

charge the country for between forty and fifty miles on the river Ottawa, and holding services which are well attended on Sundays and week-days at various stations. Again, the only clergyman above Aylmer on the north bank of the Ottawa, in this diocese, is the Rev. J. S. Sykes, at Clarendon, 50 miles above Aylmer, and he has to visit and hold services for twenty miles farther up the river, officiating at Clarendon, Queo River, Portage du Fort, Calumet Island, &c., &c., with exceedingly rough and difficult roads. Mr. Sykes met the Bishop and Archdeacon Lower, who accompanied his lordship, at Onslow wharf on the Queo River. They were received at the house of Mr. Dalton Smith, (son of the Rev. J. Smith, Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral), where they dined, and afterwards inspected the site for a church and grave-yard, which has been given by Messrs. Egan & Co., and arrangements were made for immediately commencing the work.— They then proceeded to Clarendon, a distance of about twenty-two miles, over roads scarcely passable for wheels in many places, and such thousands of trees had been blown down by the violent storm of wind on the preceding Friday that travelling was unusually difficult. The following day, Sunday, the 20th, was fixed for the consecration of the church and grave-yard. During the last fourteen months, since his appointment to this mission, Mr. Sykes has been exceedingly active in getting the church completed, which has long been in a very unfinished state. Owing to the great deficiency of capital circulating in this district the congregation have not been able to give large money contributions, but they have given their labour and materials, and money as far as they could. The whole now presents, and especially in the interior, as far as the original design will allow, a very neat and ecclesiastical appearance; and the grave-yard has been set in order and enclosed with a plain substantial fence. The usual congregation here is between 3 and 400; but on this occasion upwards of 500 were in attendance, and notwithstanding the accommodation of the new gallery, used for the first time this day, and all the aisles being crowded, a great many were unable to gain admittance within the building, nor indeed access to the open windows without. The Archdeacon preached, and the Bishop also gave an address. At the afternoon service the church was again quite filled, and the Bishop confirmed thirty-three candidates. The congregation have also purchased a small glebe of seven acres, close to the

church, on which there is a house, which is being put in order as the residence for the clergyman. Mr. Sykes has established a singing-class for instructing his congregation in church music and psalmody. The members of it meet twice a-week in the evening, and since the commencement, about six weeks ago, it has been regularly attended by between seventy and eighty persons. Should the attendance be kept up as regularly as it has hitherto been, he will soon have transformed his congregation into the best choir in the diocese. On Monday the Bishop, Archdeacon, and Rev. Mr. Sykes rode twelve miles to Portage du Fort, dining *en route* at Mr. Smart's, one of the oldest settlers. At the Portage they were the guests of Mr. Mason, the resident agent of Mr. Osborne of Quebec, who is engaged largely in the lumber business in the neighborhood. On Tuesday they drove twelve very rough miles through beautiful and romantic scenery to the Calumet Island, passing the Grand Falls. Divine service was performed in a room in Mr. Kemp's house, when about 50 persons were present. On Wednesday evening service was again held in the Temperance Hall, at the Portage. It rained exceedingly hard all the afternoon, which prevented many from attending, but nevertheless about 100 persons were present. Mr. Osborne has signified to Mr. Sykes his intention of giving a site for a church and grave-yard close to the village. The Bishop inspected the proposed lot, which is admirably situated, and several of the members of the church met his lordship at Mr. Mason's, to inspect some plans procured by Mr. Sykes, and it was determined to make preparations for commencing the work without delay, and there is every prospect of this becoming a very increasing settlement. One great difficulty, however, which we have to contend with in attempting to carry on such works in these remote districts, or to establish the church on any independent, self-supporting principle, is the great want of money circulating among the people. Whatever the excellence of their farms or the abundance of their crops, there is no available market for their produce. One store-keeper stated, that for two thousand pounds worth of goods sold to the settlers during the year, he had only received one hundred and fifty in money. The great source of prosperity in these parts has been the lumbering business; but at present this is about at a stand still. There cannot, however, be brighter prospects for settlers, or a greater improvement for the country, than would be caused by the efficient

opening up of the whole fine district of the Ottawa for farming purposes—a much more steady and lasting source of wealth for Canada than the lumbering business, however useful or necessary a business that may be. The check of late in the lumbering business has not been without some advantages: it has already caused a vast visible improvement in the cultivation of land all along the Ottawa, obliging thousands who used to work at the lumbering to seek employment on their land and a means of livelihood from agriculture, and this would rapidly increase if there were only an available market.

On Thursday, the 30th, the Bishop and Archdeacon took leave of Mr. and Miss Mason, and set out on their return to Montreal, where they arrived on Friday evening. His lordship left the city again to hold confirmations at Durham, Huntingdon, &c., &c., and to consecrate the churches at Edwardstown and Hemmingford. He expects to be absent about ten days.

## DIocese OF TORONTO.

### NOTICE.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next general Ordination in the Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday, the 20th of October. Candidates for Holy Orders, whether of Deacon or Priest, are requested to communicate without delay to the Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., Examining Chaplain, their intention to offer themselves, and to be present for examination in the library of the Parochial School-house, at Toronto, on the Wednesday previous to the day of Ordination, at 9 o'clock A.M. They are required to be furnished with the usual testimonials, and the *Si Quis* attested in the ordinary manner.

### NOTICE.

CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIocese OF TORONTO. The Standing Committee will meet (D.V.), at the Society's rooms, on Wednesday, the 3rd of October, at 3 P.M. The general monthly meeting will be held (D.V.) on the following Wednesday, at 3 P.M.

THOS. SMITH KENNEDY,  
Secretary.

### CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIocese OF TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIocese, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE MONTH OF JULY, 1855, TO BE APPLIED TO THE FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE SOCIETY.

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