

to publish in the Church Society's annual report the names of subscribers for less than fifty cents."

On motion, it was resolved—That a committee be appointed to report to the next meeting of this society on the subject of the union of this society with the synod of the diocese."

The following notices of motion were given:

By E. Penton, Esq.—To amend article XVI. of the constitution, by adding: "Provided that one meeting shall take place annually, on some Sunday in the month of October, of which due notice shall be given, at which meeting the chairman, or some other member of the local committee, shall read to the congregation assembled a circular, prepared by the secretary, under the sanction of the president, setting forth briefly the work done by the society during the past year, and that which is most desirable to be accomplished during the year next ensuing, with a general statement of the financial condition of the society."

By Rev. Dr. Townley—"The quarterly reports, now required to be made by the clergy receiving aid from the Church Society, be hereafter made to their respective rural deans, instead of to the Secretary, such reports to be laid before the bishop and the standing committee at each of its ensuing meetings."

By Rev. Dr. Hodgkin—In amendment to article V. of the constitution, by adding: "That the lay representatives to the synod be, during their continuance in office, ex-officio members of the society, upon the ground of the contributions from the congregations they severally represent."

The bishop read the prayers, and the meeting adjourned at one o'clock, p.m.

PRINCETON.—The Rev. Mr. Bartlett, with God's blessing, has accomplished a great work in this parish during the last three and a half years. The congregation had to sustain a loss in abandoning the old Church which in consequence of the old village outgrowing the old site, became situated at too great a distance from the major part of the people; besides, from unfrequent services and attention the people were scattered and unsettled in their adherence to the Church. But these difficulties have been, under the management and labours of Mr. Bartlett, to a very great extent surmounted. A large commodious brick Church, ecclesiastical in style and appendages, has been erected upon the most accessible position, and a congregation which might vie with a city one in constant attendance. Preparations are also being entered into for erecting a beautiful little Church at Drumbo, an out station of Mr. Bartlett's. The people in this Mission are kind, considerate, and we believe generous. If, however, they should inadvertently be a little behind hand in this respect we must encourage them in the exercise of large-heartedness, as they have combined in their pastor many qualifications which are rarely found in the character of one individual. Mr. Bartlett has recently returned from England, where he, while passing through severe domestic affliction, did not forget the people of his charge, but raised for them upwards of one thousand dollars!

—The venerable Dr. Dorr breathed his last at his residence in Germantown, on Saturday morning, the 18th ult. He had been rector of Christ Church some thirty-two years, and was known throughout the church as an indefatigable, conscientious pastor, and as an unwavering defender of the Faith which he had sworn to teach. Even by those who were not brought in contact with him through any official relations, he was looked up to and respected as a thoroughly good man. In addition to his important rectorship, Dr. Dorr was prominently associated with the leading institutions of the church in the United States, and was once elected to the Bishopric of Maryland, which he declined. He was the author, also, of some small works which have done great and good service in their day—such as "History of a Pocket Prayer Book, written by itself, the 'Churchman's Manual,' 'History of Christ Church,' 'Notes of Travel in the East,' &c., &c.

ST. THOMAS.—Notwithstanding the church of this town has been enlarged within the last few years it has now become altogether too small for the accommodation of the congregation, which is steadily increasing in numbers and wealth. At a meeting of the Vestry, held on the 4th inst., the Rev. Dr. Caulfield, rector, presiding, Judge Hughes, the churchwardens, and other prominent members being present, it was resolved to add to the number of sittings by the erection of clear stories—thus furnishing room for many families who are desirous of attending the ministrations of the church.

The Rev. Doctor since his return from abroad appears to have resumed his labours in this delightful parish with renewed efficiency, zeal, and we may even add, ability. The choir is efficient. The Sunday School is well attended, while prosperity and contentment are the prevailing characteristics of the congregation of the church in this place.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THE LATE REV. W. SIMS.

The sudden death of this valuable missionary has already been announced to our readers; but we feel assured that we gratify a general desire in giving some more minute

narrative of the circumstances attending the sudden loss of one whose place it will be difficult, indeed, to fill in the important field of his devoted missionary labor.

Mr. Sims was a native of Basingstoke, Hampshire, and left England for New Brunswick in the year 1851, where he was engaged for some time as a teacher. He subsequently removed to Canada West, and, for five years, taught a school with much success in Glen William. While there he gratuitously devoted much of his leisure to church work in the neighbourhood, which eventually led to his ordination, by the Bishop of Huron, in 1858.

