

## Diocesan Intelligence.

### QUEBEC.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

QUEBEC.—The following pastoral letter was read in the Churches of this city on Sunday, 28th November:—

To the Clergy and Congregations of Quebec and its environs,—

MY REVEREND BRETHREN AND BRETHREN OF THE LAITY,—Thankfully remembering the blessed fruits of the mission services conducted in this city some time since by the Rev. Isaac Thompson, and filled by such remembrance with hopeful expectation of like blessings upon like endeavours, I am desirous of obtaining for ALL the wholesome influences of that mission, tentative in its character, and in extent limited to the area of a single congregation. I have therefore invited the Rev. Ernest R. Wilberforce, Canon of Winchester, (who has devoted himself in an especial manner to his work) to hold a mission in the City of Quebec. He has consented to do this, in conjunction with the Rev. R. F. Hessey, in the latter end of February next. And I do most affectionately call upon you, my Beloved Brethren, to give yourselves to prayer to God that He may send His Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of Divine Love bringing Light and Fire to all—to those who conduct, and to those who attend the mission. And I entreat you so to prepare yourselves that the good seed may fall upon the good ground of hearts open to receive the fertilizing dew of God's blessing—that so the time may be a time of awakening and of refreshing; that souls slumbering in sin and indifference may be aroused, that those already seeking the Lord may be enlightened and strengthened, and the spiritual life of those who have already given themselves to Christ developed, deepened, and enriched; and that so we may henceforth be all of one heart and one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify God through Jesus Christ Our Lord. The mission will be begun by an introductory service on Saturday evening in the Cathedral and close on the Monday week. The principal mission service will be in the Cathedral, though other churches may be used, if the judgment of those conducting the mission should so determine. Whatever church may be used for the mission services will be open to all. To you, my Brethren of the Clergy, I look for the assistance in your several congregations, of exhortations, of advice, and of such organization, as may be helpful to give good speed to the work. I am, my Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity, Your faithful Brother and Bishop,

J. W. QUEBEC.

Quebec, November 16, 1880.

The Rev. R. E. Farnham has returned after a lengthy sojourn in Europe, thoroughly restored in health; he has been offered and has accepted the charge of the important mission of Reviere du Loup.

The Rev. W. S. Vial, Incumbent of Montmorency, and Chaplain of the Beauport Lunatic Asylum, leaves shortly for St. John's Newfoundland to act as *Locum tenens* for the Rev. E. Botwood Rural Dean and Rector of St. Mary's.

During Mr. Vial's absence Mr. Botwood will discharge his duties here.

Advent Lectures in the City.—Special Advent Services are being held in the Cathedral, St. Matthews and St. Peter's.

### ONTARIO.

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NORTH AUGUSTA.—This parish has lately lost one of its best and most liberal members in the person of the late Luke Oxley, who died quite suddenly, on the 18th inst., at the advanced age of eighty years. He came from Lincolnshire, England, about fifty years ago, and settling near this village, spent those years in habits of industry and economy. Scarcely ever was he missed from the Lord's House or the Lord's Table; and briefly we can say of him, that he was one who truly exemplified the Church's teaching, being honest, humble and devout.

KINGSTON.—All Saints.—The Lord Bishop administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation in this Church, on Sunday evening, 28th November. There were seven candidates. After the Confirmation the Bishop addressed them practically and earnestly. The musical portion of the service was well rendered by Mr. C. Creeggan and the choir; and the responding

was hearty and devout. There was a good congregation, completely filling this neat little Church.

DEANERY OF CARLETON.—At a meeting held at the Parsonage, New Edinburgh, the following programme of missionary meetings was arranged for the coming winter:—

Deputation No. 1, the Rev. A. O'Loughlin, convener, assisted by the Rev. H. Patton, to hold meetings in the parishes of Nepean and March, and at Christ Church, Ottawa, as follows:—

January 3rd, Maryvale; Jan. 4, South March; Jan. 5, Dunrobin; Jan. 6, North March; Jan. 7, All Saint's, Richmond Road; Jan. 14, Rochesterville; Jan. 16, Christ Church, Ottawa.

