

him in morning service, and took the evening service himself in the absence of Dr. Davidson.

**THE Lord Bishop of the Diocese** has nearly finished his visitation in that part of the Eastern Townships included within his jurisdiction; and has held many Confirmations. We cannot but regret that in only one or two cases has the result been sent to us for publication by the authorities of the various missions and parishes. Such information is however of general interest to the Church.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**NEW BOYNE AND LOMBARDY.**—The new arrangement of this Mission, which at first caused much opposition, is gradually approving itself to the supporters of the Church. A new station has been opened in Burgess, the opening service being attended by some fifty persons. Gifts of hymns A. M., for distribution, would be very acceptable here. There is also some prospect for a new station in Bastard as soon as the incumbent is relieved of attendance at Pike's Falls. At present there is too much driving on hand to admit of new work being attempted.

**PIKE'S FALLS.**—The Mission Board has granted a sum of \$300 to this Mission to be used at the discretion of the Bishop. It is hoped to make it the centre of a work embracing a great part of Drummond. But at present men are scarce, and death has robbed us of some valuable workers. Who will join the members of St. James' congregation in earnest prayer for laborers in the Lord's vineyard?

**NEWBRO.**—On dit that the incumbent wants a lay reader. He is working with great earnestness at some 14 or 16 separate stations. A parishioner at E——n says, they don't want the lay reader there, its the incumbent they love, not the services. What a false ideal!

**FRANKVILLE.**—The Rev. T. J. Stiles is having up hill work in some parts of his Mission, and very encouraging success in others. The Rector is working heartily for its new church and supporting its clergyman well. Some progress however is being made in all parts.

**SMITH'S FALLS.**—The schoolroom portion of the plans for the enlargement of St. John's Church is to be proceeded with soon, and when complete will be used as a temporary Church, while the rest of the work is done. On Sunday, the 25th ult., a font was extemporized near the door, and the latest addition to the incumbent's family received Holy Baptism therein. Some of those present had never seen the service held in the proper part of the Church before. The Rector read a circular letter from the Bishop, asking for funds for the See House.

#### DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

**GUELPH.**—The last meeting of the Band of Hope of St. George's Church proved very enjoyable. The chair was occupied by Rev. Mr. Seaborn, and a well chosen programme was rendered in excellent style.

The singing of Master Eddie Johnson and the violin playing of Miss Mary Haugh, also the solo by Miss Jennie Green, and the Motion song by the little members were the features of the evening, the audience tendering them deserved plaudits. Mr. W. P. Howard and the musical committee deserve great credit for the arranging of the programme, which was enjoyable throughout.

**THE BIBLE ASSOCIATION.**—This vigorous and enthusiastic organization held a very successful entertainment in the City hall, on the evening of the 13th. Refreshments were furnished to the guests in profusion. The young ladies belonging to the Association discharged the duties

of waiters in a pleasing manner, and were attentive to the requirements of their guests. Dr. Lett took the chair at 8 o'clock and filled that office in his usual happy style. The musical programme was opened by the singing of 'God Save the Queen.' The Bible Association of St. George's Church is to be congratulated on the success which attended their concert. The working Guild had a table in the hall and sold a great many useful articles. The proceeds of the sale go towards the new carpeting of the chancel. The Association entertainment added between \$30 and \$40 to the Church Improvement Fund.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**LONDON.**—Mrs. Boomer desires to thank her unknown friend in Ontario, who forwarded direct to the General Treasurer a sum of money for the Educational fund, which sum will be credited to the Diocese of Ontario.

**LONDON SOUTH.**—St. James'.—At the last meeting of the senior branch of the Young People's Mission Branch it was decided that \$5 be given to the 'J. R.' fund of the Education department, and that the Treasurer forward the same as soon as possible.

The Oil Springs Branch W. A. M. A. voted \$2.50 to the Education fund for 'J. R.'

**GALT.**—Having listened with pleasure and profit to the earnest address of Mr. Boomer on the education of Missionaries' children we hereby express our heartfelt sympathy with this special branch of Auxiliary work, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to further it. We have pleasure in remitting to the Treasurer the collection at the above meeting \$11.15 for 'J. R.' her substitute, or successor.

