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ONTARIO.

BEACHBURG.—The Rev. Mr. Empringham, late of this parish, has been appointed curate of St. Peter's, Brockville, and on Sunday, Oct. 1st, delivered one of his effective sermons at Beachburg to a congregation more than crowded, and left the next day for Brockville. On Wednesday the Rev. Robert Orr, of Eganville, who has been licensed to the vacancy, showed his interest in his new parish by visiting Beachburg. Mr. Orr is known as an earnest and successful worker, and the appointment is looked upon with general favour.

FRANKTOWN.-We have just had a visit from the Rev. E. A. W. Hanington, who canvassed the parish on behalf of the Ottawa Episcopal Endowment Fund. The work began with an eloquent statement of facts made by the rev. gentleman at all the services on the 1st inst., followed by an earnest appeal to the people to do their duty as true Catholic Churchmen. The canvass began next morning, and was carried on in spite of the weather for four long days, during which Mr. Hanington and the rector covered about 125 miles of rough roads. The result of the canvass was subscriptions amounting to \$725, a magnificent sum coming from sixty-two families, most of whom are poor farmers and labourers. The liberality of the people was a surprise even to their clergyman; and may be attributed, in a great measure, to the way in which the work was done. " The Governor-General's Clergyman" is the best man that could have been selected for the work. His great earnestness and untiring energy, together with a never-failing fund of good humor and wit, wins the confidence and good-will of everyone. Very little begging had to be done in this parish. The people had heard what was required of them, and were ready to sign. Many touching acts of self-denial and devotion were mentally recorded by the canvassers. One lady handed out—a second time this year—a little sum scraped together to buy a winter jacket; she thought the "old one would serve a turn yet." A young man, an apprentice, gave half a month's wages, \$3 a hired girl did likewise. Many 25's, 20's, 15's, and about twenty 10's were included in the list, large sums for men to give who are still living in log houses (as most of them are) and struggling to make both ends meet. Our day school teachers gave \$10 apiece in more than one instance. In fact everyone did the best they possibly could, and Mr. Hanington went away with the impression that he had met with a good many warm-hearted, intelligent Churchmen and women during his visit at Franktown; whilst we cannot help saying that it takes Mr. H. to find out (and open) the hearts of Churchmen, whoever they may be.

Brockville.—The ladies of St. Peter's Church maintained their well-known reputation in the decoration of the old church for the annual harvest festival on Thursday, Oct. 5th. The altar, pulpit, lectern, etc., were draped in the handsome white satin hangings, and on the re-table and in every available space was a profusion of lilies, roses, palms, ferns and exquisite flowers. The Litany desk was made the base for a group of flowers and fruit very tastefully arranged, all surmounted by a floral cross of striking colour and beauty. In the windows and all around were vines and sheaves of golden grain, sprigs of autumn leaves, with grapes and apples all artistically arranged. The first service of the day was a special Eucharistic Celebration at 10.30, at which Miss Ethel McMullen presided at the organ. The Archdeacon gave a short address, reminding the congregation that this was really the chief thanksgiving service of the day, all praise and prayer resting for acceptance on its union with the intercession and meditation of the Redeemer, who now is actually engaged in heaven doing what the Church in figure does on earth-offering for sinners the great plea of the cross. At this beginning of the working season, the congregation were invited earnestly to invoke the blessing and help of Him without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, and then to show their thankfulness, for all His mercies to the country and to themselves by an active devotion to His service, and by their selfdenial offerings to Him who had given Himself for them. At 7.30 the church was fairly well filled for a very inspiriting service, which was full festal evensong. Besides the Rector, who sang the service, there were present the Revs. Dr. Nimmo, and O. G. Dobbs, who read the special lessons, and the Rev. A. T. McTear, of Maitland. There was a full choir, and in addition to the Harvest Hymns, in which the congregation joined heartily, a fine anthem was sung as an offertorium to verses of the 148th Psalm, composed by the Rev. E. Hall, Precentor of Worcester Cathedral, England. Mr. Allan Turner, in remark. ably good voice, sang the solo, and under the careful

