

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

BROCKVILLE.—WHITE CROSS ARMY.—A branch of the White Cross has been formed at Brockville. The Society is an earnest of the unity of the Church in this town, the members being from the parishes of St. Peter's and Trinity in about equal numbers. The pledge was taken at an early celebration of the Holy Communion at Trinity Church. Now the Society is formed, all Baptised males are eligible for membership. The chaplains are the Rev. Geo. Lowe, the Rev. E. P. Crawford. Dr. Jackson President, and Mr. H. R. Fairclough, Sec-Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. Quartermaine has just arrived from England to assist in Missionary work on the Upper Ottawa. He worked as lay reader in one of the London Missions, and attended lectures at King's College, and is now preparing for ordination in this Diocese. The assistants in the Mattawa Mission, reside with the priest in charge at the Mission House and go out alternately to the several out stations in this extensive Mission. Thus are the borders of the Church being systematically enlarged.

OTTAWA.—The negotiations in progress for some time past for the purchase—by some members of the Church of England—of the "Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church," Metcalfe street, were brought to a close on the 26th March, when the deed transferring the property was signed at Ottawa, the signature of the President of the Montreal Conference having been affixed on the previous day, at Montreal. The Methodist trustees sold the property for the sum of \$14,500, and will put the Church of England people in possession on the 1st of April. After a few alterations to the interior, it is understood the church will be formally opened on the first Sunday after Easter, (12th April.)

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.—In accordance with the Canon of Synod, the annual collections in aid of the Diocesan Widows and Orphans Fund, were taken up in several of the churches, on the fifth Sunday in Lent, (22nd March.) The capital of this fund as at present invested, yields an annual income of about \$1,225.00. The annual subscriptions of the clergy produce \$215.00 making a total from these two sources of \$1,440.00. The pensioners upon the fund for the current year, beginning on the 1st January are, ten widows who receive \$200 each, making \$2,000, and six orphans at \$320. Total \$2,320. The expenses of management amount to \$140. Total claims upon the fund \$2,460. The offerings from the various congregations throughout the Diocese, amounted last year, to \$600.03. In order to meet the pressing wants of the fund, an increase of \$400, is asked for by the Board, for this year. The offerings, so far as heard from, are much larger than those of last year.

MEMORIAL.—The Dean of Ontario, (Dr Lyster,) has procured from England, a handsome brass tablet, to be placed in Christ Church, Cataragui, to the memory of his son, Mr. Anthony J. Lyster, late of the Glebe Farm, Township of Kingston.

It is reported that the Rev. E. H. M. Baker, Rural Dean of Hastings and Prince Edward, will resign the Incumbency of Tyendinaga this month and that a request has been presented to the Bishop to allow the congregation to select his successor, in which case, it is understood, that the Rev. Mr. Anderson, who was formerly Incumbent of the Reserve, will be chosen.

Mr. Rawnsley, late leader of the choir of Saint Paul's Church, Kingston, has accepted the position of choir-master at Christ Church, Gananoque.

The Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, B.C.L., incumbent of the Mission of Maberly, is delivering a series of discourses on confirmation, with house to house meetings in connection therewith, which are well

attended. They will be continued till June, when it is expected the Bishop will visit the Mission and administer the rite of Confirmation.

The restoration of St. Stephen's Church, Bathurst, is spoken of by the members of the congregation, who seem desirous of making some necessary and much needed repairs to the edifice, if they could be completed before the Bishop's visit to the Mission. Two prayer desks, modelled from the latest designs of church furniture, are amongst the latest improvements.

A concert was held by members of the congregation of St. James' Church, Perth, on the evening of the 17th ult., in the Town Hall. The Rector, the Rev. R. L. Stephenson, M.A., presided. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity on the occasion. The programme was a most attractive one and well sustained. The receipts at the door amounted to about \$100 and are to assist in paying for the chandeliers for St. James' Church.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—We regret to learn that the Bishop of Toronto has been suffering from the effects of a severe cold, and for several days was confined to his room. He is now able, we believe, to fulfil his engagement.

The Rev. S. Weston-Jones of Lindsay, met with a somewhat severe accident several days ago. While driving near the railway station his horse shied at some telegraph poles and bolted. After a short run the cutter was overturned and Mr. Jones was dragged several yards. His right arm was badly injured at the elbow and it is feared it may be broken. His early recovery is anxiously hoped for by his numerous friends.

The Rev. J. E. Cooper of Cambay, conducted the services at St. Paul's, Lindsay, on Sunday last. His place was taken by Mr. J. H. Knight.

HARWOOD.—The concert in aid of St. John's Church here, which was held recently, proved a grand success, financially and otherwise. The Rev. George Ledringham filled the chair. A large number of Amateurs were present from Lindsay, Warkworth and Baltimore. They rendered readings, recitations and songs in a very admirable manner. Miss Ogams singing was especially appreciated, her clear, well-cultivated voice charming the audience.

