

The Rev. W. Bettridge then made a brief but eloquent and effective address, in which he happily alluded to the lamented absence of the Prelate, whose substitute he was. An appropriate hymn was then given out, and books having been distributed to the people on the stand and the crowd generally invited to join in the singing of it,—the effect was most pleasing. A collection, which amounted to fifty-three dollars, was then made, the clergy carrying round the plates. Then another prayer was read, and the Apostolic blessing pronounced by the Rector. The procession again formed and marched back to the house of S. MacDonald, Esq., (the Rev. T. Sandys, of Chatham, having joined the clergy); when it reached the house the Masonic body opened their ranks, the band still playing, and the clergy passed through them, and under an arch, formed by the swords of its officers. We then returned to the parsonage, and partook of an elegant repast, no fewer than three and twenty sitting down at one time.

In the evening we returned to Windsor, and attended a meeting for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Church Society. We found a very respectable congregation assembled in the Congregational Meeting House. Evening prayer was said by the Rev. F. Sandys; the lessons were read by the Rev. G. Salter, and an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Bettridge, and heard by the large audience with the deepest and most marked attention. The Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary of the Church Society, then explained the objects and operations of the society; after which, Arthur Rankin, Esq., M. P. P., moved the first resolution in a very able and effective speech. Dr. Dewson, Mr. Kerr, Mr. Paxton, and the Rev. Messrs. Salter, Mack, Elliott and Bettridge, moved and seconded the other resolutions. The Rev. E. H. Dewar added a few words and dismissed the meeting.

The following are the resolutions passed at the meeting:

Moved by Arthur Rankin, Esq., seconded by Rev. G. Salter,

That the occasion of laying the foundation stone of a Church in this place is a favorable opportunity for organizing a Parochial Association of the Church Society.

Moved by Dr. Dewson, seconded by Rev. F. Mack.

That a Parochial Association be therefore now formed, to be called the Windsor Parochial Branch of the Church Society.

Moved by Mr. Kerr, seconded by Rev. Gore Elliott,

That the Incumbent, Dr. Dewson, and Messrs. Charles Hunt, Jacob Brown, and Mark Richards be a committee for carrying the former resolution into effect.

Moved by Rev. W. Bettridge, seconded by T. Paxton, Esq.,

That while this meeting deeply regrets that the illness of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Michigan has deprived them of the anticipated pleasure of his company this day, they desire gratefully to acknowledge the many tokens of cordial and brotherly sympathy which the Church in Canada has received from the clergy and laity of the Episcopal Church of the United States.

Thus ended a day which we shall always remember with feelings of pleasure and gratification at having been permitted to take part in its proceedings.

We most heartily congratulate the Rector of the Parish on the complete success which appears to have attended his zealous efforts to raise a sanctuary to the Most High, in a village which is only now commencing, but which as

the terminus of the Great Western Railway, must shortly become a large town. The building once up, will, before many years, if Mr. Dewar be spared, require to be enlarged, though the present design is a noble one, and will afford ample accommodation for a large congregation.

The Church is to be built of stone.—*The Church.*

From the Bowmanville Messenger.

The Churchmen of Bowmanville occupy a prominent position in the Diocese of Toronto, on account of the zeal and energy displayed by them in promoting Church objects; and many neighborhoods where fewer obstacles interfere with the accomplishment of even greater improvements, but where little or nothing has been effected, would act wisely in following the good example afforded by the Parish of Darlington.

The history of the Parish from its formation under the first Rector, the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, down to the present time, has been marked by a perceptible and steady progress. Through the untiring exertions of the Rev. gentleman just named, aided by the ever-ready co-operation of the principal members of his flock, improvement was year by year projected and carried out to completion. It has, however, been reserved for the present Rector, the Rev. Dr. MacNab, to witness the beginning of a work which, when completed, will form the most important improvement that has yet taken place.

