

duty of educating her own children; though the evil could not be cured it might be mitigated by increased attention being given both to the manner and the matter of the teaching in Sunday Schools, by the formation of bible and week-day classes. It was suggested that a School Fund might be formed from which parties opening church schools might receive aid. In fact why should not schools be made a regular part of the missionary work of every diocese?

The other subjects discussed were: The Church and the Bible; Their relation to one another, and 1 St. Pet. iii 18-20. This last subject and the preceeding one, in an amended form are to be again considered at the next meeting, which at the invitation of the Rev. A. C. Nesbitt is to be held at the Rectory of Richmond during the Month of May.

TORONTO.

Synod Office.—Collections etc., received during the week ending March 2nd 1878.

MISSION FUND.—*January Collection.*—St. Luke's Toronto, \$129.00; Port Perry, \$3.00; Lindsay, \$6.00; Ashburnham, \$4.00, Otonabee, \$1.27; Orillia, \$11.50; Whitby, \$9.26; Perrytown, \$1.09, Elizabethtown, 70 cents, Clarke, \$1.30; Christ Church, York Township, \$12.50; Carleton, \$1.64; Atherley, 70 cents, Beaverton, \$1.30. *Parochial Collections.*—St. Luke's Ashburnham, on account \$33.25; York Mills \$10.40. *Thanksgiving Collection.*—(1876), Woodbridge, \$2.10; Scarborough, (1877), Christ's Church, \$5.75; St. Paul's, \$2.75. *Missionary Meeting.*—Lindsay, \$11.00; Orillia, \$8.50; (West Mono), Camilla School House, \$4.38; St. Matthew's, \$5.97; Woodbridge, (1876), \$5.31; Woodbridge, (1878), \$3.80. *Towards payment of the debt.*—York Mills, \$80.00.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.—For the Widows and Orphans of two deceased clergymen.—St. George's, Toronto, \$54.63; Hastings, \$1.60.

BOOK AND TRACT FUND.—Haliburton, for Library Books, \$10.00.

We regret to learn that the Rev. Mr. Cole is only improving very slowly in health. He is still excessively debilitated.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.—Reverend and dear Sir,—The Committee of Widows and Orphan's Fund are well aware that they cannot compel you to make up the amount for which your parish is assessed; but they feel sure that your congregation will not allow to be reduced the small sum of \$200 per annum for the Widows' of the deceased clergy of this diocese, nor the trival amount for the maintenance of their children. The cause of the fatherless and widow is God's cause, and when a man has spent his life in the ministry of Christ's Church, the least the Church can do is lovingly to look after the wants of those whom he may leave behind. The widows of several deceased clergymen have lately been added to the list, but the work is by no means beyond the power of the Church. We can conceive of no honest reason why this Fund should not meet with a hearty support in every parish; and we again appeal to you with intense earnestness for a cheerful and quick response. Will you kindly lay this matter before your congregation, and so relieve the Committee from sending the needy empty away.

F. TREMAYNE.

Chairman.

SYNOD OFFICE, Toronto, February 25th, 1878.

CASTLEMORE.—A missionary service was held in St. John's Church, on Friday evening, 1st inst. In character it was similar to the services recently held in Bolton, Sandhill, Tullamore, Charleston, West Mono and Woodbridge. None of the Deputations which were understood to have been appointed for holding the usual missionary meetings in this neighborhood have put in an appearance; and in view of the present requirements of the Mission Fund, it must be very evident that the whole subject of missionary deputations has not beyond gone the first stage of its infancy. The clergy of the above mentioned places have consequently conducted missionary services as described in a former issue of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN. On Friday evening the roads were

excessively bad, consisting of the frozen accumulations of about six months rain and mud, and the night was dark. The congregation was nevertheless large, and it showed its great interest in the subject by the closest attention to the addresses given on the occasion.

CREEMORE.—Thursday evening last was the one appointed for the "Annual Entertainment" of the children attending "St. Luke's" Sunday School, and notwithstanding the heavy rain, there was a very large attendance, both of adults and children, a noble specimen of the rising generation, all looking so healthy and happy, doing full credit to the salubrity of the surrounding neighborhood. After a most instructive and impressive lecture in the Church, by the Rev. Mr. Forster, our worthy pastor (whose zeal on such occasions is well known,) they adjourned to the hall where they found an abundant repast provided by the ladies of the congregation, which was well worthy of the name "Creemore" (which signifies *large heart* or *plenty*, and was named so by Judge Gowan.) No pains were spared to make the evening pleasant. Tableaux-vivants, dialogues, recitations, together with vocal and instrumental music by the young ladies of the place; when the curtain was drawn a tree presented itself heavily laden with handsome prizes, which were then distributed among the children. They concluded by singing the National Anthem, and then passing three hearty cheers for the Hamilton & N. Western Railway, went on their way rejoicing.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