**BURFORD.**—The following resolution was passed, 'That the hearty thanks of the Burford Branch be tendered to Mrs. Boomer for her interesting and instructive address on the subject of Mission work in connection with the W. A. M. A., and that the collection of \$2.12 taken at that meeting be devoted to the education of 'J. R.' her substitute, or successor. That this Branch again record its hearty sympathy with the work of educating Missionaries' daughters, and its determination to contribute to that object this year, according to its ability.'

#### EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF MISSIONARIES.

**SIR,**—Except to record from time to time the marked and rapid progress of the effort to help our Missionaries in the education of their children, I had hoped never to have had occasion to ask the courteous editors of our Church papers to grant me space in their columns, but the time has come when I must seek this further concession at their hands, lest silence should imply acquiescence in views I do not share, or a disheartenment I do not feel, although there certainly might be some excuse for it, should still another delay await the educational movement in our Diocese, such as is, with solemn portent, foreshadowed in the closing sentences of the statement published and officially signed by the officers of our Board. If we must have bars and boundaries they should be immovable and well defined; if we must have rules, as of course we must, they should be binding upon all alike, no one of them to be enforced or laid aside at will, so that there may be no question of the Board of Management or any committee under it, 'far exceeding its power.' If work accepted to day be so likely to be rejected tomorrow, what encouragement is there to undertake anything at all; and when these methods are used in regard to work cordially entered upon in other dioceses, and accepted by the Board of Missions itself, what effect must they have upon parochial efforts, and in the quench-

ing of that individual zeal for Missions which it is one of the objects of our Association to promote.

I can only hope that the deterring sentence to which I have alluded above may have emanated from a meeting as informal as those others which were condemned as 'out of order,' and may, therefore, have a less depressing influence upon the counsels of our Educational Committee, when we meet in June. As it seems that the effort on behalf of the first missionary child is to be only half recognized by our Auxiliary, and that the funds raised on her behalf are only, 'not refused,' I am obliged to ask those friends who have already helped us, or who intend to do so in future, to send in their contributions to our Treasurer with her name distinctly stated, by doing which their money can be put to its distinctive use and not run the risk of lying in company with the \$30 so ingloriously awaiting its fate, in helpless inactivity for still another year.

A word before I close in friendly remonstrance with our Tyroconnell sister, whose paper read at our annual meeting and since published and circulated, embodies the sentiments of those who like herself desire to oppose our keeping our missionaries in a way which they themselves most heartily desire.

So cordially am I at one with her in regard to sending lady missionaries wherever and whenever we can do so, and so thoroughly am I in accord with her views as to the need for increasing the stipends of our missionaries, that I am ready to second her in every effort she may make for both these admirable objects, and with this proviso that if I am to follow her lead she will promise not to confuse one fund with the other, and to remember that the pulling down of one building does not always result in the building up another; that we must be content with a step by step growth, lending a helping hand just how and where we can under existing circumstances, leaving larger issues humanly in the hands of the Board of Missions itself, whose duty it is to grapple with them, and spiritually to the Great Head of the Church, the God and Father of us all. And further I would implore her not to impute to our self-denying Missionaries, a spiritual pride of which they are incapable but rather to allow that their reading of that cruelly mis-used word 'Charity' is 'Love' and that gifts offered to them in whatever shape they may, or by whom sent are received as tokens of love and sympathy as if direct from the Giver of all good Himself.

Thanking you once more gratefully for your renewed kindness.

I remain, sir, very faithfully yours,  
H. A. BOOMER,

Convener Educat. Committee Huron W. A. M. A.

#### DIOCESE OF BRITISH HONDURAS.

**BELIZE.**—Continued,

THE BISHOP'S VISIT.

On the Bishop's return, visits and committees were then the order of the day. The Standing Committee met on Friday evening.

On Saturday evening the Bishop held a Confirmation at St. Mary's at 4 p.m., when Ever-song was said by the Rector, and the Lessons read by the Rev. E. D. Tilling. There was full choral service, every member of the choir being present. The Bishop addressed the candidates both before and after the laying on of hands, the second address being one of great force on the duty of work and prayer by every member of the Church, so as to aid the Master in conquering the world and its forces to Himself.

There were 145 candidates presented by the Rector; 45 males and 100 females. A large number had been obliged to absent themselves on account of engagements out of Belize.

On Sunday, the Bishop held an ordination at St. John's Church, when Mr. I. A. B. Swabey,