

diocese, deserve the cordial recognition of the laity in general and of this congregation in particular; and this meeting would suggest that a memorial be set on foot in the diocese, to give the laity an opportunity of shewing their appreciation of Mr. Wurtele's services."

MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL.—*Christ Church Cathedral and St. George's Society*.—It has been the custom to hold service on St. George's day, but this year it has been thought best to devote the Sunday previous to the anniversary day and also the one following to England's patron saint. Accordingly on the 20th inst. the Rev. Canon Norman preached before the society in the cathedral. His text was "The chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom; and Paul said, I was free born." Acts xxii. 28. We regret we have not room for the entire sermon.

POINT ST. CHARLES.—On the 15th inst. the Rev. W. R. Cruikshanks was inducted as pastor of St. Matthew's Church. On the evening of the 19th a social gathering of the parishioners was held that they might have the opportunity of getting acquainted with their clergyman.

MANSONVILLE.—This mission is now vacant, the Rev. H. Kittson having resigned and left it.

ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DAY OF INTERCESSION: Tuesday in the Rogation Days (May 20), 1879.—*Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts*, 19 Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W., April 10, 1879.

MY DEAR LORD,—I need not remind you that the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, who met at Lambeth in July of last year, determined that the Annual Day of Intercession for Foreign Missions should be the Tuesday of the Rogation Season. There can be little doubt that the appointment of such a day, so determined on, will secure that "from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof," prayers will be offered to God for the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The manifold and gracious results which have been vouchsafed to the intercessions of former years, have laid upon us, whose prayers have been visibly answered, great responsibility: seven years of special intercessions have been completed and have witnessed our efforts, our failures, our blessings: this eighth year should be as a year of Resurrection to clearer views of our duties and of our opportunities. Each Diocese will have its own causes for thankfulness and for humiliation, and its special subjects for intercession. In England we recognise abundant cause for thankfulness in (1) the thought that Christians did not turn a deaf ear to the appeals of the Society, but that money has been offered liberally first for the relief of the sufferers by Famine in Southern India and that, when the scourge of scarcity was made by God a means of winning the heathen to the religion of love, alms were again offered for the spiritual training of these hosts of Catechumens. (2) That of the 85,000 who have thus been attracted to Christianity, no appreciable number have turned back, but that, in the words of Bishop Caldwell, the new converts seem more in earnest than the old, and teachers of their own race have been found sufficient in number and of competent powers. (3) That in Japan the new Missions have grown with a rapidity that mingles anxiety with thankfulness. (4) That in China the scourge of famine seems likely to be overruled in God's Providence to the furtherance of the Gospel. (5) That in Guiana the thousands of Coolies from China and India have been, in a way which it is impossible to explain on ordinary principles, attracted to the Gospel. We acknowledge at the same time that we have ample subject for humiliation before God in the thought of the inadequate equipment of our Missionary Army hitherto. We must confess that we have not given largely of our most learned and noblest to this Divine work, and that we have been prone to murmur if great

results have not been accomplished by inadequate means: while of our silver and gold our offerings have been meagre and poor.

One special subject of Intercession the Lambeth Conference has recommended to the Church in the following words:—"As our Divine Lord has so closely connected the unity of His followers with the world's belief in His own Mission from the Father, it seems to us that Intercessions for the enlargement of His Kingdom may well be joined with earnest prayer that all who profess faith in Him may be one fold under one Shepherd."

In the humble hope that each hour of May 20 will find congregations of the now world-wide Anglican Communion praying for the extension of the Church's frontiers, I remain, my dear Lord, your faithful servant, HENRY W. TUCKER, Secretary.

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Ontario:—My Reverend Brethren,—In compliance with the above letter, I request that you will as far as possible observe *The Day of Intercession* at the time appointed, and use your efforts to secure the attendance of your congregation at your services.—J. J. ONTARIO. Ottawa, April 24, 1879.

ARNPRIOR.—*Emmanuel Church*.—The daily Lenten service at 7 o'clock in the morning was fairly attended. In Holy Week there was also an afternoon service consisting of Litany and a short reading on the Passion, with an attendance of from 20 to 40.

On Good Friday there was the usual service at half-past 10 o'clock in the morning, Litany at 4 P.M., and evening at 7 P.M., in German, for the German speaking members of the congregation.

On the afternoon of Easter Eve, some of those most interested in parish work met to prepare the church for the Easter services. These commenced at 8 A.M., with a German celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed at 11 with the usual matins and celebration.

The church was tastefully and effectively decorated with flowers. Geraniums, and Oxalis filled the font, while Passion Vine twined round the stem and Begonias and Geraniums in a bed of moss, formed a beautiful base. There was a beautiful bouquet on the altar and one on either side of the altar, Caladiums and Oxalis in ornamental stands. There were also two Calla Lilies in pots, one on each side of the Chancel gate. The Altar, Pulpit and Lectern were vested in white, and the chancel screen bore the text, illuminated in blue and gold, "Christ is risen."

