

the wants of the people. The rector, the Rev. R. Whitwell took advantage of this accident to urge the removal of the church to the village of Phillipsburgh, where after working hard at raising the necessary funds, he had the satisfaction of seeing the present substantial and commodious edifice completed. And at this time being disabled from public duty by an attack of chronic bronchitis, he provided himself with an assistant, the Rev. W. Jones, now incumbent of Granby, and was thereby enabled to visit several parts of the Upper and Lower Province, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions in aid of the building fund; about £200 was thus obtained by him, and grants also were received of £50 from the Diocesan Church Society, and £20 respectively from those noble Societies the S. P. G. and S. P. C. K. The church was opened for public worship in 1846. The ladies of the congregation also raised funds, principally by their Sewing Society, for the purchase of the communion plate, and furniture for the chancel, reading desk, and pulpit, &c.

The parish of St. Armand West was erected by Letters Patent on the 9th August, 1834. The Earl of Dalhousie was then Governor-General, and the Hon. Right Reverend Dr. Stewart was Bishop of Quebec; his see embracing the whole of Upper and Lower Canada. The east half of lot 81 therein was assigned to the Rev. Rd. Whitwell, as first Rector, for the use of St. Paul's Church, in "the Western Missisquoi Bay parish." The parish of St. Armand East was erected on the same day, and the west half of 26th part of 80, assigned to the Rev. James Reid, as Rector, for the use of Trinity Church, in "the Eastern Missisquoi Bay parish," as the civil secretary terms it. It is only just to state, that the above lands were given as glebes by the late Hon. Judge Dunn, to whom the Seignory had been granted for his services to the state. The Seignory was commuted, leaving the purchasers of lots subject to the payment of 1s. per 100 acres per annum, when called for: which claim having been recently paid by commutation of the quit rent, renders the land the same as free and common socage.

As far back as 1832, the Rev. R. Whitwell in a letter addressed to the Rev. M. Townsend, Rector, of Clarencville, strongly urged the formation of District Associations among the Clergy, in conformity with a recommendation which had been given on the subject by the Archdeacon Mountain. Mr. Townsend acquiesced in the plan, and, with others of the clergy, attended the meetings which, I believe, were found useful in promoting glory to God and good to men.

Having been recruited in health by the rest obtained through the assistance of his curate, Mr. Whitwell resumed his duties, and continued, though with somewhat diminished physical power, his usual labours until the year 1855; when the Rev. C. A. Wetherall was engaged by him as assistant, who had previously been acting first as Lay Reader, then a Missionary under the Rev. D. Lindsay at Froste Village and Stukely; and he so approved himself faithful that, at the end of his engagement as assistant, he was selected by the vestry as successor to Mr. Whitwell, on his resignation; which, in consequence of his increasing bodily infirmity, took place in 1856. On that occasion he received a very kind and affectionate communication from his brethren, the members of the Missisquoi Clerical Association, with which he had been so long connected. An address was also presented to him by his parishioners of which the following is a copy, and to which he returned an affectionate reply.

To Rev. RICHARD WHITWELL, M. A.
Rev. and Dear Sir,—We cannot allow you to resign the rectorship of this parish, without

expressing our real regret that your state of health is such as to compel you to give up a trust, which you have so faithfully discharged for the space of thirty years.

Many who sat under your teachings, when your voice, health and strength were more adequate to that important duty, and who heard the Gospel of Christ preached with much earnestness and pathos, have not been spared to unite with us at this time, in expressions of gratitude for the benefits derived, through the blessings of God, on your instructions and admonitions.

The intimate connexion which subsists between a clergyman and his parishioners, affords many opportunities of experiencing his kindness, sympathy and consolation, under the most trying circumstances of sickness, affliction and bereavement; for all such instances of the Christian pastor's solicitude, which we, for so long a period, have received as your parishioners, we beg you to accept our warmest acknowledgments. We also receive as a proof of your continued interest in the welfare of the parish, the liberal proposal made by you, and accepted by the church Corporation, of the exchange of parsonage property.

Premis us, dear sir, to express our satisfaction, that you with your kind and neighbourly family are to continue to abide among us, that we may still have the advantage of your counsel, advice and friendship.

That you, Mrs. Whitwell and family, may long enjoy a large measure of health and happiness, in your comparative retirement, is the cordial wish, and earnest prayer of

Yours respectfully,

ALEX. YOUNG, C. W. WM. ROBERTS, C. W.
D. T. R. NYE. P. P. RUSSELL,

and forty others,

Parish of St. Armand West, 2nd April, 1856.

