

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

From our own Correspondent.

PERSONAL.—The Lord Bishop of Huron, who has been in England for some months past, has announced his intention of returning to the Diocese early in March. The Rev. Jeffery Hill, has resigned his position as Rector of the Parish of Seaforth.

BRANTFORD.—This is one of the most prettiest and most prosperous of the towns in Western Ontario. We have but two Churches, Grace Church, of which Rev. G. C. Mackenzie is Rector, and St. Jude's, of which Rev. W. A. Young is Rector. In the former improvements have recently been made making it an exceedingly convenient and well appointed Church. The annual missionary meetings were held here on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the 15th and 16th insts. At Grove Church the Rector presided and missionary addresses were given by the Rev. J. Ridley, of Onondago, Rev. Alfred Brown, of London, and by the Missionary Agent, Rev. F. W. Campbell. At St. Jude's on Tuesday night, the same speakers were present and enlarged on missionary topics. The attendance at both meetings was good, and the collections liberal. Since the appointment of the Missionary Agent, Rev. F. W. Campbell, who is in every way well adapted to his work, the attendance and contributions at our annual parochial Missionary Meetings have largely increased.

KANYENGA.—Near the city of Brantford is an extensive Indian Reservation on which live the descendants of the Six Nation Indians. Among them for many years has been carried on a good Church work. Since his ordination in 1829, Ven. Archdeacon Nelles has labored among them as a missionary of the New England Society, assisted by other clergymen and school teachers, some of whom are Indians. Under the direction of Mr. Nelles, the Book of Common Prayer in English and Mohawk, was published in 1842, and was printed at Hamilton, Canada West. It is the only Canadian edition of the Prayer Book that has yet been published. Though advanced in years the Archdeacon still continues his work among the Indians by whom he is greatly beloved, and he is also held in high esteem in the city of Brantford, of which he is one of the oldest residents. The missionary of St. Paul's Church, Kanyengo, is Rev. C. D. Martin. The Church was well filled with an Indian congregation on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 15th inst, on the occasion of the annual missionary meeting. The singing of a hymn in the Mohawk language by the Indians, was most plaintive and touching. Short missionary addresses were made by Reverend Messrs. Mackenzie, Rydley, Brown, Campbell, and by Mr. Aston, the Reserve Superintendent. The Indians listened most attentively to the addresses, and showed their interest in missionary operations by contributing ten dollars in the collection. The visiting clergyman were most hospitably entertained by Rev. C. D. and Mrs. Martin at the Parsonage. The Church is a very pretty Gothic edifice built at the expense of the New England Company.

HESPELER.—In Hespeler, where Church life had been long regarded as extinct a happy revival of it is now, thank God, going on. Last summer the rector of Galt, established a Sunday afternoon service in the village, and so far the result has been very promising indeed. The attendance is large and steady, the worship most hearty, and there are other grateful evidences of true Christian zeal. On Christmas Day the little congregation presented their clergyman with a token of their regard and appreciation of his labors in the shape of a handsome dressing case. As Hespeler is regaining its commercial importance, the prospect of Church growth there is very good.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondents.]

MONTREAL.—The Parochial Annual Missionary meetings in and around the city have all been held. All of them have been characterized by very good attendance on the part of the congregation in each parish, notwithstanding that some of the evenings were the coldest we have had this winter. To each meeting his Lordship the Bishop forcibly put the needs of the diocese, in the way of men and money. He gave some personal experiences gained by him in his visits through country parts long before as well as since his consecration. He illustrated how the money expended in supporting poor parishes is well spent and how from these parishes men are raised up by the leading of Providence through the instructions they receive, to devote themselves to the ministry. And these in more than one case he pointed out turn out to be some of the best men we have. Canon Carmichael in his speech delivered at St. Martin's Church pointed out that the work of collecting for the Mission Fund is even now imperfectly done, a large number of young people of the Church remaining unapplied to. This is very true. There are numbers of Church people in Montreal, young men in stores and offices who give to collectors of Bible Societies and other like companies but who have never yet seen a collector for any specific Church purpose, except indeed in some cases for some special want of the particular congregation to which they belong. On the whole the meetings are growing in importance, although from the very necessities of the case the burden of the speeches must run over the same ground from year to year. But as it is with the old, old story of the Gospel, so with this that has to do with its spread and maintenance it has to be told and told again.

An Ordination was held on the 26th in Trinity Church, Montreal, one of the best churches for such an interesting ceremonial. The names of the candidates have already appeared. One of them is the son of Rev. Canon DuVernet, of whom it is said that at the early age of seventeen he, Whitfield like, manifested his Evangelistic faculty, preaching to large audiences in the Town Hall of his father's former parish of Clarenceville. He will now, however, preach under Episcopal license which he had not then.

