

BOLTON.—The dangers undergone by the clergy (shared in often by their wives) in travelling from place to place in all weathers taking services and doing other duties in their extensive missions, are known to but few. Sometimes some hair-breath escape becomes known, but ordinarily none but God and their immediate surroundings have knowledge of the facts. Recently the incumbent and Mrs. Clayton had a most narrow and providential escape, whilst driving over the frozen road in a light carriage. The axle of a front wheel broke, throwing both out, the reins also broke, and the horse ran away, jumping a fence and completely demolishing the vehicle. Fortunately nothing more serious than a severe shaking and fright to the occupants occurred.

MONTREAL.—The Honorary Secretary of the Marriage Defence Association, Leo. H. Davidson, Esq., D. C. L., has addressed a circular to the each of the clergy of the Canadian Church, and to others, asking their sympathy and support. It is to be hoped that very many from all parts of the Dominion will enroll their names as members of the Association, so that means and influence combined may help the cause along.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

COOKSHIRE.—The Rev. Arthur Judge, son of Mr. C. Judge, of Quebec, was, last Sunday, admitted to the order of priesthood at Cookshire by Bishop Williams.

QUEBEC.—A finely executed picture in oil of the late Bishop Mountain, founder of St. Matthew's, has been presented to the vestry of that Church by a few members of the congregation.

The confirmation classes in connection with St. Matthew's Church have commenced their meetings.

The following resolutions were passed by the the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of Quebec at their last meeting:—

Moved by the Rev. Charles Hamilton, M. A., and seconded by Mr. R. H. Smith,

"That in view of the steady diminution of the cash balance needful to carry on the schools under the Protestant Commissioners and the annual expenditure exceeding the income, so that the Commissioners have not now the necessary funds to pay the teachers' monthly salaries as they become due, it is resolved that the only course open to the board is to close the D'Aiguillon Street School, and to leave the large number of children attending that school to find accommodation in the other city schools (which are attended by as many children as can with advantage be admitted to them) or in private schools, until such time as additional funds may be acquired by the Commissioners; and it is further resolved that the date for closing the D'Aiguillon Street School be the 30th of June next.

Moved by Rev. Charles Hamilton, M. A., and seconded by Capt. Carter, "That a petition to the three branches of the Legislature of the Province be prepared, setting forth the circumstances under which the Protestant School Commissioners of the city of Quebec are obliged to close one of their schools to the great inconvenience of the children attending it, and praying (1st) for such an increase in the funds entrusted to them as will enable them to carry on all the schools needful for the education of the children of the tax-payers, (2nd) for such funds as will enable them to erect a building in a position as central as can be secured of sufficient size to accommodate all the children now attending the Artillery Street School, the D'Aiguillon Street School, and the D'Auteuil Street School, in such a way as will admit of the classes being graded, and securing economy in the present outlay necessary for the maintenance of these three schools."

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KEMPTVILLE.—A grand entertainment took place in St. James' Hall, Kemptville, on Thursday, Nov. 29th. At the request of the Rector of the

Parish, Rev. C. P. Emery, Dr. Wicksteed, of Ottawa, delivered a lecture on temperance illustrating it with magic lantern scenes. Dr. Wicksteed gave also a succession of very beautiful pictures setting forth the gay and the grave, and he held the attention of a large appreciative audience for about two hours. Too much praise cannot be afforded to Dr. Wicksteed for the great amount of trouble involved in packing up so much machinery and then going so far from home to give a gratuitous lecture for the good of Church work. His timely remarks were well received. Those who had the privilege of being present hope to have a similar agreeable evening as soon as the gentlemanly Dr. can make it convenient. In this instance we have one of many illustrations as to the way earnest Churchmen can further the Church's cause. The proceeds went towards purchasing a new Sunday School library. A grand concert was given in the above named Hall by the "Kemptonville Choral Society" assisted by talented amateurs from Ottawa, under the direction of Charles A. E. Harris, Esq., a few days previous to his going to Montreal to fill the important position of Organist to the Cathedral. The Choral Society consisted of his pupils that he had trained for some time previous. The music, both instrumental and vocal was of the best clerical order, and the audience had a rare treat. The proceeds went towards liquidating a small debt on the piano purchased of the "Ladies Aid Society" last spring. Mr. Harris is but a youth in years but a mighty man in his profession. Montreal will have to be careful or some of our American cousins will deprive them of his services quicker than they deprived Ottawa.

