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DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

vented from attending on account of the great distance of their missions and the difficulties of travelling over bush roads at this season of the year without snow. Mr. Toeqe, of Kimmount, we regret to learn was unable to be present owing to severe illness. Discussions were held on various points of Church discipline. Also a discussion on our position with regard to dissent. It was arranged that the next meeting be held at Apsley, on the last Wednesday of July, and that the Rev. T. Burt be the preacher.

Missionary meetings were held at Maple Lake, Stanhope, and Dysart, places not provided for by the deputation programme. J. E. COOPER, Sec.

STANHOPE.—A very successful missionary meeting was held in the new school house at Maple Lake on Tuesday evening, the 15th of January, when stirring addresses were delivered by Rural Dean Smithett, D. D., and Rev. F. Burt. During the evening several hymns were sung by the choir led by Mr. T. T. Grimmett, who also presided at the melodeon. A collection was then taken up at the conclusion in aid of the Diocesan Mission Fund.

SCARBOROUGH.—The annual missionary meetings were held in this parish on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd inst. They were very well attended, especially that at St. Jude's Church, which was quite full. The following gentlemen gave very interesting addresses, which were earnestly listened to and highly appreciated: The Rev. F. H. Almon, B.A., Rector of St. Luke's, Portland, St. John, Diocese of Fredericton; the Rev. H. B. Owen, F.R.S.L.; the Rev. John Fletcher, M.A., and the Rev. C. Ruttan; the chair being taken by the rector of the parish.

NIAGARA.

(From our own correspondent.)

PORT DALHOUSIE.—A most pleasing and effective "service of sacred song" on the birth and early years of "the holy child Jesus" was rendered by the children of the Sunday School on Wednesday evening the 16th inst., in "St. John's Church" in this village. The service, which was that published by the "Church of England Sunday School Institute," was introduced by the Rector, Rev. John Gribble, with prayer and a few remarks explanatory of the nature of the service, coupled with the announcement that the collection to be made at the close of the service would be appropriated to the purchase of reward books for those children of the Sunday School who had proved themselves deserving of them during the past year. About forty of the pupils had been selected from the Sunday School, and grouped effectively in the chancel, on whom devolved the rendering of the service. Led and directed by their indefatigable instructor, Miss Thring, who deserves the greatest credit for the taste and precision with which they sang, the various parts of the service were then proceeded with, the readings, duetts, organ solos, and accompaniments, in addition to the Hymns, being all rendered by the children. It was a charming sight to see the happy little faces all aglow with pleasure and excitement taking their respective parts with the greatest accuracy, and mingling their sweet childish voices in the strains of praise to the Holy Child Jesus, and few who had the pleasure of being present (and the church was well filled) will soon forget the thrilling interest of the scene. After the collection, which amounted to about \$17.00, the children were briefly addressed by one of the clergy present, and the proceedings terminated by singing the Doxology and the benediction.

Such services as these cannot but be appreciated by old and young alike, and are calculated to make a deep and favourable impression on the minds of the youthful members of the church. It is the first of the kind in their neighbourhood, but the example set in this parish will doubtless be soon followed in others. Before separating a very handsome "Church service" and a gold pencil case were presented to Miss Thring by the children, in grateful acknowledgement of her efforts in training them for this occasion.

WELLINGTON.—*Missionary Meetings.*—The deputation, appointed by authority, to address mis-

sionary meetings in those parts of the deanery of Wellington, which the Bishop of Algoma was unable to visit, started from Hamilton, via H. & N. W. Ry., on the morning of Jan. 10th. Arrived at Georgetown, it was found necessary to hire a conveyance to accomplish the distance to Erin village, 13 miles. After some bargaining, a single buggy was secured at as low a rate of hire as possible. The deputation had heard of a clergyman who had been out on a similar duty and whose expenses had exceeded the collections made. We (deputation) therefore determined to begin carefully in order that we might not be overtaken by a similar mishap. The only condition attached to the hiring of our buggy was of a double nature, a wide seat and strong springs; the intelligent reader will guess why. It was a pleasant drive; a communicative driver gave us much information as to the social customs of George's Town and the private character of not a few of the leading citizens. Having discovered in our coachman's mind a settled dread of a certain inn at Erin on account of its cleanliness, we took it for a recommendation and ordered him to drive us to the very house. And, certainly, it has never been your correspondent's lot to put up at a cleaner or more orderly hotel than that known as Clarke's Hotel in the village of Erin.

Thursday Evening.—Meeting in Erin Church, very fairly attended. On Friday we addressed two meetings in the same mission, one at Reading and in the evening at Hillsburg; these were not largely attended. On these days we had an opportunity of seeing some of the leading men of the congregation. A clergyman can do much good upon these occasions by churchly words in season while visiting a brother's parish. In this parish a change was made in clergy fare from missionary turkey to missionary goose. Missionary deputations are forced into becoming Turco (turkey) philites.

The Rev. W. A. Grahame is leaving this parish, a fact much regretted by his people, for Harriston.

