

occasions having been gone through, his Lordship first addressed the congregation with regard to the general state of the parish rendered so unfortunate by the palpable spoliation of the property bequeathed to it for the support of the Church. After having alluded to the injury and injustice inflicted upon your correspondent by the parties who have illegally held and are still holding possession of the Rectory, together with the grounds attached thereto for past three years free of rent, His Lordship proceeded, in his usual eloquent and fervid manner, to address the candidates for the "Apostolic rite of laying on of hands." As there was much uncertainty with regard to the time of His Lordship's visit it was impossible in such an extensive parish to notify and duly prepare all the candidates who would, under more favorable circumstances, have been desired to present themselves on that day. In less than three weeks from His Lordship's notification 25 persons voluntarily tendered their names—5 of whom, however, it is much to be regretted, after travelling a distance of some 20 miles, failed to reach the Parish Church in time to participate in His Lordship's official ministrations. The result of His Lordship's visit has been highly satisfactory both to Pastor and people. The heart of the former has been strengthened and supported in the midst of difficulties which more than ordinarily fall to the lot of Incumbents, and the people in general seemed both to desire and to partake of the blessing of Him who has promised to hear the devout prayers of his Church. His Lordship was pleased to express his approval to Miss Brine, the Organist, of the music rendered by the choir; the hymn commencing "The Cross is on our brow," being sung with much spirit as it should be. Immediately after the service His Lordship took his departure for Amherst by private conveyance, much to the disappointment of many who entertained the hope of hearing another of his eloquent discourses in the evening.

LOUISBURG.—The Rev. H. Wellesley Atwater, thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following sums, in aid of the new church at Louisburg, in answer to his appeal. Rev. J. Abbot, Halifax, \$1.00; Rev. R. Morrison, Chaplain H. M. F., Halifax, \$1.00; Dr. Avery, Halifax, \$1.00; Hugh Hartshorne, Esq., Halifax, \$1.00; T. Poole, Esq., Cornwall, Ont., \$2.00; Anonymous, Toronto, \$1; Senator Kaulbach, \$2.00; Rev. R. Simonds, N.B. \$1.00.

HALIFAX.—The Church of England Institute, has had its library increased by a present of volumes from the Lord Bishop.

FREDERICTON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONCTON.—Six hundred dollars were recently subscribed at a meeting to complete the interior of St. George's Church. The work is being vigorously prosecuted, and the church when completed will be one of the most attractive in the Diocese. The congregation hope also to furnish the tower and spire this spring.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese sails for England in May, and will attend the Pan-Anglican Synod. There is a pressing need of more clergy. By the setting apart of new missions, the separation of the parishes Sackville and Dorchester, the death of the rector of Kingsclear, and from other causes, several parishes and missions are now vacant, among them, Sachville, Dorchester, Kingsclear, St. David with St. Patrick, and Stanley. A travelling missionary is wanted for the county of Albert. Report says that two other parishes will be vacant at Easter. And many of the clergy are overburdened with the number of their churches and mission stations. Several missions need dividing to save the breaking down of clergymen.

The appointment of the rector is vested in the parishioners, and all the places we have named can, with the help of the Church Society, provide a reasonable support.

NEW CASTLE.—The indefatigable Rector, Rev. H. H. Barber, who has a parish containing only 2,000 square miles, has recently built a neat and tasteful school house at New Castle. The first

lecture within its walls was delivered by the Rev. Edwyn S. W. Pentreath, Rector of Moncton, on "Our Homes and how to Brighten Them," on March 27th. Over eighteen dollars were realized towards the reduction of the debt on the building. New Castle is a stronghold of Presbyterianism, but the Church is growing slowly, yet surely. At Chatham, five miles distant, the Rector, Rev. David Forsyth, has also built a handsome school house. Though still a bachelor, Mr. Forsyth rejoices in the completion of by far the handsomest and most commodious rectory in the Diocese. It was a pleasure for us to inspect it, and see the evidences of good taste and practical knowledge displayed in the interior arrangements. It would rejoice the Rector still more, if he could see his way clear to reconstruct the old church, especially the interior; or better still, build a new one.

ST. JOHN.—The last of the course of Lenten lectures, given in St. Paul's church, on the different offices in the Book of Common Prayer, was delivered by the Rev. Canon DeVeber on "The order for the Burial of the Dead." This office, said the rev. gentleman, is particularly suitable for attention and thought during this holy season of Lent, and even more so on the Friday which the Church of England regards as the weekly commemoration of Our Lord's death.

The lecturer carefully explained the whole office stating that three classes of persons were excluded from having this service said for them, namely those who die unbaptized, the excommunicated, and self-murderers. The church had often been called uncharitable because she refused to bury the first-class, but when a man dies who does not belong to the Masonic body, do his friends turn round and assail that society because it refuses to bury one who all his life has not seen fit to join them? The church and the churchyard were the proper places for the services to be held, not the house, which would not hold all the friends and neighbours; and how painful was it to see a crowd of attendants and others gossiping outside the door! After stating how the lesson was the most noble of funeral sermons, beside which all human words seemed weak indeed, the lecturer commented on the fact that it used to be the custom for the priest to throw the earth upon the coffin, or at least one of the near friends of the deceased. Here, again, we may learn a lesson from the Masonic and similar bodies, who do not allow the grave digger to do this work. The lecture, which was listened to with great attention, was a careful exposition of the most beautiful service of the Church of England.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending April 20th, 1878.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.—October Collection. York Township, Christ Church \$12.00; Scarborough (additional) Christ's 50 cents, St. Paul's, \$1.75, St. Jude's, \$1.25. For the Widow and Orphans of two deceased Clergymen.—St. Paul's, Toronto, \$6.05. Annual Subscription.—Rev. T. W. Paterson, \$5.00; Rev. J. M. Ballard \$5.00.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—April Collection.—Toronto, St. George's \$25.32; St. Thomas's \$2.00; Markham, St. Philip's, \$1.48, Grace Church, \$6.10; St. Thomas's, Shanty Bay, \$8.00; Carleton \$1.00; Scarborough, Christ's \$3.00, St. Paul's \$4.27, St. Jude's \$1.58.

