

congregational, which is much to be deplored, although the hymn tunes were easy, yet custom has taught the people to leave all to the choir. The church is a very pretty one, and with congregational singing instead of a quartette choir, this church would have a very nice service. The Rev. Canon Hedden seems loved by all his flock, as well as his assistant the Rev. Mr. Holmes, by his Christian zeal. Your correspondent feels satisfied that our holy church is making rapid strides in Canada.

Yours very truly

OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

THE Bishop of Niagara having appointed the following missionary meetings in his Diocese, and the following clergymen to attend them, as deputations, requests the attention of the Churchmen of the Diocese thereto:—

Oakville, Monday Oct. 2nd, 7 p.m.; Deputations.

Palermo, Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 7 p.m.

Omagh, Wednesday Oct. 4th, 7 p.m.; Ven. Archdeacon.

Thornby, Thursday, Oct. 5th, 7 p.m.; Rev. W. S. Spiers.

Milton, Friday, Oct. 6th, 7 p.m.

Dundas, Monday, Oct. 2nd, 7 p.m.; Rev. Dr. Reed.

Flamboro, Tuesday Oct. 3rd, 7 p.m.

Sheffield, Wednesday, Oct. 4th, 8 p.m.

Rockton, " " 7 "

Copetown, Thursday, Oct. 5th, 8 p.m.; Rev. C. E. Whitcombe.

Ancaster, Thursday, Oct. 5th, 7 p.m.

St. Peter's, Barton, Friday, Oct. 6th, 7 p.m.

St. George's, St. Catharines, Monday, Oct. 2nd, 7 p.m.; Rev. C. Ethorson and Rev. S. Houston.

Merriton, Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 7 p.m.

Thorold, Wednesday, Oct. 4th, 7 p.m.

Port Robinson, Thursday 5th, 7 p.m.

Fort Hill, Friday, Oct. 6th, 8 p.m.

Welland, " " 7 "

Port Colborne, Monday, Oct. 2nd, 7 p.m.; Rev. E. J. Fissenden.

Marshville, Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 7 p.m.; Rev. W. Percy Smith.

Dunville, Wednesday, Oct. 4th, 7 p.m.

Cayuga, Thursday, Oct. 5th, 7 p.m.

York, Friday, Oct. 6th, 7 p.m.

Niagara, Monday, Oct. 23rd, 7 p.m.; Rev. J. B. Worrell.

Queenston, Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 7 p.m.

Virgil, Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 8 p.m.; Rev. Wm. Belt.

Grantham, Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 7 p.m.

Port Dalhousie, Thursday, Oct. 26th, 7 p.m.

Jordan, Friday, Oct. 27th, 8 p.m.

Christ Church, St. Catharines, Friday, Oct. 27th, 7 p.m.

Lowville, Monday, Oct. 23rd, 7 p.m.; Rev. W. J. Mackenzie.

Nassagawa, Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 2 p.m.

Carlisle, Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 7 p.m.

Plain's Church, Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 8 p.m.; Rev. H. L. Yewens.

Waterdown, Wednesday, Oct. 25th, 7 p.m.

Wellington Square, Thursday, Oct. 26th, 7 p.m.

Nelson, Friday, Oct. 27th, 7 p.m.

Drummondville, Monday, Oct. 30th, 7 p.m.; Rev. Geo. A. Bull and Rev. T. T. Roberts.

Stamford, Tuesday, Oct. 31st, 7 p.m.

Clifton, Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 7 p.m.

Chippawa, Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 7 p.m.

Berties, Friday, Nov. 3rd, 2 p.m.

Fort Erie, " " 7 p.m.

Caledonia, Monday, Oct. 30th, 7 p.m.; Ven.

Archdeacon and Rev. T. Gribble.

Hagersville, Tuesday, Oct. 31st, 7 p.m.

Nanticoke, Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 7 p.m.

Cheapside, Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 7 p.m.

Jarvis, Friday, Nov. 3rd, 7 p.m.

Glandford, Monday, Oct. 30th, 7 p.m.; Rev.

J. Bell Worrell and Rev. H. L. Yewens.

St. George's, Barton, Tuesday, Oct. 31st, 7 p.m.

Woodburn, Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 7 p.m.

Tappleytown, Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 2 p.m.

Stoney Creek, " " 7 "

Grimsby, Friday Nov. 3rd, 7 p.m.

Georgetown, Monday, Oct. 30th, 7 p.m.;

Rev. F. L. Osler and S. Houston.

Stewarttown, Tuesday, Oct. 31st, 8 p.m.

Norval, " " 7 "

Acton, Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 7 p.m.

Ascension, Eramosa, Thursday, Nov. 2nd,

8 p.m.

Rockwood, Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 7 p.m.

