

three points. Mr. Shaw has also established a little monthly paper, which gives interesting reading matter on the homœopathic principle—small doses.

COMBERMERE.—Well known throughout North Renfrew is the Rev. James Robinson, the active missionary priest of Combermere and Rockingham. By choice Mr. Robinson remains on in this isolated and laborious post of duty. His labours are indeed abundant, and his perils not infrequent. He is a terror to all enemies of the Church, several of whom he has met in public debate and vanquished them. Mr. Robinson has promised us some interesting information about his mission for a future issue.

EGANVILLE.—The Rev. Robert Orr, missionary priest at this point, has been in charge only twelve months. He has three stations with but one church. His zealous labours during the past year are being rewarded by the erection of a new church at Lake Dore, one of the out-stations, the opening services in which we hope to report at no distant date. This mission, as that of Cobden, embraces a very good agricultural district, where the farmers are able to do considerably more than make "both ends meet." During the first twelve months they have each largely increased their contributions to clergyman's support, and it is confidently hoped that the credit they have thus attained in the diocese will be fully maintained by the faithful payment of these increased subscriptions. Many a parish has lost a clergyman they desired very much to keep, just because of the thoughtlessness of the few who delayed so long in the payment of their promised support that the patient and long suffering clergyman was compelled to either starve, remove, or run in debt. *It pays to pay your clergyman.*

MATTAWA.—This mission is well known throughout the diocese. The present missionary priest is the Ven. W. Y. Daykin, LL.B., who is energetically working his large district with the assistance of two lay readers. Mr. Daykin is using every effort to remove the balance of debt due on the mission property at Mattawa. Were this debt once removed the mission would be in excellent shape, and the future full of promise. By reason of its situation and the distance between stations, it is an expensive mission to maintain, the support of lay readers and their travelling expenses to and from out-stations almost eating up the whole local revenue. But this is only temporary, and if in a year or two the debt can be removed brighter days will be in store.

PEMBROKE.—This, the county town, is considered the most important parish in the deanery, though the parish of Stafford—purely country—is the oldest and numerically the strongest. Pembroke is the largest town in the county and is growing. The church and parsonage are substantial brick buildings, and, with land attached, valued at upwards of \$8,000. There are 85 Church families, comprising 455 souls, 185 being communicants. There is a well-organized Sunday school with 13 teachers and 132 scholars. During the twelve months preceding Easter the local revenue exceeded two thousand dollars, and the contributions to the mission fund exceeded the amount for which the parish was assessed. A further evidence of the material prosperity of the parish, under wise administration, is the fact that nearly three thousand dollars is about to be expended on a parish hall, which is to be built on a new site recently purchased with a view to the erection, later, of a new church and rectory. The site is paid for and most of the required amount for the hall either paid or subscribed. This is an excellent record of patient, persevering, unassuming labours during an incumbency of three years. The rector, Rev. W. A. Read, like a true master builder, works to a plan. First he had the site procured, then within a year or so paid for, then follows the parish hall to be built in a style in keeping with the new church and rectory he hopes to see follow it. May his design be realized in its entirety, and the admirable site, in the centre of this large town, crowned with a beautiful sanctuary, as beautiful as the consecrated offerings of the people can make it, to the glory and worship of Almighty God.

PETAWAWA.—It is nearly four years since this mission was set apart on its present basis, having for several years been worked from Mattawa, 90 miles distant, the present missionary priest, Rural Dean Bliss, coming from Mattawa to give fortnightly services. At Petawawa there is a very pretty church and a mission house or parsonage built by the mission priest while he resided at Mattawa. Removing here in 1889, he organized congregations at other points, and now has four churches—two of which have been built within two years, and six stations. A fifth church is about to be erected this year. Two lay readers assist the missionary, and are in training for holy orders. The church properties are all paid for, except the mission house, on which a small balance of three hundred dollars has

yet to be paid. Three of the churches are consecrated and the fourth awaits the Bishop's visit. There are 73 families, 313 souls, 128 communicants. The Sunday driving distances, to outstations and return, are thirty miles and fifty miles, according to direction, with three services. Taking Combermere, Calabogie, Mattawa and Petawawa, we have in this deanery as purely missionary work as any in the Algoma or North-West Dioceses.

