

News from the Home Field.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

[From our Diocesan Correspondent.]

MATTAWA.—Your readers, who are aware that a new Mission has been opened in the village of Mattawa, a hundred miles above Pembroke, on the line of the Canada Pacific, will no doubt be agreeably surprised to hear of the great progress already made in this district. Last July Mr. F. V. Bliss (at first ordained a Lay Deacon, but now a candidate for the Priesthood) was licensed to the township of Clara, the extreme northern portion of the County of Renfrew, and to parts adjoining. Taking the village of Mattawa, on the junction of the Mattawa and Ottawa Rivers, and which is now a thriving village containing sixteen stores, his headquarters, a small room over a store was at once tastefully fitted up for a mission chapel, and a house belonging to the Hudson Bay Company—the only one to be had in the place—having been rented for the accommodation of the missionary and his family, the services of the Church became for the first time the privilege of the few Church people in the village and of the few scattered families at various points to the north and south of it, on the line of the railway. Mr. Bliss was not long in his house until he received notice that the house was wanted by the company for their principal agent, and the emergency was at once nobly met by two young Churchmen keeping a store there offering to advance the funds for the immediate erection of a parsonage, the missionary undertaking to raise the money for repaying them as soon as possible. For this purpose Mr. Bliss, with the sanction of the Bishop, visited a number of parishes in and outside the Diocese soliciting aid, and such was the response to his appeal that he was enabled not only to go on with the parsonage, but to begin a new church. Both buildings are now happily completed, with only a small debt on the house, which, with the further assistance from our brethren, will soon be liquidated. Leaving my own Mission of Pembroke on the 14th December, on the invitation of Mr. Bliss, I found myself the next day, after an unusually tedious ride of a hundred miles by rail, comfortably housed in the new and hospital home of Mrs. and Mr. Bliss. This, like the church, is a balloon frame building veneered with hard brick (the warmest kind of building for our climate in winter), two stories high, containing wide hall, dining and drawing-rooms, library, kitchen with wood-shed, and four good sized bedrooms above stairs, all easily and economically heated, and for the variety, comfort and capacity of these rooms, all except the kitchen being included within four walls, thus exposing the least amount of external surface to the cold, reflects the utmost credit upon the good sense and judgment of Mr. Bliss, who planned it. The church which is in the Gothic style, is an equally creditable building close to the parsonage house, with well-proportioned nave, choir, sanctuary, vestry and porch surmounting on the outside by a bell cot, and looks extremely well, both internally and externally. It was furnished when I visited it with a good organ, handsome reredos and substantial altar, the seats and font being then to be provided. The Rev. Deacon in charge had arranged for an entire week of services, with Holy Communion each morning and prayers with addresses each evening, beginning with Sunday, the 17th December, when the new church was to be opened for Divine Service. On this Sunday I was delighted to find a large congregation in their new church of Holy Trinity and to have the privilege of administering the Holy Communion to seventeen communicants, the entire congregation remaining to the end of "the Divine Service." The Litany was said in the afternoon by Mr. Bliss, and an address delivered by the writer to a considerable number of children attending the Sunday School and their friends, two children who had been baptized privately being received publicly into the Church on this occasion. At Evensong Mr. Bliss preached a good sermon to a very full congregation. The Revs. J. Harvey and J. Daw visited the district on subsequent days of the week and returned equally pleased. Thus happily has this work of God's Church progressed during the last six months at the Mattawa, and if God grant the self-denying missionary the same success in building up the spiritual fabric of the Church amongst these people, fulfilling his and their hearts with the love of the Crucified and Living Jesus and making them abound in all goodness, neither the silver nor gold nor the sympathy and prayers of their fellow-Churchmen will be wanting to bring about yet greater results in this missionary district. "J. W. F."

