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the temple was forced to call upon the King of Tyre to send his workmen to cut the timber and quarry the stone that was to form the building. These workmen were of the heathens and never could enter that temple of which they were preparing the material; and so it is with the Church. Her trials come from the scoffings of the worldly-wise and the misrepresentations of the ignorant, and it is this very opposition she meets with which, like chisel and graver, fits the Church of God for her place in the temple. The chisel seems to do a hard and cruel work, but the stones and timbers are fitted thereby to occupy their places in the heavenly temple. Lift up your hearts in this your dedication festival and see that they are given to God for his glory in the spiritual building.

The decorations of the interior, and other particulars of the design have not been completed yet, nor are they expected to be so for some two or three years, consequently much cannot be said in regard to the appearance of the building, which is expected when completed to be as substantial and richly decorated a church edifice as any in the city. On Sunday the Communion table was tastefully decorated with flowers, the singing was hearty and of good quality, the choir and congregation retaining their reputation in this respect.

It is intended to continue the services throughout the week, Sunday next inclusive, the services during the week being as follows:—Holy Communion at 7 a.m.; Daily Mattins, and Choral Evensong at 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. respectively.

The offertories of last Sunday, and on the 1st Sunday after Trinity, (being the first and last Sunday respectively of the Octave) will be devoted to the building fund, whilst those made during the week will be disposed of as follows:—Monday, The poor of the Parish. Tuesday, the Montreal General Hospital. Wednesday, the Sisterhood. Thursday, the Diocesan Mission Fund. Friday, the Parochial School. Saturday, the Choir expenses.

ONTARIO.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LANSDOWNE FRONT.—On Thursday, June 13th, the corner-stone of the new St. John's Church, Lansdowne, was laid by Masonic ceremony. The proceedings of the day commenced with Divine service in the old church at 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Canon Mulock, Brockville. The lessons were read by Rev. Mr. Echlin, of Kingston. The Rev. Mr. Carroll, under whose pastoral care this mission had formerly been before being set off from Gananoque, delivered a very interesting and instructive address. He referred to the many years spent among them (upwards of 20), and of the many changes that had taken place during that time. He counseled them to be united and assist the new undertaking by every means in their power, and to overcome all troubles by union, perseverance and unselfishness, and in conclusion urged them to love the Church, "the Holy Church, which o'er our life presides," &c. The benediction was pronounced by the Ven. Archdeacon Parnell.

The Masonic ceremony commenced by the clergy and the Masonic fraternity marching in procession to the site of the new church. The ceremony here commenced by the clergy singing the hymn "The Church's one Foundation." After prayer by the Ven. Archdeacon Parnell, acting as Grand Chaplain, the corner-stone was laid by James A. Henderson, Q.C., D. C. L., Chancellor of the Diocese and Deputy Grand Master of the A. F. & A. M. of Canada. After a very eloquent address had been delivered by the Deputy Grand Master on the order and tenets of Freemasonry, all adjourned to an adjoining grove, where the ladies of the congregation provided a bountiful supply of refreshments. Appropriate addresses were here delivered by the clergy present and by several laymen. All departed for their homes well pleased that the new church was at last fully under weigh, and hoping that nothing would prevent the undertaking being brought to a successful completion to the praise and glory of God's holy name. The following clergy were present and took part in the proceedings:—The Ven. Archdeacon Parnell, Rev. Canon Mulock, Rev. John Carroll, Rev. E. P. Crawford, Rev. A.

F. Echlin, Rev. W. Wright, Rev. I. Osborne and the Rev. R. L. M. Houston, Incumbent of the Parish. The church is to be of dressed stone. The nave is 30 x 50 feet; chancel, 17 x 18 feet; Vestry, 12 x 14 feet; tower, 12 x 12 feet. When completed it will cost \$3,000.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending June 22nd, 1878:—

MISSION FUND.—*Parochial Collections*.—Toronto, Holy Trinity, additional \$2.75; St. Luke's, Ashburnham, additional \$29.90, St. Mark's, Otonabee, additional \$7.00.

Special Appeal.—Collected in Toronto, (Wellington street east), by Mrs. Lindsay, \$5.60.

ALGOMA FUND.—St. Paul's, Toronto, \$22 64.

CIRCULAR.

MISSION FUND.—*To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Toronto.* MY DEAR BRETHREN,—In the prospect of leaving my Diocese for some months, I strongly feel the obligation under which I lie to commend to your most serious consideration the position of our Mission Fund. The approaching Quarterly Collection is appropriated to the purposes of that Fund; and, as there is urgent necessity that it should be taken up with as little delay as possible, I hereby name Sunday, July 7th, as the day on which your offerings shall be thus devoted. There is still due to the missionaries one-half of the stipend paid them by the Board, for the quarter ending on the 1st of April last, amounting to about \$1,000. The stipends due on the 1st of July next amount to over \$2,000, and a like sum will again become due on the 1st of October, before which time no ordinary means of recruiting our resources will present itself, except the Quarterly Collection in July. The Synod is also pledged to pay a certain sum annually to the Missionary Diocese of Algoma. On the 1st of October next the payment for nine months will be due, amounting to \$1,029. We have, therefore, to provide \$6,000 in order to meet our engagement up to the 1st of October; and I feel most strongly that we must, one and all, address ourselves to this duty, with a full knowledge of the demand which is made upon us, and a firm resolve to meet it. Our present difficulties will prove to be a blessing if they serve to awaken a general and healthy interest in the work of Christ's Church, and an honest and devout recognition of our deep responsibility as stewards of the means which God, in his wise Providence, has placed at our disposal. May He incline our hearts to use these means aright. I remain, dear brethren, faithfully and affectionately yours,
A. N. TORONTO.

