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## ONTARIO.

OSGOODE AND RUSSELL.—On the evening of the 29th ult. a raid was made upon the parsonage at Metcalfe. The inmates were thoroughly surprised. As it happened, it turned out to be not very alarming, for the ladies of Trinity Church had only made a "surprise." Miss Hanna presented to Mrs. Gresson a well filled purse on behalf of the congregation. The Rev. T. F. Gresson in thanking them spoke of the progress being made in the parish.

New Rural Deanery.—The united counties of Russell and Prescott, formerly part of the unwieldy deanery of Stormont, have been erected into a separate deanery, and the Lord Bishop has appointed thereto the Rev. H. Pollard, rector of St. John's church, Ottawa, as the first rural dean.

BEARBRÖOK.—The new St. Paul's church, Canaan, in this mission, Rev. T. Taylor, incumbent, opened on Christmas Day, and was filled to the door by an interesting congregation.

NEW EDINBURGH.—The Rev. E. A. W. Hannington's enterprise has brought almost to completion the new Anglican church at Jamesville, a suburb of Ottawa.

ARCHVILLE.—Recent advices from Bermuda speak of the induction there by the Lord Bishop of the Rev. A. C. Jones, formerly incumbent of Archville, into the important living of Smith's and Hamilton parishes, on the 17th Dec. last. The rev. gentleman's friends in this diocese are glad to hear of his promotion.

The Rev. Samuel McMorine, Pakenham, and formerly at Trinity Church, Archville, Ottawa, has been appointed to Portage La Prairie, diocese of Rupert's Land, and will take charge shortly.

The Lord Bishop of Ontario has appointed the Rev. A. H. Coleman, M.A., incumbent of North Augusta, to the new parish of Cataragui and Odessa. Mr. Coleman is a most hard working, deserving clergyman, with an excellent record in his present parish, and we congratulate the members of the Church of England in the new mission upon their first clergyman.

The Lord Bishop of Ontario has appointed the Rev. J. Arthur Shaw, M.A., to the combined parishes of West Winchester and South Mountain.

CARLETON PLACE.—Mr. M. W. Britton has been acting as licensed lay reader in this parish for the last two years, and during that time has been a valuable helper to the rector. He had purposed being a candidate for deacon's orders at the ordination recently held in Ottawa, but was prevented by a sudden and serious illness, from which he is now happily recovering. On the evening of the feast of St. Thomas he was waited upon by Rev. Mr. Forsythe, Mrs. Forsythe, Miss Boland and Miss Summay, and, in the name of a number of his friends in the parish and town, presented with a purse of \$50, and the following letter expressive of their sympathy:

To M. W. Britton, Esq., licensed lay reader in the parish of St. James' Church, Carleton Place, diocese of Ontario:

DEAR MR. BRITTON.—We were all much grieved on hearing a few days ago of the sudden illness by which you were prostrated; and, more especially as we know, how great must have been your disappointment in that you were prevented thereby from being one of those who were recently ordained to the sacred ministry of the Church in our diocese. Will you accept the accompanying purse of money as a small token of our deep sympathy and personal regard, and also our hearty wishes and earnest prayers that with God's blessing you may soon be restored to your former health; and we beg to assure you that wherever your lot may be cast, you will always be kindly remembered by many friends in the town of Carleton Place, as well as in the congregation and outstations of St. James' Church. Signed on behalf of the numerous contributors.

Carleton Place,  
Feast of St. Thomas, '87.

J. W. FORSYTHE.

Rev. Mr. Forsythe is acting as locum tenens in this parish for Rev. A. Jarvis, who hopes to have sufficiently recovered his voice to resume his duties on Easter day next.

## TORONTO.

COLDWATER.—On Thursday, 29th Dec., the new English Church at this place was opened for public worship. The weather unfortunately was most unpropitious, a strong blizzard blowing all day, rendering travelling most unpleasant. The services were continued on Sunday, 1st Jan., when crowded congregations attested the interest felt by all in the success of the undertaking. The entire proceeds of the services and a tea meeting held on Monday, 2nd Jan., was \$76. The new church is exceedingly handsome, externally and internally, and is undoubtedly the finest public building in Coldwater. The windows being of stained glass, and the walls and roof finished with V joint lumber oiled and varnished, have a very pretty effect. The church is completely furnished with everything required for divine worship, including organ, stone font and bell, weighing 200 pounds, and is warmed by hot air. The dimensions of the edifice are as follows: the body, 26 by 48; chancel, 16 by 16; vestry, 12 by 16; the height of walls, 16 ft.; the roof which is V shaped adding another 16 ft. The seats are arranged with book rests and kneeling rails to comfortably accommodate 250 persons. The new building is the result of years of constant prayer, anxious thought, and patient labor on the part of the incumbent; and the need of a new church was so badly felt by the congregation in Coldwater, that Mr. French was reluctantly compelled to open it for public worship before the building was thoroughly finished, the painting having yet to be done. There will, therefore, be a more formal opening during the coming spring. The Rev. W. H. French earnestly solicits the aid of fellow churchmen towards reducing the burden of debt, some 600 dollars, which will remain when all the promises have been gathered in.

