

DISTRICT NEWS.**EAST ANGUS.**

During the past few months, owing to departures and changes, which must always be expected in a manufacturing district, it was found necessary for the well-being of the Church that the Incumbent should undertake the work of putting the Church's finances on a better basis. This has been done and is most satisfactory. We have lost of late by removal one of our best helpers and supporters, and his family, Mr. L. Jarratt, for the past four years head manager of the mills of this place, who was always a worthy example to his workmen, ever present in his place at the House of God, never absent from the Lord's Table, most generous in his offerings and a true type of a Christian. His loss has been much felt by the congregation. The Incumbent and Church-Wardens, on the eve of his departure, in the name of the congregation, presented him with a little souvenir of their regard, a beautiful illustrated copy of Milton's *Paradise Lost*.

Miss Minnie Cowling, who has for the past three years been our worthy Organist and Sunday-School Teacher, has gone from our midst. Some of her friends in the congregation made her a little present of a gold ring, set with Opals, as a small token of the esteem in which she was held. We much regret her departure.

Miss Hester Cowling has kindly volunteered to take the Organ in her stead.

At Ascot the Church grounds have lately been improved by the planting of trees and shrubs. It has been found that the Church land extended some distance beyond what has always been considered the line. This matter, not being sufficiently clear in the deed, necessitated the services of a surveyor, and now posts are set, and the correct line is known, much to the satisfaction of our Ascot congregation.

The Church has lately been presented with two beautiful banners from the Stoke neighbourhood; nothing was spared to make them good and worthy of the place they occupy. Our ever decreasing population of this place are spurred on to do better things; the Congregation is larger and the number of Communicants double.

A Committee has been appointed to take steps to purchase a new grave-yard, as the old one is full and is now closed.

One member of our congregation, Mrs. Geo. Taylor, passed away rather suddenly on Tuesday, June 14th, which is a serious loss to her family and to the Church, for she was ever kind and thoughtful, hospitable and ready for every good work. Hers had been a life of special trial and trouble since the beginning of February, when diphtheria made its inroads into her home and her youngest lay apparently dying. From one member of the family to another the malady spread, and the stricken household was watched over day and night by the loving mother, until at last, worn out by disease, she herself has passed away. The last rites of the Church were performed at Birchton, at the family grave. Our community has been deeply moved by the affliction of this household.

POSTSCRIPT.

The Editor begs to acknowledge the following additional subscriptions received for 1898:

Miss Pentland, Mr. Billett, Miss A. McGie, Quebec, Mrs. H. M. Price, Montmorency Falls, Mr. Eckhardt, Montreal, Mr. A. S. D. VanBarneveld, Grindstone, Magdalen Islands, Mr. P. Touzel, Shelldrake, Mr. F. W. Major, West Shefford, Reverend G. T. Harding (10).

Also for 1897:—Miss Schwartz, Quebec. All items of news, &c., intended for the August Number, should reach us on or before July 21st