

are now revealed to view. The carpenters are making rapid progress, *ferret opus*, the work is being prosecuted day and night in order to allow of the opening taking place on Sunday the 20th February.—At last we have a church school at work amongst us. Wentworth School, which is shortly, I believe, to be incorporated as a college, opened on the 15th inst. with thirty pupils—a most auspicious beginning. The Bishop of Niagara is visitor and President of the Board of Reference. The principal, C. L. Worrell, B.A., second son of Canon Worrell, of Oakville, is certainly peculiarly fitted for the important work he has entered upon. A gentleman of high mathematical and classical attainments, of considerable experience in teaching, and a proficient in those "sports which do not kill," he will, I venture to prophesy, in no long time raise the school to a level with those of Lennoxville or Port Hope.

THE ladies of the West Flamboro' English Church held a social in the new Township Hall, Bullock's Corners, on Tuesday evening last, for the purpose of raising funds to build a school house for Sunday school purposes. The arrangements were excellent, and the musical and literary part of the affair first class. Miss Steele, Miss Jessie Steele, the Misses Clark of Waterdown, Miss Hore, and Messrs. Andrew and James Clark, and John Kieval took part in the musical performances. Mr. Reginald Ratcliffe gave a reading, and the Rev. Mr. Chafee delivered a short address.

WATERDOWN.—A very successful Christmas Festival, in connection with Grace Church Sunday School, was held in the Town Hall, on the evening of Innocents' day. Refreshments were served first to the young and then to the old, on the ground floor of the hall. After all had partaken, an adjournment took place to the upper room, whereon entering, a large array of children, with cheerful faces, seated on the platform, met the eye. During the course of the evening several Christmas carols were sung by the children, and sacred songs by members of the choir under the direction of Mrs. Houston, who presided at the melodeon. The Rev. J. B. Richardson, M.A., of St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton, and the Rev. P. L. Spencer of Wellington Square, briefly addressed the children. The Rev. Canon Houston, superintendent of the Sunday School, distributed the prizes, consisting of useful and attractive books, giving a book to each child, differing in value, according to the marks received during the year. The infant class of little girls taught by Miss Skinner, presenting her with an appropriate Christmas gift, was an interesting event in the evening's proceedings. By charging an admission fee of 25c., to all except the Sunday School children, the sum of \$40 was realized, which after paying for the prizes will leave a balance on hand, which will be added to, and the sum provided, applied to the library.

TORONTO.

On the 12th and 18th instant, the clergy of the Rural Deanery of East Simcoe held a Sunday School Convention in this town. The attendance of laity was small.—*Orillia Packet*.

Two very successful missionary meetings were held in St. Paul's Church, Lifford and Bethany, Manvers, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings the 12th and 18th inst. At the former place, owing to the roughness of the roads, the attendance was not very large. The meeting

was addressed by Revs. Messrs. Walker and Davis, and Rural Dean Allen. At Bethany, a thriving village on the Midland Railroad, the meeting was held in the new Temperance Hall. The building which will hold about three hundred, was well filled by an attentive audience. Eloquent and forcible addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. Walker, Davis, and Rural Dean Allen. At these meetings the Rural Dean urged upon all the great necessity of doing something generous for the mission fund—one hundred dollars, he thought, should be sent by this mission. This suggestion was liberally responded to, and more than one half the amount was subscribed at the meeting. We trust that these two cheering meetings, are but the precursors of others still more successful, and that the people of the Township of Manvers will awake to the realization of their responsibilities as Churchmen, and soon take their places among the active missions of this Diocese.—*COM.*

RURAL DEANERY OF NORTH YORK.—The second week of the series of missionary meetings commenced on Monday evening, January 10th, in the beautiful little church at Aurora. The incumbent, the Rev. A. J. Fidler, in the chair, who conducted the devotional services. Addresses were made by the Rev. Canon Osler, Rural Dean, F. Tremayne, Dr. Smithett and Geo. Horlock, on the needs of the mission work, and the duty of Churchmen to contribute to its support. Jan. 11th.—The deputation proceeded to Sutton this evening, where a goodly number of persons were gathered for the meeting, in a public Hall, the aged and venerable Canon Ritchie in the chair. As the chairman and the deputation had both been missionaries in Guiana, forty and thirty-three years ago, respectively, some interesting reminiscences of the good work there were called up, on this occasion. The Rev. Geo. Horlock also addressed the meetings.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS IN NORTH YORK.

