

having sad occasion to bury their dead, to make use of the church, and to avoid, if possible, funerals on Sunday afternoons. The fifth and sixth pages contain a financial statement, the names of the corporations, the residences of the Rector and the Curate, an advertisement of the parish library and depository, and an invitation to strangers attending the services to make themselves known to the Rector. On the last two pages are three prayers; one for the parish and two to be used in church, before and after the service respectively. Thus the "adaptation" seems calculated to be of much use in a parish, which it shows is being most thoroughly worked.

Missions.—On the evening of the last Sunday in 1877, G. Herbert Lee Esq., of St. John, delivered a very interesting lecture in the Temperance Hall, Central Kingsclear. His subject was the Progress of Anglican Missions on this continent. A most striking part of the lecture was the close, in which a sketch was given of the rapid growth of the Church in British North America, from one Bishop to fifteen, and from six clergymen to 600.

"Watching the old year out and the new year in."—The usual solemn midnight service was held on the eve of the Feast of the Circumcision. The Bishop gave an appropriate address from Proverbs iii. 5-6. A beautiful New Year's carol was an interesting feature of the musical portion of the service.

The Cathedral.—The usual anniversary service of the Masonic Body in Fredericton, was held on St. John's Day, in the Cathedral. The Bishop took part in it, and was assisted by the sub-dean, the Rector of Fredericton, and the Rev. Mr. Raymond. A sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by the Rev. B. Shaw, Rector of Cambridge. The text was Eccl. xx. 30. and Isaiah, xlv. 5 and 10. The sermon will be printed, by request of the Masons.

SACKVILLE SOUTH DORCHESTER.—The "Chignecto Post," announces that the Rev. John D. H. Browne, Rector of these parishes, is about to resign on account of chronic affection of the vocal organs. Mr. Browne has succeeded in having a snug Rectory built at Dorchester, selling that at Westcock.

MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL.—On Sunday morning, the 30th ult., the Rev. C. H. Channer, M. A., of Goderich, Ont., occupied the pulpit of Trinity College, and preached an excellent sermon appropriate to the closing of the year. In the evening the Rev. Mr. Craig preached from Romans x. 17. He urged it upon his congregation as a duty to contribute towards the missionary fund of the Diocese. He boldly maintained that in helping to extend the ministrations of the Church of England, they—his hearers—were aiding in the best possible way the spread of the gospel; that the gospel, in its true sense, was a record of facts, facts with a deep religious bearing, such as the Incarnation, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of our blessed Lord; that the Church of England, in the several seasons of her ecclesiastical year, presented to her members that gospel more fully than any other church organization; and on that account she recommended herself to our love and support. The sermon was a vigorous and timely plea for the scriptural character of the Church of England.

On New Year's Eve, midnight services were held at St. George's, St. Stephen's, and St. Thomas's Churches. At St. George's, His Lordship the Metropolitan, and the Rev. J. P. Dumoulin took part in the service.

A new feature in the way of missionary meetings has been inaugurated here. Instead of the annual mass meetings, held heretofore, a series of parochial meetings have been provided for. The first of the series was held in Synod Hall, on Wednesday, 2nd inst. His Lordship the Bishop, who occupied the chair, in his opening address, alluded to the financial wants of the Diocese, for the proper carrying on of the missionary work of the Church. He called upon all present to put their

shoulder to the wheel, and each to give according as God had blessed him.

Mr. C. J. Brydges, in a telling speech, gave a sketch of the financial condition of the Mission Fund of the Diocese. He showed from statistics that the subscriptions received from the cathedral congregation were contributed by a small number of the parishioners—about eight per cent. of the whole. He concluded by shewing that a very small contribution from each individual member of the Church in the Diocese would amply suffice for present wants.

The Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay followed with a short sketch of the formation and growth of the Diocese of Montreal. Mr. Thomas White, who was the next speaker, drew attention to the need of some effort being made to improve the finances of the Mission Fund. He alluded to the decrease of the protestant population in the Diocese, drawing therefrom an argument in favor of increased exertion on the part of the Churchmen of the Diocese.

The Rev. Rural Dean Carmichael made the last speech of the evening. In his usual happy manner he pictured the struggles of the missionary in the backwoods; struggles against debt, privations, etc., and asked how men under such circumstances could be expected to labour successfully in the missionary field. He concluded with a powerful and eloquent appeal to the Churchmen of Montreal to come to the rescue of the clergy of the Diocese.

On Thursday, the second of this series of missionary meetings was held in the basement of Trinity Church. The Most Rev. the Metropolitan occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks alluded to the financial state of the Mission Fund. The other speakers on this occasion were the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Rev. Canon Baldwin, and Messrs. Geo. McCrae and Leo Davidson.

On Friday, the third missionary meeting was held in the Church of St. James the Apostle. After the customary opening services his Lordship in the course of a few remarks alluded to the want of both clergymen and money in the Diocese. Mr. C. J. Brydges, who was the first speaker, gave a detailed account of the state of the Mission Fund, and shewed that in order to carry on the Church's work in the Diocese, at least \$2,500, over and above the sum subscribed last year, would be needed annually. In order to provide for this, he suggested the placing of boxes in the entries of churches by the families worshipping therein, for the reception of weekly offerings. The other speakers were Mr. Thomas White, of the Gazette, and Revs. J. P. Dumoulin, and W. E. Mills of St. Johns.

