

Diocesan Intelligence.

ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

KITLEY.—This mission, which had been vacant for nearly a year, since the destruction of its parsonage by fire during the incumbency of the Rev. J. R. Forsythe—now of Pembroke—has been re-organized by the appointment of the Rev. E. W. Beaven, M.A.

EGANVILLE.—Vacant since the appointment of the Rev. M. G. Poole to the Mission of Madoc, has been filled by the Rev. R. D. Mills, M.A., late of Dunham, Diocese of Montreal.

STIRLING.—This mission, whose Church in the Village of Stirling had been opened but for fifteen months in five years, has been reorganized by the appointment of the Rev. T. Godden, B.A., late of North Augusta.

LANARK.—The Rev. Wm. Cruden, B.A., late Rector of St. James' Church, Pictou, Diocese of Nova Scotia, has been licensed to this mission, which had been vacant for more than fifteen months. The sick visits, funerals, and occasional services being in the meantime performed by the Rev. R. L. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of Perth, assisted in the eastern part of the mission by the Rev. G. W. Grout, M.A., of Carleton Place, at much inconvenience—their own parishes demanding all their attention. The church people in this extensive mission have been most fortunate in securing the services of a clergyman of such experience as Mr. Cruden, and already the mission shows signs of returning life; and that the services of the hard-working, judicious and methodical missionary can be appreciated by his congregation, has been manifested in a substantial way at the station at Balderson's Corners, where the congregation presented him with a comfortable buffalo-coat, while at Lanark Village his house has been provided with many useful supplies for himself and family. On learning that the funds at the disposal of the Mission Board did not warrant the Board in making the usual grant of \$100 for outfit, a concert and readings were given by the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Lanark, in the Town Hall, on New Year's night, when after deducting all expenses, the sum of \$60 was netted and handed to Mr. Cruden. This unwieldy mission is about to be divided—the Rev. Mr. Farrar, one of the newly-ordained Deacons, having been appointed to the western part of the mission, having the Township of Clarendon for his headquarters. By this arrangement the Townships of South Sherbrooke, Oso and Olden will be taken off the Lanark mission, leaving the missionary at Lanark 150 families, scattered throughout the Townships of Drummond, Bathurst and Lanark, with three churches. Before leaving Pictou, Mr. Cruden was also the grateful recipient of some kindly acts on the part of his former congregation. Under the administration of the new missionary, we anticipate a bright future for the long-neglected mission of Lanark.

CHESTERVILLE.—The congregation at this station, in the Mission of Finch and Winchester, presented their clergyman, the Rev. J. R. Serson, with the sum of \$60 as a Christmas offering. The services of the church were commenced at this station in the month of February, 1878, and have been held every alternate Sunday. The Township of Winchester has been wholly neglected by the Church in the past, and has in consequence become a stronghold of sectarianism, and the clergyman in charge has met with considerable opposition. The congregation is small, but is steadily increasing, and the presentation by its members of so large an offering is a tangible proof of their appreciation of the Church of England ritual, and also a manifestation of their love and esteem for their clergyman.

KINGSTON.—The Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums, since his return from England, on behalf of the family of the late Canon Preston:—Osnabrock, \$52.16; St. Philip's, Milford, and St. John's, Marysburgh, \$6.00; total, \$58.16.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending January 18th, 1879:

MISSION FUND—Special Appeal.—Peter Paterson, balance of subscription, \$50.00; E. B. Osler, Toronto, on account of subscription, \$50.00. **Parochial Collections.**—Woodbridge, \$49. **January Collections.**—St. Philip's, Unionville, \$1.75; York Mills, \$5.55; Etobicoke, Christ Church, \$4.36, St. George's, \$6.39. **Missionary Meetings.**—Woodbridge, \$6.14; Etobicoke, Christ Church, \$4.42, St. George's, \$8.58.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—For the Widow and Orphan of a deceased Clergyman—Toronto, All Saints', \$96.01; St. George's, \$130.95; Rev. A. Stewart, Orillia, subscription, \$5.00. Legacy left by Miss Donnell of Georgina, per John Donnell, Executor, \$25.00. **October Collection.**—Etobicoke, St. George's, additional, \$5.00.

All Saints.—Morning Sunday School was presented on Thursday evening, by the Superintendent and Teachers, to an entertainment composed of a magic lantern exhibition and post office delivery. From the office each scholar received a gift, and the proceedings were much enjoyed by all present. Major J. W. Selby, the Superintendent, in conjunction with the teachers, deserve great credit for the success of this school, which now numbers nearly two hundred scholars. It is entirely due to their unremitting exertions.

St. Luke's.—A successful entertainment was given in the school-room on Wednesday evening last to the children of the Sunday School and their friends. A very instructive magic lantern exhibition, which was interrupted by frequent carols effectively sung by the children, occupied the earlier part of the evening, great praise being due to Miss Oates and Miss Hague for training them every week preparatory to the Sunday service. As the last of these, "Gather around the Christmas Tree," was being sung, the curtain was withdrawn, and the tree laden with presents stood out in a blaze of light. Mr. John Hague, the energetic and popular Superintendent, under whose management the school has in a very short time increased its numbers by one-third, then called up the classes, and with the efficient assistance of the teachers, distributed the presents. This, owing to Mr. Hague's excellent arrangements, was done without any confusion or disorder. After a brief address by the Rector, one of the most successful entertainments ever given in St. Luke's was brought to a close by singing the national anthem.

