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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ORDINATION.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto held a special ordination in the Cathedral Church of St. James, on Monday, the 29th September, feast of St. Michael and All Angels, when the Reverend Charles James Stewart Bethune, B.A., Curate of St. Peter's, Cobourg, was admitted to the holy order of priesthood.

The Candidate was presented by the Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., examining chaplain, to the Lord Bishop, and his Lordship was assisted in the laying on of hands by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Toronto, the Rev. H. J. Grasett, and the Rev. S. Givins.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The collection on behalf of the above fund is appointed to be taken up in the month of October. At present there are nine widows and four orphans receiving from the fund. The pensions amount to \$2,180, whereas the proceeds of the annual sermons only amounted last year to \$1,076.15. Great exertions should be made to increase the investments in this fund, as, in the course of nature, many of our clergy, who are about the same age, may be expected to leave widows and orphans within a few years of each other, and unless the proceeds of the collections increase, there is great cause to fear that the allowances to widows and orphans will have to be reduced.

OBITUARY.

We have to record the death of his Grace the Right Rev. John Bird Sumner, D.D., fourteen years Archbishop of Canterbury. He was of a good old age, and died Friday, Sept. 5th. He was the ninetieth occupant of the Archiepiscopal See.

(PUBLISHED BY REQUEST.)

St. Catharines, Sept. 10th, 1862.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

In the spring of 1867 I came to Canada from Nova Scotia, in search of a mission.

I visited Merritsville, now Welland, where the people bound themselves to the rural dean to provide me a house and a salary, which, with the additional prospect of glebes in three adjoining townships, induced me to resign my charge in Nova Scotia, and to return to Welland in the following September.

When I reached Welland with my family, my furniture, my horse, &c., the house which had

been promised me was not ready. Another, without kitchen, without cellar, and without an outhouse of any kind, was offered me as a temporary residence, but this being very unsatisfactory, I had serious thoughts of abandoning the mission; when I reflected that the people would be much disappointed, and therefore decided upon purchasing the house first promised, and making the necessary improvements with my own funds. Before doing this, however, I had got a meeting of the parish, in which a vote was passed, giving me £25 a year for house-rent, instead of a house. I purchased the house and lot, (3 acres, near which I since erected a church,) upon which I spent above \$2,600. Property, at that time, was very high, and it was thought cheap. It consists of a house with six rooms, besides two kitchens, a good stone cellar and cistern, a good well, 40 feet deep, an ice-house, a large orchard, a barn, and gate-house, and young trees, planted by me, and is well fenced.

Unfortunately, however, although the work of the church among a very poor people has progressed very encouragingly, and three churches will soon be erected, fever and ague assailed both my family and myself to such a degree that four summers one or two of us were down with it, and we were ordered to quit the place as soon as possible.

Medical men gave me no rest until I sought the benefit of a voyage home. Having spent all my money on the property at Welland, and lost not only the interest of my money, but the rent of the house also, which the people could not pay, I could scarcely afford to go home; but it occurred to me that I had many friends in England, who had long assisted me in missionary buildings, and that I had only to go to them with an account of my case to induce them to help me to make over my property at Welland as a parsonage house for ever, thus reimbursing me, and enabling me to go to another mission.

I had also in view to raise the means to pay the government price for the Wainfleet glebes, if possible; but as these have not yet been obtained, and as the bishop wrote, expressing a hope that I would soon return, lest I should interfere with the general fund of the great societies, I could not take advantage of all the offers of pulpits and meetings which my kind friends sent me, and only raised about £50 sterling, clear of expense. One of the clerks of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel took care of my fund, whose accounts I have.

My misfortunes having been thus turned to the advantage of my mission, thanks to the kind friends whose hearts God disposed, I now have the great pleasure of sending you the deed of my property at Welland (which is also registered) to the Church Society, in trust, as a parsonage house and lot for that mission for ever.

You will see that I have given the Society power to sell, whenever they may think it advantageous to purchase another house and lot, for the same object.

And although I am quite sure my friends do

not wish me to be a loser, I have only charged \$2,000 for the property, which cost me above \$2,600, besides the loss of interest, and rent, and time, &c.

I do this the more gladly, because I am anxious to help the poor church at Marshville, with the rest of the money in my hands, and I have to thank God for having returned home in better health.

Praying that it may please God to raise up men after his own heart, to occupy the parsonage at Welland for ever hereafter, I remain,

Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

JOHN STANNAGE.

To the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary to Church Society, Toronto.

COLLECTIONS UP TO 29TH SEPTEMBER.

MISSION FUND.

Previously announced.....	\$578.91
Glenallan.....	\$ 1.50
Rothsay.....	1.15
Kells.....	1.20
Aln.....	0.90
Houstonville.....	0.35

Per Rev. Geo. Nesbitt.....	5.10
Georgetown.....	4.75
Norval.....	3.03
Stewardtown.....	1.37

Per Rev. F. O'Meara.....	9.15
Wellington Square and Nelson, per Rev. Dr. Greene.....	2.50

127 collections, amounting to.....\$596.66

SPECIAL MISSION FUND.

Lowville, per Rev. Mr Higginson's salary.....	50.00
For stipend of missionary for Arthur, North Arthur, and Mount Forest.....	78.25

Per F. W. Gates, Esq.....	128.25
St. James', Orillia, on account of Orillia bond, per churchwardens.....	140.00

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Georgetown.....	1.50
Yor'.....	7.50
Caledonia.....	5.00
Cayuga.....	1.50
Rockwood.....	4.00
Rockton.....	18.00
Ontario, and Stoney Creek.....	20.00
Rockton.....	53.75

Per F. W. Gates, Esq.....	111.25
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SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. J. Chance (in August).....	5.00
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