

with an admirable address from the late D'Arcy Boulton, Esq., M.P.P., whom Mr. Bates the missionary in charge, had invited to be present. A political meeting of Mr. Boulton's at the same hour as the missionary meeting, was, by a pre-arrangement postponed.

The following evening an excellent meeting was held at Christ's Church, Ivy, where the Rural Dean is a great favourite. In accordance with a custom at this place "whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," a vote of thanks was presented to the deputation. Soon afterwards a dear, good woman was heard to say, "No doubt a vote of thanks is very pleasing to his Lordship, but far better if the people had presented him with fifty or sixty dollars to help on the work in his diocese."

The following evening a meeting was held in St. Luke's Church, and the church would have been crowded, but the weather was very stormy indeed. The Sunday School children at this station had their semi-annual treat a few evenings afterwards, when stereoscopic views, refreshments, singing, hymns, and distributing rewards, was the order of the entertainment.

Thus ended the missionary meetings in the western part of the Rural Deanery, and it is not too much to say that they have been the most successful ever held in West Simcoe. The Bishop endeared himself to all whom he met, and most unconsciously won golden opinions in every direction by his kindness, courtesy, and affability. When the missionary at Ivy thanked his Lordship for his kindness in visiting several of his parishioners the Bishop replied, in substance, that he had been a missionary himself, and knew the value of a friendly Episcopal visit to members of rural congregations, thus reminding one of the exquisitely beautiful and touching sentiment in the line, "*Non ignara mali, miseris succurrere disco.*"

PICKERING.—The Rev. Johnstone Vicars, M.D., has sent us the following supplement to his report recently published in the *Gazette*. Pickering has been described to me by some dignitaries as one of the most neglected missions in the whole Diocese, and one of my predecessors told me that if I wanted nothing to do, this was the place that would suit me. I was appointed to the Mission in October, 1873, and in two months afterwards came into residence, and now see what God hath wrought in and for the Parish in this short time: It consists of two stations: Duffin's Creek and Greenwood, six miles apart. Sixty five persons have become contributors to the support of the Minister, sixty of whom have fulfilled their promises, and the others partly, so that the amount guaranteed for the year is nearly paid. The church at Duffin's Creek was in an unfinished and dilapidated state, not one of the windows was sound, it was consequently so cold that several Sundays last winter it was almost impossible to have service there; everything in and around the building had a desolate look; now the roof is ceiled from end to end, five double sashes are put to the east and west windows, and the other windows are repaired, so that people can sit with comfort on the stormiest day. The small, old fashioned and much used melodeon is replaced by a new and improved instrument. The Parsonage was wretchedly cold, and in need of repair and improvements; now it has been rough-cast and painted, a cistern put down, a kitchen made out of the shed, and other conveniences added.

At Greenwood for, I believe, eighteen years, service has been held in the Orange Hall; now we have procured a good house for \$400, which is used for service at this time, and is to be fitted up for a church. In three days twelve persons out of my small flock in that vicinity put \$380 into my hands to purchase the house and the ladies are working for a bazaar to provide funds for fitting it up. The following is a list of contributions in and out of the Mission since October 1873, to November 1874:—

Grant from General Purposes Committee to Church and Parsonage	\$100 00
Collected from friends in Toronto, and elsewhere.....	110 00
By concerts for organ and Parsonage.....	110 00
By envelopes and collections in St George's Church.....	73 00
By occasional contributions.....	21 00
By contributions at Greenwood to buy house.....	380 00
By Sunday collections at Greenwood.....	13 00

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