

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—The Quarterly meeting of the Kingston Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in St. Paul's schoolroom on the 7th inst. There was a large attendance of ladies and a very interesting evening was spent. Reports were read by the secretaries of the city Church branches, which showed that the following contributions in money and boxes had been made since the last meeting:—St. George's \$180; St. James', \$37.75; St. Paul's, \$67. Letters of thanks were read from Mr. Wilson, Indian homes, Sault Ste. Marie, Plevna, Oso and Sharbot Lake and Parham. A most interesting letter, giving an account of the work and sufferings of the missionaries, from Mrs. Renison, wife of the missionary at Nepigon, was read by Mrs. Rogers, also a letter from Mrs. Boomer, and another from the Bishop of Algoma were read by Miss Muckleston, giving a statement of the Woman's Jubilee Widow and Orphans' fund for Algoma. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

The 5th was Hospital Sunday, the collection in all the Churches were much larger than last year, St. George's Cathedral heading the list with \$96.48.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

LONDON.—The Bishop has been away from town much of the past few weeks on a Confirmation tour.

It would appear that many of the clergy of the Diocese are much interested in the "Quiet Day" or "Visitation," to be held March 7th, 1887, by the Bishop, judging from the number who have signified their intention of being present.

His Lordship deals with the several subjects the first day himself. On the second day, which will be devoted to a Conference on Missions, meetings will open at 10 a.m. in Cronyn Hall.

The following are the subjects for consideration:

a. The present moral condition, and future doom of the heathen. b. The responsibility of the Church to follow the indications of God's providence in the matter of Missions. c. The reflex influence of Missions on Home work. d. The duty of the Church with reference to Israel. e. The best methods for advancing the cause of Missions.

It is expected that the several clergymen will come prepared to discuss the subject of Missions, and in order that the time may be more profitable it is hoped that the above headings will draw out more practicable information.

LONDON TOWNSHIP.—The annual Missionary meeting was held in St. John's, on Tuesday, Jan. 31st. The attendance was very good. Archdeacon Marsh opened the meeting with prayer and a few introductory remarks. After which addresses were delivered on the Missionary work of the Church, Home, Domestic and Foreign, by Rev. Evans Davis and his Lordship the Bishop of Huron.

MITCHILL.—The Rev. Mr. Ker has accepted the offer made him by the Stratford congregation, and will become assistant minister of St. James' after Easter; salary \$1,200 per annum. Much regret is expressed at his leaving Trinity congregation here. It is not yet known who may succeed him. Mr. Ker is an excellent preacher and his talents will have a wider scope in Stratford.

On the evening of Feb. 1st a Sunday-school entertainment was held in the Town hall; tables were spread and a good tea served to all. Then a good programme was rendered, consisting of singing, recitations, debate and addresses by Revs. Evans Davis, of London, and J. Taylor, of Wardsville.

The next evening, Feb. 2nd, the annual Missionary meeting was held in Trinity Church. The attendance was very good. Addresses were

delivered by Revs. Taylor, E. Davis and Wade. These addresses were replete with missionary information, and were listened to with deep attention.

THE students of Huron College have organized a Society, mainly with a view to develop the powers of each in extempore speaking. Rev. Principal Fowell, M. A., has been elected Honorary President; Rev. Professor Williams, B. A., Honorary Vice-President; Rev. Wm. Lome, President; Mr. T. E. Higley, Vice-President. Mr. C. A. Kinder, Secretary. The meetings for the present Lent term will be held semi-weekly.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.—If the Lord will, the following order will be observed by the Bishop in his visitation of the Diocese for Confirmations for 1888:

Clergymen in each Parish or Mission are requested to have all the candidates from their several stations prepared and ready to be presented at the service, as arranged in the following lists.

It is the Bishop's wish that a list of all the candidates, with christian names in full and plainly written, be handed to him on his arrival, which lists, if necessary, will be subject to correction after the service.

The Bishop places the responsibility of punctual attendance at each service on the clergyman in charge, and particularly requests that nothing be allowed to interfere and prevent the Bishop from being present and ready for service, as named in printed lists. For February the appointments are:

County of Grey.—Tuesday, March 1, St. John's, Dandalk Rev. O. Edgelow; Tuesday, March 1, St. Paul's, Shelburne, and Friday, March 2, Hornings Mills, Rev. H. G. Moore.

Sunday, March 18, Christ Church, Meaford, and St. Thomas', St. Vincent, Rev. A. C. Chaner, M. A.; Monday, March 19, St. Matthew's, Sydenham, St. Philip's, Walters Falls; Tuesday, March 20, St. James', Euphrasia, St. Augustine, Heathcote, Rev. J. A. Ball; Wednesday, March 21, St. George's, Clarksburg, Rev. G. Keys.

