

HOME DISTRICT CLERICAL ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of the Home District Clerical Association, will be holden (D. V.) on Wednesday, November 10th, at the Parsonage, Holland Landing. The Clergy who intend to be present, are requested to notify the Rev. J. Carry, so that arrangements may be made for their accommodation.

HOLY COMMUNION.—8:30 A. M.

CHAPTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.—1, 2, 3, and 4 Chaps., Leviticus.

SUBJECT OF ESSAY.—The three-fold division of Man—body, soul, and spirit.

H. B. OSLER, *Secretary*.

Lloydtown, Oct. 15th, 1869.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RURAL DEANERY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, ONTARIO.

On September the 29th (Feast of St. Michael and All Angels,) the following clergy assembled at Grafton, by appointment of the Rural Dean, viz:—Rev. J. Wilson, A.M., (Rural Dean), Revs. W. Stennett, W. T. Smithett, A. Lampman, J. H. Coachafer, J. S. Baker, and W. J. Mackenzie.

Divine Service was held in St. George's Church, at 10 o'clock A. M., at which a goodly number of the congregation were present. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. W. T. Smithett, of Norwood and Hastings. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. J. S. Baker, of Campbellford, and the Second Lesson by the Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, of Brighton. The Litany was said by the Rev. Mr. Coachafer; and the Holy Communion administered, both to the clergy and to several lay members of the church present, by the Rural Dean and the Rector of Cobourg. An excellent sermon was also preached by the Rector of Cobourg, from St. Luke v. 7, setting forth the responsibilities and encouragements of the Christian ministry, in connection with both parochial and missionary work.

After Divine service the clergy adjourned to the hospitable parsonage of the Dean, when the following proceedings took place, viz:—

It was moved by Mr. Stennett, seconded by Mr. Baker, That the clergy of this Rural Deanery, at the call of the Rural Dean, for the purpose of brotherly converse and mutual help, do hereby constitute themselves the Rural-decanal Chapter of Northumberland, and that the Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, of Brighton, be appointed Secretary.—*Carried*.

Moved by Mr. Smithett, seconded by Mr. Stennett, That the objects of the Chapter shall be for the promotion of missionary work within its bounds, and mutual conference with regard to church matters and parochial administration.—*Carried*.

Moved by Mr. Smithett, seconded by Mr. Lampman, That the Rural Dean shall call meetings of the Chapter on the 2nd Wednesdays of December, March, June, and September, and in such places as shall be determined on at the previous meeting, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the organization.—*Carried*.

Moved by Mr. Smithett, seconded by Mr. Baker, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Stennett, for his excellent and instructive sermon of this morning.—*Carried*.

Moved by Mr. Smithett, seconded by Mr. Baker, That the December meeting of the Chapter be held at Peterboro', and that the Rev. Mr. Coachafer be the preacher on the occasion.—*Carried*.

Moved by Mr. Stennett, seconded by Mr. Mackenzie, That it will promote one of the main objects of this organization, if at each meeting some appropriate subject be discussed; and that the following be the subject for the next occasion, viz.: "The Communion of Saints."—*Carried*.

Moved by Mr. Coachafer, seconded by Mr. Baker, That the *Church Chronicle* and *Church Herald* be furnished with the proceedings of this Chapter, and with a request for publication.—*Carried*.

W. J. MACKENZIE, *Secretary*.

Brighton, Ontario, Oct. 2nd, 1869.