

into his harvest, for the harvest still indeed is great and the labourers but few.

Without dictating to what object your offerings on the day shall be devoted, I may commend the work of our own Missionary Diocese of Algoma to your special consideration as that in which I feel a deep interest, and as one well deserving of our people's liberality. Pray send your contributions to the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, M.A., Rural Dean, Kingston, Sec. Treasurer of our Board of Foreign Missions. Wishing you good success in this and every other effort to extend the Kingdom of Christ, I am, Rev. and Dear Brother, yours very faithfully, J. T. ONTARIO. Kingston, May 6th, 1881.

LANSDOWNE FRONT.—At the annual vestry meeting held in St. John's church, the Rev. R. L. M. Houston, B.A., missionary in charge, delivered an address stating that the mission has to mourn the lukewarmness and careless indifference of many who claim to belong to the Church, but who for reasons of their own do not give that support which they are in duty bound to give. There are people within the bounds of this mission who seldom ever enter the house of God. They are friendly towards the clergyman, and appear always glad to see him. They give, some of them, quite liberally towards the support of the Church, but more they will not do. We need not wonder that the sects around us do not come more than they do to the services of the Church, when some of our own people are in the habit of absenting themselves from all the means of grace. It should be our daily prayer that God would see fit to pour down on this mission the healthful dew of his blessing, and give power and success to the ministrations of His Word and sacraments.

The temporal position of the Church has greatly improved since the present incumbent took charge of mission, five years ago. During that time two churches have been built and paid for, three organs purchased, and one driving shed built. All this represents a great spirit of liberality as existing among our people, particularly in this part of the mission. A church was hardly ever built of such pretensions as this, with so great ease and so little anxiety, and we stand to-day with all liabilities met and a balance on hand of twenty dollars. During the five years of Mr. Houston's incumbency 124 persons have been baptized, some of whom were adults, of which number twenty-seven were baptized the last year; twenty-six marriage ceremonies have been performed, four of which were performed the last year; there have been fifty burials, eight during the last year. In the performance of parochial work, about 3000 miles have been travelled since last Easter. The number admitted to further Church privileges by the Holy Rite of Confirmation has been sixty-two. The number of communicants in the mission is now nearly 120. But in most country places like this we need not look for any increase in our congregations. Hundreds are leaving the old Canadian dioceses for the North-West, and other places, and this tide of emigration seems to be ever on the increase. The number of our people who have left this mission within the last five years would make a respectable congregation. Yet in spite of all this, the contributions towards the various diocesan funds have been steadily increasing year by year. During the year ending 30th April last this mission contributed to the several funds of the diocese over \$100. For the year ending 30th April, 1881, we shall be greatly in excess of last year. But while everything is prosperous in regard to the points mentioned, yet the financial position as regards the support of the ministrations of the Church in our own mission does not show the same prosperity. The clergyman's stipend is in arrears. This fact only shows that there is not the same interest displayed in securing the clergyman's stipend as there is in collecting moneys for other objects. Let us in our daily prayers remember the great Apostolic Church to which we belong; let us ever pray that the great Head of the Church would vouchsafe to bring back to his fold those who in former years have strayed away, and open their eyes to the grievous sin of schism, that there may be amongst us one fold and one Shepherd.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending 14th May, 1881.

MISSION FUND.—*Parochial Collections.*—Craighurst \$27.43; Midhurst \$6.90; Christ church \$6.50; St. James's \$18.25; Miss Dickson, from York Mills, \$4.00; St. George's, Etobicoke, additional \$1.00; St. Luke's, Toronto, additional \$5.00; West Brock \$2.00; Tecumseh, balance \$5.90; Lindsay, balance \$69.25; Cookstown \$66.65.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Annual Subscription.*—Rev. B. Boyan \$5.00; Rev. W. F. Swallow,

