

tions in any one of the five missions, the most painful results must ensue, and the missionary must be withdrawn.

The income of the Gore and Wellington Branch for the year just expiring (as far as reported) amounts to \$1,685.01 in cash, promises that may be relied upon \$332, making a total of \$1,924, being an increase of about \$100 over the past year, but falling short of the amount estimated for this District Branch by about \$300. How this deficiency is to be made up, your committee are at a loss to conjecture, unless by fresh exertions on the part of those who have failed to meet the amounts expected from them, and also by the remittances of a few parochial associations who have not yet been heard from.

Your committee desire to advert to the fact that the collections in churches for the divinity students found within the Gore and Wellington Districts, have reached a sufficient amount to enable the association to nominate to a scholarship in Trinity College, and a special meeting of the Managing Committee will be held in the month of May next for the purpose of receiving the names of candidates, and nominating a suitable person to the vacancy. The privilege conferred by this is an annual allowance of £30 for a period of three years.

In conclusion, your committee would urge upon all earnest-minded christians the value of their present opportunities, to advance the cause of Christ and His church, and to extend His kingdom at home and abroad.—The province in which we reside, sheltered beneath Great Britain's powerfulegis, enjoys the blessings of tranquility and peace, and forms a striking contrast to the melancholy condition of our sister church in the neighbouring States, suffering as it is in its dearest interests from the desolating ravages of civil war. Let us work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh wherein no man can work, and if God has blessed us and been merciful unto us, let us remember that it is in order that we may use our best energies that his way may be made known upon earth, His saving health among all nations."

J. GAMBLE GEDDES,

Secretary.

Moved and seconded that the following gentlemen be appointed officers for the ensuing year.

F. W. Gates, Esq., Treasurer.

Rev. J. G. Geddes, Secretary.

Clerical Delegate to the Board of Missions—

Rev. Dr. Greene, Wellington Square.

Lay Delegate—F. W. Gates, Esq.

COMMITTEES.

Christ Church, Hamilton—Dr J. Ridley, Henry Papps, Esq.

Guelph—George Elliott.

Church of Ascension, Hamilton—F. W. Gates,

Richard Juson.

Georgetown—Samuel Phillips.

Waterdown—Hamilton O'Reilly.

Lowville—Nicholas Dent.

Barton—W. Farmer.

Glanford—Thos. French.

Beverly—George Edwards.

Binbrook—Ed. Twiss.

Ontario—Thomas Davis and John Gollan

Wellington Square and Nelson—William Spence and John Manhinnoek.

Milton and Hornby—John Cowan and John Holdgate.

Dundas and Ancaster—Wm. Kern, Thos. Ham-mell.

Biubrook—H. H. Swinford.

SIMCOE BRANCH OF CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the County of Simcoe

Branch of Church Society will be held (D.V.) at the Parochial School House, Barrie, on Thursday, 24th April, 1862; when the report will be adopted, the officers for the year chosen, and any other business transacted which may be brought forward by any of the members. It is most to be desired that there may be a full meeting, both of the clergy and laity.

T. BOLTON READ,

Secretary.

County Simcoe, 20th March, 1862.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

The following circular has been issued by the Lord Bishop of Ontario, to the clergy and lay delegates of that diocese:—

City of Kingston, March 26, 1862.

Sir,

The first meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario will be held in this city on Wednesday, April 9, 1862, and you are respectfully requested to attend the same.

Among other important matters to be considered will be the subject of petitioning the legislature to incorporate some diocesan body to hold the property of the church, and for other purposes that the Synod may consider necessary.

Divine service will be held in the Cathedral Church of St. George, at 11 a.m.

The business of the Synod will commence at 2 p.m., in the place to be announced after divine service.

Your faithful Diocesan,

JOHN ONTARIO.

We have been requested to insert the following:—

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DAILY NEWS.