MISSION FUND.—Parochial Collections.—Holy Trinity, Toronto, additional \$5.00; Etobicoke \$117.75; (Cavan) St. Thomas's \$61.80, Christ Church \$64.15, St. John's \$51.50, Holy Trinity \$23.60, Fallis Line Congregation \$9.25.

ALGOMA FUND.—St. George's, Toronto \$54.44.

OSHAWA.—A very interesting series of services was held here in St. George's Church during the past week. The attendance was excellent, and steadily increased, beginning at 100 and running up to fully 150. On Monday, Rev. T. W. Paterson, of Christ Church Yorkville, preached; on Tuesday, Rev. S. W. Young, of the Church of the Ascension; on Wednesday Rev. R. Greene, of St. James Cathedral; on Thursday evening and good Friday morning the Incumbent, Rev. J. W. Rolph; and on Friday evening Rev. E. W. Beavan, of

Whitby. On Saturday morning the Ante-Communion office was said but without any sermon. There were good congregations on Easter-day, and the usually large number of 60 communicants. An unfortunate accident has happened to our bell. For some few weeks it has been noticed that its tone was not so clear as usual, and that it was rapidly becoming worse. The cause was a crack, which it was suggested should be cut out. But while still under discussion, the difficulty culminated on Sunday afternoon, by the bell completely giving out. The crack it seems, had suddenly extended to the top, and the bell refused to omit any sound worthy of the name. The matter will no doubt be considered by the vestry and it is to be hoped that the improvement will not be allowed to end there, but extend to the church also.

OSHAWA.—At the Easter Vestry meeting held on Monday evening the 22nd inst., the following gentlemen were elected Churchwardens. Appointed by the Incumbent, F. W. Glen; elected by the Vestry, Dr. C. E. Martin. At the meeting after the Vestry the following delegates were elected to the Synod, J. Carmichael, John Cowan, Matthew Western. There was a large attendance, and the meeting passed off with entire unanimity.

TORONTO.—St. James'.—On Easter Day the annual service in behalf of St. George's Society was held. The Rev. Mr. Pearson preached an admirable sermon on Ps. 137, 5. The musical part of the service was as usual well rendered by Mr. Carter, who will probably not soon be equaled in that department. The congregation at this church do not appear to join heartily in the service; they seem to entertain the Romish notion that it is better to have their religion attended to for them, than to indulge too freely in themselves. The service ought to have been a choral one, as all English churches, with any pretension to a cathedral character, have. The position of the organ and choir make the musical arrangements too much of an operatic character. We hope, however, to see all these things altered for the better shortly.

UXBRIDGE.—St. Paul's Church.—During Lent there was divine service in this church on Wednesday evenings, and every day in Holy week. These opportunities for meeting together for worship, were heartily entered into by a goodly number of the Parishioners. On Good Friday a solemn and well-attended morning service at St. Paul's was supplemented by afternoon worship, at the pretty little church at Greenbank, where fourteen persons remained to partake of the Holy Communion. On Easter Sunday, St. Paul's was crowded. The ordinary congregation showed a christian and cheerful courtesy in finding seats for all. Many pews intended to hold six persons, being made to receive eight. The services were very hearty, and more than fifty persons presented themselves at the Lord's Table. The Offertory, which was the result of Lenten self-denial, amounted to \$66.60.

EASTER VESTRIES.—The annual Vestry meetings were held on Easter Monday.

St. James'.—The Churchwardens appointed were: Messrs Clarke Gamble and J. K. Kerr. Musical Committee—The Dean, C. Gamble, J. K. Kerr, John Gillespie, George Harcourt, J. J. Vickers, Lieut. Col. Gzowski, Hon. W. Cayley, Dr. Wilson, D. Hodgins, and Jas. Graham. Delegates—Dr. Wilson, Dr. Hodgins, C. Gamble. Auditors—H. Mortimer, Jas. Graham. Sidesmen—Dr. Wilson, Geo. Gillespie, A. T. Todd, Geo. Harcourt, Dr. Geo. Wright, Frederick Wyld, James Graham, Charles Scadding, W. R. Brock, Charles Hooper, Edward Cooper, Dr. Hodgins, J. E. Drinkwater, James Berwick.

The following letter from Mr. Carter, the organist, was handed in and read, after which the resolution given beneath it was moved and adopted:—

"To the Very Rev. the Dean, the Churchwardens and Vestry of St. James', Toronto:

"Gentlemen,—Having received a notice from the Vestry Clerk, stating the authorities of St. James' were of opinion "that a change in the choir was absolutely necessary," and "at the end