

pecially the first, in this matter. The Methodists, indeed, have always kept Christmas, and of them we cannot say what can be said of the Independents and Presbyterians.

ONTARIO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BROCKVILLE.—*St. Peter's*.—A confirmation, on Sunday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m., and missionary meeting at 7 p.m. *St. James'*, Maitland, confirmation and missionary meeting at 3 p.m. *St. John's*, Prescott, missionary meeting on Monday, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., and confirmation on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m. Missionary meetings at Iroquois, Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m.; Morrisburg, Wednesday, Feb. 1; Cardinal, Thursday, Feb. 2; Kempville, Friday, Feb. 3. At these meetings addresses on missionary work will be delivered by the Bishop of the diocese, and the Revs. W. Lewin, G. W. White, C. P. Emery, and R. Lewis. W. LEWIN, Rural-dean.

His Lordship the Bishop has appointed the following standing committees for the ensuing year. The full list had not been made out at the time of our last issue.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The Very Reverend the Dean, Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Rev. Canon Mulock, Rev. Messrs. G. W. White, J. W. Burke, H. Pollard, Lewis, C. P. Emery, G. J. Lowe, and the clerical secretary; Messrs. J. A. Henderson, q.c., Dr. Bristol, Dr. Wilson, Judge Macdonald, A. J. Matheson, H. Hartney, R. T. Walkem, q.c., S. Keefer, D. Ford Jones, m.p., the lay secretary and the treasurer.

CLERGY TRUST FUND.—Ven. Archdeacon Lander, Revs. Messrs. Nesbitt, Lewis, White, Crawford, Bogert and the clerical secretary; Messrs. J. A. Henderson, q.c., D.C.L., A. J. Matheson, Judge Macdonald, R. T. Walkem, q.c., G. A. Kirkpatrick, m.p., q.c., J. Reynolds, and the lay-secretary.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE.—Rev. Rural-dean Kirkpatrick, Rev. Mr. Loucks, Rev. C. P. Emery, Rev. Mr. Nesbitt, Rev. Mr. Lewis, D. Collins, D. Ford Jones, m.p., J. A. Henderson, q.c., and the lay-secretary.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND COMMITTEE.—Rev. Messrs. Lowe, Bogert, Tighe, White, Nesbitt, and the clerical secretary, Messrs. James Shannon, D. Ford Jones, m.p., D. Collins, Judge Macdonald, and J. Reynolds.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND COMMITTEE.—Rev. Rural-dean Kirkpatrick, Rev. Henry Wilson, D.D., Rev. Rural-dean Bogert, Rev. F. W. Baker, the clerical-secretary, the lay-secretary, R. T. Walkem, q.c., G. A. Kirkpatrick, m.p., q.c., D. F. Jones, m.p., and James Shannon.

BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE.—Rev. W. B. Carey, Rev. Rural-dean Bogert, Rev. Henry Wilson, D.D., Rev. W. Lewin, Rev. Rural-dean Kirkpatrick, Rev. Canon Mulock, Rev. Canon Forest, Rev. T. Bousfield, the clerical secretary and the lay-secretary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Rev. S. Tighe, Rev. W. Lewin, the clerical secretary, the lay-secretary, the treasurer, Judge Macdonald, Dr. Wilson, and R. J. Matheson.

LAND COMMITTEE.—Rev. Rural-dean Kirkpatrick, J. A. Henderson, q.c., D.C.L., James Shannon, E. Rose, and R. T. Walkem, q.c.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Rev. Rural-dean Kirkpatrick, Rev. Henry Wilson, D.D., Rev. C. P. Emery, Rev. K. L. Jones, B.D., Rev. G. Lewin, D. Collins, Dr. Smythe, R. V. Rogers, and S. Keefer, c.e.

OTTAWA.—Complaints are made that when the Holy Communion is celebrated in the churches in this city on festivals which happen to come on week days, the hour of half-past nine, which seems to be fixed upon for the purpose, is not a suitable time for business men to attend.

TORONTO.