EAST TORONTO.—By this name the village hitherto called York is now to be known, as it has wisely taken upon itself to become duly incorporated, and is now in the fervour and excitement of a municipal election. Last Thursday, however, the excitement was of a different character; the little village hall was full to overflowing with the children of the Church of England Sunday School, with their teachers, parents, and friends, who had come to take part in a Christmas tree celebration. A large cedar tree completely covered with presents adorned one end of the hall; the presents being of an expensive character both as to money value, and especially as to the time and labor bestowed upon them. One kind lady alone had dressed thirty-six dolls, many of them being arrayed in beautifully knitted costumes, which will keep the poor dear souls warm enough in this cold weather. After an opening address by the rector, Rev. C. Ruttan, several carols were sung nicely by the children under the direction of Mrs. Wilby, who presided at the organ, and many amusing recitations were given by several of the children. The prizes of books, according to the merits of the children of the different classes, were distributed by the Rev. R. C. Caswall, who has been assisting the rector on Sundays for the past three months and superintending the Sunday School. Mrs. Ruttan was made the recipient of a well filled purse of money, as a recognition of her kind services at the organ at Norway and York—East Toronto we mean. Santa Claus had no easy task in taking off so many presents from the tree; as there have been 80 or 90 children on the roll during the past year, and each child had quite a number of presents; some had more than they could carry. At the close of the proceedings brief addresses were made by the Rev. R. C. Caswall, and by Mr. Hague, formerly lay reader here, and now one of the masters at Port Hope School. The singing of the national anthem right heartily ended the festive proceedings.

## NIAGARA.

NIAGARA FALLS.—A second church building, or chapel of ease, has been found necessary in this parish, the Rev. Canon Houston, rector. It is situated about a mile west from the Suspension bridge. Great interest has been taken in the erection since the day when the Bishop of Niagara laid the corner stone. The day of opening, Sunday, Jan. 8th, will be happily remembered by the members of the new congregation (of St. Stephen's Chapel), and many neighbouring church people, who were present.

## HURON.

LONDON.—The Nativity of our Lord was never more happily or more joyfully observed in the Forest City than it has been this season. In each of seven churches the good daughters of the church had been actively employed in decorating the sacred houses with wreaths and many goodly devices, and the well trained choirs

were well practiced in the most joyful appropriate strains of music. The Cathedral (old St. Paul's) had never looked so well. A handsome gothic arch had been erected in the central aisle near to the chancel, and another similar in same aisle midway to the great door. The arches and the pillars were beautifully wreathed with evergreens. The chancel, pulpit, lectern, and font were especially decorated; and many goodly text, in old English characters, added to the wreaths and stars.

DETROIT.—A Canadian Clergyman.—Rev. B Hamilton, who has been rector in charge of Joseph's Memorial Church, Detroit, for the last two years, has been requested by the vestry to become rector at an advanced stipend. Mr. Hamilton is a native of this diocese. He was ordained by the Bishop and resigned an incumbency here and went to the diocese of Michigan.

OWEN SOUND.—Deanery of Grey.—His Lordship the Bishop of Huron has appointed the Rev. Canon Mulholland, rector of St. George's Church, to be Archdeacon of Grey. Archdeacon Mulholland has been rector of Owen Sound for many years. While as yet there were few settlers in the district the Archdeacon, a young man, from Trinity College, Dublin, commenced mission work in that little-known region where Owen Sound is now a rapidly growing lake port. Faithfully and amid the privations of the clearings the young missionary pursued his calling; and now he is Archdeacon of Grey.

KINCARDINE.—The Rev. J. P. Ireland has been appointed incumbent of St. Paul's, Kirkton, Deanery of Perth. Mr. Ireland has been some time assistant minister to Archdeacon Mulholland, he had previously been incumbent of Pelee Island, Essex Deanery.

WARDSVILLE.—The churches in the parish were very beautifully decorated for Christmas, the offertory to the clergyman was a most liberal one, the largest ever given.

GLENCOE.—The Christmas festival here was of a sacred character and was held in the church. It consisted of a short service of prayer, hymns and carols, with an address to parents, teachers and children. This was succeeded by the distribution of books to every scholar, two special prizes being awarded by the clergyman to those who had given the best account of a children's sermon, delivered by him. The church was filled, and the whole service proved very edifying.

PORT DOVER.—Christmas day was fittingly observed by the good people of Port Dover. At both matins and evensong St. Paul's Church was filled with attentive worshippers. This church has been wholly renovated in the interior; and when decorated with evergreens and banners, it presented an exceedingly beautiful appearance. The choir rendered some excellent and difficult music under the leadership of A. W. Lawrie, Esq. Mr. L. E. Skey, of Toronto University, read the service; the sermons being preached by the incumbent, Rev. J. R. Newell. The text of the morning sermon was from Exodus xii. 26: "What mean ye by this service?" The preacher said that by such a service we showed our belief in the Incarnation, and our thankfulness for the benefits flowing therefrom: the first benefit being a knowledge of God through Jesus Christ; and the second benefit being the exaltation of human nature by means of the Incarnation. The offering was large, and the number of communicants far in advance of former years.

PORT DOVER.—One of the oldest residents of this part of the country, Henry Morgan, died in Port Dover, Dec. 30th. Mr. Morgan was born at the old abbey, Dublin, Ireland, in 1803. He came to Canada in 1832, and settled in Binbrook, where he lived for several years. During the years 1837-8, the rebellion years, he was called to Toronto, and thence to Niagara, where he and the gallant Binbrookers, with the men of Gore, distinguished themselves in speedily putting an end to the rebellion. Mr. Morgan was throughout his life an ardent Liberal Conservative, and a member of the Church of England, to which he was faithfully attached. In his vigorous years he was greatly esteemed for his genial manners, honesty, purity and piety of mind. He was a good man.

Parish of Watford.—One of the many advantages that the church people in this newly made parish receive by its present construction is that the three churches have each a well appointed Sunday School, two carefully superintended by the incumbent before service each Sunday; the other one he is only able to visit quarterly by taking a Sunday hour from one of the other stations.