Sir,—I am authorised by the Bishop-elect of Ontario to state for the information of the church members of the Diocese that a petition, at present in course of signature, and framed by some parties in Kingston, requesting from the Legislature an Act of Incorporation for a Church Society of the Diocese of Ontario, has been set on foot without his sanction, or without any reference to him. I am further authorised to say that no Diocesan Act of Incorporation will be solicited from the Legislature until such Act shall have been submitted to the Synod of the Diocese for the approval of the clergy and laity therein assembled. I am also authorised to state that a meeting of the Synod will be called immediately after the consecration.

W. B. LAUDER,

Chaplain and Sec. to the Bishop of Ontario. March 19.

To the Editor of the Ottawa Citizen.

South March, March 17, 1862.

DEAR SIR,—It is gratifying to me to be able to ask you to print the subjoined notes. A very short time ago you kindly published for us a somewhat similar correspondence, in connection with our having been presented with a stone font for this church, and now we have had another very handsome offering made to us, for which we desire to publicly express our grateful obligations, and sincere thanks. You will, we doubt not, find us room for this acknowledgement also.

Your obedient servant,

JOHN BUTLER.

Helenville, March 15, 1862.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Herewith I beg leave to present to yourself, the Churchwardens and congregation of St. Mary's Church, an altar cloth,

and pulpit cushions. Trusting that you may long enjoy good health and continue to fulfil the duties which you have hitherto so faithfully discharged to the church, and your parish, I have the honour

Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

HELEN BRIDGES.

To the Rev. John Butler,
Rector of March.

ANSWER.

St. Mary's, March 16, 1862.

MY DEAR MRS. BRIDGES,—It is my pleasing duty, for myself and the Churchwardens, and on behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's, to express to you our most sincere thanks for your very handsome offering of an altar cloth and cushions and hangings for our desk and pulpit.

We cordially wish you well, both temporally and spiritually; and we doubt not that God has accepted your offering as being made to Him, and that He will recompense you accordingly.

As for your complimentary reference to myself, I can only say that, with very many imperfections, I have endeavoured to perform my public duties as regularly and punctually as possible; and that I cannot but be encouraged to continue these endeavours by the assurance that they are favorably estimated by the parishioners.

I am, my dear Mrs. Bridges,

Your's very truly,

JOHN BUTLER.

Mrs. Bridges,
Helenville, March.

CONSECRATION OF THE REV. JOHN TRAVERS LEWIS, L.L.D., AS FIRST BISHOP OF ONTARIO.

From the Kingston News, March 26.

The most imposing ceremony known to the ritual of the Church of England—that of the consecration of a bishop—was gone through with for the first time in Canada, or in British America, in St. George's Church, in this city. On this occasion the Rev. John Travers Lewis, L.L.D., elected by clerical and lay delegates of the newly formed Diocese of Ontario as the first Bishop of this Diocese was consecrated and inducted into his sacred office. The ceremonial was a most interesting one, and will be subsequently described.

The proceedings of the day were as follows: in the morning at half-past eight o'clock divine service for the day was held. Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Lauder and Rev. Canon Bancroft; the lessons by the Rev. H. Mulkins, and Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, M. A. After this service the church was cleared, and all that remained necessary to be done in the way of preparation for the ceremonial which followed was done. The admission to the consecration service was by ticket, and soon after ten o'clock ticket holders entered the church and took their appropriate places. The sacred edifice soon began to fill rapidly; and for upwards of a quarter of an hour before the hour appointed for the service to commence, every available spot was occupied by spectators the most intent. The clergy, to the number of sixty, having assembled in the school-room adjoining the church, then walked in procession, robed in their surplices and hoods, around the "quadrangle," and entered the church at the main entrance.—The Bishop of Toronto and the Metropolitan were preceded by their vergers. During the entrance and seating of the clergy, a voluntary was played by the organist, Mr. Ambrose. The Bishops took their seats within the rail. The Archdeacon and the preacher