Synod Office.—Collections, etc., received during the week ending December 17th, 1881.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Payments under the new Canon:* Rev. Septimus Jones, \$11.25; Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, \$7.20; Rev. P. Tocque, \$5; Rev. C. L. Ingles, \$7.20; Rev. O. G. Dobbs, \$8.05; Rev. Wm. Jupp, \$11.60.

October Collections: Trinity College School Chapel, Port Hope, \$9.73; Uxbridge, \$24.59; Greenbank, \$1.86; Goodwood, \$1.25; Brooklin and Columbus, St. Paul's, \$2; St. Thomas, \$1.80; Cartwright, \$16.68.

MISSION FUND.—*Thanksgiving Collection:*—Uxbridge, \$14.95; Goodwood, \$1.06.

Missionary Service:—St. Mark's, Port Hope, \$5.

HORNING'S MILLS.—Rev. R. A. Rooney begs to acknowledge, with gratitude, the receipt of a number of Sunday-school Leaflets and copies of *Christian Soldiers*, from Mrs. Langstaff, through the Rev. O. P. Ford, and also the receipt of a box of very nice articles, and \$2.00 in money for Christmas tree from Mr. E. Wragge and family.

Churchwomen's Mission Aid.—Mrs. O'Reilly, 31 Bleeker-street, acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of \$25 through the post for this Society, from "A Member of Holy Trinity Church."

MARKHAM.—The Rev. Anthony Hart has recently received a kindly and affectionate address from the members of his congregation, accompanied with a number of valuable presents suitable for the approaching season, for himself and family. Mr. Hart, in his reply, after thanking his people for this fresh token of esteem for himself and wife, referred to the many former acts of kindness he had received from his people, to the uniformly good relations which have ever subsisted between them as pastor and people, and said that now he felt himself under new bonds and obligations to do everything in his power to advance the temporal and spiritual interests of his people.

NIAGARA.

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HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of November, 1881.

MISSION FUND.—*Offertory Collections:* Norval, \$2.25; West Flamboro', \$6; Burlington, \$5; Welland, \$4.90; Fonthill, \$2.20. *Parochial Collections:* St. George's, St. Catharines, \$148.57; *On Guarantee Account:* Cayuga, \$125.00; Saltfleet, \$42.50; Drew, \$12.50; Binbrook, \$78.81; Luther, \$27; Caledonia, \$108.34; West Flamboro', \$30; Drayton, \$15; Rockton, \$22.50.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offertory Collections:* Waterdown, \$2; Aldershot, \$2; Louth and Port Dalhousie, \$5.71; Dunnville, \$7.

ALGOMA AND N. W. MISSION FUND.—*Offertory Collections:*—Nanticoke, \$5.09; Cheapside, \$1.08; Stewarttown, \$5; Norval, \$5.40; Grantham, \$1.73; Homer, \$1.12; Merriton, \$1.21; St. Thomas, St. Catharines, \$16.46. *Thanksgiving Collections:* Dunnville, \$10.25; Grimsby, \$18.50; Louth and Port Dalhousie, \$6.05; Grantham, \$7.10; Homer, 75c.; Merriton, \$2.60.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—*Offertory Collections:* Waterdown, 50c.; Aldershot, \$1.80; Stewarttown, \$2; Norval, \$1.60; Niagara Falls, \$3.85; Amaranth and East Luther, \$5; Grantham, \$1.72; Homer, \$1.12; Merriton, \$1.20.

STEVENSVILLE.—The Archdeacon of Niagara lately visited this village to make arrangements to continue the Church services for the winter which have been held during the summer with marked success, and under the practical and earnest guidance of the Archdeacon, the Church people here readily secured the one hundred dollars, which is equal to \$200 per annum, and at the same time they made a present of \$54 to the clergyman who had been serving them during the summer. All this was done under the guidance of the archdeacon in a place where a Church service had not been held for ten years before, and furnishes another item of Church awakening in our midst for the Rev. Rural-dean Ball, and an instance of what one or two earnest Church workers can do when they set about it with a will.

HURON.