The Rev. C. A. Wetherall continued but a short time in the parish, having resigned the rectory in October, 1858, and was succeeded by Rev. H. Montgomery, the present rector.

The Rev. R. Whitwell is still a resident with his wife and daughters in the village of Phillipsburgh, in his 75th year, and in declining health; but able to take an interest in the growth and prosperity of the Church in which he laboured so long, having lived to see a second church erected in the parish, during the incumbency of the present rector, and an increase in the episcopate in Canada from one to five, since he first came to the country in 1821, and of the clergy from about 32 to 350. Taking a retrospect of these interesting events, gratefully, yet humbly, may we exclaim, "What hath God wrought?"—*Church Chronicle, Montreal.*

DIocese of HURON.

CONFIRMATION SERVICES IN THE DIOCESE OF HURON,
DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY.

The Bishop of Huron intends (D.V.) to hold confirmation services in the following places, on the days and at the hours named

County of Oxford.

Ingersoll—Sunday, March 30, 11, a.m.
St. Charles', Dereham—Monday, March 31, 12, noon.

Trinity Church, East Zorra, April 1, 11 a.m.

County of Brant.

Paris—Wednesday, April 2, 11, a.m.
Burford—Wednesday, April 3, 11, a.m.
Onondaga—Friday, April 4, 11, a.m.
Mohawk—Sunday, April 6, 11, a.m.

County of Waterloo.

Galt—Sunday, April 13, 11, a.m.
Berlin—Monday, April 14, 11, a.m.
St. James', Wilmot—Tuesday, April 15, 11 a.m.

County of Norfolk.

Simcoe—Sunday, April 27, 11, a.m.
Port Dover—Monday, April 28, 11, a.m.
Vittoria—Monday, April 28, 3, p.m.
Port Rowan—Tuesday, 29, 3, p.m.

County of Perth.

Stratford—Thursday, May 1, 11, a.m.
St. Mary's—Friday, May 2, 11, a.m.

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF HURON.

The quarterly meeting of the Church Society, Diocese of Huron, was held in St. Paul's school-room, yesterday, commencing at 2 o'clock, p.m., the Lord Bishop in the chair. The names of the clergy and lay delegates present we subjoin:

Clergy—Venerable Archdeacon Brough; Rev. Messrs. Bettridge, Salter, Flood, Norman, Dr. Caulfield, Smith, Fauquier, Ellwood, Nelles, Brookman, Dr. Townley, Stinson, Gunne, Armstrong, Hurst, Grant, of Onondaga, Grant of Aylmer, Wright, DesBarres, McLean, Hincks, Roberts, Tighe, Sullivan, Hutchinson, of Woodstock, Baker, A. Potts, Vicars.

Lay Members.—Dr. Harper, Charles Hunt, Walter Watson, A. Greer, Chas. O'Malley, James Hamilton, L. Lawrason, V. Cronyn, S. Blake, Chas. Monsarratt, &c.

The Bishop opened the meeting by prayer, when the Rev. J. W. Marsh, the secretary, read the minutes of last meeting, and also a lengthened report from the committee of the Episcopal Fund, giving a clear exposition of the state of the fund at the present time. The report showed that, although the fund has paid its way hitherto, yet it would be necessary to use exertions to add considerably to the fund in time to come, that the minimum salary of the Bishop may be regularly paid him in future. His Lordship's salary is twenty-four hundred dollars per annum. It was recommended in the report that the vacant lands held under the General Purposes Fund should be sold, and the proceeds vested, and placed to the account of the Episcopal Fund, that the salary guaranteed (to the Governor-General) be annually paid the Bishop.

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE TO HER MAJESTY.

The Bishop said that, owing to the great loss which her Majesty the Queen had recently met with in the death of the Prince Consort, he had appointed a committee last evening to draft an address of condolence to Her Majesty, which would now be read.

The Rev. G. R. Salter read the address, as follows:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—We, the Bishop, clergy, and laity, members of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocese of Huron, assembled at a general meeting of the said society, beg leave most respectfully and dutifully to approach Your Majesty with the expression of the sincere and deep sorrow with which we, in common with all your subjects, have heard of the heavy bereavement which, by the dispensations of an all-wise Providence, has fallen upon you, by the death of the late Prince Consort.

The early death of one who so wisely and efficiently laboured to promote the welfare and happiness of all classes of Your Majesty's subjects, and, by the faithful discharge of all his duties,