

ton, which Mr. May visited in February last on the invitation of the Incumbent, the Rev. F. L. Stephenson, 374 persons signed the pledge. During the past winter Mr. May has visited and held meetings in Franktown, Pakenham, Arnprior, Kemptville, Ashton, Huntley, Metcalf and Munster, and by his successful advocacy of the cause nearly 1,200 persons have been induced to become total abstainers.

LANARK.—This mission, containing a Church of England population numbering over 3,000 members, has been vacant for the past nine months. It has a grant from the Diocesan Mission Fund of \$300 per annum. A faithful presbyter would find here congenial work and a sufficient maintenance.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections etc., received during the week ending April 6th 1878.

MISSION FUND.—Parochial Collections.—Barrie, \$90.00; Brampton on account, \$51.78; St. Luke's Toronto, additional \$44.00; Newmarket, \$56.40; Port Hope, on account, \$20.00; Fisher's School House, (Alliston), on account, \$8.00; West Dysart, additional, \$2.25; St. Paul's, Bethany, on account, \$25.00; North Essa, on account, \$29.00; St. Paul's Toronto, \$26.00; Thornhill, \$89.85; West Mono, additional, \$1.10; Bradford, \$41.10; Middletown, \$17.70; Coulson's Corners, \$55.85; St. John's, Port Hope, on account, \$7.00; Hastings, \$12.32; Norwood and Westwood, on account \$13.00; Grafton, additional, \$5.00. *Special appeal*.—Beverley Jones, balance of subscription, \$50.00. *Missionary Meetings*.—Newmarket \$11.75; St. Pauls, Bethany \$3.00; St. Mary's \$2.00. *January Collection*.—Newmarket \$12.00; St. Peter's, Toronto, \$5.66; St. John's, Port Hope \$2.00. *Subscriptions*.—Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, \$20.00; Rev. W. C. Allen, \$10.00.

WIDOWS AND ORPHAN'S FUND.—October Collection.—Barrie, additional, \$12; Cannington, on account, \$2.00. *Annual Subscription*.—Rev. Canon Morgan, \$5.00; Rev. C. J. S. Bethune \$5.00; Rev. J. McCleary, \$5.00. *For the Widows and Orphans of two deceased Clergymen*.—St. Peter's, Toronto, \$55.77; Credit, St. Peter's \$9.87; St. John's, \$1.30; Trinity Church, \$1.25.

Confirmations.—The Bishop of Toronto will D. V. hold confirmations during the months of April and May next, as follows:

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| Port Hope, St. John's, Sunday, April 14... | 11 a.m. |
| " Trin. Coll. School, Sunday..... | 14... 4 p.m. |
| " St. Mark's, Wednesday..... | 17... 7½ p.m. |
| Cobourg, Sunday..... | 21... 7 p.m. |
| Grafton, Monday..... | 22... 4 p.m. |
| Colborne, Tuesday..... | 23... 11 a.m. |
| Brighton, "..... | 23... 7½ p.m. |
| Toronto, St. Peter's, Sunday..... | 28... 11 a.m. |
| " Trinity, Sunday..... | 28... 7 p.m. |
| Carleton, Sunday..... | May 5... 11 a.m. |
| St. Ann's, Brockton, Sunday..... | " 5... 7 p.m. |
| Oshawa, Sunday..... | " 12... 11 a.m. |
| Bowmanville, Sunday..... | " 12... 7 p.m. |
| Newcastle, Monday..... | " 13... 7½ p.m. |
| Perrytown, Tuesday..... | " 14... 11 a.m. |
| Baillieboro', "..... | " 14... 4 p.m. |
| Cavan, St. John's, Wednesday..... | " 15... 11 a.m. |
| " Millbrook, "..... | " 15... 7½ p.m. |
| Norwood, Thursday..... | " 16... 7½ p.m. |
| Peterboro', Friday..... | " 17... 7½ p.m. |
| Toronto, All Saints, Sunday..... | " 19... 11 a.m. |
| " St. Bartholomew's, Sunday..... | " 19... 7 p.m. |
| Cartwright, "..... | " 26... 10½ a.m. |
| Port Perry, "..... | " 26... 7 p.m. |
| Lindsay, Monday..... | " 27... 7½ p.m. |
| Omamee, Tuesday..... | " 28... 7½ p.m. |
| Manvers, Wednesday..... | " 29... 11 a.m. |
| Toronto, St. George's, Thursday, (Ascension)..... | " 30... 11 a.m. |
| " St. John's, Thursday, (Ascension)..... | " 30... 7½ p.m. |
| " Holy Trinity, Friday..... | " 31... 4 p.m. |
| " St. Paul's, Sunday, June 2..... | 11 a.m. |
| " Church of Redeemer, Sunday..... | " 2... 7 p.m. |

