

**CHURCH WOMEN'S MISSION AID.**—A very large and pleasant meeting was held in the Holy Trinity school room on Friday, January 7th by the Ladies connected with the sewing department of the above society. The ladies of the head branch who are in connection with no special parish issued invitations to all the parish branches, which were cordially accepted, and resulted in gathering together 50 or 60 Ladies representing the parishes of St. George's, St. Stephen's, Holy Trinity, All Saint's, St. Paul's, St. Luke's, Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. Matthew's; all of whom have been working for some time past for the C. W. M. A. Tea and cake having been discussed and general conversation indulged in for about one hour, business was commenced by the Sec'y of the sewing Department reading a report of the work of the past year showing that 19 boxes, value \$716.31 have been sent out containing books, papers, clothing, groceries and articles for Xmas trees, 16 Surplices, 8 Stoles, 5 sets of Altar Linen and 2 Altar Cloths have been made, some as gifts and some to order. The expense for materials, express &c., has amounted to \$162.12 and the total amount of cash subscriptions for the sewing department, including work paid for amounted to \$191.05. The balance of value of boxes being made up by donations of materials. A discussion then took place upon the advisability of obtaining a room unconnected with any Church building, to be used for all the purposes of the society, viz: the sewing meeting of the head branch, the board meetings of the full society, and general missionary meetings, when desired. There were many reasons urged for the proposal, and as the only one against it was the expense, it was proposed that one lady from each parish in connection with the C. W. M. A. should be responsible for \$1.50 per month, specially for rent, to be collected by her in any way most convenient to herself. This was carried unanimously and 6 or 7 ladies immediately volunteered to undertake this collection in their own parishes. This settled the point at once, and a vote of thanks having been passed to the Church-wardens and Clergy of Holy Trinity for the use so kindly given of their schoolroom for the last two years, the secretary and superintendent were empowered to take any other rooms which were suitable. After a little discussion and conversation upon the subjects connected with the work of the society the meeting broke up. All present expressing their entire satisfaction at the way in which the work has been carried on, and the amount accomplished.

**C. W. M. A.**—The sewing meetings of the head branch will on and after Friday, 21st of January, be held in their own rooms in the Mechanics Institute, Church St. up stairs. Ladies are invited to call on Friday afternoon, also Clergymen who have orders to give, or applications to make. We have a number of books on hand to be disposed of, part of the library of a late clergyman. Letters addressed as usual.

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### NIAGARA.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

**HAMILTON.**—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of December 1880.

**MISSION FUND.**—*Thanksgiving Collections.*—Grantham, \$3.75; Merritt, \$2.80; Rothsay, \$1.70; Queenston, \$2.00. *On Guarantee account.*—Colbeck, \$36.00; Harrison, \$23.43; Hillsburg, \$40.00; Rothsay, \$50.00; Port Colborne, \$100.00; Stoney Creek, \$25.00; Binbrook, \$50.00.

**WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS FUND.**—*Offering Collections.*—Grantham, \$4.40; Horner, 90 cents; Merritt, \$4.60; Dundas, \$18.49; *Annual Apportionment.*—Port Colborne and Marshville, \$38.00.

**ALGOA FUND.**—Hamilton St. Thomas, \$50.00.

### HURON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

**CHATHAM.**—The Church of Holy Trinity is about to have a new organ, the gift of a gentleman who lives outside of Chatham and who feels interested in the prosperity of the Church.

**MITCHELL.**—Missionary meetings have been held in the Trinity Church this week, and in St. Mary's Church, Dublin, when the Rev. Mr. Campbell agent of the Diocesan Missionary Society presented the claims of Missions.

**WOODSTOCK.**—In St. Paul's on Wednesday evening there was an organ recital. There was a fair audience and all were delighted with the sacred music. The recital commenced with the "Gloria in excelsis" by the choir, followed by an organ solo by Mr. E. Fisher of Toronto. With the exception of Mr. Fisher the entire entertainment was by the choir of St. Paul's. Mrs. Hayden in her solo, "Jesus, lover of my soul" well maintained their reputation, as did Miss H.