Saturday found us, after a pleasant drive through a very fine agricultural district and a short ride by rail on the T. G. & B. Ry., at Orangeville, guest of the Rev. A. Henderson. This is a flourishing town, and the Church has struck her roots deep and spread her branches far. An excellent congregation filled St. Mark's Church, morning, when Rev. C. E. Whitcomb preached; and evening, when, instead of a sermon, addresses were delivered by the members of the deputation. In the morning, the Rev. Canon Houston took duties back in the township of Amaranth. Here he found a large number, probably a hundred Church families, held together by the services of a very efficient lay reader. We do indeed trust that these persons may not be permitted to slip from our fold for want of the regular ministrations of the Church among them. The fact that such a settlement is in existence in our own diocese, containing so many families, unprovided with an ordained clergyman, should prevail with every true Churchman to redouble his efforts on behalf of the Mission Fund.

St. Mark's, Orangeville, is a large church, ecclesiastically built, of red brick. The interior is commodious and the chancel room ample for the use of a good choir. Even the pretty decorations of the Xmas season were, however, insufficient to entirely relieve the bare appearance of lofty white walls. A delicate tint upon the walls, perhaps, blocked out in large rectangles, would give a very much more refined appearance to the interior. We do hope the Incumbent will, ere long, see his way to the removal of the cramped box which now most inconveniently does duty for lectern and prayer-desk, from its present position of complete isolation and place it within the chancel, facing choir-wise. Perchance some faithful member, whose eye may glance over this, will present a handsome lectern from which to read God's holy word "in the ears of the congregation."

Monday found us again upon the railroad and in the afternoon we arrived at Harriston, the mission field now occupied by the Rev. Rob. Cordner, who is, however, about to remove to Mount Forest. A meeting at his out-station, Clifford, on this evening, and another at St. George's, Harriston, at which were present the Revds. — Caswall, Fergus; — Spencer, Palmers-

ton; — Cordner, Harriston; — Pigott, Drayton; Canon Houston, Waterdown; and — Whitcombe, Saltfleet and Binbrooke, completed our work upon this missionary tour.

Of St. George's Church, at Harriston, we may say that, internally, it is one of the most complete churches, as to appointments, that can be found in the country parts of Canada. Font at west door, prayer desk set choir-wise (why will so many clergy continue to pray at the people) lectern and pulpit with stalls for seven clergy, give a very 'decent and orderly' appearance to this pretty little "House of God." Within the rails, the furniture consists of bare frontal altar table and two chairs. As a bishop's chair is the only one called for by the canons, we would suggest the removal of the chair (mate to that called the bishop's) upon the south side, in favor of a "sedilia" for clergy within the sanctuary. The east window is a triplet of stained glass with a very neat pattern, in the centre of which is the chalice with bread and wine under the figures of a cluster of grapes and ears of corn.

On Wednesday, the evening was spent in the organization at Palmerston—Rev. P. L. Spencer's parish—of a Church of England temperance society. To the total abstinence pledge were obtained the names of a number of signers. We congratulate our good brother on the success of the inauguration, and pray for as successful a continuation of his good work. The Church is evidently flourishing in these parts, though there is most pressing need of more help. The clergy are earnest, zealous, and faithful. Distinctive Church teaching is adopted by the servants of the Church whose head is the Lord Jesus Christ. May we urge upon our brethren to continue the "distinctive church line," it is the only really effectual means for the suppression of vice and infidelity, and for the reclamation of those who, from perverseness or ignorance, are now found without her fold.

DUNNVILLE.—Church work most favorably progresses; congregations very large and liberal: Sunday School and college lectures in neighbouring settlements have been established. The churches of Port Maitland and South Cayuga are united with Dunnville, but should be, and it is thought will be soon separated for a new mission. Rev. P. W. Smith is the Incumbent. A new church is freely spoken of.

NANTICOKE.—The Bishop of Niagara has recently appointed the Rev. Gabriel Johnstone to this charge in connection with Cheapside and Hagersville. Mr. Johnstone is an able and very active clergyman, who for many years was labouring in Colorado with much success. After Divine Service at 8 p. m., on Thursday the 24th, the Rev. Rural Dean Bull was present, and addressed the new Incumbent of Christ's Church, Nanticoke, and the congregation. The Rural Dean expressed a kind welcome to Mr. Johnstone, in the name of the Bishop and clergy of the Hamilton Deanery, and said that he fully anticipated continued prosperity to the churches in South Walpole, in which Nanticoke and Cheapside are situated. Already Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone are assured that they are surrounded by ready hands and loving hearts. The new and beautiful parsonage is very much enjoyed, and is a great credit to the people of Nanticoke, during the ministry of the Rev. P. W. Smith, now of Dunnville.

BINBROOK AND SALT FLEET.—Three churches are in this Mission, and we suppose it is a sign of their increasing strength, when, as we learn, the Mission Board is about to reduce the amount of Grant, which will take effect on April 1st. The field is very wide, and the labour required is very great. Sunday and week day services are regularly held. We fear that the reduction of grant will be seriously felt, as it may hinder the enlargement of the borders, or establishment of new stations. The Rev. C. E. Whitcombe is in charge. We do not know of a parish where so much work is well done every week, as in this.

WELLAND.—The 51st meeting of the clergy of the Rural Deanery of Lincoln and Welland was held at Welland on Tuesday, the 22nd of January, so as to take part in the week of services in celebra-