

by the incumbent, who before introducing the speakers spoke of the statement made by the Kinmount correspondent of the *Independent*, as tending to convey false impressions of the missionary journey of the Rural Dean in the back country. The Rev. Dr. Smithett addressed the congregation on the necessity of united action in missionary as well as in business enterprises, and set forth that the preaching of Christ was not only the Church's grand characteristic but was also the ground of success. The Rev. Rural Dean Allen followed the Rev. Dr. Smithett and earnestly exhorted the assembly to personal devotion. The Rev. Mr. Walker in a few appropriate words closed the meeting.

FENELON FALLS.—A meeting was held here on Wednesday the 19th, which will doubtless be productive of good results. The Rev. J. Walker was first called upon and was followed by the Rev. Dr. Smithett and Rural Dean Allen, who were listened to with marked attention throughout their eloquent addresses. The Church in her historical grandeur, her impregnable position, her simple and plain scriptural ground, which requires no explaining away, no wrestling, were dwelt upon, as well as the efforts that the Church had always made to extend her borders, so that the poor might have the Gospel preached to them, was eloquently brought before the meeting by the rural deans.

LAMB'S SCHOOL HOUSE.—On Wednesday the deputation was conveyed to Mr. Logan's rural congregation, about six miles from Fenelon. They were much surprised to find such a handsome churchlike edifice in this rough and recently settled country. On a nice rise stands this Gothic Church, built of brick, with chancel, vestry, and everything complete, the windows are lancets, the east and west being triplets, the entrance is at the side, through a commodious porch which it is intended to complete with a turret. It presents a very pleasing contrast with the rude log houses and fields studded with stumps, so that at quite a distance the eye rests upon it with pleasure which increases as you approach. As the church is not yet plastered the meeting was held in the school house, where Mr. Logan has service for the present. The building was filled and those present appeared interested in the addresses delivered by the members of the deputation.

LINDSAY.—A very large congregation assembled on Friday on the occasion of the annual missionary meeting. The claims of the Mission Board on the people to aid in supplying the wants of the diocese were urged on the meeting by the several speakers. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Harris and Walker, by Mr. Hudspeth and Rural Dean Allen.

WEST SIMCOE RURAL DEANERY.—The missionary meetings held in the eastern part of this deanery were very successful, despite the wretched state of the roads so unusual at this season of the year. In most cases the attendance was fully as large as on any previous occasion, in some cases, indeed the congregations being larger than usual. The first meeting was held on the Festival of the Epiphany, at St. Peter's church, Innisfil. Here the missionary Rev. E. W. Murphy was assisted by the Lord Bishop of Algoma, and the Rev. T. W. Paterson of Bradford. There was a good attendance although not one team ventured out, the whole congregation came on foot. The next day, Jan. 7th, the Bishop of Algoma and Mr. Paterson drove to Cookstown. On entering the village they met with an accident, the spring of their conveyance snapping in two—another evidence of the rough state of the roads. This accident, however gave an opportu-

nity for the exercise of an act of kindness and generosity, occasionally but perhaps too rarely met with, for a kindhearted blacksmith, who unites to his other good qualities that of being a thorough Churchman, repaired the damage, while refusing to accept any remuneration for his work. The mission of Cookstown has lately been placed under the care of the Rev. S. J. Baker of Campbellford, he and Mr. Hudson having exchanged parishes. At Cookstown a very large congregation assembled, indeed the missionary meetings are always well attended here. Saturday was a day of rest and preparation for the following Sunday, on which day the Bishop of Algoma preached at Cookstown in the morning, at St. Luke's church in the same mission in the afternoon, and at Bradford in the evening; a hard day's work, more particularly as the weather was hot and oppressive. The next three days were devoted to the missions of Bradford and West Gwillimbury. On Monday evening the meeting was held at Curiet's Church, a brick edifice two and a half miles from Bradford. This church has been thoroughly renovated of late, the floor being entirely new, the woodwork, inside and outside, freshly painted, the walls whitewashed, and the chancel tinted a dark lavender colour. The walls, both of chancel and nave, are handsomely decorated with permanent texts. The congregation on this occasion, though not large, was so much larger than usual, as to cause the Rural Dean, Dr. Lett who joined the deputation at this place, to express his astonishment at it. The next evening, Tuesday, an unusually large congregation assembled in Trinity Church, Bradford. This church has also undergone some repairs during the last year, particularly in the Church, but so much remains yet to be done that we forbear to speak further on the subject at present. St. Paul's church, situated four miles north of Bradford, is noted for its well attended missionary meetings. The church was full on Wednesday evening, and we believe that had there been sleighing it could not possibly have held all who would have sought admission on this occasion. From Bradford, the Bishop of Algoma and Dr. Lett proceeded on Thursday the 18th, to Bond Head, and thence to St. John's church, Tecumseth, where a meeting was held on that evening, the Rev. T. Ball, incumbent of Tecumseth, presiding. It was originally intended to hold a meeting on Friday and another on Saturday in this parish, but owing to the state of the roads it was found necessary to postpone them. The Bishop and Rural Dean accordingly returned to Collingwood on Friday, Jan. 14th. The arrangements at all these meetings were exceedingly interesting and instructive. The Bishop of Algoma, who won all hearts by his kind and courteous manner, stirred up an unusual amount of interest in missionary work in general, and in that in the diocese of Algoma in particular, by his able and interesting speeches. He set forth the state and the wants of his large diocese in a manner which could only be done by one who was personally acquainted with the district of country over which the Bishop presides. We were greatly privileged in having his Lordship with us. The Rural Dean gave very interesting accounts of the settling and growth of the Church in Canada, of the progress which the Church is making in England, and at one or two of the meetings he gave an instructive lecture on the History of the Bible, and of the arts of writing and printing, illustrated with diagrams. Mr. Paterson spoke upon various subjects connected with missionary work. We must mention in conclusion that in lieu of missionary meetings, mis-