MERRICKVILLE AND BERRITT'S RAPIDS.—A concert was held in the Town Hall, Merrickville, on the 28th ult., under the auspices of Trinity Church, and proved successful in every respect. The annual Sunday School entertainment and Jacob's Ladder took place on New Year's night. The Ladder presented a very fine appearance ornamented with lighted tapers and prizes for 88 Sunday-school pupils. A goodly sum was realized for the benefit of the school. The Christmas services were well attended, and the incumbent was greatly encouraged by the good will shown towards him through two offerings, which amounted to the sum of \$77 (seventy dollars). In addition to the above, the offerings in kind were valued at \$40. The communicants on Xmas Day numbered 166.

OTTAWA.—St. John's—Epiphany Festival.—The Sunday School room of this church was occupied on the evening of the 31st inst. with a joyous band of teachers and scholars. The latter were some 120 in number, and met for the enjoyment of a bounteous supper a little before 6 p.m.; and I was glad to observe that as a result of a year and a half's labor of the rector, Rev. J. J. Bogert, a much larger number of children, to whom a good supper was a treat, were present than I ever saw there before. Supper over, the tables were removed and the whole large hall was given over for about an hour to the sacred enjoyment of *gloria*. I could not help thinking it a pity that no plan of varied amusements had been drawn up, for Canadian children know very little about pastor games, and the result was a good deal of noise, but comparatively little pleasure. I should think, when their energies were pretty well worn out in this way the rector had announced that prizes were to be given to all the scholars who had obtained a certain number of marks for attendance, lessons and good conduct during the year. Two daughters of Mr. John Hill carried off the first prizes and Miss J. liked Beaven had secured the third. When the rest of the prizes

had been distributed the two scholars who obtained highest marks under the minimum received small but valued testimonials of their care and diligence. A short time after Santa Claus appeared and when the Union Jacks surrounding the platform had been removed, there was seen a beautiful Christmas tree loaded with gifts offered to the Sunday School of St. Alban's by friends of religion throughout the city. Some of these gifts were very useful, some only ornamental, and some were given with a humorous meaning; but to each was attached a bag of candy, the preparing of which had taken up much time and labor of the ladies of the congregation. One in particular may be mentioned viz., the presentation of a bag of candy and a *tin horn* to Mr. Harris, the new organist, who received the gift in the spirit in which it was given. The distribution of these gifts took up another hour or more, and about 9.30 the meeting separated, everyone receiving an orange, the gift of Santa Claus (Mr. Fred. White), as he or she left the room.

SOME interesting extracts from a letter from Dr. Landers, Archbishop of Ottawa, who is at present sojourning at Rome, to one of the Wardens of Christ Church have been published in an Ottawa paper from which I learn the thorough lionizing of Rome is to him an honest enjoyment.

MISSIONARY DEPUTATION No. 2.—Rev. K. L. Jones, B. D., Convener, and Rev. R. J. Harvey, Conductor, has just finished its labors. Successful meetings were held in the Parish of Lynn and New Dublin and at Christ Church, Gananoque. The offertory at St. Paul's, Brockville, was a little below that of last year, and the cold weather and local Church entertainments injured the meeting in the Mission of Kirkley.

EASTON'S CORNERS.—The church of St. Anne's presents a very chaste and churchly appearance. The altar is vested in superlunary and heavy frontal of very elaborate embroidery and *apophryse* work, sent, I believe, as a present from England. A rich dozal over the altar and hangings of maroon cloth on either side give the sanctuary a finished appearance, such as is presented by few country churches in the Diocese.

FRANKVILLE.—St. Thomas', the mother church of this Mission, has been repainted, and the altar has also been vested in better taste and style.

BEAUBURG.—Mr. Daw, the missionary appointed to this rather neglected parish last August, has thrown himself into the work with much vigor and enthusiasm. He has three churches in course of construction, one of which will be finished next July. There are also 100 candidates for Confirmation.

