

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—April Collection:—Christ Church, Stouffville, 2.45; Galway, Kinmount, 75 cents, Swamp Lake 20 cents.

MISSION FUND.—Missionary Meeting:—St. Paul's, Toronto, 20.10; Brighton, 4.43. Donation: Clarkson Jones 50.00.

Proceeds of S. P. G. draft for £9 1s. 9d. stg.; special contributions for the Bishop of Toronto, per Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 19 Delahay street, Westminster, London, England.

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.—St. John's, Harwood, 2.00.

Owing to going to press early on Tuesday morning, we are obliged to defer till next week any account of the opening of Synod.

The ladies of the Church Women's Mission Aid earnestly request all clergymen and others who desire their assistance for next winter, to send in their applications at the earliest possible moment; much inconvenience and disappointment having been caused by applications coming in too late to be attended to before Christmas, especially in the Algoma diocese where navigation is closed early in the season.

St. James's.—A pew holder of this church has written to ask us what church or congregation in New York has made the Rev. Mr. Rainsford the liberal offer of a much better appointment than he now has, inasmuch as all the New York papers are silent upon the subject. We can only say that we do not know; perhaps Mr. Rainsford himself can answer the question.

ORDINATION.—The Bishop of Toronto held an ordination in St. James's on Sunday last, at eleven o'clock, preceded by a sermon by the Rev. W. Reiner, who was acting as the Bishop's chaplain, from St. James i. 5. The candidates were presented to his Lordship by the Rev. W. Reiner; those admitted deacons being Messrs. A. L. Parker, E. Daniel, J. O. Crisp, and D. Hague; and Revs. J. W. McLeary, F. W. Squire, C. H. Marsh, S. W. Jones, and R. Brydges being advanced to the priesthood. The priests present were Revs. W. Reiner, W. S. Rainsford, C. W. E. Body, and R. W. E. Greene, who joined with his Lordship in the imposition of hands upon those being admitted to the priesthood. His Lordship celebrated the Holy Communion. There was a large congregation present.

SILVER WEDDING PRESENTATION.—On Saturday evening, the 10th inst., the members of the church of St. John the Evangelist assembled in the school-room, for the purpose of presenting their pastor, the Rev. Alexander Williams, with a token of their esteem and respect for him. Chief Justice Spragge occupied the chair, and in a few brief remarks stated the object for which they were met together. He then read the following address, which was beautifully illuminated. Accompanying the address was an autograph album containing the names of the members of the congregation:—Rev. and Dear Sir,—On an occasion of such happy interest to yourself and Mrs. Williams, as the twenty-fifth anniversary of your marriage, the congregation of St. John's desire to offer to you both their sincere and most hearty congratulations. The relation of pastor and people has now subsisted between yourself and the congregation for upwards of seventeen years, and we should fail in recognition of conscientious discharge of duty on your part if we did not give expression to our sense of the faithfulness and zeal with which you have performed that duty, 'rightly dividing the Word of Truth,' and striving with all your heart to win souls to Christ. We would fain hope that this your silver wedding may ripen into a golden one, when some at least of those who now address you may approach the then venerable couple with renewed congratulations and good wishes, and when it may be the happy lot of both of you to look back with pleasure on a life well spent, and forward to that time when the gracious words will be spoken, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The Chief Justice then presented Mr. Williams with a magnificent solid silver service of sixty-two pieces, in a case suitably inscribed. Mr. Williams, after thanking his friends for their beautiful and costly present, humorously referred to his wedding a quarter of a century ago, together with a few other remarks. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing, music, and general conversation.

PORT PERRY.—Church of the Ascension:—In our quiet and uneventful life, this Whitsun-week has been of special interest. On Whitsun-day two adults were baptized at Morning Prayer after the second Lesson in the face of a full congregation, comprising the "Sons of England," who came as a lodge to the service. The chancel was richly adorned with flowers

in pots, contributed by Dr. Sangster from his beautiful conservatory, and by others as well. A most lovely bouquet was the Doctor's gift for the font, in honour of the solemnity of the day and the baptism. The incumbent preached from the text: "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal," applying it to the newly baptized, to the society present, and the whole congregation, and showing that God's gifts are for the common good of the body. Much warm interest in and sympathy for the young people who presented themselves to Christ as His soldiers in the sacrament of Regeneration was expressed afterwards by many of the congregation; and some outsiders were much impressed by the services of the morning. On Friday the Lord Bishop confirmed fourteen in the same church, which, for a week-day, and a congregation working people, was well filled. Of the fourteen, five were married people, and nothing could be more satisfactory than the general earnestness of the candidates. The Rev. Mr. Burt, of Brooklyn, said Morning Prayer, and the incumbent read the preface in the Confirmation Office. The Bishop's address was extremely good, and evidently made a deep impression. As on Sunday, there was no stint of floral decoration, which is rather an "innovation" here, but is much appreciated. A few of the principal parishioners met his Lordship at the pro-personage, and were much pleased with his kindly manner, and the agreeable intercourse (too rarely possible) with their chief pastor for a couple of hours. Altogether it is hoped that a more earnest spirit is growing here.

