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the central point of the thanksgiving services, the number of communicants was fairly large. The offertory for the day amounted to nearly \$28, being \$12 in excess of last year, and is to be devoted to the purchase of a carpet for the chancel. The members of the congregation had been notified by circular and invited to contribute for this purpose. A pleasing feature of the service was the thanksgiving prayer for rain, which had lately come by God's mercy to refresh the parched fields. The service at Odessa at 3.30 p.m., was also fairly attended, and the offertory was more than double the usual amount. Rev. J. W. Burke of Belleville, preached at all the services. If one may judge from the services of this day, the condition of the parish is encouraging, and while much remains to be desired, much has been accomplished. Let us pray and hope for God's continued blessing on faithful work and patient endurance of trial and discouragement.

VANKLEEK HILL.—A most successful harvest festival was held on Thursday, 22nd ult. Many said that it was the happiest day the church had seen for many a year. The three congregations of the mission assembled in the church here, where the Rev. Mr. Phillips, of Hawkesbury, preached a very appropriate sermon. All then repaired to the grounds of Thomas Higginson, Esq., where due justice was given to the heavily-laden tables, temptingly set forth by the ladies of the different congregations. The afternoon was taken up with the various amusements incidental to such occasions, and social converse. The present incumbent has the goodwill and hearty co-operation of his parishioners. A handsome brick church, free from debt, has lately been erected in East Hawkesbury, one of the said parishes.

TORONTO.

We had the pleasure of a call on Monday from the Rev. R. H. Starr, M.A., diocese of Huron, who has been staying in Toronto for a few days. He officiated in St. Luke's church, morning and evening, preaching two admirable sermons.

We received a visit last Friday from the Rev. J. S. Kent, Cleveland, Ohio, who is spending a few days in Toronto. We are much pleased to hear that during Mr. Kent's incumbency the communicants and the Sunday-school has greatly increased in numbers.

Holy Trinity.—On Wednesday evening the 21st., at a meeting of some members of the congregation the following address, together with a purse of \$450 was presented to the Rev. W. Stewart Darling, on the occasion of his departure for what is termed "a prolonged residence" in England.

"Toronto, Sept. 28th, 1881.

"Reverend and Dear Sir:—Your friends of the congregation of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and some others who, though not habitual worshippers in that church, have yet benefited by your ministrations, and who hold you in high esteem, feel that they cannot let you leave them for so long a time without some expression of their affectionate regard, and their appreciation of your long, earnest, and self-denying labours for their spiritual welfare. We are therefore requested to offer for your acceptance the accompanying purse, and we can assure you that if the contents were an adequate representation of the love which prompts the gift, you would be rich indeed. We would ask you to convey to Mrs. and Miss Darling the assurance of our very warm regard, and praying that God will abundantly bless you all here and hereafter, we subscribe ourselves, "Your affectionate friends."

The address was signed on behalf of the congregation.

On Thursday morning at 7 a.m., the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, there was an early celebration, the celebrant being the rector, the Rev. W. Stewart Darling. At that early hour there were 176 communicants. Mr. Darling wore the vestments, which if the words mean anything at all, are required by the Church, in the Ornaments Rubric. He was assisted by the Revs. Dr. Davies, O. P. Ford, and Charles Darling. The service was perfectly plain, and the congregation very devotional.

At 3.30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Darling, Miss Darling, and Miss Ford left for England via New York, taking the Great Western Railway train. There was a very large crowd to witness their departure. The lay element predominated in the ratio of ten to one, though a goodly number of the clergy were present, of whom some differed materially from Mr. Darling's opinions, but could not forget the work he had accomplished both as a missionary and at Holy Trinity. The farewell was deeply affecting on all sides. Poor and rich, young and old, pressed forward for one last shake of the hand, but amid all the surrounding weeping, Mr.