SEELY'S BAY.—The congregation exhibited its love and reverence for God's House this Christmas by furnishing St. Peter's Church with a nice surplice stole, carpet for the chancel and matting for the aisle. A font and Communion Service are yet needed; and the Incumbent will be glad to receive subscriptions towards the same. This congregation further showed its thoughtfulness and good will for its pastor by visiting the parsonage on the evening of the 27th, when a good surprise was made, which increased the harmonious feeling existing all through the Mission of Leeds between the people and the Missionary.

KIRKLEY.—The concert given at Frankville on the 2nd inst. in aid of St. Thomas' Church was a great success from every point of view. The Christmas tree entertainment at the Belan school-house was also very successful, and the greatest praise is due to all those who assisted in arranging it. The Sunday School entertainment at Easton's Corners has been postponed on account of the prevailing sickness. A week night service has been commenced in Hornick's school-house for the convenience of a large number of parishioners who are unable to go to either of the churches. Suitable presentations have been made to the organists of St. Thomas', Frankville, and St. Anne's, Easton's Corners, in acknowledgment of their highly appreciated services.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

[From our own Correspondent.]

NEW ARCHDEACON.—The Lord Bishop is about to bestow upon Rev. Canon Dixon, B.A., Rector of Guelph and ex-aminator in the diocese, the title and office of Archdeacon. The clergy list of this Diocese will then be composed of 2 Archdeacons, 4 Rural Deans, 6 Canons, a Dean and 44 Rectors, Incumbents and Missionaries. We are not aware that there is any duty in this Diocese attached to a Canonry, as there certainly is no incumbent. Unhappily, the Cathedral Church is in the worst position pecuniarily of any parish church in the Diocese, bearing an enormous debt, the interest payable on which cripples its income to that extent that the parish is very populous no assistant minister can be given to the Rector in charge. An Archdeaconry seems also to be a *superfluous* office with no incumbent. Probably it is more in consonance with the physical perfection of a Diocese that it should possess two *oculopuncta* than a single eye.

CATARAUGUS.—Reverend Arthur Boultbee has charge of this parish.

HAMILTON.—St. Luke's Mission.—No appointment has been made to this Mission, vacant by the removal of Rev. P. E. Hart.

SANDY HARBOR AND BARRONVILLE.—The Lord Bishop held Confirmation for this Mission at St. Mary's Church, Barronville, on January 23rd, when 22 catechumens received the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. The Revs. Rural Dean Bull, Canon Curran, Thos. Geoghegan and the Missionary in charge were present and took part in the services of the day.

HAMILTON.—The members of St. Thomas' Church, Literary Society held their annual dinner in the school-house on the evening of the 11th inst. More than sixty young men sat round the cheerful board, the genial Rector, the Rev. W. B. Curran, presiding. The usual toasts were drunk enthus-

astically in good lemonade, and were responded to in speeches which, for their readiness and eloquence, would greatly encourage the clergy in giving societies of this kind a place of honor in the Church. The Rector in thanking his young friends for the enthusiasm with which they had drunk his health, assured them that his great aim had ever been to show them that the Church had sympathy for young men in every pursuit that is good, and that her great anxiety for them is that they should be better, manlier men, more like their Blessed Master, because of their Christianity. The sight of so many young faces, all beaming with innocent enjoyment with enthusiasm for a society that helps them intellectually and morally as well, and with loyalty to their clergyman, who, as one of their speakers said, was ever ready with brotherly help and strong, Christian counsel, the sight of all this assured your correspondent that the Church, wherever she is sympathetic, will find no difficulty in securing the loving and lasting attachment of young men.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

[From our own Correspondents.]

AYLWIN.—In this mission has been reorganized what four years ago would have been deemed useless and impossible—a Ladies' Aid Society. The present incumbent, however, organized one, and its success in actual work and in the promotion of a common interest is plainly seen and felt. Two crimson altar cloths—one for St. John's Church and the other for Trinity—have been made by them, with book marks of a corresponding color. The altar coverings have cost about \$15 each; and they have also made a fine set of altar linen, enriched with fine hand-made lace, the work of one of the congregation. The Church of St. Peter's, in Cawood, has had presented to it a crimson frontal for the altar by Miss Gibb, of Montreal, and the altar linen for the same has been presented by Mrs. Gibb, Com.

