

all denominations, to whom the Rector and his estimable wife had endeared themselves. The ladies of Carleton at the residence of John V. Ellis, Esq., presented Mrs. Dowling with a very handsome cabinet and an address to which that lady made a suitable reply. The address bore the signatures of more than forty ladies. Mr. Dowling at Fairville, was presented with an address accompanied with a purse containing \$65. And at Carleton both he and Mrs. Dowling were the recipients of valuable presents and affectionate addresses from the teachers and scholars of the Sunday school. The many evidences of the favor and esteem in which the Rector is held in Carleton justify us in predicting a highly successful work for him in his new field of labour. We earnestly trust that it may be so. Certainly it will not be Mr. Dowling's fault if the prediction is not fulfilled.

ALBERT.—The Diocesan Church Society having promised the sum of \$500 per annum for the support of a Church of England Missionary in this county, upon the condition that the sum of \$200 be raised among the people in the mission in addition thereto, a subscription list for that purpose has been taken around and the required sum nearly realized. The incumbent will be the Rev. J. A. Cresswell, of England, who will probably enter upon his duties next month. The Church at the Hill has been nicely repaired through the exertions of those interested.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

BISHOP BOND has appointed Sunday next as the day on which special collections for the Mission Fund are to be taken up throughout the Diocese. It is to be hoped that the recent earnest appeal put forth by the Bishop for enlarged contributions will be liberally responded to.

THE Bishop held an ordination in St. George's Church on Sunday morning, the 27th inst., when Mr. H. Gomery and Mr. C. Boulden were admitted to the diaconate. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Henderson, Principal of the Diocesan Theological College. The Rev. H. Gomery returns to his work at the Quio, and the Rev. C. Boulden is Chaplain and Tutor at Lincoln College, Sorel.

CHAMBLY CANTON.—My engagements for *Parochial Missions* are as follows:—Feb. 3rd to 10th, Adamsville; Feb. 10th to 15th, East Farnham; Feb. 17th to 24th, West Shefford; Mar. 2nd to 12th, Waterloo. If you would make a note of this in your paper, with a request for prayer of those interested, you will oblige. Yours, &c., F. H. DuVernet.

AN interesting paper has lately appeared in the *Montreal Gazette*, containing a comparison between the sums contributed on behalf of Mission Funds by the various Christian bodies. Very carefully collected statistics from reliable sources show what is contributed by each, and prove that the Church of England in Canada is not so behind other bodies of Christians as we are often led to believe from the statements of public speakers. The Methodists collected the large sum of \$148,400.72, but in comparing this with other branches several of the items have to be deducted, leaving purely for the domestic mission work the sum of \$92,662.16, which includes \$8,582.20 to Newfoundland, and not less than \$15,000 to missions in Manitoba and the North-west.

The Presbyterian Church raised \$206,746.57, or for purely missionary purposes, viz., Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and French Evangelization, the sum of \$140,142.52. The following particulars of the work of the Church of England were obtained by Mr. White, who is General Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. The Church of England has had no central organization, until this year, such as the Missionary

Committees of the other bodies, so that each diocese is given separately. In Nova Scotia the home mission work is under the control of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Endowment Fund, established in 1854. In this Diocese 32 missionaries received aid from the Board of Home Missions, 18 receive from a block sum from the S. P. G., 8 missionaries are paid by the Colonial and Continental Society, wholly or in part. There are also other local funds. From the list of subscriptions to the Home Mission Board, published in the report, it appears that \$4,785.95, in all was contributed. In New Brunswick the mission work of the Diocese is carried on by the Diocesan Church Society. The contributions in this Diocese in aid of missions, and supplemental grants from the missions themselves, reached the sum of \$19,000. Of this sum a considerable portion was made of S. P. G., grants and interest on investments, the grants from the S. P. G., having been \$8,662.88. The amount of subscriptions, and collections, and children's missionary boxes amounted in the aggregate to \$7,854.18, which, adding \$2,000 as the increase of the present year, may be taken as the direct contributions of the people in aid of home missions, in all, say, \$9,854. In the Diocese of Quebec there are 51 missions receiving aid from the Diocesan Board of Missions. These missions receive aid from the Diocesan Board of Missions \$1,000. The missions are assessed at \$9,000. The difference is made up by mission funds, funds of the Church Society, and S. P. G., grant, which latter amounted to the sum of \$6,762.14. For the purposes of comparison the contribution of the Churchmen of the diocese towards supplementing the salaries of the missionaries may be put down at \$3,000. In the Diocese of Montreal the missions are aided by grants from the Mission Fund, which supplement the amount paid by the mission itself towards the stipend of the clergy. The receipts were from all sources towards the Mission Fund \$20,637.97, including a balance to the credit of the fund at the beginning of the year of \$8,031.06 from city churches, and \$2,297 from country churches, total \$10,306.55, as voluntary contributions towards home mission work.