RENFREW.—One of the oldest missions in the deanery, but the Scotch element preponderating in the settlement of the adjacent townships, the Church has been unable to make much progress. There are two permanent stations, with church edifices, and a third station has recently been opened. The mission priest, Rev. W. M. Quartermaine, has done much to improve both churches, in one instance completely renovating the interior. The sanctuary of St. Paul's, Renfrew village, has been adorned with many memorial gifts, e.g., altar, Bishop's chair, prayer desk, lectern, alms plates, etc. The Church population comprises forty-five families, numbering two hundred and seven souls. There are one hundred communicants. St. Andrew's Brotherhood has a live chapter, and there is also a junior organization, the cadets of St. Andrew.

STAFFORD.—This is the strongest and probably the wealthiest parish in the deanery, numbering upwards of one hundred families and five hundred souls. There are two hundred communicants and 170 Sunday school scholars. There are three churches and a very handsome stone rectory. Stafford is noted for large congregations, the churches always being full. The present incumbent, Rev. C. O. Carson, B.A., is the first rector, the former clergy having received grants from the Mission Fund. Mr. Carson is endeavoring to develop the fine resources of this parish, and in a year or so we hope to see a handsome church at Lower Stafford to replace the present log building, which has seen its best days, and is now far too small for the increasing congregation. The Church people of Lower Stafford have the ability, if they choose to exercise it, to build the handsomest church in the county, and we have no doubt that the enthusiasm of the rector will soon become contagious, and the offerings of the people rise to such a sum as will enable them to erect a really beautiful sanctuary to the honour and glory of God. *So note it be.*

AULTSVILLE.—In a recent sermon by the Rev. M. G. Poole at this place, he stated that since he had been in charge of the parish of Williamsburg he had conducted the last rites of the Church over the remains of fifty-four persons, ranging in age from one year to ninety-seven years, and many of them had comprised the most influential and best supporters of the Church, and there were none to supply their places.

MATILDA.—The corner stone of a new frame church was laid on Wednesday, July the 19th, at Wallace's Settlement in this parish. A goodly number were gathered together to watch the placing of the tin box containing copies of several papers, including a CANADIAN CHURCHMAN, under the stone, and to take part in the beautiful service taken from the Priest's Prayer Book. The names of the reigning Queen, Governor-General, Lieutenant-Governor, Bishop, Rector, building committee, builder and architect were also recorded. The service was very hearty, and after the stone was laid a liberal offering was laid thereon, and prayers being ended a hymn was sung, and the rector addressed the congregation. He spoke of the hard work and many difficulties which had been overcome before they had been able to start the church, and how thankful they ought to feel that nearly three-fourths of the sum necessary was now subscribed. While they had been very thankful for the use of the school house, which was as convenient as a secular building could be, it was a great joy to look forward to a building entirely devoted to God's service, where no secular business or entertainment would be undertaken, and which would be free to all. The Rev. R. W. Rayson in a short address dwelt on the increase of responsibility caused by increased privileges. They must support the church they were building, not only with money, which he was sure they would give freely, but also by leading consistent lives, making the services real, hearty acts of worship, and striving to draw others to them. Mason Mills, Esq., next spoke of the little church built by the Romans in Canterbury, which had been the mother of so many English churches, and which was little larger than the one now building. The dimensions of the new church will be 40x24 feet with a porch 7x8 feet, and it is placed five miles northwest of Iroquois.

