

reproach it was felt must be wiped away. The earnest loving labours of our devoted Missionaries in the townships alone, in Stanstead, Hatley, Magog and Bedford had wrought a great change in the feelings of the native people towards the Church, respect and a willingness to welcome her ministrations as something valuable taking the place of the contemptuous coldness and prejudice formerly prevailing. Nothing could more strikingly illustrate this change of attitude than what was to be told. The chief village in Barnston is Barnston Corners, and this would have been the natural place to select as the headquarters of the new mission if it had only been central for the field to be covered. The rising little village of Way's Mills was chosen as more eligible from this point of view; and the Bishop took the bold step of making the people of Way's Mills this offer, that if they desired the Church of England to open a mission among them, and would build at their own cost and make over to the Bishop a residence for the clergyman, the Bishop would place the clergyman there, and also, with some trust funds he had in hand, build for them a new church. This offer was at once taken up by the men of Wayville, and in less than twelve months the Missionary was occupying his new and commodious parsonage, and the church was built and opened for divine worship.

In the meantime, until the parsonage was ready, the Missionary resided in Barnston Corners, where he was warmly welcomed, and the few churchmen in the neighborhood at once rallied loyally around him. They were indeed much chagrined that the headquarters of the Mission was not placed at Barnston Corners; but they soon decided that they too must have a church of their own. Accordingly a building committee was formed, who all set to work with a will, and the Barnston Corner's Church was completed in time to be opened for divine service on the same day as that of Way's Mills. For the opening, St. Andrew's day was chosen. The churches, though completed and out of debt, could not in the absence of the Bishop be consecrated. The morning service was conceded to Way's Mills. The clergy, of whom eight were present: the Archdeacon, Canons Foster (Rural Dean), and Thornloe, and Revs. Messrs. Henburn, Stevens, Washer, Forsythe, and the incumbent, the Rev. Joseph Eames; robed in the Union Church hard by and walked in procession to the new church, which was found crowded with an intelligent and sympathetic congregation. They were met inside the ample tower by the churchwardens and the building committee of the parsonage, who presented the Archdeacon with an address, in which they said: "We have the pleasure of handing to you, as representing the Bishop, the key of the parsonage, which is now completed, in token that we have fulfilled our agreement entered into with his Lordship, that we would build a house for a resident clergyman on condition of the Bishop's building a church and placing a clergyman amongst us. We trust you will find the parsonage satisfactory. We trust the house we have built will long remain the happy home of our respected pastor, and that from it the best moral and religious influences will flow out while this world lasts into the community round about us." The Archdeacon accepted the key and handing to the incumbent, warmly congratulated the committee on the successful completion of their arduous undertaking. He was, and the Bishop, he was sure, would be entirely satisfied with the parsonage house. He now, on the part of the Bishop, had the pleasure of handing to them the key of the new and beautiful church they were met to dedicate. He explained that the service they were now to join in was not the service of consecration, which was of this church reserved to our Bishops, but simply a solemn opening of the building for divine worship; and he to join with invited all him now in in-

voking God's blessing upon the undertaking. Then, after two suitable Collects, the procession of the clergy proceeded up to the chancel singing the beautiful hymn, "O Word of God above." The service was hearty, the singing particularly good. The sermon by the Rev. Canon Thornloe, rector of Sherbrooke, was a soul-stirring exposition of the Church's claims as the Divine Society instituted by our Lord for the conversion of the world and the training of his people for His Eternal and Glorious Kingdom. The sermon was beyond all praise and was listened to with breathless attention to its close. The number of communicants was, considering all the circumstances, large, and the Eucharistic service very impressive.

After service, the clergy, wardens, building committee and other friends from a distance were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Eames in the new parsonage, the dinner, we believe, being provided by the ladies of the place.

The Church, which is a memorial to the late Mrs. Davidson, of Quebec, is a very successful building—indeed one of the most beautiful in the country. The plans were drawn and generously presented by the Rev. Arthur Jarvis, Rector of Carleton Place, and were faithfully carried out by the builders, Mr. B. F. Kezar, of Stanstead. The church is of wood, on a stone foundation, 54 feet by 22, inside measure, with a tower ten feet square. The tower and spire are very successful. The people of Way's Mills are particularly proud of their new church.