sionary sermons were preached by the Rev. C. J. Baker, at Bondhead and Clarksville, in the parish of Tecumseth, on Sunday, Jan. 16th, and that the meeting that should have been held in the handsome new Church, St. Paul's, Innisfil, on the 5th of Jan., was held on Monday the 24th, on which occasion Mr. Murphy was assisted by the Revs. E. Morgan of Barrie, W. W. Bates of N. Essex, and T. W. Paterson of Bradford, and that this was one of the best attended meetings of the whole series.

An interesting missionary meeting was held in the school-house of All Saints' Church, Whitby, on Monday evening, the 24th. The clergy present were the Revs. J. Fecher, C. R. Bell, H. B. Owen. The Rector, Rev. E. H. Cole in the chair. After waiting in vain for the deputation appointed by the Mission Board, the meeting was opened by the usual prayer; appropriate and animated addresses were then made, interspersed with hymns. The attendance was very good.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, TORONTO.—The first missionary meeting in connection with this new parish came off on Wednesday the 19th, and augurs well for the future of this north-west portion of the city, the assembly was large and listened with deep attention to the speakers. The meeting was opened by the Rev. J. H. McCollum, the incumbent reading the prayers, the congregation then sang Heber's hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains." Rev. Mr. Hutchinson was then introduced, who spoke ably and well, addressing himself to the grand fact of the Gospel of God vanquishing everything that opposed itself to its advance. The Rev. Septimus Jones, the Church of the Redeemer, Yorkville, was the next speaker, who brought in his usual telling manner, before the audience, the necessity of each church engaging in missionary work as an evidence of spiritual life in itself. The next speaker was Jno. Cartwright, Esq., who as a layman forcibly appealed to his brethren, at the first meeting to give a good start and character to the new church in the mission field of the diocese. The next speaker was the Rev. Jno. Carry, B.D., Incumbent of Credit, who met in his able manner the infidel and rationalistic objections to the slow work of modern missions, by showing the very late date at which the different countries of Europe became thoroughly Christian. The hymns sung by the congregation during the evening, were, 358, 274, 242, 866, 217, Hymns A. & M., last edition. At the close of vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Jno. Canovan, Esq., and seconded by Marcellus Crombie, Esq., and after the singing of the last hymn, and the benediction by the incumbent, the meeting separated, highly gratified at their first missionary gathering in their new church. The collection in aid of the missions was \$14.32.

ST. GEORGE'S, OSHAWA.—The annual Missionary meeting for this parish was held on 25th ult. The clergy present were the Rev. H. B. Owen, Incumbent of St. George's, in the chair; Rev. E. H. Cole, rector of Whitby; and Rev. C. R. Bell, Incumbent of Brooklin. The Chairman explained the condition of the Mission Fund and the urgent appeals made for help in carrying on the work, and then called upon the Rev. E. H. Cole, who delivered a most effective speech. He spoke of the advantage resulting from each parish having some special object of interest in the mission field, and directing attention to Sault Ste. Marie and its Indian school, expressed the gratification it would afford him if Oshawa and Whitby could undertake the expense of one child's maintenance and education. The Rev. C. R. Bell ably seconded the efforts of the other speakers, and his ear-