Deputation No. 2, the Rev. H. Pollard, convener, assisted by the Revs. Rural Dean and C. Weatherston, to hold meetings in the parishes of Huntley and Fitzroy Harbor, and at St. Alban's Church, Ottawa, as follows:—

Jan. 10, Town Hall, Carp; Jan. 11, Christ Church, 3rd Line; Jan. 12, School House, 6th Line; Jan. 13, School House, 9th Line; Jan. 14, Fitzroy Harbor; Jan. 15, Torbolton; Jan. 23, St. Alban's Church, Ottawa.

Deputation No. 3, the Venerable Archdeacon Lander, convener, assisted by the Revs. Canon T. Bedford-Jones and E. A. W. Hanington, to hold meetings in the parishes of Richmond and Bell's Corners, and St. John's Church, Ottawa, as follows:—

Jan. 3, St. John's Church, Richmond; Jan. 4, School House, Marlborough; Jan. 5, Orange Hall, 4th Line, Goulbourn; Jan. 6, St. Thomas' Church; Jan. 7, St. Paul's Church, Hazledean; Jan. 11, Bell's Corners; Jan. 16, St. John's Church, Ottawa.

Deputation No. 4, the Rev. G. Jemmett, convener, assisted by the Rev. F. Codd, to hold meetings in the parishes of North Gower and Osgoode, and St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh, as follows:—

Jan. 17, North Gower; Jan. 18, Wellington; Jan. 19, Manotick; Jan. 20, Duncanville; Jan. 21, Metcalfe; Jan. 28, St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh.

Deputation No. 5, the Rev. W. Fleming, convener, assisted by the Rev. S. McMorine, to hold meetings in the parishes of Gloucester and Archville, as follows:—

Jan. 17, Trinity Church, Billings' Bridge; Jan. 18, Gloucester Church; Jan. 19, St. George's Church, Taylorville; Jan. 20, St. Mary's Church, Green's Creek; Jan. 21, Trinity Church, Archville.

E. A. W. HANINGTON,  
Secretary to Deanery.

### TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending Dec. 4, 1880.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—For the widow of a deceased clergyman.—St. Paul's, Toronto \$45.00; Etobicoke, St. George's \$2.71; Christ Church \$1.51; St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, additional \$10.00; Christ Church, Bobcaygeon \$1.99; St. Paul's, Brighton \$2.00. October collection.—St. Stephen's, Toronto \$26.00; St. Thomas', Shanty Bay \$11.00; Scarborough, Christ Church \$8.00; St. Paul's \$7.74; St. Jude's \$1.18; Cardiff and Monmouth \$1.00.

MISSION FUND.—Thanksgiving collection.—St. Stephen's, Toronto \$40.00; St. Luke's, Ashburnham \$6.00; Scarborough, Christ Church \$14.48; St. Paul's \$7.07; St. Jude's \$1.18; St. Luke's, Toronto \$57.36; St. Paul's, Beaverton \$8.00; Cardiff and Monmouth \$1.00.—July collection.—St. Luke's, Ashburnham \$3.79; St. Luke's, Toronto \$11.18; Cardiff and Monmouth \$1.00.—Missionary Meeting.—St. Luke's, Ashburnham \$2.97.

ALGOMA FUND.—Day of Intercession Collection.—Cardiff and Monmouth \$1.00.

TORONTO.—St. Matthias' Parochial Mission.—It may be safely said that no portion of the Church population of Toronto has ever been more thoroughly roused to the full sense of the importance of their position as churchmen than those living within the bounds of St. Matthias' Parish during the last octave. The interest aroused by the addresses on Advent Sunday of the chosen Missioner, Rev. W. Hoves Clarke—addresses of very rare merit in point of eloquence, fire, and pure church doctrine—continued to increase steadily on each successive day. Each of the four daily services indicated increasing interest, from 5 in the morning till 10 at night. Those who gave the meditations and instructions at the earlier services of each day well sustained by their devout and thoughtful—often deeply moving—addresses the tone of thought struck by the Missioner at the Mission service of the previous night. Among these, besides the Incumbent of the Parish, were Revs. W. S. & C. Darling of Holy Trinity, E. Ransford of St. Mathew's, G. J. Taylor of St. Bartholomew's, C. L. Ingles of Parkdale. Other Clergy and prominent laity, too, often evinced their sympathy with the work being done, by their repeat-

