

EPISCOPAL VISITATION.—The Bishop hopes to visit the following parishes on the following days, viz:—May 1st, Stanbridge; 2nd, Bedford; 3rd, Phillipsburgh; 4th, Frelighburgh; 5th, 6th, and 7th, Donham; 8th, (Executive Committee in Montreal); 10th, Adamsville; 11th, West Shefford; 13th, Iron Hill; 14th, Brome Corner; 15th, Knowlton; 16th, Sutton; 17th, Abercorn; 18th, Glen Sutton; 20th, Mansonville; 21st and 22nd, Bolton; 23rd, Waterloo; 24th, Warden and Boswell; 25th, North Ely; 27th, South Stuckley; 28th, North Shefford; 29th, Granby; 30th, Abbotford and Milton; 31st, Rougemont, Ont.; June 1st, West Farnham; 3rd, St. John and Christyville.

ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—*St. John's.*—The annual Confirmation was held in St. John's Church on Sunday morning, April 22nd; a class of twenty-two males and ten females was presented. The Bishop of Ontario's address was admirable and listened to with great attention by a very large congregation. In the afternoon the St. George's Society held their annual anniversary service in St. John's. Rev. J. J. Bogert read prayers, and Rev. H. Pollard preached. The music was particularly hearty and congregational.

DEER INTO.—*St. Mark's.*—This church is still without a rector. On Sunday April 15th, and Sunday April 29th, the duty was taken by the Rev. John Halliwell, ex-incumbent of Hillin, at present without any parochial work or charge. On Tuesday evening the 24th inst. he lectured in the same church on "The early introduction of Christianity into Great Britain." Admission 15 cents. Proceeds for the Church Building Fund. The Rev. Abraham Dawson, deacon, was to have officiated in St. Mark's on Sunday 22nd inst. but for some unexplained cause failed to put in an appearance, so divine service was not held morning or evening.

OTTAWA.—As many as six gentlemen in deacon's orders arrived in this city one day last week from distant parts of the diocese to undergo examination for admission into the priest's order. The Bishop's examining chaplains, the Rev. Doctors Bleasdel, Jones and Wilson were in attendance.

KINGSTON.—*St. James' Church.* from a pattern of all that was plain in architecture, has emerged, like a butterfly from its chrysalis, into a complete state of decoration and furnishing. On the 20th ult. it was lit up for the inspection of the congregation, and the effect of the ornamentation was more than pleasing to the many so deeply interested. The church was built about forty years ago, and the means then for the establishment of a parish mission church did not enable the builders to indulge in elaborate architecture, nor was it their wish to do so. It has never been changed within until this year, when the congregation resolved to complete the improvement of their property by an entire overhauling of the main edifice. The most difficult work was that of mural and ceiling decoration; but this was successfully overcome. The style of the building is gothic, but the roof is too flat for effective appearance without a studied design. This has been supplied in a ribbed ceiling with panels in cream centres with rose medallions, terra cotta border and corner ornaments of stucco. The sunk panels and heavy mouldings are capital imitations. The walls have centres of cream with drab borders around the windows, and an ornamental fringe above. Between the windows are designs for texts. On either side of the chancel arch, are neat tablets, containing the commandments. The arch shows heavy moulding and pillar supports, surmounted by the text "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving." The chancel displays gothic panelling, with diapered work above, finished off with decorated fringe and cornice of stencil. The gothic panel ceiling is very neat. The east windows have not been changed, but are in harmony. The decorations, on the whole, are a surprising success. The alterations embraced ceiling, floors, windows, dados, pews, lighting and heating apparatus—everything but the naked building itself. The cost has been about \$3,000, most judiciously expended under the almost constant supervision of Ald. Wilson, whose sacrificing interest in the work has elicited the gratitude of the congregation and especially of those appointed to carry out the changes. The pews are of modern style, and comfortable. They were manufactured to order by Rathbun & Son, Deseronto, of pine, with ash panels and walnut rail, &c. The gas fittings embrace a beautiful centre light in polished brass, assuming a corona of fifty-four lights, with two handsome chancel lights, and wall lights on three sides. The windows are of stained glass from the factory of N. T. Lyon & Co. Toronto, and are a great credit to Canadian workmanship in design as well as finish. The variety is most pleasing

