

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, NAPANEE.

Editor of "The Evangelist":

Sir,—It has occurred to me that you might like to hear some account of the services held in the new Anglican church of this place Sunday, 25th Aug., together with your correspondent's impressions of the building and its appointments.

The services were conducted by Rural Dean Baker, of Bath, who also preached very appropriate sermons. The attendance in the morning was about seventy, at night over 120. Both the services were bright and hearty, more so indeed than in most village congregations, and this because the choir—a few of them from Newburgh—had been well taught, and not only sang but in the responses read in unison, which, as example is infectious, led the people to respond generally and thereby enhanced the effect. At the evening service one of the hymns was "Jesus, lover of my soul," to a tune familiar alike to Methodists and Church people, and there being many of the former there, the way in which it was rendered was very striking and inspiring.

The sermon in the morning was on "Bodily Worship," from 1. Cor. vi: 7-10, from which he showed that God's glory in divine worship could not be properly promoted except by the united agency of the body and the spirit: while that at night dealt with worship generally, and was based on Psalm xvi: 7-10, whence he showed that churches were houses of worship, not preaching houses merely, and that the work a Christian went to church to do was to worship God, to pay Him worship, or as they commonly spell it worship, not only to hear preaching—a purpose important of course, but wholly secondary, because relating to man's good and not to God's glory, the chief object to be kept in view in divine worship.

The Rural Dean did not fail, of course, to congratulate the Rector and congregation upon the very satisfactory results of their labors in the completion in so short a time of such a goodly house of prayer, and very properly took pains to say that after all it was only what might have been expected, seeing the success that has uniformly attended Mr. Woodcock's tireless efforts in every department of his work in the extensive Parish of Camden East since his appointment to it.

The little church of St. Jude (that is its designation) is indeed, as the preacher remarked, a gem of ecclesiastical architecture, in form and finish so perfectly churchly—having pews, chancel, organ chamber, vestry and porch and neat stained glass windows of appropriate ecclesiastical pattern—that there is little if anything lacking that could be desired. The interior arrangements too are in keeping with all the rest, being as complete as the structure itself. Some liberal and noble donor—who chooses to remain unknown—having presented an altar, credence, Bishop's chair, desk, lectern, and pulpit—all of butternut, correctly designed and of the best workmanship—nor stopped here, but added a superb font: while the Kilburn sisters of London, Eng., have supplied a beautifully embroidered altar cloth, and a full set of linen cloths, also embroidered, for use at eucharistic services.

St. Jude's, therefore, it will be seen, commences its career of usefulness as perhaps no other church ever did in this part of the Province of Ontario. This small congregation had

scarcely any existence three years ago. The entire cost of construction, \$16,000, was raised by subscription and otherwise within the last six months, and though now completed, its indebtedness is not more than \$100. Its equipment in the way of such things as are needed for the decent and orderly celebration of divine service is scarcely lacking in any particular, and its members can boast of giving toward the support of their clergyman, this first year of their existence as a church, notwithstanding all they have paid toward the building fund, more than any similarly situated congregation of which the writer has any knowledge. To the various groups of church people in this Deanery circumscribed as we ourselves once were, (i.e., without the ministrations of religion) and they are legion, may we not say in all brotherliness of spirit, "Go ye and do likewise?"

Yours,  
CHURCHMAN.

AGGRESSIVE CHURCH WORK.

Editor of "The Church Evangelist":

Sir,—Knowing that the columns of your most interesting paper are always open to those engaged in aggressive Church work, I write to ask if you will, by inserting this letter, help us in this branch of the Holy Church's work.

This mission known as the South Burleigh and Buckhorn Mission covers about 400 square miles of territory, and besides South Burleigh includes the townships of Smith, Harvey, and Cavendish. The population numbers several thousands, the majority of whom are nominally Protestant Dissenters, and from experience in visiting them I am able to say that the only reason why they are such, is because they have no knowledge of the Church (or at the best a very imperfect and erroneous one) or of the Gospel she teaches.