In Ontario the amount which may be taken as a basis of comparison is \$4,667.82. In Toronto the amount directly contributed from the general collections to home or diocesan missions was \$11,015. In Niagara the amount may be put down at \$4,000. This is to supplement the salaries of missionaries.

In Huron the amount received by the Mission Fund last year was \$18,155.01, but as two items have to be deducted from this, the sum of comparison will be \$10,288. The total, then, in the older dioceses for ordinary home or diocesan mission work made for the purpose of supplementing the local grants towards the stipends of the clergy, would amount to \$61,857.75.

The grants to missions is of course much greater, being \$104,824.33.

So the grants to home mission work compared to other bodies stands as follows:—

Church of England.....	\$104,824.33.
Methodists.....	67,777.59.
Presbyterian.....	50,446.59.

The statistics of the more general work of the Church of England are very defective. By the report represented at the last meeting of the Provincial Synod, the amount contributed by the Church within the ecclesiastical province of Canada for missions in Algoma and the North-West, was \$16,610.10. This does not include by any means the whole amount contributed for these objects, nor does it include contributions from Manitoba and the North-West. The amount contributed to *Foreign* missions, as far as known to the Board was last year \$2,915.54, but again this does not represent the whole amount. "It is hoped that one of the results of the action of the Provincial Synod in organizing a central Board of Management, will be to secure fuller and more accurate statistics as to the work of the Church in all the branches of diocesan mission work, of domestic mission work, by which it is understood

work in Algoma and the territory beyond it, and foreign missionary work.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

WARDSVILLE.—The Rev. W. J. Taylor recently gave a lecture—"Reminiscences of my Visit to England and the Channel Islands"—before the Literary Society of this place. There was a large attendance, and hearty and frequent applause on the part of the audience proved the lecture to have been a most acceptable and entertaining one.

OUR new Bishop has been doing an enormous amount of work since coming into the Diocese. Below is some of the work he has done in the last half of January, and it will be seen at once how very busy his Lordship has been. On Friday the 18th, the Bishop held a Confirmation in St. James' Church, Paris, Ont., where a class of 20 persons was presented by the Rev. D. J. Caswell, the late incumbent. The Bishop gave an earnest address to the candidates, on the nature of the solemn vows of consecration to the Master's service. On Sunday the 20th, the Bishop preached in the morning in St. Paul's Church, Port Dover, for Rev. Mr. Dillon; in the afternoon in Christ Church, Vittoria, for Rev. W. B. Evans; and again in the evening in Trinity Church, Simcoe, for Rev. J. Gemley. Large congregations were present at each of the services and listened with deep interest to their Bishop's eloquent words. On Monday the 21st the Bishop returned to Dover, at the request of the people, and was presented with an address. Port Dover being the first independent charge of the Bishop after his ordination to the Ministry, the people were desirous to testify their great pleasure at the elevation of their former Pastor to the Episcopate. A magnificent *dejeuner* was prepared by the congregation, in honor of the Bishop's visit. A vestry meeting was held, at which the Bishop was present, and satisfactory arrangements were made in regard to the services. In the evening the Bishop preached in St. John's Church, Woodhouse, for the Rector, Rev. Rural Dean Evans, and the Bishop was given a Reception at the residence of Mr. Boulton, where a very pleasant evening was spent. On Tuesday the Bishop was presented with an address at a reception given in his honor by the members of Trinity Church, Simcoe. Large numbers of people were in attendance. On the 25th the Bishop addressed the Divinity Students of the Western University, and also the staff and pupils of Hellmuth Ladies' College. In the evening of the same day the Bishop gave an eloquent and impressive address on Temperance, in Christ Church Lecture Hall, London, under the auspices of the Christ Church branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. On Sunday last the Bishop preached in Holy Trinity Church, Chatham, in the morning, for the Rev. R. O. Cooper; at St. Thomas' Church, Dover East, in the afternoon, and again in Trinity Church, Chatham, in the evening. On Monday the Bishop attended a vestry meeting at Trinity Church, when business of an important financial bearing was carefully considered, and an effort made to place the church on a satisfactory footing. The Bishop then returned to London, to take part in the City Missionary Meeting.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

THE new Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, the Hon. G. W. Ross, has informed the Legislative Committee of the Ontario Teachers' Association that it is his intention to take immediate action to introduce Bible reading into the public schools of the Province. It is proposed to select passages from the Scriptures—one for each day in the year—and a circular containing these will be sent to each teacher.

ROCKINGHAM.—The church at Rockingham presented a very pretty appearance on Christmas Day. Morning Prayer was held, and an impressive sermon preached by the Incumbent, the Rev. A. W. Mackay, from St. Luke ii. 15—"Let us now