balance of subscription for 1874 \$1.00. *October Collection.*—Catwright, balance of assessment \$15.33; Cookstown, balance of assessment \$9.38; All Saints', Toronto, on account of assessment \$35.00. *Thank Offering,* from a mother, on returning thanks, Trinity church, Ottawa \$5.00.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—*April Collection.*—Brighton \$1.72; Galway, Kimmount \$1.03; Swamp Lake Road 27 cents; Norwood 85 cents; Westwood 60 cents; Tecumseh, Trinity church 62 cents; St. John's 75 cents; St. Paul's \$1.25; Christ church 59 cents; Albion, Caledon &c.; St. James', Albion 60 cents; Palgrave 25 cents; St. George's 25 cents; Charleston 27 cents; Campbell's Cross 35 cents; Lindsay \$4.00; All Saints, Toronto \$20.63; Mulmur West, Whitfield 64 cents; Honeywood \$1.22; Elba 50 cents; Cookstown \$1.66; Pinkertons 33 cents; Scarborough, Christ church \$2.95; St. Paul's \$1.57; St. Jude's 56 cents.

ALGOMA FUND.—*Donation.*—Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker \$25.00.

St. Ann's.—An entertainment was given on Thursday evening, 12th inst., by the children in the Sunday school in aid of their library fund, which was very creditable to the little ones. Many of the parents were present, and seemed much pleased with the proceedings, which were made more interesting by a presentation of a Bible and valuable set of commentaries to Mr. Kirkpatrick, the Superintendent. The Bible was handed to him by the Rev. Mr. Ballard, and bore a suitable inscription. Rev. Canon Morgan, of Barrie, afterwards delivered an address.

St. George's.—On Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., the annual meeting of the Churchwomen's Missionary Aid Society took place in the school-room. The chair was taken by the Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A., supported by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Algoma, the Rev. Provost Whitaker, and the Rev. J. P. Lewis, of Grace Church. The proceedings having been opened by prayer and praise, Miss Carter presiding at the organ, the chairman read the annual report, which showed the society was under the direction of the bishop of the diocese, who had to sanction all its acts; that its objects were:—1st, to awaken amongst the women of the Church a deeper, more permanent, and more general interest in the work of missions both Canadian and foreign. 2nd, to show missionaries in the field that they have those at home who work, pray, and sympathize with them, and who testify this sympathy by practical aid. 3rd, to collect and forward funds for missionary purposes. 4th, to diffuse information concerning the missionary work of the Church. It also contained a letter from the bishop expressing his hearty approval of the association as one "calculated to become an invaluable auxiliary to the Diocesan Mission Board," and expressing his desire "to see an active branch of it established in every parish." The report showed that the society was alive and that it had redeemed its pledge of contributing \$200 to the Algoma Diocesan Fund, with every prospect of increasing this offering by \$100 during the ensuing year. It had also aided struggling parishes by pecuniary grants towards building churches and by contributions of clothes, church furniture, surplices, altar linen, books, groceries, and articles for Christmas trees and the like, to the poorer missions in the dioceses of Toronto, Huron, Niagara, and Algoma, amounting in value to the sum of \$749.96. The ladies, who all give their time and other work free, begin the year with a balance in hand of \$28.93. They have opened work rooms in the Mechanics' Institute building, where, in addition to making articles for church purposes, they receive and sell for ladies any needle or fancy work they wish to dispose of for their own pecuniary advantage. The Society (Mr. Cayley explained) was moulded on the lines of a similar association in the United States, which from starting from small beginnings was now a valuable adjunct to the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. J. P. Lewis spoke of the immense field for missionary work recently opened up and continually increasing in the North-west, which was being colonized in great measure by members of the Church of England. Yet the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers were as five, six, or eight to one as compared with the Anglican.

The Bishop of Algoma looked upon the association as the connecting link between his own diocese and that of Toronto, from which it had been cut off. Were it not for the substantial aid afforded by the society his diocese would have received, especially during the last three years, next to nothing. His difficulties had been terrible, yet since October, 1873, the date of his consecration, the staff of clergy had increased from seven to fourteen, one being specially told off to work among the Indians of Lake Superior, who had waited for thirty years for a Church of England clergyman, and had refused to allow the Roman Catholic priesthood to minister to them. There were then only nine churches, and from

eighteen to twenty stations. He had now thirty-six churches built, with six more in process of erection, and eight or ten stations, making fifty-two in all. Many were served gratuitously by laymen. The south-western portion of this diocese was thickly populated, chiefly by English Churchmen, who, especially the younger ones, were rapidly joining the ranks of the Methodists and Presbyterians through the supineness of the Church of England in not sending men and money. The bishop wound up with a fervent appeal to all present, and all who read of the work in Algoma and the North-West, to lay aside all sectionalism and party divisions, and to merge all their differences, as had been done in the United States, to advance the great cause of religion.