Sunday, March 4, Christ Church, Glanworth, Trinity Church, Lambeth; Tuesday, March 13, St. Anne's, Byron, Rev. C. W. Ball; Sunday, February 19, St. John's, Glencoe, Christ Church, Newbury, St. James', Wardsville, Rev. W. J. Taylor; Sunday, March 11, St. Matthew's, London E., Emmanuel, London Tp., Rev. W. M. Seaborn; Sunday, March 25, St. George's, London Tp., Trinity, London Tp., Rev. N. Wilson.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

LOWVILLE.—St. George's.—In consequence of the removal of Rev. Thos. Motherwell to be assistant priest at Grimsby, we have been without regular services since Easter last. You will appreciate our joy and gratitude, and congratulate us upon their renewal under the incumbency of Rev. Mr. Morton, late of Birtle, Man. He began the year with us, and has already made himself loved by his flock, who are fast taking him to their hearts, and, *pour quoi non*. Calm, earnest, natural, he conducts the services in a manner to strengthen the faith and excite devotion. His sermons are brief but very logical, consecutive and direct. Services ended, he is among his people, and throughout the week like the Master rejoicing with the joyful, weeping with the afflicted. Thus have we been suddenly roused out of our involuntary, painful torpor into full activity, and our spiritual nerves made to act with life and progress. This, however, is a very staunch congregation—want of regular services, that worst of discontents, could not scatter it—more over the Sunday school with its excellent library and efficient staff did much to preserve the *esprit de corps*, and prevent the disintegration of the body itself.

Our annual Missionary meeting in behalf of Algoma was held on the evening of 1st instant; the deputation consisted of Rural Dean Rev. A. Belt, of Harriston, and Rev. G. B. Cook, of Palmerston. There was a full house and more than usual interest elicited. The financial results have not yet been reported. The camera was used to illustrate the Mission work. "Beginning at Jerusalem," we had a vision of Missions there. On the "Dark Continent," Asia, our own Northwest—a panorama of zeal, devotion, self denial, suffering and success; the field, the harvesters and the sheaves. As the illustrations went on my thoughts more than once recurred to the CHURCH GUARDIAN. I have often while reading it felt that it was to me both field glass and observatory—its pages sweeping into view the entire Catholic Domain. This with its choice excerpts illustrating, defending and enforcing its motto, cleaning the rubbish from the "Old Paths," and its defence of the Lord's Day observance, and the divine institution of marriage ought to make it of priceless value to every Churchman.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

ROSSEAU.—The annual visit of the Bishop of the Diocese, was begun on Jan'y 19, when he was met by the Incumbent at Seguin Falls, whence he proceeded to Rosseau. Jan'y 20th, Vestry, 7.30 p.m. Jan'y 21st, The Church yard of St. Thomas, Ullswater, was consecrated and a vestry held.

Jan'y 22nd, Ull-water: Matins, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist; here three candidates were presented for the Apostolic rite of Laying on of hands. In the evening the Bishop proceeded to Rosseau where Evensong was said and four candidates were presented for Confirmation. At both Churches the Bishop addressed those about to Ratify and Confirm their Baptismal promises in language which is to be hoped will long be remembered by them and prove hopeful to them in after life; as also it is to be hoped that many who have long been Confirmed were called to remember their own responsibility. At each of these Churches the Bishop preached powerful sermons.

Jan'y 23rd: Service was held in Peter's Lumber Shanty, and a very suitable sermon was preached by the Bishop. Next day the Bishop was taken to Utterson, whence he departed for Burk's Fall Mission. His visit causing in the Rosseau Mission pleasant recollections and producing mutual good.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

GRISWOLD.—St. Margaret's.—On Sunday, 29th January, 1888, the Most Rev. the Metropolitan, Bishop Machray; Dean Grisdale, and the Revs. W. A. Burman, C. Quinney, and J. Merrick, officiated at the opening of this Church. The Church a frame building of good capacity and solid materials, was much admired, and well filled by devout and hearty congregations at both services afternoon and evening, the offerings being \$56 and \$13, an amount very creditable and encouraging. The services were happily rendered, that of Praise, an Anthem, and Hymns; and the sermons of the Bishop and Dean, words of encouragement and gospel blessings, addressed to all present. It was a day of much thanksgiving to many, and of prayer and hope for the well-being of the settlers of this beautiful and wheat-growing tract of country.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Living Church, Chicago, says:—

There have always existed different types of Churchmen. The conservatism of St. Peter has always been a little anxious about the intellectual boldness of St. Paul. The man, asserting principle as the basis of action, rebukes