Lewis who sang "Sweet Spirit hear my prayer," Mr. Hodgins in his solo, "Guide me O thou Great Jehovah," and Mr. McCleughan in "O Salutaris," charmed every one. Miss A. Parkes singing in the final God save the Queen proved her excellence as a Soprano. We must not omit to mention the directors of the choir, Mr. J. Coventry to whom no little of the pleasure of the evening is owing.

**LISTOWELL.**—Rev. Henry Bartlett, Incumbent of Christ Church has been suffering for several days from inflammation of the lungs and spinal disease. His speedy recovery is earnestly hoped for by his parishioners.

**KIRKTON.**—There was a Missionary meeting in connection with St. Paul's Church, on the 12th instant. The Rev. C. Newman, formerly Incumbent of the Church presided. The Rev. Mr. Smith gave a very interesting account of the Church Mission work and its extent more especially in the Great North West.

**MILLBANK; Missionary Services.**—Sunday, January 9th, the Missionary Agent of this Diocese, the Rev. W. F. Campbell, accompanied by the Incumbent the Rev. D. J. Caswell, conducted services in the three Churches of this Mission. Mr. Campbell preached three very excellent Sermons full of information about Missionary work at home and abroad. He appears to be improving as the good work goes on, and succeeds in exciting in the hearts of our people that burning zeal for Missionary enterprise for which the Church of England is noted.

The joyous season was not forgotten in this Mission, and as it approached a few ready and willing hands were at work and the result was that Grace Church here was very neatly and tastefully decorated for the occasion. And whilst the people did not fail to remember their pastor in the Xmas Offertory, they were also kind enough to remember him otherwise, for a day or two before Xmas three loads of oats, amounting to about 120 bushels, were unloaded at the parsonage stables by the Mornington and Wellesley Churchmen. Such remembrances are very cheering to thy Clergymen.

**PORT ROWAN.**—A sad accident took place here on Thursday last, Dec. 30th, which resulted in the death of the leading merchant of this town. Mr. John E. Stearns, of the firm of Stearns Bros., in going home to dinner stopped at his stable, in the absence of his boy, to feed the horses. It appears that he must have stumbled on entering the stall of one of the animals, a nervous beast, and was kicked and stunned so as to be unable to extricate himself. He lived till the following evening, although quite unconscious all the time. He was a prominent young man, being Vice President of the Port Huron and Lake Shore Railway, a past Master Mason, and one of the moral, energetic and useful citizens in the town, greatly loved and honored by the whole community. His funeral was attended by about a thousand people, and the sermon from Job xiv. 1-2, was preached by the Rev. E. Stewart Jones, Incumbent of St. John's Church, of which vestry the late departed brother was unanimously elected clerk at the last Annual meeting.

**EXETER.**—*Christ Church.*—The Christmas tree entertainment in Drew's Hall, on Monday evening last was one of the most successful of the kind held in these parts for some time. The young folks as well as the old folks enjoyed themselves immensely, and when the hour of leave-taking arrived, not one of the many faces present but showed that their owners had spent a very pleasant evening. After paying all expenses, the very handsome figure of \$20.95 showed itself in the treasury, and the Rev. E. J. Robinson receives the hearty thanks of all. The Rev. gentleman and his wife were also the recipients of a very handsome present for the Xmas Tree.

A similar entertainment was also held under the auspices of St. Paul's Church, Sunday School Hensall the next evening.

### ALGOA.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The Missionary Bishop of Algoma will (D.V.) visit and hold Confirmation services in the Muskoka and Parry Sound District, as follows:—January—Tuesday, 25th, Beatrice; Wednesday, 26th, Ufford; Thursday, 27th, Ulswater; Friday, 28th, Raymond; Sunday, 30th, Rosseau; Monday, 31st, Parry Sound. February—Tuesday, 1st, McKellar; Wednesday, 2nd, Dundas; Thursday, 3rd, Broadbent; Friday, 4th, Huntsville; Sunday, 6th, Parry Sound; Monday, 7th, Rosseau; Wednesday, 9th, Gregory's; Thursday, 10th, Sequin; Friday, 11th, Dufferin; Saturday, 12th, Spence; Sunday, 13th, 11 a.m., Mid Lothian; Sunday, 13th, 7 p.m., Maganetawan; Monday, 14th, Laxton's; Tuesday, 15th, Burke's Falls; Wednesday, 16th,