On Thursday, the 12th ult., a Church edifice was begun, by laying the foundation stone, which, when finished, will not only be an ornament to the town and a credit to the parishioners, but will compare favourably with any church of similar dimensions in the diocese. About 12 o'clock the greater proportion of the congregation, together with a large number of spectators, assembled at the site of the building, where every arrangement had been made to conduct the proceedings with all proper observances, and due solemnity. The usual prayers and sentences having been said by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. Henry Brent, Rector of Clark, the secretary of the Building Committee, Thomas C. Sutton, Esq., read the inscription on the parchment, and described the coins and named the papers which were about to be placed within the cavity of the Corner Stone. The bottle containing those articles was deposited by Robert Armour, Esq., and the lid for covering the cavity was duly adjusted by John Hibbert Esq., two gentlemen who have on all occasions evinced a praiseworthy zeal on behalf of the interests of the Church in this locality. The stone was then lowered to its bed, and Dr. Low, one of the oldest and most influential members of the congregation, after having tried it with square and plummet, said: "This Corner Stone of the foundation we lay in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; and may God Almighty grant that the building thus begun in His name, may be happily carried on to its complete termination, without injury or accident, let or hindrance; and that, when completed, it may be consecrated and set apart for Him and His service to the honour of His name, and the salvation of the souls of men from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen." A Prayer, and the Hymn, "Christ is our Corner Stone," followed—the Choir performing their duty with admirable effect.

Immediately after the Benediction was pronounced Dr. Low briefly addressed the assembly. He began by saying that he felt honoured by being called upon to occupy the present position;

and he had performed the duties devolving on him that day with mingled feelings of pleasure and awe—pleasure in aiding at the commencement of an undertaking which at once proved the increase of the Church at large, and the prosperity of this individual Parish in particular; and awe in being an instrument, though an humble one, in assisting in raising a building to be consecrated to the service of the High and Holy One who inhabiteth eternity; he felt awe as being now especially in His presence, to whose honor and for whose glory the house was to be built. His feelings of pleasure were great. He could compare the different aspect the Church now presents to what she did on his first arrival in the country some twenty years ago. Churches were then few in number and at remote distances from each other. The ministrations of Clergymen could only be had at long intervals, and even then were chiefly confined to the necessarily hurried visit of the travelling Missionary. So rare, too, were their visits, that upon him had often devolved the painful and solemn duty of committing to its kindred dust the earthly remains of many of his friends and acquaintances. He recurred to the time of his first settlement in the Parish, and recounted the many changes that had occurred under his own observation; he described the old church, its first humble appearance, and limited, yet sufficient accommodation; the rapid increase of the congregation, and the consequent insufficiency of the accommodation, which so shortly before had been ample; the enlargements that were successively made, aided on several occasions by the ladies, until last Easter, the still increasing and urgent demand for seats compelled the Vestry to act promptly in order to meet the pressing need, and on the suggestion of the Rector at once to proceed with the structure now in course of erection. This project, however, he added, they were emboldened to undertake chiefly in consequence of a liberal offer made by a gentleman to furnish not only the design and working plans of the building, but even a large amount of valuable materials. To that gentleman, James B. Spence, Esq., of the Grand Trunk Railroad, they were deeply indebted, since without the assistance rendered by him, the work in which they were at present engaged, would have been scarcely feasible.

After glancing at the many benefits that would accrue to the Parish by the speedy completion of the building, the Dr. closed with the wish and prayer that all might, when they had ceased to worship in the material temple now begun, meet again to worship in that "House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

The trowel used on the occasion was of silver, very chaste in design and neat in workmanship, and was publicly and gracefully presented to Dr. Low by the hand of Mrs. MacNab, the Rector's lady. Engraved on its face was the following inscription: "Presented to Dr. George H. Low, by the Rector and congregation of St. John's Church, Darlington, on the occasion of his laying the Corner Stone of their new Church, Thursday, 12th July, 1855."

The Church, when completed, it is estimated, will be capable of accommodating at least 800 persons. The basement story has been constructed for the convenience of the Sunday School, and will furnish a fine room ten feet in height, and fifty feet by thirty-six. The foundations of the building are of limestone, from the Darlington quarry, which article has been generously given to the Church, as a donation, by George Tate, Esq., of the Grand Trunk Railway, Toronto—and the elevation is of red brick. The Chancel window is a very beautiful design, and when completed will have one panel of