The services were largely attended, and the communicants numbered fifty, which is a large number for the parish.

At a well attended Vestry Meeting, Monday evening, Mr. Ezra Bates and Mr. John Butler were appointed Churchwardens. Messrs. Willoughby Cummings and Caleb Shepherd were elected sidesmen, and Mr. Willoughby Cummings delegate to Synod for the next three years.

The Building Committee reported the debt on the rectory as reduced by \$300 since December last.

KEMPTVILLE.—The friends of this mission will be pleased to learn that notwithstanding the unprecedented bad times, the people of Oxford Mills have raised one thousand dollars in promissory notes, payable in five annual instalments, towards the purchase of a most excellent stone house (erected some ten years ago by Mr. Waugh) containing 14 rooms, well finished and with every convenience, with two acres of ground well laid out and plants and all necessary outbuildings, with a view to have it made into a parsonage for St. John's Church in that village, the headquarters of the new mission to which the Rev. W. Ashley Reed has been appointed.

The purchase of the above property was effected under the following circumstances:—

Mr. Stannage, rector of Kemptville, having appropriated \$3000 out of what he collected in England towards the endowment of this mission had also reserved \$1000 towards the erection of a parsonage house on condition, that the people should raise the rest; and this house, so well suited for a gentleman's residence in the centre of the mission, being offered for sale at less than half its cost, Mr. S. undertook to purchase it in his own

name, giving a bond to the wardens of the church to make it over to the Synod, as soon as the whole of the money advanced by him is repaid.

The price was \$3000, and Mr. S. paid down \$1000, and hopes to raise the remainder wanted among his friends.

Mrs. McCann gave \$100.

The amount raised by the people payable at so long a time may appear small, but when everything is considered—the badness of the crops and the two new churches they are helping to build at Oxford Station and Acton's Corners, and \$200 a year towards the missionary's support—Mr. S. is thankful for what has been done. He must also acknowledge that were it not for the good work of his old assistant curate Mr. Spencer, the present faithful discharge of duty by Mr. Read, and the encouragement received from friends in England, and God's blessing above all, this church extension would not have taken place.

The people of Acton's Corners gave a bee of four days lately to haul the stone for their church; and the people at Wilson's are preparing to erect their own also. When these are all built it will make six churches and two good parsonages in this mission, besides the Parish Hall erected or secured during the last thirteen years, and thirty church edifices of the Rector's life in his four missions. But his present great trouble is to see the Kemptville parish church finished, as well as the new purchase paid for. The exterior of the church is well and beautifully done, and he has laid out \$5300, all he could spare upon it, but the awful stagnation of business and bad crops have not allowed some of the subscribers to pay up their subscriptions, though about \$4000 has been received; and there is no prospect of seeing this much needed parish church completed for years to come without greater assistance. Happily the congregations are flourishing and increasing as to numbers, and loyalty to the old as the true Catholic Church, prevails, which only needs strengthening by good instruction and faithful training.

The Vestry have voted the old wooden church to the Wilson settlement, in South Gower, to be put up there instead of a new one, or as much of it as will prove serviceable. This was necessary in order to remove it from its present proximity to the new church in case of a fire. We shall thus be obliged to use the Parish Hall until we can get into the new edifice, which will be very inconvenient.

At the Easter Vestry Meeting in Kemptville the old church-wardens were re-elected, and Mr. Leslie also as delegate to the Synod for three years.

BELLEVILLE.—*St. Thomas's Church*, which is being restored, was on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the scene of a dreadful accident. Mr. Henry Wilkins, contractor for the stone work, ascended a ladder with both hands full of implements to work upon the wall, when, his attention being attracted by something below, looking backwards, he fell a distance of twenty feet upon some beams on the floor of the church, and received a concussion of the brain and other internal injuries, of which he died in two or three hours. He had been warden of Christ Church for six years, and was much esteemed by his fellow-churchmen and the community generally.

BELLEVILLE.—The members of St. Georges' Society, upon the anniversary of their Patron Saint, attended in Christ Church for divine service. The Incumbent, Dr. Clarke, delivered an excellent and appropriate discourse, which he has been requested to allow the Society to print.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending April 26th, 1879.

MISSION FUND.—*Parochial Collections*.—Markham, St. Philip's, \$44.10; Charleston, additional, \$7.00; Cookstown, balance, \$7.40; Credit, on account, \$40; (Bradford) Middletown, \$14.50; Cartwright, \$36.30. *Missionary Meeting*.—Markham, St. Philip's, \$3.47. *January Collection*.—Ashburnham, \$4; Otonabee, \$1. *Annual Subscription*.—Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker, \$100. In answer to \$1000 offer—Christopher Robinson,