

most heartily attached to Church principles. The deputation regarded the Church families here as the nucleus of a large congregation which could be easily gathered by a faithful clergyman, inasmuch as other Church families are scattered in the adjoining localities, and who also like the people at L'Amable, are anxious for the services of a travelling missionary. The Hastings Road is indeed crying out for a clergyman. Returning from the meeting to the house of Mr. Jarwin, and after having some tea, the deputation set out at ten p.m. on their return to Madoc with a view of arriving there before two p.m. the next day, so as to be in time for the train to Belleville, from whence they would depart to their homes on Friday. The night was calm though cold, the monotony of the drive relieved only by the howling of the wolves in the neighbouring woods. The drive to Madoc of forty-eight miles, including stoppages, was accomplished by one p.m. An hour after the deputation took the train at Belleville, and arriving there spent the evening at St. Thomas's rectory, where again they experienced the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Burke, and from whence they finally separated for their respective parishes, after a tour through romantic scenery, rendered all the more interesting by the delightful weather enjoyed in the several drives.

TORONTO.

Synod Office.—Collections, etc., received during the week ending January 21st, 1882.

MISSION FUND.—*January Collections:* St. Peter's, Cobourg, \$32.00; Whitby, \$6.50; Bradford, Trinity Church, \$5.05; Christ Church, \$3.22; Coulson's Corners, 65 cents; Gore's Landing, \$1.40; Harwood, 95 cents; Haliburton, \$6.72.

Missionary Meetings: Bradford and West Guilford, \$6.90; St. Paul's, \$1.20; Aurora, \$6.87; Sutton, Georgina, \$13; Sutton, Georgina, S. S. children, \$2.10.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Annual Payments under new Canon:* Rev. E. H. Mussen, \$8.05; Rev. John W. Forster, \$7.20.

The QUARTERLY MEETINGS of the Standing Committees of Synod, Thursday, 9th Feb., Clergy Trust, 11 a.m.; Land and Investment, 1 p.m.; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, &c., 2 p.m.; Executive, 3 p.m.; Sunday-School, &c., 4 p.m. Friday, 10th, Mission Board, 10 a.m.; Audit, 1 p.m.; General Purposes Fund, 2 p.m.; Printing, 2.30 p.m.; Church Music 4 p.m. Wm. P. ATKINSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

St. John the Evangelist's.—On Thursday a very pleasing entertainment in connection with the annual Christmas distribution of rewards to the Sunday-school scholars, for good conduct and punctual attendance, was held in the school-house. There was a very large attendance of scholars, 400 being present, besides parents and friends. The evening's programme commenced by the children singing carols and other pieces, under the direction of Miss Spragge, and recitations, &c. Afterwards the distribution of prizes to the deserving, and rewards to the whole school, by the "Old woman who lived in a Shoe." The "shoe," which was an object of great interest to the juveniles, was placed on the platform, from whence the "old woman" (Miss Grace Williams who was in appropriate costume, and was seated in the heel of the shoe, and who acquitted herself most admirably) dispensed the prizes. The children, after a most enjoyable evening, separated about half-past ten.

ROSLIN.—A meeting of the parish vestry was held in Christ Church, Thomashury, on the 9th ult. Mr. Wm. Wray was appointed Vestry Clerk. Financially the parish is much improving, as after paying the hard-working rector there is a balance of \$180. The week night services are of great benefit.

RURAL-DEANERY OF DURHAM AND VICTORIA.—*Durham and Victoria Deanery.*—The next meeting of the Ruridecanal chapter will be held in Omemece (D.V.) on Tuesday, February 14th, 1882. Scripture subject for consideration, Gal. vi. The meeting will be held at the rectory at one o'clock, p.m. Divine service in the evening in Christ Church, at 7.30 p.m. J. W. Forster, Secretary.