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

HAMILTON.—The members of the 13th Battalion Volunteers attended at All Saint's Church last Sunday morning; the matter was kept so quiet that very few knew what church the battalion would attend until the assembling at the drill shed. The splendid bands played to and from church, the muster was good, and the manner in which the whole affair was conducted, reflects great credit upon Lieut.-Col. Irving and other officers; the services were conducted by the Rev. C. E. Thompson, who preached an excellent sermon, which was listened to with the closest attention. The attendance at the church was very large.

The Rev. Mr. Cook officiates at the Church of Ascension until the Rev. Carmichael assumes the rectorship, which will be in a short time.

The Confirmation at St. Mark's was well attended: it is expected that the Bishop of the diocese will confirm a number all All Saint's Church, on the last Sunday in this month.

HAMILTON.—A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Synod Office, on Thursday, 28th March. Present—The Very Rev. the Dean of Niagara, Rev. Canons Read and Roberts, Revs. D. I. F. Macleod, J. Gribble, and E. J. Fessenden, and Messrs. F. W. Gates, and F. Lampman.

The following resolutions were adopted: 1. That the year referred to in the report of the Apportionment Committee be from the 1st April, 1877, to the 31st March 1878, and that all offertory collections and donations made during that period on account of the several funds be applied in payment of the apportionments respectively. 2. That the balance remaining at the credit of the St. John Fire Relief Fund be sent to the Lord Bishop of Fredericton. 3. That the charge for expenses of management of the Rectory Lands and Parochial Endowment Funds for the past year be at the rate of three per cent. 4. That the expenses of management of all the other funds of the Synod be paid in the same proportion for the current year as regulated the payment for the previous year. 5. That the amount at the credit of the Sustentation Fund current account be appropriated to the Mission Fund of the Diocese. 6. That the assessment for expenses of the annual meeting of the Synod be the same as last year, with the following exceptions: Ancaster and Dundas, \$13; Beverley and West Flamboro', \$4; Clifton and Queenston, \$6; Hamilton, St. Marks, \$5; Hamilton, All Saints, \$5; Merriton, Homer and Grantham, \$5; Walpole (South), \$3.90.

The Secretary was instructed to issue a circular, requiring all Notices and Reports for the meeting of Synod to be sent into the Synod office before the 20th of April.

The annual meeting of the Synod will take place on the 21st of May, and following days.

A meeting of the Mission Board was held at the Synod office, on Monday 1st of April. Present: The Lord Bishop, The Ven. Archdeacon McMurray, Rev. Rural Deans Osler and Bull, Rev. C. E. Thomson, W. Belt, and W. J. Mackenzie, and Messrs. Rixon, Meakins, B. R. Nellis, and W. Y. Pettit.

