

Balderson. All these services have been largely attended, and the Incumbent has been cheered by the increased interest which his people evinced in spiritual matters.

Maberly Mission.—The Parishioners have just presented the Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, Missionary in-charge, with 60 bushels of oats, a most acceptable present. We are deeply indebted to the Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, for their great kindness in giving us six beautiful banners to brighten our little churches. The Rev. W. Pulling of Eastnor Rectory, England, has made this mission a grant of sixty Hymns Books, A and M, which will be very useful. A splendid site for the proposed St. Alban's Church at Maberly, has just been bought right in the heart of the village. (D. V.) great efforts are going to be made this year to get the little church built: the want of it is felt far and near. May God put it into the hearts of some of our good Churchmen to aid this work to the utmost of their ability as well as by their prayers.

NEW EDINBURGH.—Two beautiful and joyous services took place on the 22nd March, in St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh. It was the occasion of the re-opening of the church after completing extensive repairs, which have so changed its appearance that those who had known it in its former primitive condition would scarcely believe such a transformation possible. The old wood stove with all its discomforts of unequal heating is gone, and a furnace has taken its place. The choir stalls have been removed to the back of the church, leaving a spacious chancel, and the old high back pews have given way to comfortable seats with a broad centre aisle dividing them. The walls have been painted in terra cotta, which, with the dark polished wood ceiling and light wood panellings and seats, form a most striking and effective combination of color. On this occasion an exquisite cross of white exotics and luxuriant vases of growing white flowers adorned the altar, chancel and font, while the white hangings of the altar, pulpit, and lectern completed a scene which will not soon be forgotten by those who were present.

The Bishop of the Diocese preached in the morning and the Archdeacon in the evening. A large congregation completely filled the church at both services. Their Excellencies and suite and Lady Macdonald being present in the morning.

St. Bartholomew's is a mission church, and its congregation is a poor one. The cost of the repairs so far has been borne chiefly by the congregation, but there remains \$250 to be paid on these improvements, and it is hoped that the members of the wealthier city parishes will aid in liquidating this debt.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

PERSONAL.—A. Daniel, student of Wycliffe College, conducted the services at St. Paul's, Lindsay.

Rev. S. Weston-Jones is still confined to his room. The accident he met with resulted in a broken arm. The reverend gentleman has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

The Bishop of Toronto paid his annual visit to Port Hope on Palm Sunday, confirming candidates in St. John's and St. Mark's churches, and in Trinity College Chapel.

PORT HOPE.—Rev. W. E. Cooper, M.A., Trinity College School has been delivering interesting and instructive sermons on the parables, to large and increasing congregations at St. John's Church, Port Hope, upon the Wednesday-evening's during Lent.

PICKERING.—The Incumbent, Rev. S. Westney, has just closed a very successful ten days mission. He was aided by the Rev. Dyson Hague, of Toronto. Daily services were held, and numerous addresses were given, resulting in apparent good. The Incumbent is a believer in missions, and as soon as this one was closed started another at

Port Whitby, this being another station in his charge. One must rejoice to see these evidences of life and energy in parishes hitherto known as dead and careless.

HASTINGS.—In this mission the members have been holding house-to-house socials, with good results financially. One was held by the congregation of St. George's church at the residence of Mr. T. Humphries recently. An interesting and exciting feature was a contest for a cake, the candidates being a young lady from the village and one from the country. This method of raising funds produced no less than \$200, the farmers being victorious for once. The proceeds of the social amounted to \$60.

UXBRIDGE.—St. Paul's.—After long and tedious delay a united effort has been put forth to raise subscriptions for a new church here. The list now amounts to about \$4,000, and it is hoped the beginning of 1886 will see the work well under way. The farmers are taking a deep interest in the work, and are engaged in drawing material already to the proposed site. A new church was very much needed in this village, and the people should push the construction as rapidly as possible.

C. E. T. S.—The proposed mass meeting of the Toronto C. E. T. S. is fixed, we believe, for the 21st instant. There has been great difficulty in securing speakers. It is now finally arranged that Dean Carmichael and Prof. Foster will address the audience. The latter is scarcely likely to recognize the dual basis of the Society. He is an ultra Prohibitionist, and the former speaker is a strong advocate of Total Abstinence. This was the difficulty last year, and it is a pity the Committee did not endeavor to arrange for some one to advocate the claims of the Church Temperance Society, with its dual pledges. A special effort is being put forth to make the musical part of the meeting a success. A choir of over 100 is expected to lead the singing. Dr. Davies, organist of St. James' church, will have charge of it, and a selection will be taken from the Hymn and Song Book issued by the Society.