Rural-deanery of West Simcoe.—There was a large attendance of the clergy at the house of Rural-dean Forster, Creemore, on the 1st and 2nd inst. The clergy were in full force to the number of twelve. The greater part of the first day, Thursday, was spent in discussing various important diocesan matters, especially the new scheme of missionary collections, and the new constitution of the Synod. In the evening divine service was held in the church at Creemore, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Spragge, Newmarket; his subject being the "breaking of bread," which was so important a feature in the worship of the Apostolic Church. After returning from the church, an essay was delivered by Mr. Swallow, in which much valuable information was given in relation to the conduct of Church services, and especially the musical part of them. On Friday morning there was an early celebration of the Holy Communion at Claverleigh, the residence of the Rural-dean. The service was rendered very earnestly and devotionally in the extemporized chapel. Rev. Mr. Bates being celebrant, assisted by Rev. A. Fletcher. The meeting was brought to a close by a very pleasant drive to a beautiful fall on the Noisy River, above Dunedin, the only drawback being that the party were compelled to put up with a fall of rain at the same time. Nothing could exceed the kindness of the reception accorded to the clergy by the Rural-dean and his family.

MILLBROOK.—The Church people in the parish of Cavan, on hearing of their esteemed rector's purpose to visit the old land, could not let the opportunity pass without showing their appreciation of the zeal and earnestness with which he has laboured among them. Accordingly a deputation from St. John's church waited on him on Saturday evening, the 3rd inst., and presented the following address:

Reverend and Dear Sir.—We take this opportunity of expressing to you our heartfelt appreciation of your earnest and self-sacrificing efforts to benefit us since you came amongst us, now over a quarter of a century, during which you have ministered to us, you have endeared yourself to us all, not only by the earnestness of your pulpit ministrations, and the faithfulness which has characterized your preaching, but also by the geniality and ready sympathy which you have ever shown with one another as you have visited us from time to time in our houses, and we pray that the seed you have sown from year to year may speedily bring forth fruit to God's honour and glory. In conclusion, we ask you to accept this purse as a very slight evidence of the esteem in which you are held by the congregation of St. John's church. We trust that your journey may be a pleasant one, and that God's blessing may follow you. In our prayers for your prosperity, both temporal and spiritual, we would join with your name that of your esteemed wife, Mrs. Allen. Trusting that you may return to us with renewed health and strength, we bid you God speed.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. John's church, Cavan, James Sisson, Robert Vance, churchwardens.

St. Thomas's church presented the following address:

Reverend and Dear Sir.—On the eve of your departure for your native land, we have gathered to wish you a prosperous journey and God speed; and we do it heartily and unitedly, for we remember long

years fraught with vicissitudes to us all, through which you have devoted yourself unremittingly to our spiritual welfare. Time has brought many changes, and the second generation is fast filling the vacant seats. You have been with us through all, and these things have so knit you to us, dear sir, that while we express it in words and seek this opportunity, in some little way, to evince it in deed, we are sure that you realize it without words, and that every kind thought of your people for you has long found response from your own warm heart. So in turning to the old land, from which most of us have sprung, the home of your youth, we trust you will find much to gladden and interest you, and that you will return to us renewed both in vigour of body and mind. Wishing you a prosperous journey and praying that God's blessing may rest upon you, with best wishes for Mrs. Allen and yourself, we beg you to accept, dear sir, this slight token of our esteem and regard. Signed on behalf of the congregation, W. Vance, W. W. Needler, churchwardens.

To both addresses Mr. Allen made suitable replies, thanking the people for the kindly feelings which prompted them not only to refer with approval to his past labours amongst them, but also for the generous gifts with which they presented him. The purse from St. John's church amounted to one hundred dollars, that of Millbrook to one hundred and fifty, and from Trinity Church and from members from outside portions of the parish enough to make it up to nearly three hundred dollars. The rev. gentleman left on the early train on the 6th June for New York, where he will spend a couple of days with his son, Dr. Thomas H. Allen, previous to sailing from that city on Saturday.

HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

STRATFORD.—On Monday evening a number of the congregation of the Home Mission Church at this place, met the Rev. Mr. Curran at the residence of Mr. John Steward, and in view of his translation to South Zorra presented him with the following address:

DEAR SIR.—On the eve of your departure from Stratford, we desire to convey our best wishes for your future success in your new sphere of labour.

We deeply regret the circumstances which have led to the resignation of your charge, for during the years of your stay amongst us we have known you only as the diligent pastor and kind friend, with a ready hand and sympathy in seasons of trouble; and we are fully confident that these qualities will in future, as heretofore, be the means of securing for you firm and abiding friendships. Of Mrs. Curran, too, we take leave with feelings of sorrow and regret, and trust that you will convey to her our expressions of good-will. We regret that the suddenness of your departure precludes the possibility of a less hurried and formal leavetaking. Let this be our apology.

On behalf of the congregation: E. Ball, W. Wallace.

Mr. Curran replied very briefly and with considerable feeling, signifying to those present his appreciation of their kindness and good feeling, and trusting that under the new pastor the "little church" might go on and prosper. On behalf of Mrs. Curran he thanked them heartily.

The members of the choir and Sunday-school presented Mrs. Curran with several valuable articles in recognition of her unwearied efforts in their behalf during the past five years. Mr. Curran and his family left for Zorra on Tuesday morning, quite a number of their friends meeting them at the station to wish them farewell.

ALGOMA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

The Rev. Alfred W. H. Chowne begs to acknowledge with hearty thanks, on behalf of Mrs. Chowne, a box of household articles for herself and family from Mrs. J. G. Dykes of Galt; also a box of clothing from the C. W. M. A. for distribution per Mrs. O'Reilly, Toronto.

S. S. Teacher's Assistant TO THE INSTITUTE LEAFLETS.

THE COLLECT, ETC.

Third Sunday after Trinity.—No. 31.

THE Gospel for this day brings before us our Lord's beautiful parable of the Lost Sheep and Lost Money. It was called forth by the accusation against Him from the Pharisees and Scribes, "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." He at once, by the graphic teaching of a parable, enforces the