

position and prospects of the Church of the Diocese; it was indeed cheering to see the willingness with which the people responded to the call. The Rev. Peter Roe, who has only recently taken charge of this mission, is to be congratulated at having so earnest a congregation.

LEEDS.—The Rev. J. Kemp has with much taste restored the church in the village of Leeds. In the midst of incessant work, having the churches of Broughton, Lambie's Mill and Harvey Hill Mines to attend to; it is cheering to find that Mr. Kemp is able to keep up an earnest church feeling in all his stations. An increase in the assessments was undertaken by the two principal churches of Leeds and Lambie's Mills.

ST. SYLVESTER.—The veteran missionary, the Rev. W. King, continues to take charge of this enormous mission, and travels great distances in weather that would astonish some younger men. The churches of St. Sylvester and St. Giles are in excellent order, especially the former, but Mr. King ministers at St. Margaret's, Cumberland Mills, St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and the Kennebec Road; in fact, it is more like a diocese than a mission. An enthusiastic missionary meeting was held at St. Sylvester on the 26th of February, and all seemed to take a deep interest in the work of the church.

At the instance of the Rev. Dr. Wall, Rector of Bruton parish in the diocese of Virginia, the venerable college of "William and Mary" in that State has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. Matthew Ker, of this Diocese. Dr. Ker is known to many as an excellent clergyman of long standing, and as uncle to the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

ARTHABASKA.—The Lord Bishop recently visited the mission, at an out station of the Rev. I. M. Thompson's of Milbourne, and confirmed a goodly number of young persons. A few years ago it was unknown as a church station, and now we have a regular congregation with a large number of communicants. Quebec Lenten Lectures have been arranged in the city of Quebec as follows: Tuesday evening, St. Paul's; Wednesday evg., the Cathedral; Thursday evg., St. Peter's; Friday evg., St. Mathews; there are also other services.

ST. PETERS, QUEBEC.—The Rev. I. M. Thompson of Milbourne is holding a mission in this church with marked success.

ONTARIO.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

The Missionary Deputations have all concluded most cheering and prosperous tours. The collections at the missionary meetings were largely in excess of any previous year, and there is every prospect that the parochial collections on the cards will more than wipe out the small indebtedness of the board of missions. At no time in the history of the Diocese was there such a good feeling displayed by both clergy and laity towards the mission fund than there is this winter, notwithstanding the great monetary depression which sits so heavily on this section of the province.

BELLEVILLE.—On Sunday last, St. John's Church, the Rev. Mr. Forneri's, was reopened for Divine service. St. John's was lately moved from Mumey's Hill to a more central location in the city near the bridge. The church was considerably enlarged and much improved in many particulars. The opening sermons on Sunday last were preached by the Bishop of the Diocese and the Venerable Dr. Parnell.

KINGSTON.—The annual missionary meetings in Kingston were most successful, about \$250 were collected on the plate at the meetings, and the parochial collections will go well on to \$1,000. Your correspondent "Lanark" will please make a note of this. Last year, according to the Synod report our contributions for domestic missions alone were about \$1,000; to this may be added \$400 for foreign missions, making a total of \$1,400 for mis-

sions alone, to say nothing of the large sums raised by itinerant collectors for churches, schools, &c., not only in our own diocese, but in every diocese in Canada. There is some truth in the hint thrown out by "Lanark" that endowed parishes do not always do the most for missions, e.g., the village of Smith's Falls, no endowment, contributes about double the amount for missions, diocesan and foreign, that the country town of Lanark, with a large endowment, does.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending March 9th 1878.

MISSION FUND.—*January Collection.*—Fenelon Falls, \$2.43; (Darlington) Bowmanville, \$4.32; Enniskillen, \$1.00; Richmond Hill, \$3.45; Minden, St. Paul's, 88 cents; Snowdon, 11 cents; Lutterworth, 24 cents; Anson 60 cents; (Vespra) Midhurst, 61 cents; Minesing, 50 cents; St. James', 50 cents; Christ Church, 50 cents; Emily, St. James', 38 cents; St. John's 59 cents; Trinity College School Chapel, Port Hope, \$12.60.

Parochial Collections.—Credit additional, \$75.00. Towards liquidation of the Mission Fund debt.—Clarkson Jones, donation \$50.00; (included in the \$129.00, acknowledged in last week's Churchman as received from St. Luke's Toronto.)

Missionary Meeting.—Omamee, \$6.50.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*For the Widows and Orphans of two deceased clergymen.*—Newcastle, \$14.60. *Annual Subscription.*—Rev. R. W. E. Greene, \$5.00.

Thank-offering, per Rev. R. W. E. Greene, \$2.50;

ALGOMA FUND.—*Day of Intercession Collection.*—Scarborough, Christ Church, \$3.65; St. Paul's \$2.25; St. Jude's, \$1.85.

WHITBY.—Rev. E. W. Beaven, formerly of Arnprior, has been appointed by the Bishop of Toronto assistant minister of All Saint's Whitby, on account of the serious illness of the Rev. E. H. Cole, from which he is recovering very slowly.