and gave the highest satisfaction. The pulpit is from an original plan by Power & Son, of which this is but a second copy. The carpenter work is by S. Jenkins; the brass work by the Canadian Locomotive Works and Mr. Hewitt. A new prayer desk, chairs, &c., complete the furniture of the chancel. The wood work in the church generally, deserves special mention as the workmanship is highly artistic. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. and at 11 o'clock morning service, with sermon by Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick. The offering was for the Church Improvement Fund. Evening service was held, and the Bishop of Algoma preached, the offering being for the Diocese of Algoma, but envelopes were placed for those desirous of contributing to the Improvement Fund. We congratulate the worthy Rector of St. James', and the congregation on their taste and spirit. God loves beauty and His people should be like Him.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending April 26th, 1888.

MISSION FUND.—*January Collection.*—Bradford, \$5.04; Coulson's, 80 cents; Middleton, 69 cents; Cartwright, \$4.36; Sunderland, \$2; West Brock, \$1; Udora, \$1; Apsley, St. George's, \$1.70; St. Stephen's, \$1.07; Duntroon, 80 cents; Cookstown, \$1.65; Pinkerton's, 88 cents. *Missionary Meetings.*—Bradford, \$14.44; Coulson's, \$3.01; Duntroon, \$3.15. *Parochial Collections.*—Whitby, \$50; Guildford, (Dysart), \$3.75; Thornhill and Richmond Hill, balance \$37.34; Batteaux, \$22.05; Duntroon, \$12.50; Cookstown, \$112.10; Craighurst and Vespra, \$1; Etobicoke, Christ Church, \$5.35; St. George's, \$1.

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—*Mission Fund.*—Wyebridge and Waverly \$9.01; St. Thomas', Shanty Bay, \$9.60; St. Luke's, Creemore, \$1.50; Millbrook, \$6.85; Binda, \$1.20; Otonabee, \$3.20; St. Peter's Cobourg, \$23.25; St. George's, Etobicoke, \$4.85; Christ Church, Canad., \$3.15.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*2nd. Annual payments.*—Revs. J. S. Baker, \$11.25; Alex. Williams, \$7.20; Wm. Farncomb, \$7.82; R. H. Harris, \$5.93; J. Creighton, \$8.25; A. J. Fidler, \$9; B. Brynn, \$8.25; R. A. Rooney \$11.60; J. P. Dumoulin, \$14.92; E. H. Munson, \$8.05; C. H. Marsh, \$8.05; T. P. Hodge, \$9.42; *October Collection.*—St. Stephen's, Apsley, 86 cents.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—*April Collection.*—Port Perry, \$5; Bradford, \$2.98; Coulson's, 48 cents; Middleton, 31 cents; Barrie, \$5.63; St. Mark's, Carlston, \$4.63; St. Philip's, Weston, \$4.88; St. Matthew's, Toronto, \$2.06; Sunderland \$2; West Brock, \$1; Toronto, Trinity College Chapel, \$18.70; Church of the Redeemer, \$6.78; St. Stephen's, \$2.73; Perryown, \$1; Elizabethtown, 51 cents; Clarke, \$1.60; Apsley, St. George's \$1.12; St. Stephen's, 85 cents; Lloydstown, \$1.56; Bowmanville, \$8; Cookstown \$1.95; Pinkerton's, 55 cents.

ALGOMA MISSION FUND.—From St. Mark's, Port Hope, Parochial Association, \$10.

BOOK AND TRACT FUND.—Christ Church, Campbellford, for library book, \$10.

COLLECTION FOR JEWS.—Cookstown, \$2.87.

The next quarterly meeting of the Rural-decanal chapter of the deanery of Durham and Victoria will be held (D.V.) on Friday May 13th, at St. John's rectory, Port Hope. Scripture subject for consideration 3rd chapter of Philippians. Those purposing to attend will please intimate their intention to Dr. O'Meara. The authorities of the Midland Railway have kindly given instructions to their agents to issue return tickets at one and a third fare to clergy men attending the above meeting on presenting certificates from the Rural Dean to that effect. John W. Forster, Secy.

NIAGARA.