Emsdale; Thursday, 17th, Ilfracombe; Sunday, 20th, Hoodstown; Saturday, 26th, Cedars; Sunday, 27th, Aspdin and Lancelot; Monday, 28th, Port Sydney. March—Tuesday, 1st, Huntsville; Wednesday, 2nd, Grasmere; Thursday, 3rd, Harris Settlement; Friday, 4th, Brunez; Sunday, 6th, Port Sydney and Huntsville; Tuesday, 8th, Fathenberg; Wednesday, 13th, Bracebridge; Monday, 14th, Bardsville; Wednesday, 16th, Fairmount; Thursday, 17th, Port Carling; Sunday, 20th, Gravenhurst.

The Rev. W. Crompton begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of \$7 from Goodwood, Orillia, Algoma Mission Box; \$5 from Mr. Girdlestone, and \$5 from Miss Girdlestone, of Galt. Also a parcel of pamphlets, &c., from Miss B. Inlath, London, Ontario. Mr. Crompton hopes his friends will not be impatient as to seeing these, his acknowledgments, as his frequent and now long absences from home preclude his attention to his duty as strictly as he would wish. The above gifts have been sent expressly to "use for any purpose in your Mission."

The Rev. E. F. Wilson desires to acknowledge with many thanks, the following contributions to the Indian Homes at Sault Ste. Marie:—All Saints Sunday School, Toronto, \$50.00; St. John's Sunday School, Belleville, \$5.00; Grimsby, \$5.00; Per Rev. W. Lewin, Prescott, \$21.75. Both the Homes are very much in need of increased help, the expenditure largely exceeding the present receipts.

## Correspondence.

All Letters will appear with the names of the writers in full, and we do not hold ourselves responsible for their opinions.

### MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

SIR.—Permit me to make a few observations on the letter [of Archdeacon Whitaker, which appeared in a recent issue of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN, and which was copied from the *Globe*.

It is remarkable that the Archdeacon has constructed his entire argument in direct opposition to the fact he so lucidly enunciated in the early part of his letter: namely, that "the wife becomes one with the husband in a sense in which the husband does not become one with the wife; that she in fact contracts a relation of consanguinity in respect of him which he does not in like manner, contract in respect of her; that if they are in any sense one flesh, it is simply because she becomes one with him. The consequence therefore is that his blood relations are hers, while hers are not his." At the conclusion of his letter he says, "if the marriage union be one which affects both parties alike, if it be strictly reciprocal, incorporating mysteriously the husband with the wife, no less than the wife with the husband, then is the husband one flesh with the wife, even as she is one flesh with him," &c. Now, this is very extraordinary, for by the admission previously made, the marriage union is not one which affects both parties alike. It does not incorporate the husband with the wife, no less than the wife with the husband; nor is the husband one flesh with the wife, even as she is one flesh with him. Nor is the remainder of the paragraph less assailable after the same admission, for the wife's sister is not near of kin to the husband.

The admission of the fact (which some people ignorantly term a *surmise*), but which, indeed, is now almost indisputable, entirely neutralises the Archdeacon's argument, and as many people have remarked, makes his letter nothing more than a series of contradictions.

It were to be wished the Archdeacon had more fully explained his meaning when he says, "The act of God whereby the two are joined together, is something which far transcends any physical consequence of the union." One might almost imagine this to mean that the union is such, that the distinct personality of each individual is entirely lost; and so much so as might make the husband morally responsible for all his wife's acts, and *vice versa*. So that if one commits a crime under any imaginable circumstances whatever, the other may always be punished for it. There must be a limit to the union somewhere, however intimate that union may be, (otherwise it would be wrong for two brothers to marry two sisters) and even admitting that it is one of "soul and spirit as well as in body." And if the union is not limited in the way he himself pointed out, the writer ought surely to have intimated the nature of the change his mind had undergone, after penning his first paragraph. Nor may we forget that such limitation of the union is not to be arbitrarily fixed, merely for the purpose of sustaining an argument.

The controversy now going on has clearly shown that a very important part of the subject of marriage