Toronto, June 18th, 1878.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—In accordance with a request made to the Bishop of the Diocese, by a resolution of Synod at its late Meeting, His Lordship hereby directs "That a Special Service be held in every Parish and Mission of this Diocese, on Tuesday, July 2nd, being the day appointed for the meeting of the Conference of Bishops at Lambeth, in order that the members of our Communion may have an opportunity of expressing their devout sympathy with the object of that great assembly, by joining with them in those offices of Holy Worship, which will form a solemn and appropriate introduction to their deliberations, and to unite in claiming the promise of Christ's gracious presence among them."

The Bishop, in accordance with the terms of the Resolution before mentioned, also directs that the Holy Communion be administered on this occasion, and that the Offertory be devoted to the Mission Fund of the Diocese; and has also caused the subjoined Prayer to be prepared for public and private use during the session of the Conference.

I am, Reverend and dear Sir,
Your's faithfully,
GEORGE WHITAKER.

Toronto, June 14th, 1878.

PRAYER.—*For use, in Public and Private, during the Session of the Conference at Lambeth in the Month of July.*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast given Him to be Head over all

things to the Church, we beseech Thee graciously to look upon Thy servants, the Bishops and Pastors of Thy flock, now assembled from many distant lands, to take counsel together on behalf of the people committed to their charge.

We bless and praise Thy Holy Name, O Lord, that Thou hast been pleased to knit together so great a multitude in one undivided communion and fellowship; and we most humbly beseech Thee, at this time, so to guide and govern the minds of Thy assembled servants, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may have a right judgment in all things; and so to prosper the work of their hands, that, by their faithful endeavours, truth, unity, and concord may be advanced throughout the universal Church, until, at length, all they that do confess Thy Holy Name, shall agree in the Truth of Thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. Grant this, O merciful Father, in the Name and for the honour of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

It is recommended that this Prayer be used before the General Thanksgiving, or before the Prayer for all Conditions of Men.

The Proper Psalms for the Special Service are Psalms 45, 87, 122, 133.

The Proper Lessons: Isaiah xlix., to v. 24.; St. John xvii.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

JARVIS.—The "decennial" of Rev. J. Francis, as incumbent of St. Paul's Church, in this village, was appropriately commemorated during Whitsun week of this year. On Whitsunday, 1868, by appointment of the present Bishop of Toronto, Mr Francis officiated for the first time in the church. Jarvis was then an insignificant, out-of-the-way place, on the old Hamilton and Port Dover plank road, fifteen miles from any railway station, and with nothing whatever attractive or desirable in it as a place to reside in. With many misgivings, the new clergyman accepted the appointment to the mission, and soon removed from St. Catharines to his new field of labor. There were then four congregations to minister to in the mission, and the work was necessarily heavy, involving sometimes on the Sunday thirty-five miles of travel, and often over the worst of roads. In 1872, on the return of the incumbent from a visit to the Old Country, two of these congregations were formed into a new mission, of which the Rev. J. Irwin, J. H. Fletcher, P. W. Smith and G. Johnston, have successively had charge. In 1876, a third congregation, that of Hagersville, was resigned by the incumbent, and placed under the charge of Rev. W. Green. At the present time Jarvis is one of the thriving and well-built villages of Ontario, is situated on two lines of railway, and possesses excellent postal, telegraphic and other conveniences. The parsonage is now one of the most comfortable in the Diocese, and with its pleasant surroundings is a credit to the village and neighborhood.

The commemoration service was held on the afternoon of Whitsunday, the 9th inst., when the sermon was preached by the incumbent to a very large congregation, from the text, "The time is short." It was a retrospect, containing words of thankfulness for the past, and expressive of hope for the future. On Tuesday, the 11th inst., a reunion, in the form of a garden party, was held at the Parsonage. About one hundred and fifty invitations had been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Francis to the heads and elder members of families connected with the congregation, and a few other friends; and while some were unavoidably unable to be present for various reasons, the greater part of those invited assembled at the parsonage in the afternoon. Refreshments were served on the lawn from 6 to 7 o'clock, the waiters being the members of the incumbent's Bible Class. Vocal and instrumental music by Mrs. J. D. Ivey and Mr. A. F. Jones, of Jarvis, and Miss Grasett, of Simcoe, attracted a large number of the guests within doors before and after tea, while others amused themselves with croquet. The reunion, a most pleasant and enjoyable one, was terminated by Divine Service in the church at 8.30 o'clock, when the Rev. G. Johnston, of Nanticoke, read prayers; the Rev. Rural Dean Bull, of Barton, the lesson; the incumbent, as usual, pre-