HAMILTON.—*St. Thomas' Church.*—*St. George's Society Anniversary.*—The annual sermon of the above society was preached on Sunday afternoon, the 22nd ult. in this church, by the Rev. Mr. Bland, of Ingersoll. At 2.30 p.m. the members of the society assembled at their hall, Hughson street, where they were increased in numbers by a large number of the Sons of England, with their president, Mr. Clayton. The St. Andrew's Society was also represented by their president, Mr. McMaster, and the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society by Mr. Martin. Q.C. The number in the procession was about 175. On arrival at the church they occupied the two centre rows of seats, the balance being occupied by visitors. The preacher took his text from Malachi ii. 10. His sermon was listened to with marked attention throughout, and was full of good advice. The musical portion of the service was very appropriate, being commenced by singing the national anthem. The mem-

bers of the choir and the ministers were very pretty bouquets, presented to them by the society. After the service the societies re-formed and marched back to St. George's hall, where a short meeting was held, and votes of thanks passed to the visiting societies, to Mr. Bland, the churchwardens and the choir. The collections, which go towards the benevolent purposes of the society, were \$47, being the largest taken at any annual sermon.

Church of the Ascension.—The Rev. Hartley Carmichael delivered his fifth lecture on Galatians on Sunday evening, the 22nd ult., to a large congregation. The Rev. Wm. Bland, of Ingersoll, preached in the evening.

BARTON.—*Holy Trinity Church.*—On the evening of Sunday, the 22nd ult., the Bishop of Niagara preached a very instructive and interesting sermon on the Inspiration of Holy Scripture, and Prophecy. It is the forth of a series in relation to Christian evidences. Very deep interest was taken by a large congregation in the subject. Without doubt such topics for instruction from the pulpit are greatly needed in these days. While hortatory subjects are most necessary, so those other subjects which are designed to establish men in the primary truths of religion. Prophecy is a subject that is too much omitted from the pulpit, and yet it is one of the most powerful evidences to Christian truth, and greatest help to a deeper sense of personal religion.

ST. CATHARINES.—Dufferin College, now of London, Ont., is likely soon to be removed to the city of St. Catharines, instead of Hamilton. Negotiations are being made by the Rev. I. R. Darnell, Principal, for the purchase (\$24,000) of Spring Bank, the well known hotel and resort for invalids, under the management of the late Dr. Mack. Dufferin College has had an excellent reputation in the west, and, under its experienced Principal, will flourish at St. Catharines.

ACTON.—The Rev. H. J. Pigott has obtained leave of absence from his parish of Acton and Rockwood, or three months, and intends to visit his native England, leaving Acton about the middle of May. We heartily desire for Mr. Pigott a successful voyage, a delightful visit, and a safe return to his family and parish. The Bishop will appoint a *locum tenens* during his absence.

HURON.

LONDON.—*St. George's Society.*—The annual sermon of the St. George's Society was preached in St. Paul's Church, by Rev. O. J. Booth, of St. Catharines, on the afternoon of Sunday, 22nd ult. About 200 members marched in procession to the church, where there was a large congregation. The service was fully choral, the music all that could be expected from the organist and choir of St. Paul's. The choristers wore handsome rosettes. The services were read by Revs. Canon Innes and Evans Davis. From the words of our Lord the preacher took the text:—"One is your Master, even Christ,"—St. Matt. xxiii. 8. The subject of his appropriate and very forcible discourse was the brotherhood of man. Christ, he said, came into the world to redeem it from sin, and to transform the brotherhood of sin into a brotherhood and sonship of light, having for its centre the eternal Father. This brotherhood was clear to David and the prophets. It was taught by the Israelitish Church, and even among the heathen there existed traces of it; and the Supreme Being, the Father of all, was acknowledged. Christ proclaimed the universal brotherhood of man without distinction of races, and He was the great head of it. He taught it by His daily life and example; but chiefly did He seek to implant this brotherhood in His Church. The preacher then adverted to the society that he more especially addressed that day. The Society of St. George, though it was the representative of the widest and most powerful empire the earth had known, had good in it only inasmuch as it carried out this principle. It was the most influential of national societies, composed of the sons of the foremost nation of the earth, a nation whose cross-marked flag waved in every clime, and whose ships whitened every sea, whose language bids fair, in two centuries, to become the universal language of the people of the world, and who claimed the brightest and most distinguished names in literature, in science, and in all great deeds. England stands to day in the proudest place ever attained by any nation on the earth. The reverend speaker then told of the many legends current regarding St. George. All that was spoken of him he said was pure legend. The dragon story existed in Persian, Indian and Northern mythology. He was made patron saint of England in A.D. 1346. The story of St. George and the Dragon is one which every person should take to himself, and try to