MISSIONARY SERVICES.—The series lately referred to in these columns as taking place along the line of the Toronto Grey & Bruce Railway, was taken up again on Monday, Feb. 18, commencing with Woodbridge.

Of this parish, the Rev. T. Hodgkiss is the priest. The attendance at the meeting held in this place was not very large, owing to the fact, it was said, that on the same evening a Bible Society meeting was going on in the place. It is a matter of extreme regret that churchmen will so entangle themselves with things of this kind, that they are led to neglect their duty to the Church, and keep back from her the influence and encouragement, by their presence when asked and their money when required, which she has a right to expect. Whatever good the most ardent admirers of the Bible Society may think it is doing, surely it can be no mistake to say that the place on such a night, as the Church's missionary service is held, is not in a dissenting meeting house, fraternizing with dissenting preachers, but amongst their own brethren, with their own clergy, and in their own church.

The service was heartily rendered by the clergy, a choir of young ladies who did remarkably well, and the congregation. Those who were present paid great attention to what was said, and showed in this manner a deep interest in the churchwork.

In the parish several improvements were going on, chief amongst which is the room which is being built for the use of the younger Sunday School children.

The next place visited was West Mono, a parish under the pastoral care of the Rev. T. Geoghegan. Two services were held in this parish, one at Camilla, and one at a church called St. Matthew's. Each of these services was largely attended, although the weather was not altogether propitious. This part of the country is very hilly, making the work more difficult for the person who has traveling to do. This accounts also perhaps for its mean appearance, other townships being taken up by settlers before this rougher country. This very roughness and newness added a charm to the work here, and the successful services and the unbounded hospitality and care shown towards the

clergy by the people, made the visit most happy and enjoyable.

The church people in this parish may be congratulated on having acquired the services of the Rev. T. Geoghegan; he has their good at heart; this is very easily seen; he is a most enthusiastic and diligent worker, and if the church does not progress, and the people benefit by their now increased gospel blessings, it will not be his fault.

No doubt very soon an earnest effort will be made to build a church at Camilla, and improve and beautify that called St. Matthew's which is terribly bare and plain. If our brethren in this parish will keep this in view, they will find that besides paying God and His religion greater honour, the church and its services will prove more attractive to people in general and to the young especially.

The next evening, Thursday 21st, a service was held at Mono Mills. The night was extremely stormy, this prevented the attendance being large, still it was very fair, the service was reverent and hearty, and marked attention was given to the addresses.

In this parish a most wonderful improvement is taking place, better services, more interest in religion, increased church work, a new church in course of construction—all prove that where the church is duly taught with no uncertain sound, and its sacraments duly administered, that there the people will be drawn towards her, that she repels very quietly shall not the less surely the disloyal and treacherous, and attracts towards her the faithful, who wish her success, and who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

Mr. Swallow has a most difficult task, but after all he is only one out of many who have this. It surely cannot be known to a great many laymen what sort of work clergymen have to do. Did they know surely their consciences would not permit them giving their poor contributions for the spread of truth. Let them compare their own rich and comfortable houses with the houses of the clergy. Surrounded with luxury, well fed, well dressed, let them compare their circumstances with those of many men and their families, who live for the good of the people.

Let city ladies keep in mind those, who are ladies just as much as they are, but who perhaps are compelled to live a life of dreary isolation, troubled beyond measure perhaps by the increasing wants of their families. It may be said, that the clergy and their wives should have prepared themselves for this. This is true, and they never would endure the want, the insult, the sorrow of a Canadian country clergyman's life, but this also is true, the people are as much in duty bound to spread a knowledge of truth as the clergy, the clergy represent the laity in this labour, and let those laymen, and those ladies who pass as fair church people, and who dress, literally perhaps, in purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day beware, lest in spite of all their professions and miserable offerings, a neglected clergy, poorly educated, yes, and perhaps poorly fed, and clothed children, rise up in judgement and condemn them. There is no use mincing matters, and let those who read this ask themselves, how could they live, and work, dress respectably, feed, clothe, and bring up a family, exercise the grace of hospitality, keep a horse with vehicle and pay expenses attached, and be liberal to the poor, all on the paltry pittance of \$800 a year, poorly and irregularly paid; yes perhaps not all of it even this?

Ask this question, rich, well to do church people, and if it causes you not to think and consider, then may you well ask most solemnly, whether the Spirit of Christ dwelleth in you.

DEANERY OF DURHAM AND VICTORIA.—A series of missionary meetings were held in this Deanery, beginning at Omamee and ending at Lindsay.

On Friday, February 15th, the first meeting was held at Omamee. The deputation consisted of the Revs. the Rural Dean and Dr. Smithett, of Lindsay; the attendance was good, and addresses suited to the occasion were delivered.

On Monday evening, February 18th, the meeting was held in St. Thomas' Church, Millbrook, at 7:30 p. m. The speakers were Drs. Smithett, of Lindsay, Revs. R. H. Harris, of Omamee, and