

also a bazaar, the proceeds of which are to go toward the expense of finishing the interior of the chancel, were also very successful in their efforts.

THE REV. F. ROBINSON, of Rougemont, on his return from Europe about a fortnight ago, was received at the R. R. Station by a large representation of his flock, and given a hearty and cheery "welcome home."

A CASE of great interest to Churchmen generally is now before the courts in Montreal. The question raised is, "Are Church Wardens personally liable for the payment of anything obtained by an order signed by them with the title of their Church office affixed?" The case is brought against the Wardens of St. Jude's Church, who ordered materials for the church and signed their names as "Wardens." The case will be watched with interest, as it has never been adjudicated upon before. There is a question of the same class closely akin to it that it seems to your correspondent is not clear to the clergy as a class, viz., if a clergyman gives an order signing himself as Incumbent or Rector, does he involve the Wardens and make them liable, seeing he is chairman of the corporation of the church in his Parish?

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, attached to the Cathedral, was lately held under the presidency of the Bishop, who, with others of the city clergy, addressed the meeting on home and mission work.

ON the last day of November a brilliant and pleasant gathering took place in the Lecture Room of St. Martin's Church, the object being to give the new Rector, Rev. J. S. Stone, a congregational and clerical reception. The room was gaily decorated with flags and flowers. On the platform the city clergy were well represented. The Bishop occupied the chair, and around him gathered the Dean of the Cathedral, Very Rev. Dr. Baldwin; Canon Camichael, Canon Henderson, Archdeacon Evans, the Rector of St. John the Evangelist, the Rev. E. Wood, and the Rev. J. F. Sweeney. The Bishop, Archdeacon Evans and Canon Henderson addressed the meeting, and gave hearty words of welcome to their new fellow-laborer in the Lord's Vineyard, and Chancellor Bethune, on behalf of the congregation, in a few words expressed the satisfaction the congregation felt in welcoming Mr. Stone and would show it now. His example was followed by the congregation present, after which all sat down to a *recherche* spread of good things, which, with musical selections given for a short time, ended the meeting.

THE REV. CANON NORMAN's name has been used in connection with the vacancy in the Incumbency of the Church of St. Mathias, but the revered gentleman has no intention or desire of leaving the Church of St. James the Apostle.

A FINE "Bishop's Chair" has been presented by a lady in Montreal to the Bishop, to be, through him, placed in any church that he might think it suitable for. Coming from the consecration of the new church at Lacolle, he has presented it to that church, of which he has such pleasant recollections.

#### DIocese OF ONTARIO.

(From our own correspondent.)

OTTAWA.—8th December the Venerable the Archdeacon of Ottawa, Dr. Lauder, Rector of Christ Church, who has been absent, on leave, for over thirteen months, is expected to return to Canada at Easter.

THE following gentlemen have been elected the officers of the Christ Church Lay Association:—President, the Rev. B. B. Smith; Vice-President, the Rev. J. May; Secretary, Mr. G. M. Greene.

A HANDSOME new window has been placed in the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, to the memory of the late Mr. J. F. Taylor, by some friends. A nice brass plate has been placed beneath the window, bearing the following inscription: "To the glory of God, and in memory of John Fenninge Taylor.

This window has been erected by loving friends" The work is by Messrs Cox, of London, England

MISS FULLER has kindly consented to preside at the organ at the week-day services at Christ Church, *vice* Miss Wright, lately married to the Rev. W. A. Read, Incumbent of Oxford Mills.

THE ladies of the Church of St. Alban the Martyr have resumed work for this winter, and are prepared to receive orders for needlework. Surplises a speciality, at most reasonable prices.

MR. HARRIS, the newly appointed organist to the Church of St. Alban the Martyr, is expected to arrive out from England before Christmas, when he will enter upon his duties. The congregation will regret losing the valuable services of Mr. Oliver King, pianist to Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise.

THE REV. HERBERT BETHUNE PATTON, B. A., who has been Incumbent of the Mission of Gloucester for the past five years, is at present in England, has been appointed assistant minister *pro tem* of the Parish Church at Dunster, Somersetshire, England.

A NUMBER of unruly boys broke the windows of the church at Birchton recently with stones.