As the mission fund of the Diocese is very low, and unless larger sums are contributed to that fund this year, than were contributed last year, the Mission Board will be compelled either to reduce the number of missions or to reduce the grants to the Missions, neither of which can be done without serious injury to the cause, the Bishop earnestly requests his brethren of the clergy, to use every exertion possible, to receive a good attendance at the above meetings. In order thereto he would suggest that they should avail themselves of every opportunity, in their daily intercourse with their people, to bring this important subject before them; and specially would he recommend them to have sermons preached in their churches on the subject of Missions the Sunday before the meetings are to be held; either by themselves or by clerical neighbours, with whom they could exchange for that purpose. The Bishop also requests the church wardens to see that the churches are duly prepared for the meetings, the clergy to invite their clerical neighbors to attend the meeting, to assist the deputations if need be, and he would request the clergy and church wardens to make such arrangements for conveying the deputations from place to place, as will save the mission fund as far as possible. By order of

J. J. MASON, Sec. Treas.

Hamilton, Aug. 31, 1876.

On Sunday, 27th August, the Lord Bishop of Niagara held Confirmation services in the mission of Erin and Garafraxa, when the Apostolic Rite was administered to twenty-three candidates. This was His Lordship's first visit to this Mission, and he was much pleased with the fine farming country and evidences of prosperity generally which he saw when being conveyed to the several stations by the incumbent, Rev. W. E. Grahame. Unfortunately, however, comfortable homesteads and wide stretching fertile fields cannot in this case be taken as a criterion of the prosperous position of the Church in a material point of view, as in common with many another missions in Canada, the want of some means of keeping our people together as a distinct religious community during their early pioneer struggles, has resulted in a numerically weak Church membership, while those we have lost have gone to swell the ranks of the sects around us. The services were very numerously attended, especially that at Reading, that of Garafraxa, where many failed to obtain admittance. The Bishop's address at this place occupied one hour, and was listened to very attentively, as his remarks were also at Erin Village and at Hillsburgh.

ORDINATION.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara will (D. V.) hold an ordination on Sept. 24th (the 15th Sunday after Trinity) in Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton. The examinations will take place in the Cathedral school house, commencing at 10 a.m., on the preceding Thursday. Candidates are requested to give notice to the undersigned without delay, and to come provided with the usual testimonials. ALEx. DIXON B.A., Examining Chaplain. Rosehurst, Guelph, Aug. 16th, 1876.

TORONTO.

COLBORNE AND BRIGHTON.—His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese administered the apostolic rite of confirmation in this parish, on Monday, 21st August, in Trinity Church, Colborne, at 11 a.m., when 16 were confirmed, 4 of whom, at the same time, were admitted into the Church by the sacrament of Baptism; in St. Paul's Church, Brighton, at 7 p.m., when 7 were confirmed. The congregations were large and attentive, and the Bishop's addresses warm and effective. His Lordship was assisted in the services of the day by the Incumbent, and the Venerable Archdeacon Wilson.

A MEETING of the Rural Deanery of Durham, Victoria, will be held at the Rectory, Millbrook, on Thursday, 14th Sept., 1876, at noon. Scripture subject for discussion, Heb. 3rd chapter; service at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, R. H. Haines, B.A.

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RITUALISM AMONG DISSENTERS.

The Editor of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

DEAR SIR,—I take the liberty of asking you to insert the following extract from a letter I received lately from England, in your paper, as I feel sure it will be a matter of interest to many of your readers to see that, even in England, so-called Ritualistic practices are making headway among dissenting bodies; are furthered by no less a person than the Rev. Morley Punshon, late President of the Wesleyan Conference in Canada.

"The way in which our dear Dissenting brethren are adopting the rays of popery is wonderful. While in London, I wanted to see All Saint's, Lambeth, and accordingly wended my way across Westminster Bridge. I caught sight of a most elegant spire, and following it up, I came to a handsome gothic building; to Protestant eyes, it would have been exceedingly Popish, it fairly bristled with crosses. In the interior was an apse chancel raised by seven steps; the altar table was of carved oak, and upon it were several bouquets of flowers. The prayer desk was turned side-ways; the pulpit was at the proper place; the only departure from ordinary church usage was, that the choir sat on one side only, but I have become so used to see differences that that did not strike me much. Some of the windows were stained, and I noticed that the one next the Holy Table contained the crucifixion. Upon enquiry I found that this ecclesiastical building was a new Dissenting chapel, and was erected to perpetuate the labors of the Rev. Rowland Hill. I feel sure, however, that his spirit must groan within him as he sees his labors perpetuated in such a way. At the opening, six preachers took part, arrayed in surplices, among them was Morley Punshon. I forgot to say they have dropped the name chapel and call it Christ Church."

Thanking you for your space, I am yours, etc.

Drummondville, Aug. 31st, 1876.