CLARENCEVILLE.—You will doubtless be pleased to receive a word from Clarenceville, as you have many readers of your paper here. On Friday 12th inst, the Rectory of St. George's Church was enlivened by a kind and loving number of parishioners from the two parishes of St. George's and St. Thomas, taking their Rector and family, by storm, and making these their temporary guests, the mistress of the house herself being at the complete mercy of the ladies, who sat her by the side of her husband and other guests, *volens volens*, and waited upon her also in queenly style. This was a parochial raid of what is called a "Donation Party," given with the best of feelings and purposes of good-will towards the Rector and his household. About one hundred persons diversified ages sat down to a sumptuous repast furnished by the baskets and boxes, &c., of the good people. The donation produced Oats, Beef, Pork, Potatoes, Butter, Lard, Turkeys, &c., and sundry delicacies; besides last though not least over fifty (\$50) dollars in good cash. These manifestations of love, peace and goodwill at this blessed season of the Festivals of our beloved Church, *et* powerfully for good in many ways. However beneficial the intrinsic value, the feeling is still more precious to a loving Pastor's heart. Many were disappointed at not having received due notice of this party and keenly regretted their absence. The Wardens and other friends whose business it is to give notice of these things should exercise a little more skill and foresight. On Thursday evening, 18th inst, an extremely interesting gathering took place called "The St. Thomas Church Sociable." All of either Parish were invited and those who assented themselves, lost much enjoyment at the Rectory, where the number present was about one hundred persons of all ages. The entertainment was carried with some excellent tableaux, an admirable recitation "The May-side Cross," by Miss Alice Allen, music, dialogues, conversation games, etc. Everybody seemed to have their pleasure intensified on these occasions by the return from Paris-bault, Minnesota of Mrs. Allen, and from Fort Corrington & Huntingdon of Miss Allen, the Rector's wife and eldest daughter. The roads were bad; but the beautiful moon and the brilliant silvery moon, gave a peculiar keen test and pleasure so the homeward drive of crowds who had spent happy hours in the delights of friendly and social intercourse. Doubtless the feast of reason and flow of soul that accompany these "sociables" (of refined "animals" who *mus* be fed) does good to mind, soul and body of both minister and people. Besides all the above, wood and coal were brought by "bees" of men to the Rectory with much kindness. May God return into their own bosoms, the love and goodwill they show to their Pastor and family. And God Grant mercifully grant, that the time may at last come, when all will meet to be happy forever together, in our Heavenly Father's House, where are prepared mansions of glory for all who love the Lord Jesus Christ.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

[From our Diocesan Correspondent.]

KINGSTON.—Paradise.—On Sunday the 14th January, after morning prayer at St. George's Cathedral, the Rev. Henry Wilson, D.D., assistant minister, and one of the bishop's Chaplains, preached the sermon, taking the transfiguration for his subject and referred to the newspaper controversy which has been in progress in Kingston, during the preceding week upon Paradise. He said that after the expenditure of a large amount of rhetoric and a small amount of logic upon the matter, not a single argument advanced by him had been refuted. The following is a concise summary of these arguments:—

1. No text of scripture states that people go to heaven when they die; consequently it is idle to quote texts containing such expressions as "to depart," "to be with Christ," because they prove what all admit, viz., that Christ is with the sense second only to that in which He is with them in heaven.
2. Christ went to Paradise with the penitent thief; therefore that place is not heaven, for the Lord did not ascend to heaven till forty days after the resurrection. See St. John. xx.; Acts, i.
3. David did not go to heaven when he died, for 1,940 years after his death Peter said in Jerusalem that David had not ascended to heaven. Acts, ii., 3 and 4.
4. The state of the dead between death and judgment referred to continually in scripture, especially in the Epistles, is not called heaven. This cannot be disproved.
5. As far as the Bible record goes, two only of our race, other than Christ, have yet ascended to heaven, viz., Enoch and Elijah, though Paul and John had visions thereof. Until these Bible facts are refuted we must either believe in Paradise as a state of rest for the soul between death and judgment as distinguished from heaven, or deny the authority of the Bible. Dr. Wilson advised his hearers to read Sadler's "Church Doctrine Bible Truth."

OTTAWA.—The Missionary Deputations of the Diocese, are now doing their work. The subscriptions are reported to be liberal, so far as heard by your correspondent.

BELLEVILLE.—Mr. H. G. Parker, Divinity Student, left on the 5th January, for Trinity College, Toronto, where he will take the position of Lecturer in Education, and where he will continue his studies.

SOUTH MARCH.—The Church at South March, of which the Rev. W. Fleming is incumbent, is now undergoing repairs. The walls are to be tinted of a grey color, and the ceiling a sky blue. The chancel will also be arranged so that the choir will sit on each side; *decani a d. cantori*, as the former seats are insufficient for their accommodation. Miss Boacher has collected the sum of \$17.50 from the members of the congregation at Dunrobin, for a surplice for Mr. Fleming, for use at the services for place.