training of Miss Callaghan the choir did justice to the music. There was no sermon, the Archdeacon in a few words explaining that this was an act of praise in which the people should give to God, rather than come to get anything from God, who was always giving to them. The whole service was just what it should be, a delightful hearty offering of praise and thanksgiving. Immediately after, in the church house close by, there was a bountiful entertainment provided by the ladies, which was well patronized by the congregation and friends. Tea and coffee, oysters and good things were supplied without stint at tables very tastefully ornamented, and there was a general social re-union of a pleasing character. Short addresses were delivered by Dr. Nimmo and Mr. McTear, the former speaking of his old experience of the kindness of St. Peter's congregation to him when a missionary collecting for a poor parish, and expressing his earnest desire to promote and continue the happy feeling of harmony which exists between the daughter of Trinity and the mother parish church of St. Peter's.

Three beautiful songs were sung by Mr. Allan Turner, Mr. Wells, the organist of St. John's Church, and the Archdeacon, which the audience evidently appreciated by their hearty applause. These, with a charming instrumental duet played by Miss Callaghan and Miss Violet McLean, that must not be forgotten, as it introduced the musical programme, constituted the entertainment of the delightful evening, all being brought to a happy conclusion at 10 55 by the singing of the Doxology and the Benediction. We hope the financial results will repay the good ladies of St. Peter's for their effort, on the success of which otherwise they deserve to be warmly con-

gratulated.

ADOLPHUSTOWN.—The Archbishop of Ontario, accompanied by his chaplain, Rev. W. B. Carey, visited this parish last Thursday and conducted a confirmation service in the U. E. L. church before a large audience. He confirmed twenty-nine candidates, fifteen females and fourteen males.

E. A. W. Hanington, appointed by Archbishop Lewis to canvass for the Ottawa episcopal endowment fund, reports the result of his labours in three parishes; Pakenham (124 families) contributes \$703; Clayton (eighty-four families) about \$675; Franktown (sixty-eight families) about \$730; a good beginning for Lanark county, especially as a goodly percentage is spot cash, the remainder to be paid within a year.

TORONTO.

LESLIEVILLE.—A harvest festival was held at St. Clement's church, last Thursday evening, at which Rev. Prof. Clark, of Trinity University, preached a very appropriate and eloquent sermon. The combined choirs of St. Simon's and St. Clement's churches rendered a very impressive musical service.

FAIRBANK.—The annual harvest festival service was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 5th. The members of the congregation had given liberally towards and worked hard at the decorations, which were more elaborate than on any previous occasion. The mission house was crowded, several visitors from the city being present. The officiating clergy were the Rev. T. W. Paterson, M.A., (rector of the parish) and the Rev. Walter Creswick of St. Saviour's, E. Toronto, formerly student-in-charge. The rector based a most interesting discourse upon the 25th verse of Psalm cxxxvi. The singing, which was entirely congregational, was very hearty, especially the time honoured "Alleluiatic Sequence," which was sung at the close of the service. The offertory (which amounted to upwards of \$5) was in aid of the building fund of St. Hilda's church, which at the present time is greatly in need of support. The festival services were continued on Sunday, Oct. 8th; at the morning service the Rev. J. H. McCollum officiated. The offerings of fruit and vegetables will be sent to the mission house in Seaton village, in connection with St. John's Hospital.

Mono Mills.—Rev. Mr. Lynch, of Rosemont, took duty in the four churches of this parish on Sunday, Oct. 8th. Rev. A. C. Watt took duty at the Harvest Home services held in St. David's church, Everett, on Sunday morning, Oct. 8th, and at West Essa and Alliston in the afternoon and evening. Rev. Mr. Carrol, B.A., of Alliston, took duty at the Harvest Home services at Everett on Sunday evening,

Mimico. — Christ Church. — A special harvest thanksgiving service was held in this church on Wednesday evening, Sept. 27th. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion with fruit, flowers, and grain. For the first time, too, was seen the beautiful dossal curtain of crimson broadcloth, which, with the brass pole, was the gift of "The Gleaners," who have been working faithfully for the last year, "do-

ing what they could." The choir rendered the musical part of the service in a manner which reflected the greatest credit on their able trainer, Prof. Arlidge. The Rev. Prof. Clark, D.C.L., of Trinity College, preached an eloquent and impressive sermon upon the duty and privilege of thankfulness, which will dwell long in the memory of all his hearers.