The Rev. Provost Whitaker said that all the resolutions of Synods anent mission work were of no use without active organizations like this and kindred societies. He also reminded them that while provision was expressly made for the payment of the missionaries of the diocese of Algoma, for the bishop, who was as much a missionary as his clergy, no provision was made so far as regarded his stipend. This, he thought, was at least a peculiar and an unequal arrangement. The meeting was closed by prayer offered by the bishop, who also pronounced the Benediction.

St. Stephen's.—At the adjourned vestry meeting Mr. James Pepler was elected warden.

On Thursday last, the Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A., the esteemed rector, left Toronto for England. We heartily wish him God speed.

LAKEFIELD.—A substantial brick parsonage for this mission, was bought by the congregation of St. John's church about October 1879, for fifteen hundred dollars; and we are glad to report that the sum of \$538.36 has been received up to the present time as under: leaving a present debt of \$961.64 which we hope soon will be liquidated. Parsonage fund:—Old balance in Savings bank \$22.54; Proceeds of Bazaar, Sept. 1880, \$152.40; Proceeds of Concert, January 1881, \$15.35. Amounts sent in by: Mr. Wright and family \$231.43, Rev. Mr. Bell \$27.72, Mr. Sheppee \$25.00, Mrs. Col. Strickland \$20.00, Miss Fitzgibbon \$14.46, Mr. Le Fevre \$14.46, Mr. C. Bowker \$10.00, Mr. Ponsette \$5.00; total \$538.36.

UNBRIDGE. *St. Paul's Church* was filled on Good Friday with a devout and earnest congregation. Singing was dispensed with, except for two solemn and simple hymns. All seemed impressed with the reality of the event which the day memorializes. Many of the congregation had joined in united worship and meditation each previous day of the week, when the events of the days immediately preceding the crucifixion are rehearsed, and the last parables and sayings of our Lord, as narrated in the four Gospels, were read. On Easter Sunday every seat in the church was occupied, and hearty and united were the bright songs of praise that ascended to the risen Lord, alternately in canticle and hymn, the thanksgivings of the earnest body of worshippers poured forth, and all "rejoiced in God their Saviour." After the sermon, the offertory being presented, seventy-four adults remained to join in that higher service of praise, in which the faithful remember with exceeding love all that the Saviour has done for men, and "do show forth His death until He come." The total offertory for the day was found to amount to ninety-nine dollars, which conclusively shows that Lenten self-denial is not only a thing of form and name with this congregation. On Monday the annual vestry meeting was held. The retiring churchwardens, Mr. E. Moore and Dr. Nation, presented the accounts for the past year, from it appears that the financial position of the church was entirely satisfactory. After some discussion, fifty dollars of the amount offered on Easter Sunday was applied to the reduction of the parsonage debt, and a committee was appointed to expend the balance in improvements, repairs, &c. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Churchwardens, Messrs. Hanning and Peters. Lay representatives, Messrs. Solley and Hanning. Sidesmen, Messrs. Henry Moore, Dyer, and Cooke.

WEST SIMCOE RURAL DEANERY.—On Tuesday and Wednesday, 3rd and 4th inst., the May meeting of the clergy of this Rural Deanery was held at Bradford. There were present nine clergymen, including the Hon. and Rev. T. P. Hodge who does not belong to the deanery, but was present by invitation. All were very hospitably entertained by the Rev. A. W. Spragge and several of his parishioners. Evensong was said on Tuesday in Trinity church, Mrs. Spragge most efficiently discharging the duties of organist. An admirable sermon from the words, "Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build, thou the walls of