NAPANEE.—The services at the Church of Saint Mary Magdalen, will, until further notice, begin at 11 a. m. A numerously signed requisition was recently presented to the venerable Archdeacon Jones, requesting him to make this change. The Archdeacon at once signified his readiness to comply, while at the same times he expressed his regret that

the congregation cannot meet at the same hour, as all other religious communities in the town. He also hopes that some of the gentlemen whose names are attached to the requisition will now feel morally bound to attend Morning Prayer on Sundays from which hitherto they have been habitually absent. Your correspondent thinks the Archdeacon had them there.

KEMPTVILLE.—The Patton Memorial Church presents a somewhat different appearance now, from what it did a few months ago, as extensive improvements have been made. The Ladies Aid Society has been most indefatigable during the past year, having collected over \$100.00 in aid of the Church. \$6000 have also been raised and expended on the Church within the last few months, so that the only debt now standing against the Church is the mortgage of \$4000 payable in about two years, to meet which great efforts are now making when it matures. The congregation has increased very considerably, as is evidenced in the increased offertory, which now averages something over \$1,100 yearly. The Churchman of Kemptville evidently feel a new impulse stirring within them.

KINGSTON.—It is intended to place an illuminated window in Saint Paul's Church, in memory of Master John Spencer, (son of the Rev. A. Spencer, Clerical Secretary to the Diocesan Synod,) who was drowned while skating near the *Tete Du Pont* barracks, on the 16th of December last.

OTTAWA.—St. Alban's—Missionary Meeting.—The Annual Missionary Meeting was held at St. Alban's on Sunday evening, the 14th inst. The delegation to this part of the Diocese consists of Rev. Messrs. Emery, Rector, of Kemptville, Missionary at Rockingham. The Rev. J. Bogart said the service assisted by M. Emery, after which Mr. Bogart introduced the delegation.

Rev. Mr. Mackay first addressed the congregation, giving a description of his mission to which he was appointed in September last. Though he has been there such a short time he has already opened up four stations, and has travelled over 1000 miles in the performance of his duties. When he first went there he found the people very ignorant on religious matters, and at one station there was only one man who was able to respond at all, and at another settlement, on telling the people who he was, he was asked if the Church of England clergy had got so poor as to have travel in the backwoods, for nothing else was considered likely to take them there. However, the people were all glad to see him, as they were without religious instruction of any sort, and the services were well attended.

Hymn 326 H. A. M. was then sung, and afterwards the Rev. Mr. Emery delivered address, chiefly consisting of statistics showing the growth of the Church in the Diocese during the last twenty years. The collection, which amounted to \$48, was then taken up, and the service was concluded by singing Hymn 215.

The Rev. gentlemen were at Archville on Monday evening, but owing to the cold there were very few present. Mission services have been held at the other City and suburban churches during the past week.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondent.)

PERSONAL.—We regret to learn that the Incumbent of Manvers and Bethany, the Rev. E. F. Burges, is still in very bad health and unable for duty. Mr. Burges took an ocean voyage last summer, but is not yet restored to health, though we believe there has been some improvement recently.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—The Rev. W. Bates has resigned the mission of North Essa, and accepted Thornhill and Richmond Hill. The Rev. W. H. Clarke, it is reported, has returned from British Columbia, and is desirous of resuming work in the Diocese; he will be heartily welcomed by his brethren. The Rev. C. H. Marsh has been appointed temporarily to the mission of Mulmur, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Sibbald.

VACANT PARISHES.—North Essa is vacant by the removal of Rev. W. W. Bates. There are here two Churches and a parsonage, with a few acres of land. The stipend is about \$700. Bobcaygeon is also vacant thro the death of the former Incumbent. There is here a very pretty church and parsonage in the village, besides two other small churches, one at a distance of five, the other 12 miles. The parish is in excellent order and free from debt.

CAVAN.—Missionary Meetings have been held in this large and flourishing parish through the week. The Rector, Rev. Rural Dean Allen is assisted by the Rev. J. W. Foster as Curate, and has regular services in four churches. The total receipts for all church purposes for the year ending 30th April last, exclusive of the endowment, amounted to \$1800, of this sum nearly \$350 were subscribed for Missions and the Widows and Orphans Fund—this being the largest sum ever sent from the parish in one year. The balance was expended on local improvements, purchase of organs and the curate's stipend. All the meetings were very fairly attended, and the collections were about the ordinary. Revs. W. T. Smithett, W. C. Bradshaw and J. Farncomb comprised the deputation, and delivered very telling and effective speeches in favour of aiding more heartily and earnestly the great mission cause.

TORONTO.—S. John's. In connection with the church there is a Young Men's Guild, which held their annual meeting a few nights ago. The following were elected office-bearers for the current year:—John Ashlee, Assistant