TORONTO.—St. Peter's.—On the 26th ult., the school-room of St. Peter's church presented a very attractive appearance. The entire building was prettily decorated with banners, Chinese lanterns and other devices beautifully arranged. The occasion was a sale of articles both of value and usefulness, which had been provided by the young ladies of the congregation. The object was to obtain \$400 to support a medical missionary to the native women at Peshawur, in northern India. Until 1860, this region, so far as women are concerned, was completely shut in by caste prejudice and religious tenets. Now Christian women are freely admitted to the zenanas to teach, and particularly to heal. The Zenana Association of St. Peter's deserve much credit for their efforts to help these poor misguided people, and it is hoped they secured the needed amount.

Church of the Redeemer.—An interesting lecture, illustrated by magic lantern views, was recently given here in aid of the Sunday-School fund. The lecturer was Mr. G. E. Loyd, of Wycliffe College, and his subject was, "Turkey, Palestine and Egypt." There was a very large audience, and the proceeds amounted to over \$40.

ITEMS.—A lecture was given in St. Stephen's church school-room, by Mr. W. H. Merritt, in behalf of the poor and sick fund of the parish, entitled: "A trip from the Pacific Slope to the Atlantic Ocean with the British Association." There was a fair attendance.

The *Napanee Casket* says: "The Bishop of Algoma gives evidence of his interest in temperance work by agreeing to address a meeting of the Orillia C. E. T. S."

The annual meeting of the Carlton C. E. T. S. was held a few days ago. All the committees of last year were re-appointed. The new reading-

room has been opened and supplies a fair amount of reading matter for the use of visitors.

A sale of useful and valuable articles is to take place at the school-room of St. John's parish, Port Hope, on the 8th inst. Tea will be served from five o'clock. The sale is under the charge of the Ladies' Association of St. John's church.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

SYNOD OFFICE, HAMILTON.—The books of this office for the Fiscal year ending 31st March, will not be closed till Monday, the 13th of April following. It is particularly requested that all remittances on account of year ending 31st March, should be made as early as possible, and in any case, not later than 13th of April.

ST. THOMAS' LITERARY SOCIETY.—At the regular weekly meeting of the Society on the evening of Monday 30th March, arrangements were made for the next open meeting to be held on Monday, April 20th.

The Rev. O. J. Booth of St. Catherine's, will give a new and popular reading entitled "The Briar Rose." Canon Curran will read "King Robert of Sicily" with a choir concealed chant of chapel music. After certain routine work, the following gentlemen gave readings from standard poets, Canon Curran, Messrs. A. N. Kittson, Latham, Robbins, Peddler, McIntosh, Acres, Dr. Reynolds. For the next meeting it was decided to hold conversations upon the sixth sense, and things bearing a supernatural character.

NANTICOKE.—Great preparations have been made for the erection of a new church in this parish. The material, brick and lumber—is already laid on the ground adjoining the building site, the work of building will probably be slow, as it will only be proceeded with only as funds are forthcoming. It is very necessary that a new building should be provided which will be more durable than the old one. We earnestly solicit contributions in aid of our building fund. It is desirable that we should have for the new building, a substantial tower, which may easily be seen, and a bell which may easily be heard far and near, by people at least within a few miles on land, and by sailors passing the ports on the north side of Lake Erie.

JARVIS.—The Rev. G. Johnstone, B.D., has been confined to his house during the past month from a serious attack of bronchitis, we anxiously look for his recovery, and ability to resume work in his large and prosperous parish of Jarvis and Hagarville.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON.—Services were held twice every day during Holy Week (1) and are largely attended (11 a.m., and 8 p.m.) Dr. Mockridge has been giving a series of exceedingly interesting lectures in the evening, on the seven sayings of our Lord on the cross. In the morning he has delivered short meditations on the Messianic character of the Proper Psalms appointed for Good Friday. During the Lenten season the Dr. has preached 24 sermons and delivered 15 lectures and 10 meditations.

C. C. C. LITERARY SOCIETY.—In consequence of last week being Holy Week, the weekly meeting of this society was cancelled; meetings will be resumed next week as usual on Tuesday evening when a very interesting debate will take place on an important topic of the times, the result of which will be made known next week.

The Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada will meet in the city of Ottawa on April 15th. The notices calling the meeting have been issued by the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Acting Secretary.

The Rev. Charles Hamilton, immediately after his consecration as Bishop of Niagara, will visit