A MEETING of the Diocesan Mission Board was held at the Synod Hall, Kingston, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The financial statement showed a marked improvement in the indebtedness of the Board to the Bank of Montreal, the balance remaining due on the 30th November being \$3,814.78. A memorial from the Rev. J. W. Burke, B. A., Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Belleville, was presented, offering missionary services at Frontenac, Hastings and Addington, and requesting a grant in aid thereof. A resolution was passed promising a favourable consideration. A memorial was read from Smith's Falls, asking for a grant to a new Mission to comprise certain out-stations of that Mission. A resolution was carried directing the Rural Dean to visit the Mission and report upon the possibility of carrying out the request of the memorial. A resolution was also carried authorizing an additional grant of \$100 to the Mission at Plantaganet for the current year. The Rev. E. A. W. Hannington, Incumbent of St. Bartholomew's Church, New Edinburgh, asked aid for the Mission of Gloucester. The application proposed the formation of a new Mission, to include stations in the vicinity of the City of Ottawa. The consideration of this proposition was postponed till the meeting of the Board in May. Verbal applications were made on behalf of the Mission of Marysburgh, vacant by the transfer of the Rev. T. Stanton, B. A., to Barriefield. In the event of a clergyman not on the Commutation Fund, it was resolved to make a grant of \$200 per annum to the Mission.

#### DIocese OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

CLERICAL REMOVALS.—The Bishop has appointed Rev. C. R. Loe, B. A., of Port Colborne, to Mount Forest and North Arthur; Rev. Robert Cordner, of Mount Forest, to Port Colborne; Rev. A. J. Belt, B. A., of Erin and Garafraxa, to Arthur and W. Luther.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Canon Worrell, Rector of Oakville, has returned from his summer vacation to England.

HAMILTON.—Many Church ladies in this city are interesting themselves on behalf of the Zenana Missionary Society in India. The object of the Society, whose headquarters are in England, is to Christianize and teach the native women of India. Mrs. Gaviller, of Herkimer Street, Hamilton, whose husband is a very efficient Lay Reader in the city, will receive and forward any contributions made for the objects of this most useful form of woman's missionary work.

MILTON.—An eight days' Mission commenced in this Parish on Tuesday, 5th Dec.

VACANT MISSION STATIONS.—Welland and Erin, the one in the Southern, and the other in the Northern parts of the Diocese, await appointments.

THE Ontario Asylum for the Insane at Hamilton contains now about 500 patients. A Sunday service is held there every week. The service consists of hymns, a litany specially adapted to the needs of the poor sufferers, and having the sanction of the Bishop, and a short address. The Rev. Rural Dean Bull has for several years had charge of the service, and is assisted by one or two licensed Lay Readers. In the years that Mr. Bull has officiated the suitability of the form of service adopted has been fairly established by the absence of any "scene" among the patients who form the congregation. The length of the service is three-quarters of an hour.

St. Thomas' Church.—The Lord Bishop held a Confirmation in this church on Sunday first in Advent.

WEST FLAMBORO'—An organ recital was held in Christ Church on a recent Friday evening. It was accompanied by full choral evensong.

BARTON.—Holy Trinity Church—Incumbent, Rev. Rural Dean Bull. A parlor concert was given on Thursday evening by ladies and gentlemen of the congregation in the house of a parishioner, and was well attended and highly appreciated. The collection was given to the funds of the Sunday School.

#### DIocese OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondent.)

NEWMARKET—Owing to the strenuous exertions of the Incumbent, Rev. A. W. Spragge, the Churchmen of this place intend shortly to commence the erection of a church and parsonage, the cost of which is estimated at \$9,000. Two-thirds of the amount has been subscribed.

BARRIE—Trinity Church.—This congregation has at last purchased a powerful pipe organ, after waiting many weary years. The organ is second-hand; its original cost was \$2,500, but the Committee have procured it at less than half price. It has been very little used, and is considered an excellent instrument. Mr. J. C. Morgan, M. A., the Rector's son, is a skilful and accomplished organist and choir master.

LINDSAY.—At a meeting of the Building Committee of St. Paul's Church it was decided to begin preliminaries for the erection of a new church edifice at once. The new church is to be built on the site of the present one, and will cost \$12,000 when completed. Of this amount \$8,000 has been already subscribed. A premium of \$200 for the best plans and style of architecture of the proposed edifice has been offered. Particulars may be had from the senior Warden, Adam Hudspeth, Esq., Q. C.

RIVERSIDE.—St. Matthew's Church having been located in the wrong place for growth and convenience, it has been decided to remove it. The trustees are anxious to have it placed on the Kingston road, where a much larger congregation could be secured and where there would be much better prospects for making it self-sustaining.

BARRIE—Trinity Church.—To aid the organ fund of this church, a new sensation, a "Pound Social," took place in the school room recently. The admission was a pound weight of any article of not less value than ten cents. Subsequently these curious admission "fees" were auctioned off, and great was the merriment when some of the parcels were opened. The attendance was very large and the fun intense.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. E. Rausford, formerly of St. Matthew's Church, Toronto, lectured recently in Pittsburgh, Pa., "On the duty of the Church as regards Christian Education."—The Rev. J. F. Sweeney will enter on his duties at St. Phillips', Toronto, early in the New Year.