A missionary being required to supply the vacancy at Manitowaning, caused by the death of the Rev. Peter Jacobs, Mr. Sims was recommended by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, who kindly undertook to prepare him for his work. After devoting some time to the study of the Indian language, under Dr. O'Meara's care, he entered on his mission in 1864, and has since diligently devoted himself to it.

Arduous as are the duties of our missionaries in new settlements, they cannot compare with those demanded by a mission like his. Cut off for more than half the year from intercourse with the main land—with four or five feet of snow on land, and generally two feet on the ice—with intense frost and frequent storms, the missionary to the Indians is called on during winter to visit his poor and scattered flock, generally on snow-shoes, there being no roads. In summer, the travelling by boat and canoe is scarcely less perilous and fatiguing; the delays and discomforts from unfavourable winds and weather, and want of accommodation, making no slight demands on his zeal and patience. Of these trials and inconveniences our late missionary had his full share.

His ministerial duties, we have every assurance, were well and faithfully performed. His faith and love cannot be questioned—if facts and deeds be taken as evidences—while his talents, were of a very respectable order. His acquaintance with sacred music was sufficient to enable him to teach the Indians, and to lead his congregations in singing, while he played the melodeon himself. His chapel-school at Shequandah gave proof of the same desire to have everything "decent and in order" therein, as marked everything else he had to do with. But, after all his labour and care, it must be admitted, in a worldly point of view, there is but little to show as the results of his labours. His record, doubtless, is on high, and, in the day of account, it will appear "he did what he could;" but his efforts were not appreciated nor sustained by the church as they deserved to be. His warfare is accomplished, but, from his lonely grave on Shequandah heights, he still speaks to us. And, let us hope, his zeal will animate others to follow his example. He was most useful as a pioneer, and, though removed in the midst of his usefulness, others will reap the benefit of his labours. The field is a very inviting one.

The poor Indians, dismayed at the loss of their friend and pastor, are most desirous his place should be immediately supplied; while the white inhabitants, who are now fast settling the island, will gladly welcome a missionary among them. The Bishop, it will be seen, invites volunteers, and should those who are fit to supply this important field offer themselves, let the friends of the mission come promptly forward and liberally support them. Let not, however, the widow and the orphan be disregarded. Mrs. Sims has been left with six children—five of whom are intelligent boys—the eldest only 15 years old, without relatives here or at home. She has not yet been able to decide what course to pursue; for the present she will remain where she is. Without private means the widow's pension will be but a slender provision. Had the proposition made at the last Synod for providing a small benefit for the widow of each clergyman, on his decease, been carried out, it would have proved a great advantage, for it would have gone far to complete some little enterprises their thoughtful protector had undertaken for his family's good. She is not, however, one to despond, and, doubtless, "God will provide." But, in looking at the bright, healthy faces of the poor fatherless little fellows, the thought presented itself to our mind, among the thousands of comfortable homes within the church, is there not a place for one or more of these little ones?

Since the foregoing was written letters have been received from Mrs. Sims, from which we take the liberty to make the following extracts:—

"During our married life I never knew him to have a personal enemy till he came here. He could not endure to see the poor oppressed, and this brought him into trouble. He was very benevolent, and since we have lived here, I can assure you that he has given as much flour out of our house, to the poor Indians, as we had used ourselves; sometimes I would object, that we could not afford to give so much away, and he would reply, 'God will never let me or my family want for what I give the poor.' A faith was very strong; he would never spare himself; when he thought duty required, he would go, no matter what the weather was. Often would I try to dissuade him from going so far from home, as I felt that travelling here was dangerous both in summer and winter. To such expostulations he would say, 'My dear, you are always putting lions in my way; pray do not interfere with me in the discharge of my duty.' Only last March he walked

fifty miles away from home, on snow-shoes, to perform an act of duty, and his feet were very sore when he returned. At that time he formally executed a transfer of this place to me, as he said when he came home, 'I want you and the children to have a home in case anything should happen to me, for I feel sure I shall be drowned or frozen to death one of these days.' I suggested that, if such was his conviction, he had better give up the mission, but he would not, and you see the result.

"This is a sad place to bring up a family like mine—deprived of its dear and kind protector, but, of course, I must do the best I can with my children. I pray to my Heavenly Father for strength and patience to teach them to do what is right, and I know and feel that he has heard my prayers, and strengthened me, or I should have gone distracted. I can truly say, with a grateful heart, that I have found Him, indeed, 'a very present help in time of trouble.'"

