

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

To the Reverend the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto :

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—I have received the following Resolution from the Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund of this Diocese, passed at their meeting on the 10th August last :—

"Resolved,—That the Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund most respectfully represent to the Bishop of the Diocese that it appears that the Fund will be in arrear on the 1st of October next to the amount of more than \$110, and they request His Lordship to address a special appeal to the Diocese on behalf of the Fund, as the sum which is ordinarily realized by the quarterly collection is not more than would suffice to meet this deficiency, leaving nothing for the disbursements to be made during the year, beginning from the date above given ; and that a copy of the Financial Statement of the Widows and Orphans' Fund be submitted to His Lordship with this resolution by the Secretary-Treasurer."

There is no benevolent object of the Church with which, I believe, its members more heartily and generously sympathize than the case of the Widows and Orphans for whom this fund is designed to make a moderate provision. So far we have been able to meet without difficulty the claims upon the fund ; but, as was to be anticipated, these cases are increasing in number, and the effort of the Church, I feel assured,—if the fact is simply set before its several Congregations,—will be to assure to every claimant upon this benevolent fund, the usual annual allowance of \$200. It would be a humiliation, as well as a misfortune, if an insufficient supply of means were to compel the Committee to urge the necessity of diminishing the amount of that annual allowance.

I trust you will use your best endeavours so to impress your several Congregations with the value and importance of this fund, and the necessity of larger contributions, that the result of the next collection may be found to supply the existing deficiency, and enable the Church to extend, undiminished, this boon to the widows and children of those who have finished their earthly work, and who, in contemplating their separation from it, felt it an inexpressible consolation that they, for whose future support they could lay up nothing themselves, can be safely left to the guardianship of the Church in whose cause they have spent their days.

I remain, Rev. and dear brethren,

Faithfully and affectionately yours,

Toronto, Sept. 29th, 1869.

A. N. TORONTO.

 ORDINATION.

On Sunday, September 12, 1869, two imposing and interesting services were conducted at Christ Church, in the city of Hamilton. In the morning there was a general ordination of candidates for the Ministry ; in the evening the rite of confirmation was administered. On each occasion, the church was crowded, and owing to the excellent arrangements of the clergy and church-wardens, the most satisfactory accommodation was afforded for all.

The clergy present to take part in the morning service were, His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, the Ven. Archdeacon Palmer, and the Revs. J. G. Geddes, T. S. Cartwright, J. Hebden, G. Bull, J. G. D. Mackenzie, and D. H. Ferrier.

The candidates for Ordination were the following : *For Priest's Orders* : J. Mackenzie, J. Francis, W. Hoskins, J. Fletcher, W. Carey. *For Deacon's Orders* : F. Hall, C. W. Paterson, E. H. Musson, T. Walker, A. C. Shaw, and W. Bates.

At 11 o'clock a procession was formed in the school room, of the candidates and clergy, which passed through the centre of the church. The Rev. T. S. Cartwright read morning prayers, and the Revs. J. G. D. Mackenzie and G. A. Bull, the lessons. The ordination sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Palmer, from Acts xxiv. 28, which passage he explained, and enforced in an eloquent manner the nature and obligation of Christian devotedness on the part of Christians in general, and of Ministers of the Gospel in particular. After the sermon, the candidates were presented to the Bishop by the Archdeacon ; then the Litany was said by the Rev. J. Hebden, and the Ante-Communion by the Rev. J. G. Geddes.