

month of January. The deputation which visited St. John's consisted of Revs. R. N. Jones and Anderson, and a large increase over last year's contribution was the result of their appeal.

A very successful entertainment was provided by the women's association on the evening of the 28th, consisting of songs and tableaux. In spite of a stormy night there was a large attendance, and some forty dollars was handed over to the Sunday-school building fund as the result.

The Rev. A. W. Mackay, accompanied by Rev. C. Saddington, of Richmond, left for their missionary meetings January 11th. Some of the places visited were Perth, Smith's Falls, Lanark, Franktown. They report an increase of about ten per cent. over last year's contributions.

ST. ALBAN'S.—The Rev. J. J. Bogert, rector, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture to a large audience on the evening of January 28th. Mr. Bogert gathered a great deal of valuable information regarding the wants of the Church in the Northwest when he was present at the synod in Winnipeg. The lecture was illustrated by several beautiful lantern slides. The Ven. Archdeacon Lauder was in the chair.

Missionary meetings were held in this church on the 7th.

GRACE CHURCH.—The Rev. J. F. Gorman, rector, left Ottawa in company with Rev. W. H. Stiles, of South March, on the 16th January, to hold meetings in the interest of the Mission Fund at Almonte, Carleton Place, Clayton, Innisville, Pakenham, and Antrim. Unfortunately the rough condition of the roads and the extremely cold weather somewhat affected the attendance. But, on the whole, the meetings were very satisfactory.

A very successful "at home" was held at the Rev. J. F. Gorman's house for the members of the congregation on the evening of the 28th January. Many members who were hitherto strangers to one another thus became acquainted. A school hall is much talked of just now, and we hope that ere long we shall have one in course of erection.

During the rector's absence on the 17th the services were taken by Rev. W. Hannington in the morning and the Bishop in the evening.

THE MISSION FUND.—Since the needs of the diocese are being brought before our several congregations at this particular time in connection with the Mission Fund, it may be well to say a word about it. In the first place, the

work of the Church in her outlying districts depends very largely upon this fund. If the fund suffers at any time from indifference or want of support from our people, then these outlying districts suffer in proportion. Grants are made by the committee to needy parishes in proportion to their needs, or, rather, we should say, in proportion to the resources of the fund itself. The new diocese of Ottawa has inherited the half of an old debt which was incurred by the Mission Board when this diocese and that of Ontario were one. To wipe out this debt and to provide for the needs of the new diocese the Bishop appeals to all Church people to increase their subscriptions seventy-five per cent. There are four special collections during the year in all our churches ordered by canon of synod, namely, Advent, Whitsuntide, missionary meetings, and parochial collection by cards.

Let all Church people do their duty faithfully to this fund, remembering that the dispensing of those blessings which we enjoy to others depends upon our generosity and Christian liberality. God loves a cheerful giver.

FATHER OSBORNE, who is still remembered by so many in Ottawa, writes on the 12th December from Point de Galle, Ceylon: "I have just travelled from South Africa to Ceylon with Father Page, and he has told me of his visit to Ottawa. It is a matter of great thankfulness to know that the work of the mission so many years ago has not passed away, and it is pleasant to know I am not forgotten. May God increase every blessing upon you!

"After seven years' work in South Africa I am on my way to India, where I am to spend five or six months in missions and retreats, returning to England, if it be God's will, in May. All this is very new to me and very interesting. While you are under snow, I am travelling through miles of cocoanut groves, by native mat huts, surrounded by Tamils, Hindoos and Buddhists in religion. My work of course will be among Christians. In so short a visit it would not be possible to do much, or indeed anything, for others. I am going to a wedding now, which will be a novel sight. All the people here go bareheaded except in rain. I wonder what it will be like to feel cold again after eight years without winter? Remember me kindly to those who remember me."

Two young girls, who after four years' attendance at the Sisters' school in Ottawa have been sent, one to England, and the other to Toronto, have each taken excellent places in their new schools, testifying to the thoroughness of the grounding they had received.