

FREDERICTON.

The Rev. Wm. L. B. McKeil, Rector of Douglas and Bright, upon his return from the Synod meeting in St. John, was recently presented with a handsome silver mounted harness by some of his parishioners in Douglas, as a mark of their esteem and good will.

The Fredericton Rural Deanery met on the eve of St. James, Wednesday the 24th inst., at "All Saints" (Bishop's Chapel) Cross Roads—Bright.

Rev. Wm. Jaffrey, of St. Mary's, said the Litany. Rev. F. Alexander, sub-dean of Christ Church Cathedral was organist for the occasion. The Rector of the parish, Rev. Wm. McKiel, was the celebrant, being assisted in the Communion office and in the distribution of the elements by the Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rector of Fredericton. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Alexander, from Phil. iii. 20.

At the meeting of the chapter, the first held since the death of the Rev. J. F. Carr, an expression of the great loss sustained and of sympathy with the widow was placed on record. After the usual routine of business, part of II. Tim. ii. was read in the Greek and then the subject of the Theological Institution (which it was decided at the last session of the Synod to establish in connection with the Cathedral at Fredericton) occupied the rest of the time till the hour for Evening-song. At 7 p.m., prayers were said by the Rector. Rev. F. Alexander was organist again; the sermon which was listened with marked attention, was preached by the Rev. G. H. Sterling, Rector of Mangerville, from II Sam 24-24.

The offertory collections were for the Foreign Missions of S. P. G.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending August 3rd 1878.

MISSION FUND.—July Collection.—(Mulmur West) Honeywood, \$1.08; Elba, 70 cents; Newmarket, \$12.25; Whitby, \$7.50; Brampton, \$9.00; Ashburnham, \$6.25; St. John's, Toronto, \$14.83; St. Bartholomew's, Toronto \$2.00; Seymour & Percy, Christ Church, \$7.60; Percy, \$2.40; North Orillia & Medonte, St. Luke's, \$6.37; St. George's \$1.80; Credit, St. Peter's, \$3.15; St. John's \$1.40; Trinity, \$1.00; Cartwright, \$3.85; Port Perry, \$8.00. Special Collection, July 2nd.—Newmarket, \$3.07; Ashburnham, \$1.75; North Orillia and Medonte, St. Luke's \$6.86; St. George's 75 cents; St. Philip's, Toronto, \$4.04. From Church Association per B. H. Dixon, Hon. Secretary, for Rev. J. E. Cooper, \$75.00; For Rev. W. H. French, \$75.00.

BOOK AND TRACT FUND.—St. Matthew's, West Mono, for library books, \$5.00.

We were happy to receive a call from the Rev. J. Stannage, Rector of Kemptville, Ontario, who has lately returned from England. He is now spending a few days with his son-in-law, A. M. Patton, Esq., of this city. We were glad to learn that his visit to England was a very successful one, and we are sure that his many friends will be pleased to find that he has returned with renewed health and spirits.

APPOINTMENTS.—The Rev. Mr. Fidler has been appointed to Whitby; the Rev. C. Paterson to Aurora; the Rev. Mr. Baker to St. Mark's, Port Hope; the Rev. Mr. Mussen to Scarborough; the Rev. C. R. Bell to Lakefield; the Rev. Jos. Fletcher to Cookstown; Rev. Mr. Wadleigh is taking duty at Shanty Bay. Mr. G. B. Morley has been appointed Lay-reader at West Mono, vacant by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Geoghegan to the Diocese of Niagara. The Rev. John Carry is also assisting the Rev. Mr. Harrison, St. Matthias, Toronto.

LAKEFIELD.—The News says: "A very pleasing incident, although it was somewhat tinged with regret for the occasion, transpired Wednesday. Some of the private friends of Mrs. Mussen, the esteemed wife of the pastor of St. John's Church, had learned that they were about to remove from Lakefield, and their friendship demonstrated it-

self in the presentation to her of a very handsome tea-set. Rev. Mr. Mussen thanked the donors for their kind parting gift, and trusted the kindly feelings would always obtain. We understand that the reverend gentleman and his family will remove next week to Scarboro. This will be a loss not only to the English church here, but the village as well, for during the two years of Mr. Mussen's pastorate here he has made for himself a host of friends by his kind, gentlemanly and Christian deportment. We sincerely regret their removal, and wish them unqualified happiness in the new sphere to which they will soon remove."

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

AMARANTH.—In one evening at a missionary meeting held in Hamilton (headed by the Bishop, who gave \$100), there was signed six hundred dollars for this mission. Two stations (comparatively speaking, old stations) have been set on their feet by this, besides four more being started, and at the meetings held by Rural Dean Yewens, nearly \$100 at each place was signed towards the support of a minister. This part of the county of Wellington wants a great deal of working up. It is new, and numbers of Church families are settling all round. At the service held at Little Toronto on the 30th of July, four assisted, the lessons being read by our catechists, Messrs. Clark and Radcliffe, the prayers by the Rev. R. Caswall, and the sermon by Rural Dean Yewens, which was effective in making all present see the beauty in our Book of Common Prayer, and stirred them to greater zeal on behalf of the Church. Mr. Caswall also delivered a short address on the words, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." The singing was conducted by the clergy and lay readers, with the congregation joining in. Altogether, this visit did us a great deal of good and a regular Sunday service has been arranged, at which Mr. Radcliffe is to officiate until the Bishop or Archdeacon can send a clergyman. The mission is now divided into two, one portion being called the St. Alban's Mission, which Mr. R. has charge of; the other portion, called St. Augustine's Mission, in charge of Mr. Clark. The Rural Dean considers there should be a fully ordained clergyman and two catechists or deacons here regularly. The pretty little church of Farmington, the Church of Emmanuel, was opened last Sunday (this is the fruit of lay reader Clark). The church was crowded at all the services. The majority of the people here are quite poor at present.