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LONDON.—The annual concert was given recently by the pupils of the Hellmuth Ladies' College, in the presence of a large number of the friends of the institution. The interesting programme was admirably rendered. Before "God Save the Queen," the Bishop of Huron presented the Governor-General's silver medal to Miss Helen Roberts, of Charlottetown P. E. I., and to Miss Seaborne, of Thamesford, Ont., the College diploma. A congratulatory address, signed by the staff and pupils, was also presented to Miss Clinton, the lady principal, testifying in the warmest manner to her well-merited popularity. The term just brought to a close has been a remarkably successful one. More than 120 pupils (about 100 of these resident within the college), have attended the course

of instruction, and their bright faces on this occasion bore cheering testimony to their health and happiness. They are now enjoying a well-earned vacation, and the writer is sure that your readers will heartily unite in wishing them one and all "a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

THE meeting of the standing committee of the Synod of Huron last week was largely attended, forty-three members having been present and taken part in the proceedings. Mr. Gray, of Woodstock, having called the attention of the committee to the recent publications of anonymous pamphlets and letters which had been scattered throughout the diocese, a long discussion on the subject ensued. It was finally moved, seconded, and carried that these publications are designed to retard the growth of the Church, and whereas a clergyman of the Church admitted that he was the author of those publications, therefore resolved that they, the standing committee of the diocese, desire to put on record the following: This committee recommend that the Synod, by the adoption of a canon or canons, or amendment to existing canons, exercise a necessary and due supervision over its stipendiaries, that when in the judgment of the Synod it should be deemed well for the interest of the Church it should have the power through its executive head, the Bishop, to dispense with the service of any such stipendiary; and further, this committee would recommend that the said canon, or amended canon, should be made so comprehensive that the Synod should be empowered to take such steps as they may deem expedient for the most efficient work of the Church in the case of any clergyman of this diocese, whom after examination held by the Synod is not doing the work for which the Synod sent and pays him either from Synod or trust funds or the offerings of the people. This committee respectfully and affectionately assures our beloved bishop of the high and undiminished appreciation of his zeal and liberality, as well as of his integrity and impartiality, as under God the chief pastor and head of the Church in this diocese.

BELMONT.—A meeting in connection with the diocesan missions was held in this church on the evening of the 13th inst. Mr. Fortin, incumbent, presided. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. R. Fletcher, of London East, and Rev. G. G. Ballard, of Trinity church, St. Thomas. The meeting was very successful.

CRONYN MEMORIAL CHURCH.—There was a large assembly in the Sunday-schoolroom at the annual festival on Wednesday evening, Dec. 14th. The chair was occupied by V. Cronyn in the absence of the rector, Rev. J. B. Richardson, whose serious illness prevented him from being present. The Rev. J. P. Lewis, of Grace church, Toronto, having been introduced by the chairman, gave a brief address. The evening was passed very pleasantly. All enjoyed the charms of music and the social meeting of friends.

DUFFERIN COLLEGE.—December 13th was also a festive evening here. The hall was crowded with visitors to witness the closing entertainment given by the students before leaving for their Christmas holidays. The little stage having been refitted for the occasion looked very well. The music from the Dufferin College band was very favourably received. During the interval of the proceeding the Rev. Dr. addressed the meeting. The "Moir" gold medal was awarded to Master G. Aldrick, and a certificate of merit from his Excellency the Marquis of Lorne to H. W. Merritt, of St. Catharines.

LAMBTON.—The next meeting of the Ruri-decanal Chapter is announced to be held in Forest on the 4th and 5th prox., where a full attendance of the clergy is looked for. The sermon ad-clereim is to be preached by the Rev. David Armstrong, D.D., of Moore, and secretary of the Chapter. A meeting of a missionary character will be held, and addresses delivered by several of the clergy, and as the incumbent, the Rev. S. L. Smith, is one of our conservative and hard-working clergymen, no doubt he will work up his parish and have a large attendance at both the services and meetings.

SARNIA.—The Rev. T. S. Ellerby is considered a little better, but his medical advisers have grave doubts about his case, in fact, it is thought he will resign immediately—probably during the Bishop's visit this winter. The appointment of his successor will be in the hands of the Bishop. Two of the clergy of Huron are now ill from paralysis. Verily, there must be a cause. Can it be over-work of mind and body? If so, a remedy should be applied, either by reducing the size of our parishes or increasing the number of the clergy.