In a subsequent letter, in alluding to the kindness of her neighbours, she writes: "The old chief assisted, with Mr. Burdett and others, in getting in the grain. Yesterday his oxen could not be found, and the poor old man brought his pack-traps, and carried sheaves all day on his back. I mention this to show that the Indians are not wanting in gratitude. They have been very kind and attentive to me in my hour of need."

[The committee on Indian Missions, not being able to erect a suitable mission house at Shequandah, Mr. Sims obtained permission to erect one for himself, which he did, on a lot adjoining the Indian reserve; and, in doing so, incurred a small debt, which, had his life been spared, he would soon have paid off. Aid is required towards this object. Contributions may be forwarded to W. P. Atkinson, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer to the Synod, Toronto.—Ed. Ch. Ob.]

The Bishop of the Diocese has addressed a circular to the Clergy requesting them to invite their respective congregations to observe Sunday, Oct. the 24th inst., as a day of Public Thanksgiving after Harvest. The Offering to be for the Missions sustained by the Diocesan Synod Mission Fund.

Circulars from the Bishop of the Diocese and also from the Secretary of the Diocesan Synod of Toronto, remind the Clergy that during the present month (Oct.) the annual collection for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, also under the auspices of the Synod, is to be made. The Bishop asks for increased liberality from the laity to this Fund, to prevent a diminution in the allowances to existing Widows and Orphans.

On Monday the 27th ult., the new Church at Port Colborne was consecrated by the Bishop. It is a substantial edifice of brick with stone dressings. It speaks well for the energy and Christian zeal of the rector, (the Rev. W. E. Cooper), and people of this parish, to have built and paid for this handsome Church, the cost of which has been over \$3000. On the same occasion a Confirmation was held in the Church.

On Thursday the 31st ult., Archdeacon Fuller held a visitation in St. George's Church, St. Catharines. A suitable address to the Clergy and Churchwardens present, was delivered by the Archdeacon.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

We are glad to hear that his lordship the Bishop of Quebec has returned home with his family, quite well, from Gaspé, and from his long and arduous pastoral visit to the different Gulf missions—the Bishop having travelled since his absence, by sea and by land, nearly three thousand miles. The Church of England has missions in each of the following places:—Gaspé, Sandy beach, Malbaie, Percé, Hopetown, Paspébie, New Carlisle, and the Magdalen Islands. Each missionary has the care of three or four churches, with widely scattered congregations of people, who subsist partly by the whale and cod fisheries, and partly by farming. The Bishop has returned with pleasing reports of his visit, and of the working of the church in these missions. The church services, whether held in consecrated buildings or in shanties, were well attended, and were characterised by a heartiness and appreciation which betokened that the labours of the clergy were not in vain. The Bishop was met on all sides with the cry for more labourers and for church accommodation. There are several places, which, from their comparatively isolated position and the steady increase of the people, require to have a permanent missionary to attend to the spiritual wants and education of the people; but from a want of funds, and the inability of the people to help to any great extent towards this object, these new missions cannot be opened. The parent society in England is every year lessening its grant to this diocese, thus throwing the church back upon herself, and to a certain extent precluding her from responding directly to the earnest call of her scattered members. It becomes, therefore, the members of this church, in our cities and well-to-do places, to respond to this call by a more enlarged charity and sympathy for the diocesan church societies which, ere long, will have to care wholly for the poor and destitute places.

It is pleasing to hear that the Bishop, in his visit, confirmed 243 people, old and young; consecrated four new churches and burial grounds, and raised one deacon to the Priesthood.

LENOXVILLE.—A new Episcopal church is talked about in this very pleasant village. We hope shortly to be able to congratulate the inhabitants on having accomplished their desire to construct so necessary a building. The old church certainly does not meet the wants of the people.

[We are very glad to notice the above, and we hope the effort to erect a new building will succeed, for certainly the present church is anything but what it should be for such a rising town as Lennoxville.—Ed. Observer.]

OPENING OF A NEW CHURCH AT COOKSHIRE.—Situated nearly in the centre of the picturesque village of Cookshire, on the main road leading from Cookshire to Sherbrooke, and immediately in rear of the old wooden church, to replace which it has been built, a very pretty stone church may now be seen. Through the energy of the incumbent, Rev. E. C. Parkin, assisted by Col. Cook, F. Taylor, and a few other earnest members of his congregation, this new church has been erected and elicited the gratitude and eulogy of the many members of the Anglican church who were present at the solemn opening on Friday the 17th instant.

