

semble to take part in the grand services of the church. A new organ has lately been purchased, and the chants and hymns are rendered in a hearty congregational manner. The outlay in money has been \$1,200 besides work etc. At Wellington the old church has been entirely renovated at a cost of \$500.

It is at North Gower that the greatest change is visible. Immediately at the rear of the old church, now too small for the people, there stands a new gothic church of stone, consisting of a nave 60 feet long, chancel 18 feet deep, tower and spire 75 feet high. A commodious vestry adjoins the north side. The work is now rapidly approaching completion, next month, no doubt, we shall be able to chronicle its opening. Surely when we compare the past with the present we have much cause to thank God for the renewed life and vigour that He has vouchsafed to His Holy Church. Here is a parish that has been restored from death to life; the proof of which is that the people in addition to the ordinary current expenses of the parish have given nearly \$8000 to the church, and that last October the Lord Bishop of the diocese admitted 71 persons to the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, immediately before which the Rector baptized two adult non-conformists.

MADOC.—The Rev. M. G. Poole, Incumbent of Madoc and parts adjacent, was presented last Saturday with a handsome buffalo robe from some of his Queensboro' parishioners.

RICHMOND.—The Rev. A. C. Nesbitt, Rector of this parish has done a great work during the short period that has elapsed since his appointment to the Rectory. The parish church has been completely renovated and church life greatly revived. Under the former Rector and for some time under the present one, the parish covered a very large district, but within the first year and a half it has been divided, Mr. Nesbitt retaining the Rectory.

TORONTO.

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

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—October Collection.—Newmarket, \$28.17; Etobicoke, St. George's on account, \$4.16; Trinity College School Chapel, Port Hope, \$18.88; Oshawa, \$22.17; Thornhill, \$4.25; Richmond Hill, \$2.05; Orillia, \$15.50; Darlington, Bowmanville, \$20.00.

MISSION FUND.—Thanksgiving Collection.—Newmarket, \$8.58; Etobicoke, Christ Church, \$2.50; St. George's, \$6.56; Oshawa, \$2.00. **Parochial Collections.**—Holy Trinity, on account, \$10.00.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.—The following list of missionary meetings for the County of Simcoe, during the month of September, and in addition to those which have been held, is published with the sanction of his Lordship the Bishop, and the several clergymen, named as speakers, have kindly promised their services as announced. Another order of meetings in any parish or mission provided that on the whole it occupies the same time, may be substituted by the Incumbent, and additional speakers invited: December 16th, Thursday, Ivy, Dec. 19th, Friday, Thornton, Dec. 21st, Sunday, Mission of Vespra, (Sermons), Dec. 22nd, Monday, Inisfil (St. Paul's), Dec. 23rd, Tuesday, Churchill. The Mission Secretary will (p.v.) preach the sermons and also attend all the meetings, assisted during the first week by the Revs. J. Carry, B.D., and C. W. Paterson, B.C.L.; the second week by the Rev. A. W. Spragge, B.A., and the third week by the Revs. W. W. Bates, B.A., and A. W. Spragge, B.A. T. J. Hopewell, Missionary Secretary.

Church of the Ascension.—On Sunday next, 21st inst., the Lord Bishop will hold an ordination in this church at the morning service, when Mr. Henry Grassett Baldwin, B.A., Cantab., will be admitted to the order of Deacon.

CAMERON.—The first of our annual meetings in aid of the mission funds of our Diocese, in this mission, was held at Cobocook the terminus of

the Nipissing R. R., on the evening of October 3rd. There was a good attendance and much interest was manifest in the good cause. Eloquent speeches were made by Rev. Dr. Hodgkin and Rev. Dr. Smithett of Lindsay, the chair was taken by the missionary Rev. J. E. Cooper. The next meeting was held in St. George's church Cameron Dec. 3rd., and although the night was very dark and a raging snowstorm prevailing, a good number turned out. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Smithett R. D. of Lindsay and the incumbent. On Monday last Dec. 3rd the next meeting was held in the Town Hall in the village of Hartley in the Township of Eldon a new station organized by the missionary last summer: this being the first missionary meeting in the interests of the Church ever held here. In spite of the rough roads which were literally like a "ploughed field" a good number availed themselves of this opportunity to manifest their interest in the good cause. The Rev. Dr. Smithett R. D. made a most eloquent address explaining the nature of the mission work, and urging upon all their duty to do all in their power for the spread of the Gospel. The chair was taken by the missionary; collections were taken up at the close of the meetings.

OSHAWA.—A very successful entertainment, consisting of tableaux and music, was given in the Music Hall here last week in aid of the Sunday School building fund. The net cash result was \$110. It also proved what one loving energetic churchman can do for the church. Mrs. Frank Gibbs some months ago started the project of building a school house, and aided by the ladies of the congregation, has now a sum approaching \$1,000 towards it. There is a very sincere feeling of regret at her approaching removal from the parish, a feeling by no means confined to church people, as she is a universal favorite in the town.

RUNNYMEDE.—St. John's.—This new addition to the Church congregations of the Diocese has been opened and services held at 8 p.m. each Sunday now for five Lord's days. Everything in connection with this effort, to benefit that hitherto neglected locality, by bringing the services of the Church into it, has been greatly blessed by the Lord putting it into the hearts of those who are able to bear the burdens of those who are not.