HAMILTON.—*Christ Church Cathedral.*—An octave of services in commemoration of the opening of this cathedral, has just been happily concluded. On Sunday the 17th, the Rev. R. Starr, M. A., Brantford, was the preacher at morning and evening service. His morning sermon was an able and scholarly account of the claims of the Church of England as the spiritual mother of the Saxon race. On Monday, the Rev. Canon Salter, of St. Jude's, Brantford, preached an appropriate Septuagesima sermon from Ephes. vi. 12. On Tuesday, the Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, the Rev. W. B. Curran, M.A., was the preacher. The sermon an excellent and practical one, was upon the opening words of the "Venite." On Wednesday, the Rev. Mr. Yewens, of Elora, delivered an address upon the "Riches of Christ." Hitherto the service had been fully choral, conducted by the cathedral choir; on this night, however, the choir of St. Mark's Church, took their place, the Rev. Mr. Sutherland intoning the prayers. The psalter and canticles used by this choir are set to the Ancient Church tones, according to Arthur Brown's arrangement. The two fatal errors of Gregorian chanting, viz., rushing the recitations and dragging the mediation and cadence, were fairly well avoided, and on the whole the service went smoothly, firmly and well. On Friday, the Rev. J. P. Lewis, curate of Chatham, preached from Psalm cxxxvi. 1: "Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me." The reverend gentleman was two years ago minister of the Simcoe St. Methodist congregation, Hamilton, and recently made deacon by the Bishop of Huron. On *dit* that the vestry of the Cathedral are about to invite him to assist the Very Rev. the Dean of Niagara. On Sunday the 24th, — of Belleville, preached morning and evening. In the evening the service was as it had been during the week, rendered chorally, Tallis' harmonies being used. Hymn 293, A & M was sung as a processional to "Sinai;" a tune selected by the choir master from the Hymnal Companion to the Prayer Book. The magnificent choir, forty strong (18 men and boys) rendered the joyous tones of the hymn with enthusiasm. The psalms and canticles were taken to Anglican chants from the collection recently published by the Church Music Committee of the Diocese of Toronto. The following hymns were sung during the service:—"For ever with the Lord," "Through all the changing scenes of life," "Saviour again to thy Dear Name we raise"—all well known and heartily joined in by the vast concourse of people present. The whole of the music selected was thoroughly congregational. Mr. W. Fairclough, the talented young organist played

with his usual taste and feeling. When we remember that the Cathedral surpliced choir is not yet a year old, we cannot but be amazed at the efficiency it displays. The choir master, Christian J. Robinson, Esq., is a gentleman who has devoted himself almost exclusively to the advancement of the musical portion of the Cathedral service. He has had large opportunities in England, in the United States, and amongst ourselves, of studying the best modes of training choirs, and from very unpromising raw materials he has produced a choir capable of our service in faultless style. We regret to learn that the gentleman in question is about to leave the city in a few weeks. Mr. Robinson's services have been so appreciated, that a solid recognition of them will doubtless be made.

Rev. W. E. Grahame, having removed to Hariston, requests his letters and papers to be addressed accordingly.

SYNOD OFFICE, HAMILTON.—Receipts during the month of February:

MISSION FUND.—*Offertory Collections.*—Barton and Glanford, \$12.35; All Saints', Hamilton, \$8.39; Cayuga, 16.00; Palmerston, 3.50; North Arthur, 2.00; Grantham, 2.90; Merriton, 1.85; Fergus, 4.65; Woodburn, 1.27; Saltfleet, 1.41; Stoney Creek, 5.88; Welland, 3.52; Fonthill, 70 cents; Christ Church, St. Catharines, 5.00; Hagersville, 4.50; Clifford, 1.50; Harriston, 3.75; St. George's, St. Catharines, 40.00; Clifton, 13.00; Dundas, 3.00. *Parochial Collections.*—Christ's Church, Hamilton, \$18.00; Hornby, 77.00; Thorold, 129.00. *On Guarantee Account.*—Carlisle, 25.00; West Flamboro', 100.00; Clifton, 60.00; Fergus, 112.50; Queenston, 50.00; Georgetown, 150.00; Marshville, \$50.00; Eramosa, \$20.00. *WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.*—Saltfleet and Binbrook, \$5.00. *ALGOMA FUND.*—Barton and Glanford, \$8.10; Palmerston, 11.00; Stoney Creek, 55 cts.; Woodburn, 60 cents; Saltfleet, 2.05; Rothsay and Hustin, \$15.41; Welland, 4.36. The Secretary-Treasurer also acknowledges the receipt of \$20.00 from "A," for the Algoma Fund.

The Rev. Joseph Fennell's post office address is Merriton, Ontario.

Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We must remind our correspondents that all letters containing direct personal allusions, and especially those containing attacks on Diocesan Committees, must be accompanied with the names of the writers, expressly for the purpose of publication.

MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS.

SIR: In the Report of the Mission Board of the Diocese of Ontario, published in the last journal of Synod, I find the following: "The Mission Board wishes to draw the attention of the Synod to the necessity of making some alterations in the appointing of the deputations for the cities and large towns of the Diocese. The appointments, as at present made, being considered as not being conducive to the best interests of the Church, in regard to the especial reason for the appointment of such deputations." We have had a practical illustration of this lately in our neighborhood. The convener of a deputation, appointed by the bishop, notified the rector of a certain parish that he intended, at dates mentioned in his church, and at three churches in a neighboring vacant mission, and to collect funds for said diocesan missions, "the need of which is urgent and pressing." The rector announced the meeting in his church on the two Sundays previous, advertised it in the local papers, and had posters put up in conspicuous places in the town; besides, on the Sunday before the meeting was to be held, he preached twice in his church and once at an outstation, on the duty and privilege of contributing to missions, and concluded by cordially inviting all to come and hear what the deputation had to tell them farther; and also, by personal interview and by letter, requested the churchwardens of the churches in the vacant mission to give the meetings to be held in their neighborhood as much publicity as possible. Nothing was left un-