

Two ladies of the congregation, the one a Methodist and the other a Presbyterian, consented to make a canvass of the village, and their success was beyond my fondest hope. It may be well to mention our presents and other acquisitions in detail:—Through the Rev. A. J. Balfour we received a supply of Prayer and Hymn Books from the Church Society. St. Matthew's Guild presented us with a full set of Linen for the Holy Communion, and also made for us a beautiful Altar Cloth, towards which we were only able to give \$5. From the Church Helpers we procured a set of Communion Vessels with Cruets, towards which we contributed \$10. We were also able to get, through a friend in Montreal, a carpet for the Chancel, matting for the aisle and a door mat, at wholesale prices. With the little remaining money we hope to obtain an Alms-bason and a large Hymn Book for the Organ.

The Church still needs a suitable Font, which we trust will not be long wanting.

Unfortunately we have lost, by removal, several of our constant churchgoers. This fact, with the great amount of sickness in Thetford during the past Autumn, has made our congregation noticeably smaller.

It is with much pleasure that we welcome among us Miss Boyle, of Frampton, who is a great assistance in the musical part of the Services.

It may not be out of place here to acknowledge with thanks a grant of Prayer and Hymn Books, contributed from the Church Society, for St. Matthew's Church, Beattie's Settlement.

N.B.—The Rev. W. A. Gustin is, we are sorry to hear, just about leaving Thetford, Black Lake and Kinnear's Mills, and is going to be Assistant to the Rev. Canon Burke, Belleville, Ont. We wish him Godspeed.

FRAMPTON.

The Rev. G. F. Hibbard writes:—

Since my appointment to this Mission, the good hearted people have

found endless opportunities of shewing us how kindly they treat their Clergyman. We are especially grateful for the kindness shewn towards us by the last Incumbent, the Rev F. Boyle, who still resides within the Mission, to our great comfort and assistance.

Our Parsonage, a fairly large and well built house, which was unfinished and rendered almost uninhabitable, owing to its having been vacant for over seven years, has been made most attractive and comfortable. The whole house has been clapboarded and entirely overhauled inside and out and would not be recognised as the same building by anyone who had seen it a few months ago. Some of the money was raised in the Mission and many of the men gave their labour freely, but we are greatly indebted to the valuable assistance generously given by people of Quebec, and Dr. Heneker and Mrs. Reid of Sherbrooke. There still remains more to be done to render the work quite complete, but we are very thankful for the great deal already accomplished.

The Christmas Services were well attended, especially the 8 a.m. Communion Service, which was enjoyed by many of our oldest people who came out in spite of all difficulties. The Churches were beautifully decorated, but the musical parts of the Services were impaired by the need of new organs. The increasing kindness of everyone causes us to look forward to a bright year in 1899.

STANSTEAD AND BEEBE PLAIN.

With sincere regret we record the departure of the Rev. W. T. Foisythe, who has undertaken work in the neighboring Diocese of Vermont. Beebe Plain, which has for the last few years had the care of a resident Assistant, will now, once more, receive its Services and Ministrations entirely from the new Rector of Stanstead.

POSTSCRIPT.

Lack of space prevents us from acknowledging subscriptions received during the past month. They shall be inserted in our next issue.

All items of news, &c., intended for the February Number, should reach us on or before January 21st.