The mission room is on the Dundas Street, between Carleton and Lambton. The Church families gathered to it number about twelve. The mission has been joined, along with St. Mark's, Carleton, to St. Thomas, Toronto, and is served by the incumbent of St. Thomas. The house where the services are held is the property of John Canavan, Esq., who has had such alterations made in the building that sixty or eighty people can be accommodated. Mr. J. Tichen has most liberally given a site for the church, but the time is not yet to build; and through his agent, Mr. Johnston, gave a stove and piping to heat the present room. Mr. Murray, of Bloor Street, has secured a fine harmonium for the mission, without any expense to the little flock. Mr. Canavan has given all the benches and the Lord's table. Mr. Kennedy, of Bloor Street makes and arranges them. The Ladies Aid Society of Toronto, through Mrs. Dr. O'Reilly, has granted a surplus, stole and illuminated Scripture texts. The Book and Tract Committee has given a set of service books—Bible and two Prayer Books—and the St. Thomas Sunday School has given a library of fifty volumes. Mrs. Murray, of Bloor St., presides at the harmonium. The offertory, for the first time, last Sunday, at the people's request, and without any notice, was \$1.78. The incumbent of St. Thomas is enabled to carry on this work through being aided by that excellent layman, Major Foster, of Harcourt, Davenport, who takes the services alternately at St. Mark's, Carleton, and by Mr. McCready, divinity student, Trinity College, who does the same at St. Thomas.

RURAL DEANERY OF EAST YORK.—The next meeting of the chapter will (p.v.) be held at the parsonage, Uxbridge, on Friday, January 9th. The subjects for consideration will be 1. Tim. vi.; the Rubric of the Communion Office, commencing with that before the General Confession; and a preliminary discussion upon the present phase

of Infidel Objections to the truths of Revelation. JOHN FLETCHER, Rural Dean.

CHRISTMAS PASTORAL.—SYNOD OFFICE.—December, 1879. To the Churchwardens and Members of the Church in the Diocese of Toronto.

MY DEAR BRETHREN.—On the return of that blessed season when the Universal Church celebrates the advent in our human nature of the incarnate Son of God, I would remind you of the good and kindly custom which has obtained for some years in this Ecclesiastical Province of presenting the CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY a gift to the Pastor of the parish. It is a duty enjoined by the great Apostle thus to remember "them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake;" and I trust that at this time of peace and goodwill among men, as your hearts are made glad by the sense of the exceeding love of God in His gift to the world of his only begotten Son to be its Saviour, you will cheerfully attest how much you value the faithful preaching of this Gospel of good tidings by enabling your Clergyman and his family to share in the joy of plenty of Christmas-tide, and making them partakers of your cheer. Praying that every blessing of this season, plenty at the board, gladness in the social circle, and, above all, abundance of spiritual grace may be bestowed upon you by the Giver of all, I am, my dear Brethren, your affectionate Friend and Bishop.

ARTHUR TORONTO.

NIAGARA.

LUTHER.—The Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, missionary in this place, has declined the vicarage of Timbury, Hants, England.

HURON.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

GORRIE.—The ladies of St. Stephens Church met at the parsonage and presented the following address, with a purse and sewing machine to Mrs. Racey, wife of the Rev. W. W. Racey, Incumbent of Howick Mission.

To Mrs. Geo. W. Racey.—Dear Madam, We the ladies of Gorrie and the surrounding vicinity, who are members of St. Stephens Church have earnestly desired and waited for this opportunity of addressing you.

We have during your stay amongst us, watched with pride, pleasure and we trust with profit, your truly kind and Christian walk; you have during your sojourn with us endeared yourself to all; we have ever found in you a sympathizing friend and counsellor; and with pride we have been able to point to you as a fit and proper help-mate to our esteemed pastor in parochial work. In visiting the sick and afflicted in their trouble, you have ever shown a willing mind and ready hand, and we know that often at great personal inconvenience and disadvantage to yourself, you hesitated not when opportunity offered to work for your Lord and Master. And more especially in and for the Sunday School in connection with our church, your work and labor of love has on all occasions been most cheerfully given and we trust thankfully received. It is our earnest prayer to the Almighty giver of all good that you and your husband, our worthy pastor, may be long spared to us in health and strength to encourage and improve us socially, morally, and religiously; and we earnestly hope and trust that while imparting instruction and consolation to us and others by example as well as by precept, your own souls may be abundantly watered by the refreshing dews of God's grace.

In conclusion we would now take the liberty of presenting you with this purse and sewing machine, hoping that you will kindly accept the same, not for their intrinsic value, but as a memento of the love and esteem we bear both to yourself and to our pastor. Signed on behalf of the ladies, Mrs. James Perkins, Mrs. Henry Perkins. The Rev. Mr. Racey replied, thanking them for the very munificent gift; about seventy ladies and gentlemen partook of refreshments provided by the former for the occasion; the evening was spent in social entertainment and song, and closed with the National Anthem and the doxology and benediction.