

Parochial Collections—St. Luke's, Toronto, for 4 months to 16th inst., \$9.00.

ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL.—A meeting of the congregation of St. James' Cathedral was held in the school-house, 18th inst., Canon Dumoulin in the chair. Reports presented showed that the collections during the year amounted to \$6,072. Col. Gzowski said a large percentage of the congregation contributed nothing whatever towards the support of the Cathedral, which he said was shameful. They required \$13,250 a year to meet the current expenses, and they would have to raise more money. This was apart from the great debt they had on the Cathedral. Canon Dumoulin had another engagement to fill, and Mr. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., here took the chair. Mr. H. W. Beatty said circumstances had now occurred which rendered it necessary that they should raise more money to meet the expenses annually incurred, which he thought could be accomplished by canvassing. He thought the congregation would subscribe \$10,000 additional if asked for it. At the suggestion of Col. Grasset, the sidesmen and any others who might be willing to assist them, were instructed to make a thorough canvass of the congregation for subscriptions. Before the meeting closed \$3,000 was subscribed.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—The series of missionary meetings announced for the city of Toronto has been brought to a successful termination. The presence of the Bishop and the stirring address of the Rev. F. W. Campbell, the mission secretary, have had an excellent effect in arousing a renewed interest in the mission cause. The reports of the several churches as to their missionary efforts have for the most part been very encouraging. The main stay of the Mission Fund prove to be those parishes in which the Bishop's parochial missionary scheme has been most energetically and faithfully worked. Some of the parishes which had not yet fallen into line, and others who had been languid in their operations, promise to take up the matter with spirit, and the happiest results may be fairly anticipated. Encouraged by the progress of the previous year, the Mission Board felt justified in extending their operations and incurring heavier responsibilities, and it is of vital importance, that the receipts shall not only show no falling away but an actual advance. A portion of the current year is yet unexpired, the accounts of the Synod closing on the 30th April. It is earnestly to be desired that all the parishes, and especially those which have been somewhat behind, should make a prompt and vigorous effort to bring up arrears, and show a creditable and cheering record at the approaching Session of Synod. A great deal may be accomplished if an earnest effort is put forth. "What thou doest, do quickly."

A missionary service was held in the school-house of St. Luke's Church, 21st inst., when addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. F. Sweeney, of St. Phillip's Church, and others, who impressed upon the people the need of earnest efforts on their part to secure aid for the diocese of Algoma.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.—The annual missionary meeting was held last Friday night; addresses were delivered by Rev. Canon Dumoulin and Rev. A. H. Baldwin.

The Rev. Mr. Stone's visit to Toronto was most gratifying to many warmly attached friends. Last Monday evening he delivered a lecture on "Love in Ye Olden Time," in which humour and instruction were very happily blended. On Tuesday evening a reception was given to him in St. Phillip's School-house, which afforded many old friends the opportunity to meet him once more. A very enjoyable evening was spent. On Wednesday Mr. Stone visited Wycliffe College, in which his interest is as warm and his sympathy as devoted as ever. Last Saturday he proceeded to Port Hope, the scene of his first ministry, under the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, where he received a hearty welcome, and preached on Sunday to crowded and appreciative congregations.

Mr. G. S. Wood, M.A., Lay Vice-President, occupied the chair at the meeting of the Toronto Church Sunday-School Association in All Saints' school house last Monday evening. After the opening services and the routine proceedings the discussion of the subject of the evening, "Shall we have separate services for children?" was opened by Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A. He advocated either a short prayer morning service at 9.30, or after a short session of the Sunday-School in the afternoon. Rev. J. Scott Howard, M.A., G. D. Kirkpatrick, and others took part in the discussion. The Secretary, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, announced that the next meeting will be held in St. George's school-

room, March 28, when the Association will discuss Sunday-School management.

THE BOYS' HOME.

Thursday week opened a new chapter in the history of the Boys' Home in the occupancy of the new and handsomely fitted up premises on George-street. It is about six months ago since the Directors of the institution, encouraged by the substantial aid from several benevolent gentlemen, commenced the work of re-modelling the unpretentious pile of buildings, now transformed into an elegant and tastily finished structure. The improvements to the building consist principally in the erection of a large wing on the south side of the "Home," two storeys high, with steep, slate-covered gable roof. Although plain in its general outline, this addition conforms to the style of the whole, the windows being of tasty design. Of what was formerly the "Home" building everything has been changed, save only the outside brick walls, and these have been re-painted, refitted with doors and windows, and re-roofed, so as to give them the appearance of a new building outside as well as in. In planning the improvements which are now about completed, as also the equipments and conveniences, the directorate, with the able assistance of the architect, Mr. W. G. Storm, have left nothing undone which might tend to the comfort of the inmates and make the "Boys' Home" of Toronto one of the best appointed institutions of the kind on the continent. No attempt has been made, however, at unnecessary luxury. All the latest improvements in steam-heating, ventilation, water closets, arrangement of dormitories, facilities for recreation, have been brought into use, but while every apartment in the place is furnished in an exceedingly tasty and chaste manner, there has plainly been no uncalled-for expenditure of money.

THE INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS.

On approaching the building by the main entrance on George-street, the visitor is ushered into a spacious vestibule and hall, the door between which, together with the upper and side lights, is partly filled in with ornamental stained glass of the latest pattern. On either side of the hall are the board room of the directorate and the matron's reception room, with private dining room *en suite*. Opening out at its farther extremity, a narrower hallway runs at right angles along the whole of the eastern side of the main-building, leading at either end to the southern and northern wings respectively. The main flat of the southern or new wing is fitted up as a school-room 60x25 feet in dimensions, with accommodations for from 60 to 80 children. It is well lighted by twelve windows, and fitted up with closets and seating apparatus suitable for an infant school. In the wall separating the wing from the main building, a ventilating wing runs up from basement to roof, providing excellent ventilation for the schoolroom and a spacious dormitory above.