Darling bore himself manfully, though he felt acutely the pang of separation. As the train steamed out of the depot every hat was lifted in silence. Of the 500 regular members of the church 200 expressed by their presence their adherence to the service inaugurated by Mr. Darling. These claim to have at least 100 more to back them. They are certainly, as far as wealth and position go, the influential members of the congregation. Among these are nearly all the adult members of the choir, who, though they have, with few exceptions, resigned, will nevertheless it is said maintain their rights as vestrymen by attending the church and communicating there.

It is not too much to say that the Church in Toronto has lost one of her hardest working clergy, one of the most sincerely devoted and most loyal of her sons, one of the most highly respected among his brethren; and that no clergyman in the city was ever so much beloved not only by his own congregation but by many others. Of late years we have been told a great deal about the authority, the influence, the power, the sympathy etc., etc. of the laity in the Church; no other clergyman in this diocese was ever so warmly sympathized with or so much aided in Church work by the lay members of his congregation as the one the diocese has just lost—the Rev. W. Stewart Darling.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The Rev. R. Harrison having removed from 38 Lumley-street to 36 Gloucester-st. requests his correspondents to address their letters &c., accordingly.

THE THURSDAY CELEBRATION (7.0 a.m.) will (D.V.) be continued regularly at St. Matthias' church, other clergy having expressed their intention of assisting.

CHORISTERS.—There is room at present for two or three additional voices (both of boys and men) in the choir of St. Matthias' church. It is necessary that the men should have some knowledge of singing, but the boys can be taught. There is "open practice" of the choir on Fridays at 8-0 p.m.

St. Stephen's.—On Thursday evening last the Bishop confirmed in this church, thirty-three candidates, twelve males and twenty-one females. The rector presented the candidates to the bishop. The girls were appropriately dressed in white.

LANDSAY.—St. Paul's Church.—On Sunday last, the following hymns were sung in memory of the late President Garfield: "God moves in a mysterious way," "Beset with snares on every hand," and "Jesus, lover of my soul." The 90th Psalm was chanted after the 8rd collect, in the evening. The voluntaries were "Forgive, blest shade," Calcott, "Thou knowst, Lord," Purcell, "I know my that Redeemer," and "Dead March," Handel, and selections from Croft's Burial Service. On Monday, a special service was held at 8 p.m., when the Rev. Dr. Hodgkin preached from 2 Samuel iii. 34. "As a man falleth before wicked men, so fellest thou." The hymns were "Give me the wings of faith to rise," and "How sweet the hour of closing day," the voluntaries, "Nearer home," and "Go to the grave."

RURAL DEANERY OF EAST YORK.—The next meeting of the Chapter of this Deanery will be held at the parsonage, Oshawa, on Wednesday the 12th inst. The proceedings will commence with Divine service at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening the 11th, when Canon Carmichael, of Hamilton, will preach; the sacrament of the Supper of the Lord will be administered at 8 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, and the meeting closed with divine service and sermons at 7 o'clock p.m. The subjects for consideration are: Greek Testament, 2 Timothy ii. beginning at verse 10. Liturgy; Communion office from Rubric before the benediction. Review Greg's Creeds of Christendom, chap. IV. I request a full attendance of the members of the Chapter, as some important special matters will be submitted to the considerations of the members, among which are the arrangement of missionary meetings for the ensuing winter, and the rules for the management of the Rural-deanery library prepared by the Trustees. John Fletcher, Rural-dean, Unionville, September 29th. 1881.

RURAL-DEANERY OF WEST SIMCOE.—On the 25th ult., the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, St. John's church, Tecumseth, was opened for divine service; and both priest and people have reason to be proud of the structure, for, as a country church, it has no superior in the diocese. The walls are solid brick, fourteen inches in thickness, and rest upon a stone foundation four feet deep. The nave is fifty-two feet by thirty, the chancel twenty-two by twenty, two vestries, each about twelve feet square; whilst in front