The mission was formed just one year ago to-day, and I am thankful to say that by God's goodness much good has been done under very trying circumstances.

By definite Church teaching the people are being awakened to a sense of their ignorance of the Christian Faith as contained in God's Holy Word, and to their need of a definite and vital religion.

Our services are always well attended, and in many cases the people cannot find even standing room in the building we use. We have flourishing and rapidly increasing Sunday schools and branches of the Church Temperance Society, which are very popular, the meetings being always very well attended. In addition to these, branches of the W. A. and G. F. S. are being formed. With the help of two Lay Readers, I am at present working four stations thoroughly, but during this fall and winter I do hope and trust that we shall be able to extend Christ's Kingdom and to carry the Gospel of the Kingdom with the several means of grace to other stations in the Mission, where as yet Church services have never been held. This will entail a great deal of driving: at present we possess only one horse and cutter for our winter's work. We should have at least one more, and we are in immediate want of the horse. A man who was formerly a Dissenter, but who is now becoming a steady Churchman, very kindly lent us a horse for the summer months, but requires it now for his fall and winter work. The Mission Board Grant is \$600, and this keeps the three of us. Our people have been rather heavily taxed during this summer. Crops are poor and money is scarce. I write to ask if any of your readers who

are really interested in aggressive Church work will help me to purchase the necessary horse, cutter, robes and harness; at least \$100 is needed—for Christ and His Church.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
T. H. HARTLEY,  
Mission House, Young's Point, Ont.,  
Oct. 1, 1895.

Editor of "The Church Evangelist":

Sir,—You have asked from your readers their views as to the low ebb of missionary income in the Canadian Bishops of the Church of England: I will do my best to enlighten you from this the Queen's Bishopric of the Pacific seaboard.

The first thing is "officialism." In the year 1874, the Bishop and a body of clergy and laity took upon themselves to meet "as a Synod" (which they were not), and to pass about five hundred by-laws or "Canons" (to do which they had no right) to bind the laity for all times. And ever since the clergy have been more and more drawn off from the work of their parishes to the framing of unworkable constitutions, and ways for everything which run smoothly only on paper. A two-thirds share of representation for the laity on all bodies is the need, and let these bodies be fewer. The next is too much "bricks and mortar." Instead of the clergyman bending his powers to getting together men, as the mainstay of the parish, every shew is strained to put up a church building, and the folks to fill it are left to take their chance, which they do.

Thirdly, I would say the slight touch between the Church of England at home and beyond seas. Why do not leading English Churchmen who have made a name for themselves give a year or two now and again to those "parts of the Church of England itself," here? How can there be life when all is so still? One dull round that never seems to shift?

Thanking you for the outspokenness allowed in your columns—an earnest of a great hereafter for your paper and acknowledging with Mr. A., the wants of a sound hymnal (not on Ancient and Modern" gloss).

I am, sir, yours truly,  
P. A. VIDLER.  
Victoria, B.C., Sept. 18, 1895.

CHURCH IN CANADA

The date for the opening of the new Grace church in Milton, has been fixed and will take place on Tuesday Nov. 12th.

The Rev. Herbert E. Bowers, M.A., has been appointed by the Bishop to the Rectory of St. Paul's, Vancouver B.C.

Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, of Smith's Falls, while attending the Provincial Synod at Montreal, was taken ill with inflammation of the lungs.

Several of the deputations appointed to conduct missionary meetings, will be at their work this month in different parts of the Diocese of Niagara.

The Bishop of Algoma has been again appointed by the committee of the Colonial and Continental Church Society to the chaplaincy of Christ Church, Mentor, for the coming winter season.

The Bishop of Huron has issued a pastoral urging the clergy and laity of the Diocese to be present at the Lay Worker's Convention at Windsor, Ont., on the 23rd and 24th inst.