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod Office during the month of July, 1878.

MISSION FUND.—Offering Collections.—Niagara \$13.26; South Cayuga, \$3.70; Port Maitland, \$1.10; Barton, \$3.50; Glanford, \$2.13; Grimsby, \$7.00; Erin, \$3.08; Hillsburg, 75c; Reading, \$1.88; Stoney Creek, \$3.58; Thorold, \$11.70; Port Robinson, \$2.66; Waterdown, \$18.75; Aldershot, \$1.85; Hornby, \$3.07; Omagh, \$1.00; Palermo, \$1.00; Burlington, \$1.55; Fergus, \$1.98; Alma, 63c; Port Erie, \$4.68; Bertie, 80c; Port Colborne, \$1.25; Marshville, \$1.25; Grantham, \$2.25; Homer, 60c; Merriton, \$2.60; Jarvis, \$3.10. Parochial Collections.—Guelph, \$79.35; Fort Erie and Bertie, \$55.00; All Saints, Hamilton, \$5.00; Port Colborne and Marshville \$24.50; Oakville, \$59.60. On Guarantee Account.—Hillsdale, \$37.50; Dunnville, \$100.00; Port Maitland, \$7.00; Virgil, \$63.00; Norval, \$75.00; Cheapside, \$37.50; Cayuga, \$125.00; Nanticoke, \$62.50; Grantham, \$62.50; Caledonia, \$108.34; Fergus, \$82.00; Marshville, \$50.00; Drew, \$12.50; Rockwood, \$25.00; Eramosa, \$20.00; Alma, \$37.50; Moorfield, \$30.00; Harriston, \$66.00.

ALGOMA FUND.—Grimsby, \$5.00. WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—Oakville, \$3.00. SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR AMARANTH MISSION.—Geo. Elliott, Esq., \$50.00; Ven. Archdeacon McMurray, Rev. Canon Roberts, E. H. Newman, Esq., and C. Donaldson, Esq., \$10.00 each, Rev. Rural Dean Yewens and Rev. G. Johnston, \$5.00 each, Rev. W. R. Clark, and I. Close, Esq., \$4.00 each, S. Dice, Esq., \$1.00.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ST. THOMAS.—Rev. Mr. Ballard who has been *pro tem* Assistant Minister of St. Paul's in this city was offered and has accepted the Rectory of Trinity Church, St. Thomas. The Rev. Des Barres resigned the living last Easter and his offer of resignation was accepted by the Vestry. He has since that officiated there awaiting the appointment of his successor. The position is one of no little importance. There has been of late a great increase in the population of the town, and the church is large and handsome with a numerous congregation, yet more than one clergyman has declined accepting an appointment to the parish.

A Cummingsite house of worship was to be opened last Sunday, the only place of that new sect we know in of Huron. Mr. Des Barres, is of the Evangelical school, as also were his predecessors in the parish, and in it has this latest schism found an abode; thereby affording another proof, were proof necessary, that the term "High Church" is but a pretext.

NORWICH.—The services in Trinity Church, Norwich, were resumed on Sunday, under the ministry of Rev. J. Padfield, of Burford, who will continue the services until a permanent minister be appointed.

INGERSOLL.—Rev. Canon Hinks, Rector of Galt officiated in St. James' Church, Ingersoll, on July 29th, preaching at morning and evening services to his former parishioners. We regret to say that the change from St. James' to Galt has not improved his health. The Rev. Canon we fear is too unremitting a worker.

MUSKOKA, OR THE FREE GRANT LANDS.

BY REV. W. CROMPTON.

WRITTEN FOR THE DOMINION CHURCHMAN.

Schools are plentiful in the country, and whether efficient or not, depends upon the settlers themselves, for they have the whole control and management. As a rule a child need have to go no more than two miles to school.

Stores too are in abundance; if you only have the cash, you can purchase (or you can trade if cash is wanting) not only necessities, but positive luxuries. I need not go above ten miles from where I am, to buy potted (sea) Salmon, lobster, tomatoes, apricots, peaches, oysters, &c., &c. Furniture of the best and most fashionable style can be had—in fact, within some forty miles from Bracebridge, you can adorn person or house to your heart's content, if you have the money.

If the suggestion I have given, of men with some money, were to come in and buy locations, the want of money would be a thing of the past. I know of many excellent locations now in the market, where any man with his \$1,000 or \$4,000 could do well, very well, if he would only act with common prudence. Land speculators I will not help, they are a hindrance to any country.

Churches are not so plentiful as they ought to be. But this is another evil which would be remedied if church people would arrange before coming, and agree to settle together. Just at present, I could locate from sixteen to thirty families on good land; but of course, I do not know how soon the chance may pass away, for buyers are continually coming in. I must be clearly understood in not promising pretty views, nor even a take view; I can only promise good land where a good home can be made; a home in no case more than two miles from school and church.

I know I have written much that will astonish many, but surely a clergyman need scarcely say "he has written what he feels to be the truth?" Please do not heed those people who say "Muskoka is rock and swamp, or swamp and rock."

I could name you scores of good farms, which no money could purchase from the holders. Of my own two hundred, there is one lot of 100 acres without rock, hill, and almost a stone on it. And I know another lot of at least 20 miles (from here) of 100 acres, free of stone, one end