Diocesan Committee Meetings.—The series of Diocesan Committee Meetings was opened at Kingston on Tuesday evening, the 4th of December, by the assembling of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Committee. The Ven. Dr. Jones, Archdeacon of Kingston, presided. After prayer, and the reading of the Minutes, the Secretary-Treasurer presented the financial statement from the 1st September to the 30th November, showing the receipt of \$226.83, and the payment of the same to the various funds to which it had been allotted by the donors. The Treasurer of the Diocese of Algoma reported that \$499.68 was now in his possession, for the purpose of that Diocese.

A verbal report was made by the Chairman of the Board, of the proceedings of the late meeting of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions at Montreal.

Instructions were given to the Treasurer to forward to the General Treasurer at Montreal all unappropriated gifts, together with vouchers for all moneys sent directly to the Treasurer of the various funds. Appropriated gifts are to be sent to their destination without transmission to Montreal.

The Mission Board met on the following morning, and was well attended. The Bishop was present.

The Ven. Dr. Lauder, Archdeacon of Ottawa, presided.

The meeting was opened by the chairman with prayer.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were adopted.

The Chairman reported verbally that he had made enquiry why collections had not been made in certain parishes, viz., Egansville, Renfrew, Fitzroy Harbour, Richmond, Hawkesbury, and Cornwall.

The Bishop made an explanation as to Egansville, which was considered satisfactory.

The Secretary was directed to write the Rev. Mr. Plees, at Renfrew, requesting him to conform to the rules requiring a parochial collection to be taken up in each parish.

The Secretary stated that he had received \$8 from Fitzroy Harbor and a further sum was promised. The replies from Richmond and Hawkesbury were not considered satisfactory, and the Secretary was directed to write to the incumbents

of these parishes. Cornwall, it was stated, had sent up its collection.

The Archbishop of Kingston reported the receipts of the collections from Bath, and Gananoque, and the explanations from Wolfe Island and Carrying Place were considered unsatisfactory and the Secretary was directed to write to the incumbents of those parishes. Further, as to Carrying Place the Board requested the Archdeacon to lay the papers and correspondence relating thereto before His Lordship the Bishop to take such action as he may deem fit.

Rev. Rural Dean Kirkpatrick reported that he had visited the parish of Clarendon. No charges that could be substantiated were made against the missionary, who, however, was accorded a change of labor, which the Rural Dean recommended.

Rural Dean Lewis reported verbally as to a visit he had made to the parish of North Augusta.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. Wm. Lewin, stating that one of his parishioners had made a legacy of \$50 to Church missions, which he recommended should be applied to our own domestic missions.

The Secretary stated that the money had already been paid to him.

Rev. Mr. Lewin announced that another legacy of \$2,000 would shortly be paid over to the Diocese.

A resolution was passed, acknowledging the receipt of the legacy of \$50 through the Rev. Mr. Lewin, and that the sum be credited to the General Fund of the Diocese. A memorial was read from Judge McDonald, of Brockville, complaining of the teaching of the missionary at Mattawa.

The Bishop made some explanation on the subject. A discussion arose, but the prevailing opinion of the board was that the subject of Judge McDonald's memorial was one not for the Mission Board, but for the Bishop of the Diocese, and it was so decided by the Board.

The Secretary presented his financial statement from September 1st to November 30th, 1883, showing an increase of \$838.30 over 1882.

The Rural Deans were required to meet as soon as possible and report what new missions should be opened in the diocese during the year, and what sum of money is required for the same, and to have printed a concise statement for the convenors of Deputies.

The Revds. Canon White, Rural Dean Nesbitt and Rev. A. W. Cooke, and Messrs. J. Shannon, J. B. McGuin, and E. H. Smythe were appointed the Classification Committee for the ensuing year.

The Board then adjourned. The Divinity Students' Fund Committee met at the Synod Hall on Wednesday at 2.30 p. m.

The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Secretary presented his financial statement, showing a balance of \$412.43.

The Secretary reported that two of the grants made at previous meetings were in abeyance, as the holders were not in attendance at college.

A communication was read from Rev. Mr. Forneri, on behalf of the Provost of Trinity College, suggesting that a special collection might be made for the funds of that college in the diocese.

The Committee did not consider the matter was one they were competent to deal with.

Twenty-two parishes were reported as defaulters to the annual collection.

The Committee then adjourned.

The Widows' and Orphans' Fund Committee met at 2.30 p. m.

Mr. James Shannon presided.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted.

The Secretary then submitted a statement of the Fund, showing a balance of \$152.50.

The Secretary was instructed to refund the purchase money received for a lot in the township of Mara on it being reconveyed to the Synod, it being found that the lot had previously been sold for taxes.

The Committee soon afterwards adjourned.

(To be continued.)

THE quarterly meeting of the Bay of Quinte