OSNABRUCK AND MOULINETTE.—A beautiful and interesting service was held in St. David's Church, Wales, on Sunday, July 9th. The Sunday School assembled at 9 a.m., in the basement, and after the

lessons the scholars and teachers to the number of about 120 marched in procession to the church, each carrying a bunch of flowers. At the church door they were met by the rector (Rev. R. W. Samwell), and the procession marched up the nave and to their places, singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." After the prayers, the scholars attended by their teachers walked reverently to the sanctuary, and there presented their offerings of flowers; the rector, as he received them, placed them upon the altar. During this interesting part of the service the hymns "Christ who once amongst us" and "Once in royal David's City" (A. & M.) were sung. The altar looked radiant in its wealth of flowers, whose sweet fragrance filled the church. The rector then gave an appropriate address on the subject of "Flowers." He took as his text the floral offering of one of the children, and drew from it many simple and instructive lessons. At the conclusion of the service the procession returned to the basement, singing "There's a friend for little children." The church was crowded, and the interest of the large congregation was shown by their close attention throughout the service. The reverent demeanour and excellent singing of the scholars was found worthy of special remark. The flowers were afterwards carefully packed and dispatched to the Hospitals at Brockville and Kingston to cheer the sick. St. David's Sunday School has more than trebled its numbers within the past nine months.

ERNESTOWN.—St. Alban's Church, Odessa, has just received a very handsome present from the Church Extension Association, consisting of a magnificent violet dossal, a complete set of altar linen, and a set of four coloured silk burses and chalice veils. They are all worked by hand in that exquisite manner for which the Kilburn Sisters are famous.

MORVEN.—This is a new station recently opened up by Rev. Mr. Dibb. It is just half way between Odessa and Napanee and is a great stronghold of Methodism. The use of the school house for the services of the church has been refused by the Chairman of School Trustees, and consequently they have to be held in the parlor of a private house which was kindly placed at our disposal by Mrs. McEwen. The results have been very encouraging, and the congregations are already too large for the parlor. Many of them have to sit outside on the verandah. Consequently we shall have to build a small church at once, and it is earnestly hoped that Church-people outside the mission will give us their cordial help.

#### TORONTO.

Miss Lizzie A. Dixon acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts for Rev. J. G. Brick, Peace River, Athabasca: Miss F. Twohy, Hamilton, \$6; St. George's S.S., Owen Sound, \$18.03; St. Martin's S.S., Montreal, \$32.20; A friend, \$5; St. James' Junior Guild, Kingston, per Mrs. Rogers, \$35; Christ Church S.S., Hamilton, \$10; Simcoe branch W.A., \$10.

PETERBOROUGH.—An active movement has been lately going on in this active commercial town, having as its object the earlier closing of stores on Saturdays and the lessening of the volume of business on that day. On the invitation of the rector of Peterborough, a general attack was made upon this prevailing evil from the pulpits of all churches in the town and in Ashburnham. The local press—(notably the *Examiner*) then took up the cause, publishing articles and opinions by business men concerned, and otherwise ventilating the subject. The beginning of a general reform has been already noticed. The matter is still being pushed forward.

Services are being held by the clergy of St. John's Church in the Pavilion, Chemong Park, Peterborough's watering place. Every Sunday morning these services are largely attended by members of all denominations. They have now been held during July and August for three summers.

Rev. C. W. Hedley, B.A., has begun his work in the mission of Otonabee (St. Mark's), with headquarters in Ashburnham. Mr. Hedley has been warmly received. On Sunday, 23rd, a new outpost was opened in the village of Allandale, Rev. C. H. Marsh of Lindsay preaching to a large congregation. There are now five clergy in active work in Peterborough and its neighbourhood.

COLBORNE.—Trinity Church.—Rev. J. C. Davidson, rector of Peterborough, officiated here on Sunday, July 23rd, and received an affectionate welcome from his old congregation. In the afternoon the infant son of Judge Ketchum and grandson of the late lamented Canon Davidson was baptized in the presence of a large congregation which nearly filled the church. Among them was the Provost of Trinity College who stood as god-father.