

PAROCHIAL MEETINGS IN THE HOME DISTRICT.

The following scheme of meetings, to be held during the next winter, was adopted by the District Committee on the 9th inst., subject to any alterations that may be suggested, and signified to the Secretary, by the clergymen not present at its adoption:—

1861.

St. George's Church, Etobicoke, Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m.		
Sydenham, Wednesday, 10 January, 7 p.m.	10	7 p.m.
Springfield, Thursday, 17 " "	17	" "
Streetsville, Friday, 18 " "	18	" "
Woodbridge, Monday, 21 " "	21	" "
Brampton, Tuesday, 22 " "	22	" "
Bolton, Wednesday, 23 " "	23	" "
St. James, Albion, Thursday, 24 " "	24	11 a.m.
Lloydtown, " " "	"	7 p.m.
Aurora, Friday, 25 " "	25	" "
Scarborough, Monday, 28 " "	28	" "
St. Paul's, do., Tuesday, 29 " "	29	11 a.m.
Duffin's Creek, " " "	"	7 p.m.
Columbus, Wednesday, 30 " "	30	11 a.m.
Greenwood, " " "	"	7 p.m.
Prince Albert, Thursday, 31 " "	31	11 a.m.
Uxbridge, " " "	"	7 p.m.
Holland Landing, Monday, 18 February, 7 p.m.	18	7 p.m.
Newmarket, Tuesday, 19 " "	19	7 p.m.
King Station, Wednesday, 20 " "	20	11 a.m.
Oakridges, " " "	"	7 p.m.
Markham, Thursday, 21 " "	21	11 a.m.
Thornhill, " " "	"	7 p.m.
York Mills, Friday, 22 " "	22	7 p.m.

Christ Church, Mimico, time not yet fixed.

H. C. COOPER,
Secretary.

CONFIRMATION TOUR IN THE NIAGARA DISTRICT.

(Continued.)

On Monday, the 22nd, the venerable Bishop, accompanied by Dr. Fuller, Rural Dean, and the Sheriff of the County, Col. Kingsmill, left the hospitable Rectory of St. Catharines and proceeded to the eight mile creek, township of Grantham, for the purpose of holding confirmation and of consecrating the Church. The day was exceedingly beautiful, giving a promise of the beginning of "Indian summer."

At the Church his Lordship was met by the Rev. H. N. Phillips, the Incumbent, the Rev. Dr. McMurray, Rector of Niagara, the Rev. C. Leicester Ingles, B.A., of Drummondville, and a very respectable congregation.

The impressive service for the consecration of the Church was commenced by the Bishop, the Clergy and people returning to the west door and thence proceeding up the aisle to the communion table, the Bishop and people repeating alternately, (as they proceeded,) the verses of the 42th Psalm. The necessary documents having been presented to the Bishop, his Lordship proceeded with the address and following prayers, then called upon Dr. Fuller (acting Chaplain) to read the sentence of consecration. This being read, morning prayer was said by Dr. McMurray, Mr. Ingles reading the lessons; the ante-communion service was said by his Lordship, Mr. Phillips reading the epistle, and Dr. Fuller the Gospel; the sermon was preached by Dr. Fuller; after a suitable hymn had been sung, the confirmation service was proceeded with, when eight young persons publicly renewed their baptismal vows and obligations, and were addressed by our venerable Diocesan in one of those admirably simple and touching addresses, for which his Lordship is so