THE DORMITORIES.

The latter apartment, which occupies the whole second flat of the new wing, is 60x25 feet in dimensions, with arched ceiling 20 feet in height, and provides accommodation for from 40 to 60 boys. Two other dormitories, one extending the whole length of the north wing on the second flat, and the other on the second flat of the main building, will accommodate about 80 boys. The directorate have received as donations from friends of the institution 140 iron bedsteads and cots, varying in length from four to six feet, to suit the age of their occupants, besides 200 new quilts and 400 sheets, and a large quantity of other bedding. All the dormitories are well-lighted, airy, and tastily fitted up. In the attic two well-lighted rooms are fitted up as store and clothes rooms. The latter apartment contains at present one hundred miniature open closets for the reception of the hats, caps, coats, mittens, etc., of as many "juveniles," an arrangement which will, no doubt, give every satisfaction to the "boys."

THE GROUND FLAT AND BASEMENT.

The dining-room is a spacious and well-lighted apartment, 70x20 feet, containing at present six tables and accommodation for upwards of 140 children. It is fitted with two dumb-waiters to convey food and tableware up from the kitchen underneath. The main portion of the second flat in the main building is set apart for the use of the matron and assistants.

Underneath the whole of the building and the southern wing is the basement, or rather ground flat, which is also well lighted and dry and paved with cement. Here are the furnace and fuel rooms, bath-room, and gymnasium. The bath-room is one of the most important and novel additions to the institution. The room itself is 30x20 feet, with cement floor. In the middle of it runs a large oblong basin, 16x6 feet in

length and breadth. The four walls of the basin are four or rather six solid slabs of slate cemented together and the bottom, which is also of solid cement, slopes from the depth of 2 ft. 2 in. to 3 ft. 3 in. at the farther end. The water, which is supplied by a pipe which runs around the inside rim of the bath with numerous holes along its under side, can be warmed at pleasure by steam, which is turned on by means of a tap.

The gymnasium is another valuable addition to the Home, and will no doubt be thoroughly appreciated by the "garrison." It is immediately under the school-room, extending the whole length of the southern wing. Gymnastic apparatus of almost every description, dumb bells, Indian clubs, horizontal and parallel bars, "horses," sliding seats for rowing practice, etc., all of diminutive proportions, suited to the size and strength of their juvenile users, are being fitted up.

Seventy-five little fellows are at present sheltered here. During their stay in Queen's Park twenty-two boys left the Home for good positions in families or elsewhere. There are now twenty-two applicants waiting admission. The cost of the whole work is estimated at about \$25,000 or \$30,000.—*Condensed from Globe report.*

BAND OF HOPE.—The first anniversary meeting in connection with the Church of the Ascension was held in the school-house on Monday evening, Feb. 18th. The meeting was in every way a complete success, and the results of a year's work proves how deep an interest has been taken in the cause. The large school-room was filled from one end to the other, there being about 400 children present, and half as many adults. The proceedings commenced punctually at 8 o'clock, the meeting being opened with prayer by the Rev. H. G. Baldwin, and the singing of a hymn by a well-trained choir of children and others, "O Lord, give us light, etc." The rector in a few words welcomed all to their first annual entertainment, and said how it rejoiced the hearts of all who were working in this cause to see the large gathering that had come together. The object of the Band of Hope was briefly explained, and the fact that so many parents had consented to their children joining, taking the pledge, showed how truly they sympathised in the cause. The evening's programme, consisting of temperance songs by the choir of children, readings and recitations, some by the children and others by the teachers of the school, was then carried out. It is only right to say that all who took part during the evening did so to the entire satisfaction of those who were present. The singing of some half-dozen temperance songs by the choir, whose training under Mr. Armstrong speaks well for the care and attention bestowed upon them, drew forth hearty applause. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by the singing of two hymns, "Are you washed in the blood?" and "Glory to His name," after which the benediction was pronounced. Twenty four new members were enrolled, making a total of 313.

TRINITY COLLEGE LITERARY INSTITUTE.—The regular meeting was held on Friday evening, Mr. Hudspeth in the chair. Readings were given by Messrs. Jones and Symonds and essays by Messrs. Oliver and Hanning. The subject for debate was, Resolved, "That the spread of education has an injurious effect upon the supply of manual labour." The affirmative was taken by Messrs. Beaumont, Dumble, and Haslam; the negative by Messrs. Anderson, H. Symonds, and Beck. The decision was given in favour of the negative.

LINDSAY.—With the sanction of the Bishop of Toronto, the Rev. S. Weston Jones has invited the Rev. F. DuVernet, the mission preacher of the diocese of Montreal, to conduct a mission in this parish of a week or 10 days' duration. God willing the special services will commence on the second Sunday before Easter, the 30th of March. A circular letter has been issued, setting forth the object of the mission and asking for the earnest prayers of all, that God's blessing may follow this work.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

On Sunday, February 17th, special sermons were preached on behalf of the Sunday School of Ascension Church, Hamilton. In the morning the rector preached from Prov. xxii. 6. After some introductory remarks, the following objections were taken up and answered in a most practical manner:

1st obj. Children are best taught at home. Ans. Certainly, if the parents will only teach, but are the children who are kept at home taught? In too many instances they are not. The children of poor or bad parents can get little or no teaching that would benefit. The rich are frequently too careless to take the trouble