RURAL-DEANERY OF YORK.—The season of the Epiphany is well chosen by our several rural-deaneries as the time for our missionary meetings. No period of the Christian year could be more appropriate than that in which the Church celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentile world. By the reports received from various deputations the meetings have

been exceedingly prosperous. The meetings in York Rural-deanery were one chain of success. They began at Weston and ended at Sutton. The claims of the Church were placed by the deputation in simple yet forcible language before the various congregations, and were listened to with deep attention. The collections were large, and the determination to make the cause of the Church the most prominent was clearly and distinctly manifest. Very little doubt is felt that the Bishop will get the \$15,000 he needs this year for the Mission Fund.

AURORA.—The congregation here are without a clergyman since the death of their late rector. The parish was for some time in charge of a deacon; and a priest from one of the leading churches in Toronto went out to administer the Holy Communion. The various congregations in the parish having been accustomed to join in this holy rite as celebrated in a reverential manner, were no little surprised to find, when they rose at the time of offering the alms, that this priest from Bloor-street "loll'd upon the altar, as if to show his contempt for the holy ordinance," and to "ignore all decency and propriety in conducting the service." Further than that, this "reverend" gentleman did not read the absolution at Morning Prayer (called in the Prayer Book "Mattins")—thus depriving the worshippers of their spiritual rights. After this let us hear no more of "the rights of the laity" in the diocese of Toronto, when, contrary to all former precedent, they can be trampled upon in this unchurchly fashion. And let us hear no more about "breaking the law" when the unchallenged laws of the Church can be set at naught in opposition to the wishes of our law-abiding laity.

NIAGARA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of December, 1881.

MISSION FUND.—*Offertory Collections:* Guelph, \$77.92; Ancaster, \$8.25; *Parochial Collections:* Orangeville, \$56. *On Guarantee Account:* Acton, \$45; Rockwood, \$25; Eramosa, \$16.50; Colbeck's, 12.55; Rothsay, \$50.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offertory Collections:* Niagara, \$25.70; Stewarttown, \$2; Niagara Falls, \$3.17; South Cayuga, \$4.52; Port Maitland, \$1.98.

ALGOMA AND N. W. MISSION FUND.—*Offertory Collections:* Guelph, \$99.34; *Thanksgiving Collections:* Oakville, \$43.53.

SHINGWAW HOMES.—Guelph Sunday-school, \$6.

HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron left on Thursday for Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the invitation of Bishop Stephens to take part in the consecration of Right Rev. Dr. Whitehead, the new Bishop of Pittsburg.

LONDON SOUTH.—On Sunday the annual Church service of the Free Masons of the city was held in St. James's Church, the incumbent, the Rev. Canon Davis, chaplain of the order, officiating. The Free Masons assembled in larger numbers than ever heretofore. About five hundred of them proceeded from the Masonic temple at 2 p.m., and marched to St. James's. The sermon was from the Gospel of St. John, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

STRATHROY.—The anniversary of the Sunday-school of the church of St. John, was duly commemorated, and right heartily did the members of the school enjoy this their own annual holiday. From 5 p.m., for nearly two hours, they played with all the abandon that make schooldays the pleasantest period of life. The fruits and sweetmeats were enjoyed with no less relish than the sports. At a later hour a humorous programme was presented. There were also readings and dialogues. At the close the prizes for regular attendance were presented, some pupils having a record of fifty-two credits for attendance, and nearly fifty pupils not lower than forty-four each. An excellent record for the Sunday-school of St. John.

COMBER, ESSEX.—This village was wholly unknown a few years since. It is now prospering as villages do grow and prosper in this "new world." There has for a short time been Church service in the village, but no Church building. The Rev. Mr. Steele, who had for twenty years been a Presbyterian minis-

ter, has for some time officiated in a Church congregation assembling here, having been lately ordained by the bishop of this diocese. Church service is at present held in the Presbyterian place of worship, but doubtless the members of the Church will not be much longer in this anomalous condition.