The new church at the Pikanok, Township of Wright—the foundation stone of which was laid in July last—is now nearly completed, so far as the outer structure goes. Its full completion will take but a short time.

The Rev. Canon Henderson, who met with an accident that was high proving fatal, is happily recovering.

The number of Christmas entertainments for Sunday School children and the number of kindly remembrances to clergymen in various part of the Diocese indicate that pleasant relationships in ecclesiastical and congregational matters are on the increase.

The Montreal Theological College began its Easter term on the 9th of January.

Very successful meetings have been held under the Bishop of Algoma wherever he has had the privilege or opportunity given him to advocate the claims of his Diocese.

By the death of Rural Dean Robinson on the Missions on the Grand River are left in a very destitute condition, so far as Church ordinances go. No less than three or four large Missions, all in a line we may say, are vacant—Aylmer, Chelms, Bartley, Quin. But we see the Bishop is about to hold an ordination in Trinity Church on Sunday, 21st January, 1883, which will, perhaps, furnish a supply for some of them. The Bishop has said before that he has many applications from clergymen who desire to enter this Diocese, but he declines to accept them. His desire is for a home supply only apparently, and perhaps it is a good policy.

DIocese OF ALGOMA.

The Treasurer of the Diocese of Algoma begs to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums:—

- Episcopal Endowment.
A Friend, Quebec, \$500.
Mission Fund.
Dr. and Mrs. Barrett, Montreal, \$100; A. Smith, Esq., 10.00; Hon. S. H. Blake, Toronto, 100.00; The News-boys, 6.00; W. Ennis, Esq., Alport, 5.00; Offertory St. Joseph's Island, 3.00; A Member of the Cathedral, Toronto, 5.00.
Widows and Orphans.
H. Stanley Smith, Esq., Quebec, \$50.00; W. H. Tapp, Esq., Quebec, 5.00; Offertory St. John's Church, Stisted, 7.25; "Little Amelia," Ottawa, 1.00; Dunn, Griffiths & Co., 100.00; Mrs. Girdlestone, Galt, 5.00.
Steam Yacht.
F. H. Dunn, Esq., Quebec, \$25.00; H. Stanley Smith, Esq., do., 20.00; W. White, Esq., do., 10.00; Dr. Montizambert, do., 20.00; Miss Walker, do., 20.00; G. Okill Stuart, Esq., do., 20.00; A Friend, do., 100.00; J. Hamilton, Esq., Jr., do., 20.00; Tooke Bros., Montreal, 20.00; Geo. W. Craig, Esq., do., 20.00; A. T. Gault, Esq., do., 50.00; per Mrs. Major, do., 25.00; per Miss Brooks, do., 10.50; Mrs. W. Hutton, do., 10.00; Spragge, Esq., do., 5.00; Ladies' Aid, St. Georges, do., 228.00; Mrs. Freer, Winnipeg, 5.00.
Garden River Church.
"Friends from Niagara," 25.00; Offertory St. George's Church, Clarksburg, per Rev. I. D. Brown, 10.00; per Rev. James Chance, Tyrconnel, Children St. Peter's Sunday School, 10.00; Mr. Robert Backus, 5.00; Mr. T. L. Pearse, 5.00; Mr. Andrew Backus, 2.00; Mr. S. Backus, 1.00; Mrs. John Pearse, 1.00; Small Sums, 3.15.
The Bishop of Algoma also desires to make grateful acknowledgment of a box of clothing and of \$5.00 specially for Communion vessels, received from the "20 Minutes' Society," Ottawa, per Mrs. E. Ross.