We congratulate the Rector on having secured the services of a superintendent who spares neither himself nor his purse in the interests of the Sunday School. If a few more of our lay people would take the same interest in our Sunday Schools, we should soon hear nothing more of their want of success.

NORTHUMBERLAND RURAL DEANERY.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Deanery was held at Ashburnham, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 14th and 15th January. There was a full evening service in the Parish Church of St. Luke, prayers being said by Revs. Messrs. Bell and Smith, and the lessons read by Rev. H. D. Cooper, who afterwards preached the sermon, from Matt. xxviii., 19 and 20, the incumbent taking the concluding part of the service. At 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday the Holy Communion was administered, quite a number of communicants from the congregation partaking, with the clergy present. The chapter met for business at the residence of the incumbent at 10:30 a.m. Present, the Revs. Messrs. Clementi, Bell, Soward, Bradshaw, Cooper, and the Rev. P. Harding from the Mission of Apsley, in the Deanery of Haliburton. In the absence of the Venerable Archdeacon Wilson, acting rural dean, the incumbent of the parish was appointed chairman. After the regular routine business, a very interesting and profitable conversation ensued on the rubrics in the Communion office. The secretary was instructed to find out the best terms on which tracts could be secured, with a view of appropriating a portion of the funds now on hand towards the supplying of tracts for distribution in those parishes in the deanery that

may desire them. It was resolved that the next meeting be held at Lakefield, on 22nd and 23rd April next, the Rev. Mr. Bell, incumbent to prepare a paper, and that at the regular evening service instead of the sermon three short addresses be delivered by the Revs. Messrs. Beck, Bradshaw, and Cooper, on Sponsors, Sunday-school, and The Liturgy. H. D. COOPER, Sec. N.R.D.

BRIGHTON.—The children of St. Paul's Church Sunday-school in this village held their annual festival and Xmas tree in Proctor's hall, on Thursday evening, 9th January. The children, under the leadership of Mrs. L. E. Austin, acquitted themselves admirably in the several parts allotted to them, and entertained a large audience for about an hour. After a short address by the incumbent, old Santa Claus appeared on the platform and distributed the gifts from a very pretty Xmas tree to the delight and satisfaction of the children.

HALIBURTON.—We, the undersigned, tender our thanks to the "Women's Aid Society," for their kindness in paying into the Mission Fund the sum of \$50 for the Mission of Dysart. If this assessment had not been paid, results most disastrous would likely have ensued to this mission. We thank God, and take courage.

GEORGE LEDINGHAM, Incumbent St. George's Church, Haliburton. JAMES DOVER, CHARLES WAITE, Churchwardens.
January 16th, 1879.

NORWAY AND CHESTER.—A beautiful Christmas Tree was provided at Norway by the Superintendent and teachers of the Sunday School on the evening of Thursday, 2nd of January. The tree was very tastefully decorated, and loaded with presents. About forty children were present, as many more being kept away by the severity of the weather. Benj. Morton, Esq., and Mr. Bates officiated in distributing the presents. In addition to the tree, the Rev. Dr. Davies of the Normal School, with his usual kindness, and notwithstanding the extreme cold, drove out from Toronto to exhibit a very fine magic lantern with which all were greatly delighted. In this good work he was assisted by Mr. Armstrong, also of the Normal School.

The churches at Chester and Norway were beautifully decorated for Christmas. Offering at Chester, \$45; at Norway, \$8.

St. Georges.—On Thursday evening the 16th, a large meeting was held in the school-house in order to devise means for the purpose of relieving the Mission Board of its financial difficulties. The Hon. George Allan occupied the chair, and stated that the accounts of the Board had been overdrawn from time to time until they had been forced to effect a loan of \$6,000 to satisfy the bank. Besides this loan, there was due to ministers, on account of quarterly stipends, the sum of \$3,700, making a total debt against the fund of \$9,700. To meet this there was in hand an amount of \$2,544, received at the last Thanksgiving collection, and uncollected subscriptions to the Special Fund to the amount of \$1,500. The ordinary parochial collections were expected to afford an amount sufficiently large to pay the balance due to the missionaries up to January, if not April, of this year. The number of missionaries on the fund was thirty, and the amount annually paid to them \$7400.

Vice-Chancellor Spragge moved the following resolution, seconded by Chief Justice Hagarty:—That this Society recognizes missionary work as an essential duty of the Christian Church, and holds that a direct and most urgent claim for missionary exertion is made upon ourselves by those members of our Church, who, within the limits of this Diocese, are destitute of the ministrations of the Church, or are incapable of maintaining them by their own unaided efforts.

Archdeacon Whitaker moved, and Mr. Peter Paterson seconded the next resolution:—That missionary work within the Diocese, if it is to be conducted systematically and impartially, must be carried on by means of our Diocesan organization, and that this meeting affirms that the Mission Board of the Diocese has administered the funds at its disposal in a just and liberal spirit,