BRUSSELS.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, on his way to open for divine service the new church at Henfryn on Sunday 15th ult., stayed Saturday night in the neighbouring mission of Brussels, and was the guest of the incumbent, the Rev. F. Ryan. Several prominent Churchmen, by invitation of the incumbent, met his lordship at the parsonage.

The state of the Church in the mission and the diocese was considered, and an exceedingly pleasant and profitable evening was spent. The Bishop was very much pleased with the way the evening had been spent, and expressed his great pleasure in meeting the prominent Churchmen of the place. The Rev. Mr. O'Meara, of Gorrie, was present. Late in the evening the Rev. Messrs. DeLom and Batstone arrived. Sunday was a beautiful day, and the sleighing was good. In the morning his Lordship visited St. John's Sunday-school, and suitably addressed the scholars and teachers. A very large congregation assembled at the 11 o'clock service. The three clergymen present took part in it, and his lordship preached a very able and interesting sermon from St. John xv. 12-14.

The Bishop promised that before the next meeting of Synod in June, he would again visit the mission to consecrate the churches at Brussels and Walton, and administer confirmation to the large classes of candidates now being prepared in both churches.

After the service the Bishop and clergy dined at the parsonage, after which they drove to Henfryn, a distance of ten miles, for 3 o'clock service. The new church, St. David's, is a neat little brick structure, costing about \$1,000, and capable of seating about 120 persons. It was erected chiefly through the liberality and exertions of Mr. E. C. K. Davies, of Henfryn. The Rev. Messrs. DeLom, of Mitchell, Ryan, of Brussels, Taylor, of Listowel, and Batstone, the incumbent, took part in the service. The Bishop confirmed thirteen candidates, and suitably and impressively addressed them, taking for his text a part of the second lesson appointed for the service. The choir of St. John's church, Brussels, conducted the musical part of the services. Immediately after the service, his lordship drove to Wingham, a distance of twenty-four miles, in order to preach there at seven o'clock. He had not time to take his tea. It was truly a hard day's work for a person of his lordship's age—one address, a Confirmation service, three able and exhaustive extempore sermons, each of about forty minutes duration, and thirty-four miles drive after the first and before the last service.

In the evening at half-past six the Rev. Mr. DeLom preached a very impressive sermon from Neh. iv. 6, "The people had a mind to work." The offertories at the afternoon and evening services amounted to \$71. A very successful tea was given on Monday evening, when \$110 was realized. A debt of only about \$130 remains on the church. *Laus Deo.*

WILMOT.—As a proof that the Churchmen of this small parish are interested in the work of the Church we notice that since the Rev. Freeman Harding's appointment, February 1880, St. James's church has been repaired and greatly improved, at a cost of \$1,000. A parsonage and barn have been erected at a cost of about \$2,300 in cash, besides fully \$700 in labour and materials. On these there is no debt. Hamburg, which forms a part of the mission, is now moving in the matter of church building, and we hope before the close of the year to tell of the erection of a brick church worthy of the name. It is worthy of note, that while contributing so liberally to these parochial works, the people have not forgotten the clergyman and his wife, but during the two years have made them the following presents:—An Osborne sewing machine, cow, piano stool, fur cap and gloves, seven loads of hay, one of wood, one of turnips, and over thirty bags of oats, besides large quantities of poultry, butter, eggs, &c.

LAKE SIDE.—The township of Nissouri is now pretty well supplied with churches. There are now in it no less than four churches, and there is also Church service held in the Orange hall. None of these churches is of long standing, yet they are all doing well. Christ Church, one of the churches in the cure of the Rev. Mr. Seaborn had a very pleasant holiday on Wednesday the 28th ult. It was the anxiously expected day for the Christmas-tree, and the giving of presents to the pupils of the Sunday-school. The Christmas-tree in the church was laden with valuable presents, and the very appearance it presented was a treat to the little ones. There were appropriate addresses from the Rev. Mr. Seaborn, and other friends.