The exterior is still in an unfinished state—the tower yet remaining to be built, the grounds around it to be laid out, and the skeleton of the old church to be pulled down—yet, judging from its appearance as it is, and from an examination of the design, it was the opinion of all present that it reflected great credit on those who designed and built it.

The interior is extremely pretty, and is not surpassed by any country church in the Townships, or perhaps in the Province; one of its chief beauties arising from the thickness of its walls. The windows are of stained glass and have a pleasing effect, the colors blending very prettily with the blue ceiling and light pink walls. The pews are open and very neat and tasteful, as are also the pulpit and lectern.

The church was not consecrated on the 17th, but merely opened for divine service, the consecration being deferred till the completion of the tower.

The service commenced at 11 a.m., and was taken part in by the Bishop of the Diocese, and the following clergymen: the incumbent, Rev. E. C. Parkin; Dr. Nicolls, Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville; Rev. C. P. Reid, of Sherbrooke; Rev. A. C. Searth, of Lennoxville; Rev. J. Kemp, of Compton; Rev. R. Wainwright, of Bury. The chants and hymns were well sung by the choir, as also the anthem, taken from the 1st and 7th verses of the Psalms: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity without thy palaces."

The harmonium, which is a fine instrument, was presided over by Miss Pope, who deserves great praise for the general efficiency of the choir.

The sermon was preached by the Bishop, who took his text from the 30th verse of the 19th chapter of Leviticus: "Ye shall keep my sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary." His lordship dwelt at great length upon our duty to give to God our best; whatever we did, to do well; and he congratulated the congregation upon the very pretty church they had acquired for themselves. He censured the habit of coming to church late, thereby losing some of the best parts of the service, and disturbing the congregation; and more especially he censured those who think that reading the bible at home is an excuse for not going to church; he explained how that words uttered to a man alone fell coldly on his ears, when those same words spoken to a congregation through the power of sympathy, had the effect of stirring each heart to its depths. How also they lost the great benefit to be derived from joining in the hymns of praise, which are so powerful in raising the heart heavenward. The preacher also inculcated the duty of kneeling at church, and of joining in the responses.

There was a large congregation, not a seat being vacant; and we are happy to say that the collection, which is to be applied towards the cost of lighting the church, amounted to the sum of \$26.50.

A very nice silver communion service, presented by the Rev. C. Hamilton, was consecrated by the Bishop to its holy purpose.

After the service the incumbent and Mrs. Parkin entertained the clergy and their friends to the number of about thirty, at luncheon in the parsonage.

We cannot conclude without expressing a hope that Mr. Parkin may soon be able to finish the work he has begun, encouraged by his success thus far, and that his congregation will aid him manfully in his good work.—*Sherbrooke Gazette*

BISHOP'S COLLEGE SCHOOL.

PRESENTATION.—On Monday the 4th inst. after ordinary prayers in the school-room the Rector of the Junior Department of Bishop's College, was presented by the boys with a handsome Parian marble Statuette about two feet high of "Beatrice," Saint and Martyr of the third century. G. B. Ward, of the Sixth form made the presentation, and E. G. Ingham "Dux" of the school read the following address:

To the Rev. R. H. Walker, M.A.
DEAR SIR,—It is with feelings of great

pleasure that we wait upon you on this the Anniversary morning of your natal day to present you with a slight token of our esteem and regard, and to express our sincerest wishes that you may be spared to see "many happy returns of your birthday." Your affectionate pupils.

Oct. 4, 1869.

REPLY.

I am very much obliged to you for this pleasing and unexpected present. I had hoped for a fine day and intended you to have a holiday, but as it has turned out so rainy I am sure the wishes of the boys will be better met by promising a substitute this day week or on St. Luke's Day whichever is finer. I feel truly indebted to you for this kind present. I hope I shall live to see the prosperity of this Lennoxville School. Remember that it will come chiefly from the creditable pupils turned out. Its success depends much on the boys. I hope you will keep up the high tone of feeling I know to be amongst you, for in so doing you will render the best service to me, to yourselves and to the school. After hearty cheers had been given for Mr. Walker, the classes were dismissed to their several class-rooms.

Lennoxville, Oct. 4, 1869.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

MISSIONARY DEPUTATIONS FOR WINTER OF 1870.

