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Brennan, M. Hamilton, D. Splatt and A Taylor for Christ Church and by Miss C. Blott for St. John's. These young ladies have our best thanks. At the Vestry meeting at Christ church \$1.30 was voted to bring the fund up to the required amount, \$25.00

Miss Belle Logan has left the parish to take a position as teacher near Minden. Her loss will be greatly felt in W. A., Sunday School, choir, and church work generally.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. W. Brennan, Jr. and Howard Jones who have been seriously ill have recovered.

Congratulations to Mr. H. King, Jr., on his recent marriage to Miss Alice Bradford.

The Sunday school children (and their parents too) will please note that Sunday School will begin at Christ Church on April 27th and at St. John's on May 4th.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, YORK.

Our illustration gives a good idea of the new St. John's Church at York, which is built of brick with stone foundation, and which, having supplanted the less imposing structure of frame, has been in use for 10 years. Many expressions of admiration on account of size and form have been made by visitors to this church. The little community of members of the English church in the vicinity of York would have been obliged to content themselves with the old St. John's, now used for S. School and other church purposes, but for the generosity of the late Mr. James Kyffin, a prosperous merchant of York and the kindly interest and active co-operation of his friend, Mr. A. A. Davis, our County Treasurer. Mr. Kyffin left by will sufficient money to enable his friend and executor named above to build the new church and hand it over to the parish entirely free from debt, to repair the old St. John's church and place it on a new site, to extend the cemetery to double its former proportions, to invest as a permanent parish endowment the sum of \$3000, to do likewise with a sum donated for the S. School library, and finally to assist materially in securing the present excellent rectory as a place of residence for the incumbent of this rural parish. Before these generous provisions for the church community at York and adjoining country came into effect, this appointment was served as an out station from Caledonia by the Rev. Rural Dean H. F. Mellish.

A brief retrospect shows the list of clergy who have held the incumbency of the parish in succession to be the following:—Rev. B. C. Hill, M.A., 1838 to 1870, 32 years; Rev. E.

Horace Mussen, M.A., 1870-1874, 4 years; Rev. Henry Hayward, 1874-1876, 2 years; Rev. Rural Dean H. F. Mellish, 1876-1893, 17 years; Rev. C. Scudamore, 1893-present date, 9 years. Of these, the Revs. B. C. Hill and H. F. Mellish are dead; Rev. E. H. Mussen lives at Collingwood, and Rev. C. Scudamore is in charge at York; while the state of the Rev. H. Hayward is unknown to the writer.

On the sides of the chancel arch in St. Paul's Church, Caledonia, have been placed by thoughtful and loving parishoners tablets to the memory of two of these incumbents of the united parish, inscribed in these terms:

Sacred to the memory of Rev. B. Cudmore Hill, M.A., for 32 years the missionary in this Diocese, who died at York, Grand River, 9th November, 1870, aged 71 years. In testimony of the high esteem in which they held his character, as a zealous pastor, an earnest preacher of the gospel, and a truly pious man, this congregation have erected this tablet. "The Righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance."—Psl cxii, 6.

Sacred to the memory of Rev. Henry Frederick Mellish, born April 22nd, 1828, at Wocksope, Nottinghamshire, England; died September 30th, 1899, after 39 years' faithful labour in the Lord's Vineyard as an earnest and zealous steward of the mysteries of God. He was for 24 years the rector of this parish, which erected this tablet as a loving memento of his spiritual services. "Be though faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev II, 10.

These words engraved on the silent marble speak volumes by way of eulogy.

The mission of the first incumbent extended along both sides of the Grand River from a point above Caledonia to some miles south of the county town, embracing a strip of territory several miles wide in both Seneca and Oneida townships, and including churches or preaching stations in residences or school houses at Caledonia, York, Cayuga, Hagersville, Jarvis, DeCewsville, 3rd Line-Seneca, Indiana, Cook's Station, Petch's school house, Mount Healy, and other localities. Where he lived, preached taught and rode on horseback visiting and catechising, five elergy now labor in their several parishes. His memory is yet green in the hearts of many. An accident occurred while opening a gate to reach the home of a parishoner living just outside of Cayuga, nearer York, by which he was thrown from his horse and suffered a fracture of the thigh, the mishap resulting in death after a few days.