WESTERN.—An old folks concert which was held on Monday last in Dufferin Hall was well attended. "Ye Lyste of Tunes and Wordlie Songs" was rendered very acceptably by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Misses Wood, Thompson and Patterson, and Messrs. Doherty, Sims, Schuch, Phillips, McKeown and Coates. The concert was in aid of St. John's Church, Western, and those taking part in the programme were suitably entertained at its close by the members.

S. S. ASSOCIATION.—The public meeting of the Toronto Church Sunday School Association held on the 19th was most successful. Canon Dumoulin occupied the chair. The Sunday School lesson for the following Sunday was taught by Mr. George Evans, after which Mr. Geo. A. MacKenzie read an excellent paper on "Intermediate Classes, their teachings and management." He recommended separate class rooms for all scholars above the age of 10 or 11, and thought that in a school with an average attendance of 100, four such class rooms would be sufficient. He advocated a musical service in church with processional and recessional hymns, and a short address or catechising by the clergyman. He referred to personal influence with elder boys as being the best plan to entertain such lads in Sunday School. To effect this, in every parish where there were two clergymen one of them should devote himself almost exclusively to the young. An animated discussion followed in which Revs. C. E. Whitecombe, and J. P. Lewis, and Messrs. Biggar, Cumming and Widd joined. The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m. Before this however the Secretary called attention to the forthcoming S. S. Institute Examinations for teachers.

OMEMEE.—The Band of Hope in connection with Christ Church, Omeme, gave a very interesting and pleasant entertainment in the Village Hall on a recent Friday evening. There was a large attendance, including several from the adjoining township of Emily.

MISCELLANEOUS.—The Queen's Own Rifles marched out on Sunday last to attend Divine service at Holy Trinity Church, Toronto. Colonel Miller was in command and the men numbered 450. The Rector of Holy Trinity, Rev. John Pearson, delivered an interesting and instructive address to the regiment on the subject of amusements.

A Sacred Concert under the direction of Mr. Collins was given in All Saints' School-house on the 18th ult. This makes the seventh concert of the series held this winter, all of which have been well attended.

CONFIRMATION.—The following is the list of Confirmations which the Bishop has arranged to hold in the country parishes during the current year. May 17th, Millbrook and Cavan; 18th, Omeme; 20th, Orono; 22nd, Cartwright; June 2nd, Brooklin; 3rd, Whitby; 4th, Bradford and Coulson's; 5th, Newmarket; 7th, Aurora; July 16th, Collingwood; 17th, Duntroon and Batteau; 19th, Stayner, Creemore and Sunnidale; 20th, Mulmur, Adjala and Everett; 21st, Allister and West Essa; 22nd, Cookstown; 23rd, Joy and Thornton; Sept. 15th, Shanty Bay and East Oro; 26th, Craighurst and Midhurst; 17th Penetanguishene; 20th, Georgia; Oct. 8th, Cheddar; 9th, Deer Lake and Monmouth; 11th, Brampton; 14th, Caledon East and Campbell's Cross; 15th, Bolton and Sandhill; 16th, Dixie; 18th, Etobicoke and Mimico.

CHURCH AND HOME.—This is the title of a new parish paper (monthly,) to reach a class of people who cannot afford to pay a dollar a year for a church weekly. It is simply a reprint of a few selections from one of the Toronto Church papers and has very little indeed to commend it, except the low price at which it is issued—twenty-five cents per annum. We do not think a jumble of articles and these mere selections and reprints, hurriedly chosen from week to week, is likely to reach the vast numbers which have hitherto been uninfluenced by the church press. Besides it tries to do the work now so much better done both by the *Canadian Missionary and Church work*.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

PERSONAL.—The Venerable Archdeacon McMurray, of Niagara, is perhaps with the exception of the Metropolitan, the clergyman longest in orders of all the clergy in the nine Dioceses. The 20th March was the 55th anniversary of his officiating in the Church—few men, if any, are as able at his age to take and continue duty as he is. Since the death of Bishop Fuller he has acted as Commissary of the Diocese, and has had necessarily a large amount of correspondence to attend to in connection with the Diocese.

HAMILTON.—CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL LITERARY SOCIETY.—The regular weekly meeting of this Society was held at the accustomed place last evening, and an exceedingly interesting programme was contributed to by several of the members present, as follows:

Recitation, "The last words of Henry Lawrence," Mr. Geo. Stiff; reading "The Duelists' Victory," Mr. R. Wooley; reading, "The Fate of Burns," Mr. C. Barnfather; Bass Solo, Vocal, Mr. R. Wooley; reading, "Visit to Leeds Municipal Officers," Mr. G. Tilton; reading, "Keep out of Debt," Mr. A. Shaw; recitation, "The Frenchman's Deceit," Mr. W. B. Coles; reading, "The Summit Tunnel," Mr. W. Jagger; reading, "The Lady Doctor," Mr. W. H. Davis.