of the nave is a fine massive tower, which supports a very symmetrical spire, surmounted by a handsome finial which presents the appearance of a floriated cross to each cardinal point of the compass. The total length of tower, etc., is nearly one hundred feet. Along the ridge of both nave and chancel is some pretty cresting of ecclesiastical design, and quite elaborate at each gable. As your correspondent drove along on Tuesday morning in time for Matins, and saw the building for the first time, he could not but feel that no passer-by would ever suppose it to be a hall, or school-house, or a preaching house, but a veritable church. If, however, one is pleasantly surprised at seeing in the country a structure so ecclesiastical in external appearance, his pleasure is vastly enhanced when he sees the inside. The walls are not too high, and the roof is very steep, forming two sides of an equilateral three-sided prism, so that the "pitch" is an angle of sixty degrees; and being vaulted and showing the "principals" and other parts of the wood-work, it is much better than what one generally sees in a country parish, and will compare favourably with the roof of many a city church. The windows (from Messrs. McCausland, of Toronto) are very well proportioned, and beautifully coloured. The chancel window is particularly fine, consisting of three lights, the colouring being rich and harmonious. In the centre light are the words, "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him," whilst beneath is an *Agnus Dei* bearing a banner. In the left light is a baptismal font, and in the right a chalice with ears of wheat and clusters of grapes. In each light are several other figures also. The window has been erected by Richard Coffee, Esq., and his wife, Margaret, to the memory of a dearly beloved daughter who was called to her rest A. D. 1872, at the early age of nineteen years. Besides the window, the price of which was nearly two hundred dollars, Mr. and Mrs. Coffee gave between two and three hundred dollars to the building fund. The furniture of both nave and chancel is very good and substantial, and is made of white ash trimmed with black walnut. The lecterns are very neat, and most convenient to kneel or stand at; while the pulpit (lectern form) occupies the correct position, and commands a full view of the whole congregation. Where everything is so well one does not like to find fault; but if the altar were elevated about twelve inches it would be an improvement, as at present it is barely as high as the chancel rails. The whole cost, exclusive of gifts, and inclusive of voluntary labour, such as drawing stone, brick, etc., is about five thousand dollars; and so energetic have been the efforts of the parson and building committee that the remaining debt amounts to little more than two hundred dollars. A handsome carpet for chancel and vestry, and matting for the aisles, were presented by Mrs. Gaviller, of Hamilton, a former parishioner. Mrs. Pereham, of England, another former parishioner, presents a font and chandeliers; whilst Wm. Shearson Mares, Esq., who died A. D. 1878, bequeathed five hundred dollars to the building fund. The building committee consisted of R. D. Coffey, senr., J. Thompson, E. Bowen, R. Batters, and R. Gunmeroon; the architects were Messrs. Kennedy and McVittie, of Barrie; and Mr. R. L. Macey was contractor.

The clergy present at the opening service were: Messrs. Osler, of Dundas, R. D. Forster, of Creemore, R. D. Fletcher, of Cookstown, Bates, of Ivy, Seward, of Lloydstown, and Ball, rector of the parish. Morning prayer was said by Messrs. Ball and Bates, and Mr. Osler preached from the words, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord." During the sermon many of the older members of the congregation were visibly affected by certain touching allusions which the preacher made to the time, forty-four years ago, when he first came among them, and to his residence of twenty years in the parish as its first rector. "The most comfortable sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ" was then administered. In the afternoon the sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to five infants. The sermon was preached by Mr. Bates, the subject being the sufferings and future glory of the saints. At half-past six evensong was said, Mr. Forster being the preacher. The subject of the discourse was, loving work done for the Master. The music at all the services was very good, the choir having been well trained, and Miss Ellison (with great skill and precision for one so young) presiding at the organ. Though the church will scarcely accommodate three hundred, there must have been more than five hundred present on each occasion. The offerings during the day amounted to about one hundred and twenty-five dollars. The visiting clergy were most hospitably entertained by several of the parishioners; and it was very gratifying to them to hear their brother, the incumbent of the parish, spoken of in terms of very high esteem. Nor is it any wonder, for he is most assiduous in the discharge of his duties. Some notion of his energy may be obtained from the fact that within two years he has succeeded, with the active co-operation of the congregation, in erecting