteem in which you are held by the members of the Church in this parish. Your constant labours and unflinching kindness have greatly endeared you to us, though you have been our pastor for little more than a year. We pray that God may long spare you to minister to the spiritual wants of this people, and that your efforts for their benefit, may be even more blessed in the coming year than they have been in the past.

We beg you to accept this overcoat with our earnest wishes for a happy New-year for yourself and family. On behalf of the congregation: A. Butler, N. Bibby, A. Flindall, M. Platt.

Rev. R. Harris, who was evidently taken by surprise, expressed his deep gratitude for this unexpected kindness, coming as it did after the liberality shown to him by them during the past fortnight. He concluded with the hope, that just as the garment which they had just kindly presented to him would contribute to his bodily warmth, so feelings of mutual esteem and affection might long warm his and their hearts.

NIAGARA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—North Wentworth and Halton Rural Deanery.—A most efficient deputation, consisting of Rev. Rural-dean Johnson, Pigott, and Cooke, who were ably assisted at Burlington and Nelson by Rev. J. Ridley, of Onondaga, pleaded their claims of missions at the following times and places: Oakville, Monday, Jan. 9, 7-30 p.m.; Burlington, Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 7-30 p.m.; Nelson, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7-30 p.m.; Waterdown, Thursday, Jan. 12th, 7-30 p.m.; Aldershot, Friday, Jan. 13th, 7-30 p.m. With scarcely one exception, the meetings were well attended, notwithstanding the darkness and bad roads, the addresses and singing were good, and a very favourable impression was created. The collections (for Algoma) at the five meetings amounted to about \$30.

HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Lord Bishop has sent us a copy of the following circular:—To the clergy and laity of the diocese of Huron.

London, Ont., Chapter House, January 9th, 1882.

MY DEAR BRETHREN:—As the season of the year is approaching when it is customary to appeal to the members of our Church from house to house in every parish and mission, I deem it my duty to place before you the following facts for your information, feeling assured that this knowledge will tend to increase your interest and efforts to secure the necessary means to meet all our obligations, becoming our vocation as living and fruit-bearing members of the Church of God: I. About seventy of our clergy are this year more or less depending upon the Mission

Fund. II. Since the close of our last financial year, there has been a large addition to the number of our missionary clergy. Thirteen have been ordained by me, and some I have admitted from other dioceses. These additional missionaries are engaged either in new mission fields, or in older missions which were last year unsupplied. Thus owing to the extension of our missionary operations, the amount required to meet the salaries of missionaries will be larger than ever before. III. In consequence of the larger ordinations above referred to, a greater sum will be required for "outfits." IV. A further amount will be needed to carry out the provisions of the Mission Fund canon relating to the special provision for the support of the missionary clergy with large families. V. The Church societies in the motherland, viz., the S.P.G., and the Col. and Cont. Church societies, have further reduced their aid to the diocese, to help the more needy missions in other parts.

From the foregoing statement of facts, you will at once perceive the necessity for immediate, systematic, and vigorous efforts to increase our Mission Fund. We shall require an increase (a) For salaries. (b) For "outfits." (c) For amount withdrawn by English societies. (d) For children's fund. I should fail in my duty were I not, with gratitude to God, publicly to recognize here the valuable and indefatigable efforts of our zealous missionary agent, the Rev. W. F. Campbell, through whose untiring exertions and peculiar adaptability to this special work, we owe under God much of the increase of our missionary income, and of the growing interest he has been instrumental in awakening, which has so materially tended to advance every department of our diocesan work. Mr. Campbell reports in grateful terms that the kindness and co-operation of both the clergy and the laity, in his special work, are beyond all praise. But, beloved brethren, let us not be satisfied with what we have, under God, been able to achieve; let us aspire and labour for yet greater results in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom, and not rest until we can secure to every missionary clergyman a stipend not less than \$1,000 per annum. We may not be able at once to reach this desirable position; but I can see no reason why we should aim at anything less. I am confident that we can this year bring up our diocesan income for missionary work to at least \$20,000, if clergy and laity will only put forth their zealous and united efforts. The resources of the country are ample to meet every requirement and exigency of the Church. What is really wanting is for the members of the Church to put forth their strength, collectively and individually, under a full sense of their responsibility in this matter. Let it be borne in mind that we are living in a day of unprecedented prosperity in every branch of industry and enterprise. May God give us grace to make this temporal prosperity subservient—as a grateful acknowledgment to God for all His mercies—to the enlargement of Christ's Kingdom.

I trust the friends, clerical and lay, who may kindly undertake to solicit the annual subscriptions towards the Mission Fund will point out to the subscribers the wants of the Church, and the blessedness of co-operating with God to advance the spiritual well-being of the scattered members of the Church; and that they will make a special effort in every parish largely to increase the contributions for this purpose. Wishing you and yours a happy New-year, with every covenant blessing, and praying that God may cause you to abound in every good word and work, Believe me, my dear brethren, your affectionate friend and Bishop, I. HURON.