Deputation No. 1.—Rev. C. Forest, M.A., (Convener); Rev. T. Stanton, B.A., Rev. S. Tighe, B.A.—Salmon River, Selby, Nanapanee, Newburgh, Croydon, Tamworth, Clark's Mills, Odessa, Murvale, Sydenham, Barriefield, Bermingham, Waldron's; Kingston, St. Paul's; Wolfe Island, Waterloo, Portmouth; Kingston, St. James.

Deputation No. 2.—Ven. the Archdeacon, (Convener); Rev. C. E. Cartwright, B.A., Rev. G. J. Low—Belleville, Ct. Ch.; Trenton, Carrying Place, Concession, Hillier, Wellington, Melville, Gerow Gore, Pictou, Millford, Marysburg, Adolphustown, Fredericksburg, Amherst Island, Bath; Kingston, St. George's.

Deputation No. 3.—Rev. W. Lewin, B.A., Rev. F. L. Stephenson, B.A.—Frankford, Stirling, Marmora, Empey's Settlement, Millbridge, Madoc, Queensboro', Tweed, Thomasburg, Roslin; Belleville, St. Thomas; Ch.; Shannonville; All Sta. Tyendinaga; Solmes; Christ Ch., Tyendinaga, Frizzell's Mills, Mill Point.

Deputation No. 4.—Rev. E. H. M. Baker, (Convener); Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, M.A., Rev. A. W. Cooke—Frankville, McIntosh Mills, Landsdowne, (rear); Leeds, Delta, Newboro, Portland, Newboyn, S. Elmsby, Smith's Falls, Montague, Pike Falls, Perth, Baldersons, Lanark, Rokeby, Whites.

Deputation No. 5.—Rev. G. A. Anderson, M.A., (Convener); Rev. J. Carroll, Rev. A. Spencer—Franktown, Prospect, Ashton, Carleton Place, Innisville, Clayton, Almonte, Pakenham, Fitzroy, 9th line; Fitzroy Harbour, Mohr's Corners.

Deputation No. 6.—Rev. S. Jones, M.A., (Convener); Rev. J. W. Burke, M.A., Rev. J. K. McMorris, M.A.—Ottawa, Ct. Church; Bell's Corners, March (Lower Ch.), March (Upper Ch.); Hazeldean, Huntley Church, Goulbourne Church, Richmond, Bell's Corners, North Gower Village, North Gower, Kars; Ottawa, St. Albans, Gloucester, Metcalfe, Duncanville, Bearbrook, Navan, Hawkesbury West, Hawkesbury East.

Deputation No. 7.—Rev. J. J. Bogert, M.A., (Convener); G. W. White, M.A., Rev. K. L. Jones, B.A.—Oxford Mills, Kemptville, Mountain, Finch, Roxborough, Moulinsette, Cornwall, Osnabrock, Osnabrock (rear) Williamsburgh, Morrisburgh, Iroquois, Edwardburgh, Prescott.

Deputation No. 8.—Rev. J. S. Lauder, M.A., (Convener); Rev. C. P. Emery, Rev. C. B. Pettit, M.A., Rev. A. J. O'Loughlin—Gananoque, South Lake, Landsdowne, (front) Maitland, Brookville, Lyn, New Dublin, North Augusta, North Augusta, St. James; North Augusta, St. Andrew's; Merrickville, Burritt's Rapids.

Deputation No. 9.—Rev. J. A. Prestor, M.A., (Convener); Rev. C. T. Denroche, Rev. C. R. Bell, Rev. E. H. Jenkins—Arnprior, Saddpoint, Renfrew, Horton, Douglas, Scotch Bush, Ennville, Lake Dore, Stafford, No. 1, Stafford, No. 2, Cobden, Beachburg, Westmeath, Pembroke, Alice, Ross.

Should any change be desired in the above Deputations, either as to the members or stations to be visited, notice must be sent to the Bishop with as little delay as possible.—*Canadian Churchman*.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

It will be remembered by those who attended the interesting missionary meeting which the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land held in the city of Montreal in the autumn of last year, giving such graphic accounts of church work in his vast diocese, that the Bishop of Ontario, who presided, suggested, at the close of the meeting, that the ladies of the Church in Montreal should follow a good example set in Toronto, and send the Bishop a harmonium for one of his churches. This suggestion was adopted, and has been practically and successfully carried out. The instrument purchased, and duly received, is one of Mason & Hamlin's cabinet organs, from Messrs. Gould & Hill, Montreal.

And it is thought that the best way of acknowledging the contributions of subscribers is to publish an extract of the Bishop's letter, and a letter from Archdeacon McLean, the rector of the Church in which the harmonium