COOKSTOWN .- A very successful harvest thanksgiving service was held in St. John's church on Wednesday, the 20th September. The service was conducted by the incumbent, the Rev. George Scott, and a very instructive and eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. E. Chilcott, of Bradford, to a large and attentive congregation. The church was tastefully decorated with fruit, flowers and grain, by the members. Immediately after service, the congregation, with many others, assembled on the exhibition grounds, where dinner was provided and served by the ladies of the parish. During the afternoon Cookstown brass band rendered a number of choice selections, which added much to the pleasure and enjoyment of all those who were present. In the evening an entertainment was held in the temperance hall. Col. Tyrritt, M.P., occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks referred to the first meeting of the General Synod of the Church in Canada, held so recently in Toronto, which he considered an important crisis in the history of the Canadian Church, and a sign of growing prosperity. The programme was chiefly musical. Miss Holmes of Barrie, Mrs. D. Banting of Cookstown, Misses Sandenkin and Miss Wallace of Tottenham, Messrs. Scott and Walker of Alliston, Mr. Wright of Cookstown, and Mr. Faris, Bradford, sang suitable songs, which were highly appreciated by all present. Miss Lillie Evans of Kincardine, the celebrated elocutionist, was engaged for the evening, and gave selections in a style far surpassing the expectations of her most critical hearers. A vote of thanks having been proposed and seconded to the ladies who provided for the festival, as well as all those who took part in the evening's lentertainment, the proceedings terminated by the congregation singing God Save the Queen, all going away much pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

PETERBOROUGH.-Rev. Walter M. Loucks, M.A., for the past three years assistant curate of St. John's church, and in charge of St. John's South Ward Mission, has been appointed to the curacy of Christ church, Ottawa, one of the most important parishes in the diocese of Ontario. Archdeacon Lauder is rector of Christ church. The rector of Peterborough, in making the announcement, said he could not trust himself to more than state the simple fact, a proof of how deeply he feels the loss of a much appreciated assistant and co-worker. Rev. Mr. Loucks succeeds his uncle, Rev. W. J. Muckleston, who was recently appointed rector of Perth, and will leave about the end of the month to assume the duties of his new position. Rev. Mr. Loucks, since he came to Peter. borough, has done most effective work, and it is not too much to say that he has had a very large share, under the Divine blessing, in bringing the St. John's Mission work to the flourishing and prosperous condition in which he leaves it. His genial temperaabundantly recognized during his three years' labor, as successively lay reader, deacon, and priest. Rev. Mr. Loucks leaves behind him many warm friends, not only among the people to whom he ministered, but in the community generally, and many earnest prayers will follow him to his new sphere of work.

The new organ which has been purchased by the congregation of St. John's South Ward Mission was formally dedicated and used for the first time at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. There was a large congregation present completely filling the building. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Loucks, assisted by Mr. W. D. Parker, while Rev. C. B. Kenrick ably presided at the organ, and delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. The organ is a large cabinet instrument of the chapel style, of solid walnut, finished back as well as front. On a panel in the rear of the organ is a very hand-some brass plate, on which is a large Latin cross in high relief and the following inscription :-

To the Glory of God, And in memory of Lily M. Barlee, entered into rest Jan. 29th, 1893.

"Let Thy Saints sing with joyfulness." The service began by the Invocation of the Name of the Holy Trinity, and the recitation of certain responses by Mr. Loucks and the congregation. Then while the people knell he continued with three collects, the first being a prayer that God would accept what had been offered, the second the benediction of the instrument, and the third the collect for All Saints' Day. Then while all stood up the Rev. Vincent Clementi, B.A., advanced to the altar rail, and after a few explanatory remarks, in the name of the subscribers placed the receipted bill of the organ on the offertory plate, which then was presented upon the altar by the officiating priest. The newly dedi-