KINCARDINE.—The Christmas decorations in this parish were this year marked by the usual skill and taste of the congregation. The church, through the happy blending of colours and the presence of appropriate emblems and texts was made worthy of the festival. The Christmas offertory amounted to \$52.72, the largest recorded offering ever presented to a rector on a similar occasion. This was the more gratifying as over \$51.00 had been contributed through the offertory.

WINDSOR.—On the first Sunday after Epiphany there was a very interesting service in St. George's church, being the first Ordination service held in this frontier town. Morning prayer was said by Ven. Dean Boomer, and his Lordship the Bishop of Huron as is his wont, preached an impressive sermon direct to the purpose. The following clergymen also took part in the service: Rev. W. F. Campbell, diocesan missionary agent; Rev. Messrs. Turquand, Johnston, and Burwell; the oath being administered by Mr. E. Reed, sec.-treasurer of the Synod. A liberal collection in aid of the mission fund was taken up.

MARKDALE.—The time hallowed custom of presentation at Christmas-tide, has not fallen into disuse in our country parishes. The congregation of Christ Church have presented to the Rev. J. Ward, incum-

bent of the mission, a handsome easy chair, with a very kind address, as a slight token of their esteem for his invaluable services in the discharge of the solemn trust committed to him. The congregation also presented to Miss Ford, organist of the church, a handsome gold watch. Both recipients, in reply, expressed their thankfulness for the very kind feeling manifested by the Christmas gifts.

ALGOMA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

GRAVENHURST.—The Rev. Thos. Lloyd desires to acknowledge with warmest thanks the following, in response to appeal made on the first Sunday after Epiphany:—

Per the Churchwardens of St. Peter's ... \$154 00
Per the Ven. Archdeacon Boddy:—Mr. and Mrs. Wood (for Muskoka sufferers) \$5.00;
Mr. Reeve \$5.00; Mrs. Merritt \$1.00; Miss Brunich \$2.00; A friend \$1.00; A friend \$1.00 ... 15 00

Total St. Peter's ... \$169 00
Per Rev. A. H. Baldwin, M.A., All Saints' ... 94 45
Mr. and Mrs. Peole, per T. D. Derwent Lloyd \$5.00; Harriet Dunn \$1.00 ... 6 00

Total All Saints' ... \$100 45
Mrs. James Henderson, for "sufferers" ... 20 00
Also a parcel of blankets and clothing from H. P. Dwight, Mr. Gooderham, and Mr. Jas. Hedley. Also two boxes of useful clothing from the ladies of St. Peter's, for Muskoka sufferers.

GRAVENHURST.—The Rev. Thos. Lloyd desires to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt from the Rev. A. H. Baldwin, of \$106, collected by Mrs. J. T. Maberly, for "Sufferers;" and \$12.08 for Church work, also \$1 from a Churchwoman, and several parcels and cases of warm clothing for the "Sufferers," for all which warmest acknowledgments are made.

S. S. Teacher's Assistant TO THE INSTITUTE LEAFLETS.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

No. 9.

THE COLLECT, ETC.

This Sunday we advance a step further in the consideration of Christ's Epiphany amid our dangers. Last Sunday the language of the Collect was simply, "infirmities, dangers, necessities;" in these, "help and defend us." Now the Collect speaks of "many and great" dangers, and the wording of the Collect is extended to deal with the new point of view, at which we arrived in the Epiphany of Christ. The ancient form of the Collect in Latin twelve hundred years ago, is not so full in the expressions on the subject. As soon as we examine the Gospel, we see the reason of the wording of the Collect. It is not now our diseases, however terrible, but those external dangers in the presence of which man stands aghast, feeling his own feebleness—what are called the great "convulsions" of nature, such as the earthquake and the tempest. We are said to be "set" in the midst of such things, because it is our natural condition as inhabitants of a world which God has constituted of such a character in its wonderful elements, as to be liable to these occasional "convulsions," so that we never know when, on land or sea, some such terrible state of things may arise about us, the elements of earth, air, or sea awaking, as it were, from sleep, in their might. The Collect reminds us that, under such circumstances, man is forcibly made to feel his "frailty"—the feebleness of his nature. We are very apt to think, when the elements of nature thus awake, and strife is around us, that "Christ is asleep." He may indeed be inactive for awhile; but, as God, our Saviour cannot sleep, though in the tempest on the Sea of Galilee, he slept as man. God continues awake to all our dangers. At one call of fear He is ready to produce a "great calm around us in the instant. No wonder those men said, at such an Epiphany of God in Christ: "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?" That ship was like the Church of God: in the midst of all the stormy changes and revolutions of the elements of this world. Christ her Lord is in the ship of the Church, we are safe! He does not turn us out of danger, or