After dinner, the clergy drove to Barnston Corners, five miles from Way's Mills, where the new church was opened with a similar scene. The Church of Barnston Corners is a replica of that at Way's Mills, with the exception of the tower and spire, which are replaced by a porch and gable, bell and turret. In the address here presented to the Archdeacon, grateful mention was made of the generous gifts by Mr. Shorey, of Montreal, formerly a resident in Barnston, and with a very warm heart for his old home, of the beautiful stained glass on triple lancet window in the chancel: the two handsome chandeliers, and a pair of costly chancel chairs, to which he has since added a cabinet organ. This church is carpeted throughout and is heated by a furnace, and is in every way a successful building.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the zeal and devotion shown by the promoters of these important works, whose success is their best reward. Their names deserve to be here recorded. The Way's Mills Building Committee was composed of Messrs. S. W. Sergeant, W. A. Cramer, W. H. Davidson, M. Chamberlain and O. E. Webster; that of Barnston Corners, of Messrs. Putney, Irwin, Buckland, Stone and Whelan.

In the evening several of the clergy returned with Mr. Eames for a Missionary meeting at Way's Mills, which was well attended, and was addressed by the Archdeacon and by the Rev. James Hepburn, and the Rev. W. T. Forsythe.

So ended an ever memorable day for Barnston, and a day full of hope for the Church in the District of St. Francis.

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KINGSTON.—On Sunday morning the 30th December, Rev. R. A. Olin, rector of Trinity Church, Watertown, N. Y., officiated at the dedication of the new Altar and Reredos, given to St. Paul's Church by the Rev. W. B. Carey as a memorial to his mother. The form of service used was a most appropriate one, drawn up by the Bishop of Niagara. The altar is of red quartered oak, with marble top. The reredos is of the same wood, and both are finished in oil. The altar consists of three central panels and two narrow ones at either side, at the north and south. The central panels contain carvings of the sacred monogram and Alpha and Omega. The north and south panels are filled with Aaron's rods. On account

of the East window extending much lower than it should have done, there was very great difficulty in designing a suitable reredos so as not to obscure any of the beautiful medallions, in the window, representing scenes in the life of our Blessed Lord. This great difficulty the designer has most artistically and effectively overcome by combining the reredos with the window. The three lower medallions, representing the Baptism, the carrying of the Cross, and the Resurrection, are allowed to show through the oak work, while gothic arches, filled with tracery, and springing from floriated capitals and shafts, rise heavenward and partly fill the spaces between the lowest and centre rows of medallions. The three medallions immediately above represent the Adoration, the Crucifixion and the Ascension. On either side of the three open pannels are two seats of three gothic pannels, their arched heads all resting upon carved capitals and columns. Between the large central pannels and at each side wall of the chancel stand handsome buttresses, finished with carved crocket and finials. The central point of the middle gothic top is finished with a suitable finial and the emblem of man's salvation, which terminates immediately below the crucifixion figure in the window; the gothic tops all having carved oak leaves running up their sides. Immediately above and behind the altar is the Re-table with the sacred text "Holy, Holy, Holy," carved on a "picked out" ground on its front. Over the Re-table and under the open panels are three pannels carved in relief. That in the centre has a chalice with clusters of grapes and bunches of wheat and grape vines and leaves on either side of the chalice, all emblematic of the elements of bread and wine used in the Holy Sacrament. The pannels to the left and right are carved with the same emblems and have two quaterfoils with a Chi-Rho in the one and an Alpha and Omega intertwined in the other. Both altar and reredos are the work of Mr. B. H. Carnovsky, of this city; and the manner in which he has conceived and carried out the whole design stamps him as being one of the ablest artists and workmen in Canada. Competent judges, who have seen the work, say that they have nowhere in Canada seen anything superior to this piece of church furniture. As the beautiful East window was erected many years ago as a memorial to the first rector of the church a brass plate is placed at one side bearing the following inscription: "This window is an offering made in memory of the late Rev. William Greig, A. M. clerk; and for eight years incumbent of this church, died December 5th, 1855, aged 46 years. 'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.'"

Another plate at the opposite side reads as follows: "This Altar and Reredos are erected to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ellen E. Carey, mother of the fourth rector of this church, who entered into rest May 31st, 1807."

Mr. Olin preached a most excellent sermon from the text St. Math.: 26, 13, and showed that Mary's monument, the record of what she had in her love done for Christ was the only monument handed down to us from His time. He strongly urged all to erect monuments to their loved ones within the houses of God instead of spending costly sums on perishable structures in cemeteries, of which the question might often be asked, "Which was the greater, their cost or their uselessness?" He also alluded in fitting terms to the other memorials in St. Paul's Church besides the East window. That in the north aisle to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick, the beautiful font in memory of the late Rev. Robt. S. Cartwright, and the massive solid silver communion vessels in memory of the late Hon. John S. Cartwright. In the evening Mr. Olin preached upon "Congregational music and vested choirs." He gave his own experience since last Easter, of a vested choir of some thirty men and boys in his own church, and