The sisters of the "Holy Cross" Society have established a branch sisterhood in Montreal. Their Home is at No. 267 Bleury St., where they have opened a school for girls.

ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CARRYING PLACE.—St. John's church was beautifully decorated in honour of the great Christmas Festival, and no less so Trinity church, Consec. Holy Communion was celebrated on Christmas Day at Carrying Place, the entire congregation remaining, at Consec., where there is but a very scanty nucleus of church members; the church was crowded at evening service, at both services the chanting and singing were most hearty. A liberal Christmas present in kind was sent to the Rectory from the English settlement out station. The Christmas festival was saddened by a death in the clergyman's family which caused the next Sunday services to be suspended.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending January 5, 1878:—

MISSION FUND.—*Special Appeal.*—Bishop of Toronto, 4th instalment of subscription \$25.00; Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker, on account of subscription—balance due \$100.00; James Henderson last payment on account of subscription \$50.00. *Thanksgiving Collection.*—St. Matthew's Leslieville, \$1.55; Port Hope, Trinity College School Chapel, \$12.14; Oakridges, \$3.30; Galway, 20 cents;

Ashburnham and Otonabee, \$6.51. *Parochial Collections.*—Galway, \$19.93.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Annual Subscriptions.*—Mrs. Leech, \$5.00; Mrs. Flood, \$3.00; Rev. F. J. S. Groves, \$5.00. *October Collection.*—St. Matthew's, Leslieville, \$1.00; Ashburnham and Otonabee, \$20.00. *For the Widows and children of two deceased Clergymen.*—Apsley, \$1.11; Whitfield, \$1.44; Honeywood, 58c; Elba, 75 cents; Hastings and Alnwick, \$2.50; Galway, \$1.15.

ALGOMA FUND.—*Day of Intercession Collection.*—Port Hope, Trinity College School Chapel, \$9.82; Ashburnham and Otonabee, \$5.00.

LLOYDTOWN.—The Rev. C. B. Dundas has been appointed to this parish.

TORONTO.—The Lord Bishop of Saskatchewan preached on Sunday morning at St. Peter's Church, and in the evening at All Saints.

BRADFORD.—*Trinity Church.*—On Tuesday evening Jan. 1st, notwithstanding the amount of visiting in progress, quite a large congregation assembled to witness the presentation of a baptismal Font to the congregation of Trinity Church, by the children of the Sunday School. The Superintendent, J. W. H. Wilson, Esq., presented the Font on behalf of the Sunday School: it was accepted with many thanks by the Church Wardens. Appropriate prayers having been said at the Font by Rev. Dr. Rolph, the ante communion office was said, with the proper Collect, Epistle, and Gospel for the day. The Incumbent then gave a short address, in which he pointed out the suitability of choosing the Festival of the Circumcision for this presentation, the Jewish rite of circumcision being in many respects analogous. The Font itself is in excellent taste, though quite plain. It is cut from Ohio Free Stone, and is about 3 feet 9 inches high. The base bears the inscription—"Presented to Trinity Church, Bradford, by the children of the Sunday School."

APSLEY.—St. George's church was tastefully decorated for Christmas. Over the communion table was a cross of evergreens, with a wreath of the same mixed with immortelles and the rich red-green leaves of the squaw-berry; over this was the text "Behold thy King cometh unto thee," in purple and gold on a white ground, all nicely festooned with a pretty long running evergreen, the whole surmounted by the star of Bethlehem in straw cloth on a crimson velvet ground. On the pulpit was a cross beautifully worked with various mosses and the leaves and berries of the winter green. Over the entrance was the text "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth," in letters of blue and gold on a white ground, above which was an illuminated cross-crosslet. The text was Gal. 4, 4, 5 and the object of the sermon was to insist on the proper Deity of the blessed Lord Jesus. The congregation was larger than usual, interrupted by parties, connected with a "Social" in the neighbouring town hall, going in and out during the service. Holy Communion was administered to a goodly number of devout worshippers. On Wednesday Jan. 2nd the foundation of a new church was laid in the township of Chandos five miles north of Apsley.

WOODBIDGE.—The festival of the Nativity was observed in this parish with special attention, every thing seemed to make it an occasion of delight. The tasteful village church, so thoroughly ecclesiastical in its detail and position, was chastely decorated; the result of some very diligent labours. The various mottoes, such as "Rejoice greatly," "Thy King cometh," Immanuel, &c., the neatly made wreathing and, above all, the particularly tasteful "choir screen," combined to produce a very fine Christmas appearance. The congregation, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather was larger than on former occasions. The service was fully choral, the 'Festival arrangement' of Tallis being used. The responses were very effectively rendered by the choir, by no means to the exclusion of the congregation, composed of twenty men and boys. The Venite, and the Psalms, as also the Creed of St. Athanasius. The "Te Deum," and "Jubilate," were "services," and with the anthem of