—The annual meetings in aid of the Mission Fund of the diocese in this deanery, opened on Monday evening, Jan. 8rd, at York Mills, where, in the tastefully decorated church a very good congregation was assembled. On the chair being taken (after prayers) by the Rev. Rural Dean, H. B. Osler, Rector, addresses were made by the Rev. F. Tremayne of Newmarket, R. Shanklin of Thornhill, Rural Dean Smithett of Lindsay, Rural Dean F. L. Osler of Dundas. We have not time to particularize the subjects brought before the meeting by the several speakers, including the incumbent; it is sufficient to say that they were earnest and to the point. The musical services were conducted by the rector's family, and were heartily entered into by the congregation.—Jan. 5th. The deputation was met this evening in the old church, Thornhill, by the Rector, Rural Deans H. B. Osler and Givins and the Rev. A. J. Fidler of Aurora. The congregation was addressed after the usual devotional exercises by the Rural Dean in a thoroughly practical style on the duty of Church extension and personal sacrifice in the work of Christian missions. The remarks of Rural Dean Givins were especially interesting in his reminiscences of the old parish under the Dewar and Blake administration of forty years since. The anthems and other musical portions of the service were effectively rendered by the combined Thornhill and Richmond Hill choirs.—Jan. 6th. This evening the largest congregation of the series of meetings was gathered in the new church at Richmond Hill, the night being the most favourable yet experienced.

The Rev. Rural Dean Osler conducted the opening services, and the rector, after a brief statement of the contributions of the parish, and of this particular congregation, introduced the Rev. Rural Deans Osler and Smithett as the speakers on the occasion. During the evening excellent music was discoursed by the well trained choir, which, together with the deep interest manifested in the stirring addresses, served to make the meeting a most decided success. Simultaneously with the missionary meeting at Richmond Hill, the annual gathering for missionary intelligence was held in the church at Spring Hill, King township. The incumbent, the Rev. A. J. Fidler, conducted the opening services, and after his address on the interest taken by the congregation in the missionary enterprise, addresses were made by the Ven. Arch. Provost Whitaker, and the Rev. F. Tremayne. The former in his appeal for the support of the missions of the Church, earnestly advocated an expression of material sympathy for the diocese of Algoma; also an interesting account was given of the last hours of the late Dr. Beaven, who was so long connected with that congregation. Mr. Tremayne ably set forth the wants of the Mission Board at the present time, and the privilege conferred upon the various members of the Church of Christ in helping forward the Master's work by their means and their exertions.—Jan. 7th. The deputation supported by the Revs. H. B. Osler, F. Tremayne, and R. Shanklin, met the Rev. A. J. Fidler with his Oak Ridges congregation this evening, in a church well filled by an intelligent and interested assemblage, and beautifully decorated for the festive season. After prayers by the incumbent, addresses were successively delivered by the above clergymen and the Rev. Dr. Smithett, as the deputation from the Mission Board, in which followed by Mr. Fidler, the subject of missions was exhaustively and practically handled.—Jan. 9th. Divine service was solemnized in St. Paul's Church, Newmarket, this afternoon, by the Rev. F. Tremayne, incumbent, and the missionary sermon was preached by the Rev. W. T. Smithett, D.D., of Lindsay, from Isaiah vi. 8—the call and response to the work of Christ in the world, and how the living Church must regard it. At 3 p.m. after prayers by the Rev. F. Tremayne, the Rev. Dr. Smithett preached in St. James', Sharon, from Rom. x. 14—on the duty of communicating the blessings of the Gospel to all around us. At 7 p.m. the preacher having proceeded to Holland Landing delivered a discourse in Christ Church, (the incumbent, the Rev. G. Horlock, reading Evening Prayer), from Isaiah ix. 22—the growth from small beginnings of the Church of Christ being the earnest of the ingathering of the world into the coming kingdom.

REPORT OF RURAL-DEACONAL MEETINGS—

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION—AND ACCOMPANYING DIVINE SERVICES.—Meetings of the clergy of the East Simcoe deanery were held in Orillia, on Wednesday and Thursday in last week, pursuant to notice from the Rural Dean. Present; Rev. A. Stewart, M.A., Rural Dean, in the chair, Canon Morgan, G. A. Anderson, M.A., Joseph Fletcher, B.A., John Burkitt, James H. Harris, and W. C. Bradshaw. The morning session, held on Wednesday, was mainly devoted to the consideration of the differences, which exist in the mode of conducting Divine Service in the several parishes of the deanery; with the object of assimilating the different uses as much as possible. The afternoon sessions, held on Wednesday and Thursday, were chiefly occupied in framing a set of rules for the guidance of future meetings, and making