ed presence in the choir or congregation. Many dissenters came again and again. In the 10 or 12 addresses delivered by the Missioner, they could not fail to be struck by the earnestness, thoughtfulness, and natural eloquence of an unusually high order which distinguishes him, and fits him already in a marked manner—though one of the 'younger Clergy' of Trinity College—for 'the work of an Evangelist.' It need scarcely be said that the communicants of the Parish, and even the children, were enthusiastic and zealous in their efforts to second the work of the Clergy. The 'after meetings' for more particular instruction and devotion, were most gratifying in consequence of the large proportion of the congregation remaining for them. On Sunday the services of the Octave came to a close, and—although the weather was unfavorable—the attendance was large. The Church which had been well filled for several nights at the close of the week, was filled to overflowing at evensong, and there had been double the usual number of communicants at the early and late celebration. After a few congratulatory words from the Incumbent, the Bishop preached an appropriate sermon on the "text 'Building' yourselves up on your most holy Faith." Afterwards the Missioner delivered his farewell address, which, like his discourse in the morning, appeared to deeply affect his audience. After the service, more than a hundred persons remained to receive the 'memorial cards'—a Christmas scene of of midnight service, printed in colors with a dark border embossed in gilt letters with appropriate words in reference to the Mission—and to shake hands with Mr. Clarke. This, indeed, was a most affecting adieu, and gave promise of much practical result. Notice had been given of a meeting to give affect to the wholesome impression made on so many, by organizing an association for Church work.

Rev. R. H. Harris who resigned the Mission of Onemee and Emily last July, has been appointed to the Parish of Brighton and requests that communications intended for him be addressed: "Brighton, Co. Northumberland."

RUNNYMEDE.—St. John the Baptist's Mission.—There was a very crowded and very successful Sunday School Re-union in connection with this Church, on Friday the 26th. The Mission Room was filled to the door, by the young people and their friends, and with songs, readings and recitations, a very enjoyable time was spent. The churchwardens, Messrs. Murray and Kennedy deserve great praise for their ceaseless efforts in the good work, while the thanks of all are due to Mrs. Murray, the Superintendent, and the lady helpers, for the great care and attention bestowed on the little ones. The Sunday School now numbers thirty-four. The congregation steady in attendance and large.

ASHBURNHAM.—St. Luke's.—The new brick parsonage erected on the lot adjoining the church has been roofed in. It will be ready for occupancy about June next. The cost will reach \$2500 for site and building.

A Parochial Association has been formed to serve as a bond of union and sympathy among the members of the congregation, and to improve the mental, moral and social condition of those who may join it. The officers are a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and a committee of nine. The membership numbers over fifty, although in operation only two weeks. The first entertainment was given on the 29th ult., to a crowded house. The Church of England Institute books have been adopted in the Sunday School, and copies procured for the teachers. For this year the subject of study is the Church Catechism. Leaflets are prepared and printed by the Incumbent for the use of the scholars. It is hoped the adoption of this plan will the better train the young in Church Doctrine, Bible truth. Church work is localized here as a Parish Magazine, and has proved very successful. The number of copies issued is now about seventy which it is hoped will be largely increased next year.

A communicants' class has been formed, to be held on the Wednesdays during Advent at 7.30 p. m. The subject of the lectures this year is the Exposition of the Communion Office.

### NIAGARA.

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HAMILTON.—The rare and interesting ceremony of inducting a rector of the Church of England took place at all Saint's Church, in this city Nov. 29th. The ceremony is so rare that such a thing has not occurred in Hamilton for many years. Yesterday morning a meeting was held, attended by the Rev. Mr. Mockridge, Dr. Ridley and Mr. J. J. Mason, of Christ Church Cathedral; Rev. Mr. Des Brisay, Mr. W. Gillespy and Mr. W. Robinson, of All Saints' Church—at which an agreement was come to, with a view of setting apart a new parish, to be called All Saints. In accordance with the agreement in question, his