noted. The blessed sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a goodly number of communicants, amongst whom it was pleasing to notice six of the young persons just confirmed; thus seeking of Him crucified the strength to keep their vows. After the administration of the Lord's Supper, the venerable prelate, accompanied by the clergy and a portion of the parishioners, proceeded to consecrate the burial ground. This Church thus consecrated to God's service by the name of "Christ's Church, Grantham," is a very neat brick church with tower and spire. The style is Norman, and the dressings being of white brick, the effect is very good. The wood work of the interior has lately been grained in oak, the chancel very handsomely furnished and the aisles carpeted; for which the congregation are chiefly indebted to the indefatigable exertions of Mrs. Phillips, the wife of the Incumbent. The church yard is beautifully situated on the bank of the eight mile creek, and bring very dry and shaded with trees is admirably suited for its solemn purposes. The land is principally the gift of W. Scroes, Esq., and wife, to which the Municipal Council of the township has added the old road in front of the Church; and from its location midway between Niagara and St. Catharines is admirably suited for the purposes to which it has been consecrated. The ladies of the congregation had kindly provided a very excellent lunch at the hospitable house of Thos. Keys, Esq., Churchwarden, but the Bishop and his party were obliged to decline partaking of it and hurried into Niagara, where they arrived a little after three o'clock. Evening prayer was said by Dr. Lundy, Rector of Grimsby, and the sermon was preached by Dr. Fuller. (The chanting singing on this occasion was very creditable to the young ladies who conducted it, and added very much to the great interest of the services.) Here, too, the candidates, numbering twenty-six, were all young, and the females being nearly all dressed in white, had a very pleasing effect; his Lordship having addressed them on their duties and privileges, and having shewn them how they might be able to keep the vows then assumed, the Rector then presented each candidate with a certificate of confirmation, and stated that he would have great pleasure in filling up the blank on the other side, whenever they should have received the Holy Communion. His Lordship was hospitably entertained by the Rector at the new and commodious rectory, where a party were invited to meet him. This rectory, built of white brick in the Italian villa style, reflects great credit on the Rector, who furnished the plans and designs, and superintended the building of this, one of the best and most convenient houses of its size in the country. It was erected at a very low price, when the excellence of the materials and workmanship are considered. The grounds around it are tastefully planted, and an excellent orchard set out; so that here a good work has been accomplished under very adverse circumstances by the perseverance and energy of the Incumbent, aided by the liberality of the building committee. It is, however, to be lamented that a considerable debt is still due upon the buildings but it is hoped that this will ere long be liquidated by the parishioners, for whose benefit it has been incurred.

The day proved a "weather breeder," for before midnight we had rain, which tended to render the roads to Stamford rather heavy. However, by starting early, the Bishop managed to reach St. John's, Stamford, by eleven o'clock when his Lordship was received by the Rev. W. Leeming, the Rector of the parish, the Rev. C. L. Ingles, B.A., Curate, and his venerable father the Rev. Charles Ingles, for many years mis-

sionary at Sydney, Cape Breton, and by the Churchwardens, Dr. Mowburn, and John Stewart, Esq. Morning prayer was said by Mr. Ingles, the lessons read by Mr. Leeming, Dr. Fuller preaching at the Bishop's request. The candidates, as in the two preceding cases, were all young; but it was remarkable that in this case the males considerably exceeded the females, the former numbering six and the latter two. The grave yard about this church is now very tastefully laid out, and ornamented with suitable trees, reflecting great credit on those who have made it a pattern for village church yards.

The rain, which had been threatening all the morning, began to fall soon after the Bishop had left the hospitable mansion of Dr. Mowburn, where a lunch had been provided for his Lordship and the friends of the Church, and by the time St. John's Church, Thorold, was reached, it was quite heavy. Notwithstanding a very large congregation cheered the good Bishop, who seemed to be very much gratified at the goodly assembly, and the large class of thirty candidates, some of them quite advanced in years, and many of them married persons, who were presented for confirmation. At the request of the Rector there was no sermon and his Lordship the Bishop addressed the candidates in his best style, setting before them in clear and forcible language their privileges, their duties, and the blessed means graciously provided for their growth in grace. All were struck at the admirable manner and the wonderful energy with which this address was delivered; and it is trusted, that the excellent advice given that day will be treasured up by those to whom it was addressed and bring forth fruit, through God's grace, till they come to His everlasting Kingdom. Since his Lordship's visit three years ago, an excellent bell, weighing 1500 pounds, has been procured for this beautiful church, and hung in its substantial tower. A neat stone wall has been erected on two sides of the church lot, where it faces the streets. In addition to these improvements a comfortable shed has been erected by the congregation, which makes it one of the most complete country churches in the Diocese. Next morning at 10 a.m., the Bishop was punctual in his attendance at St. Paul's Church, Port Robinson, a second church in the parish of Thorold. Here again a very large congregation, and a class of sixteen candidates, several of them married persons, cheered the venerable prelate, and listened with sincere gratification to the excellent address delivered with his Lordship's wonted energy. After service the Rector availed himself of the opportunity to introduce to his Lordship several of his respected parishioners, who will long remember the 24th of October, as a great day in their lives.

To the credit of this congregation we must mention that they have recently provided themselves with that useful appendage to rural churches, a comfortable shed.

By one o'clock the Bishop, attended by Dr. Fuller, had reached All-Saints' Church, Welland, and was heartily welcomed by the indefatigable Missionary, the Rev. J. Stannage, through whose exertions this neat little church, accommodating about 100 persons, has been erected. Though the day by no means favourable, and the roads very bad, yet the little church was crowded to excess; and the worthy missionary had the privilege of presenting to his venerable Diocesan twenty-four candidates for confirmation, amongst whom were four magistrates, and a number of married persons. A large proportion of these (as in the cases of those presented in the parish of Thorold) were gathered into the bosom of the Church from the surrounding sects. Here, too, the sermon being dispensed with, the Bishop was