The following resolutions were adopted: 1. That the Mission Board taking into consideration its large indebtedness and the interest to be paid for money borrowed, and the necessity there is for meeting its liabilities without continually increasing the debt; and feeling that most of the parishes of the Diocese have not as yet responded as they should have done to the many appeals made to them, and having taken into consideration the condition and capabilities of the several Missions, feel obliged, though with much reluctance, to make the following reduction, viz.:—Georgetown; Fergus and Alma; Mount Forest and North Arthur; Port Colborne and Marshville; Minto; Wellington Travelling Mission; Walpole (south); Lowville, Nassagaweya and Carlisle; Rothsay and Huston; and Palmerston \$50 each, to take effect from this date; and Dunville, Port Maitland and South Cayuga \$100, to take effect from October 1st. And that this Mission Board trusts that the various Missions in which reductions have been

made will not allow their Missionary to suffer from these reductions, but will themselves make up the sums which the Mission Board has felt obliged to withdraw. 2. That the Rev. Rural Dean Bull be requested to write to the Churchwardens of Danville, Port Maitland and South Cayuga to assent to the immediate withdrawal of of the whole grant made to them, and thus have the honor of voluntarily becoming a self-sustaining parish. 3. That the Board having heard read the letter of the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, feels constrained in view of the numerous reductions rendered absolutely necessary this day by the condition of the Fund, to state to Mr. Whitcombe that they deeply regret their inability to comply with his request for a reconsideration of the reduction made in his Mission in January last. 4. That the amount granted for mission work to Barton and Glanford be paid to that parish without condition so long as his Lordship the Bishop may deem it advisable. 5. That his Lordship the Bishop be requested to prepare the usual annual Report of the Mission Board of this Diocese.

A meeting of the Apportionment Committee was held at the Synod Office, 1st April, 1878. Present: The Very Rev. the Dean of Niagara in the chair; the Ven. Archdeacon McMurray, the Rev. Rural Dean Holland, the Rev. D. I. F. Macleod, and Messrs. Hy. McLaren, T. Rixon, and W. Y. Pettit.

The following resolution was adopted: 1. That the results of last year's apportionment not having been as yet ascertained, the Committee recommend that, except in the cases of parishes or missions mentioned below, in which a readjustment of boundaries has taken place, the same apportionment be adopted for the coming year. 2. That in the case of the parishes or missions hereinafter enumerated the apportionment be as follows: Dundas, \$200; Clifton and Queenston, \$150; Hamilton, All Saints, \$100; St. Mark's, \$100; Walpole South and Hagersville, \$150; Merriton, Homer, and Grantham, \$150; Beverley and W. Flamboro' \$100.

HURON.

WOODSTOCK.—We are reminded that the church in Woodstock has not fallen off in works of zeal and love. The work on the new St. Paul's Church that had been suspended during the winter is to be resumed on Monday April the 7th, and will, it is hoped be nearly completed by fall. The Ven. Archdeacon Sweatman, is amassing the means for the purchase of a suitable organ, and it is proposed to give during Easter week a series of exhibitions of art, in aid of this object. We hope the Rector of the parish, Rev. Canon Bettridge, though for some years incapacitated by the burden of his many years from taking any active part in the ministrations of the church will live to see the new church completed, and what is better, consecrated.

LONDON.—The Rev. J. Gemley, and Mrs. Gemley, are to leave London in Passion week and sail for England in the S. S. Egypt, on the 20th inst. Mr. Gemley's departure is very much regretted not only by the parishioners of St. Paul's but also by very many friends throughout the city. Who will be his successor is yet unknown.

GOSHEN LINE.—St. Luke's.—The widely scattered church families of the more lately settled missions of this diocese, feel keenly the disadvantages of their state of isolation. Placed at wide intervals in bush and clearings, they are almost wholly strangers to each other. Of different nationalities, and often of different ranks of society in their old homes, the only connecting link is betimes their communion with the old church, the same in many lands. It is only this one faith ameliorates old habits and prejudices. In the Church they are one, members of one family, children of One Father, partakers of one Holy Communion. This state of isolation makes them long for a more intimate acquaintance, and hence their social meetings where they may hold pleasant converse. We are reminded of this by a very pleasant meeting in connection with St. Luke's,