

I would affectionately ask the parishioners of Coldwater that a greater number should attend our week night service. Surely we can spare time to devote one week night to the service of Almighty God. The fifteen or twenty that do attend are a very small percentage of our congregation here. Lastly I ask every one of my parishioners to become a subscriber to our parish paper, which can be made one of the most aggressive agencies for the work of the Church in the parish. It is not only a medium for circulating parish news and parish notices, but is a means of communication between you and me.

To the many friends who have aided me in my work since my arrival, and for the many kindnesses received, and fully appreciated, I return my heartiest thanks. Praying that God's gracious guidance may be with me, and that strengthened by His Almighty Power, I may be to you a true Spiritual guide; and that under my ministrations, this mission may be abundantly blessed from on High, I remain

Your loving Pastor,

J. H. SHEPPARD

The annual Sunday School picnic was held in Hawke's Grove on September 2nd, and of those who helped to make it a success were Messrs. Murphy, Freeman and Newsham and Mesdames Freeman, Botting, Murphy, Henly, Gibbons, Woodrow and Currie, but few are left.

On Sunday, September 20th, a special sermon was preached to the Orangemen, there being 225 of a congregation.

On October 1st the annual Harvest Festival service was held, Rev. Mr. Low being the special preacher; there were 180 present and the offering was \$6.00

On Nov. 12th, at the evening service held on Thanksgiving Day there were 55 present.

On Christmas Day, service was held in the evening, with the largest congregation ever present at that Festival, 82 being there. The offering for the whole Mission was \$22.00, \$10.00 being from Coldwater.

The first Epiphany appeal brought \$7.08 and the first Diocesan appeal brought \$16.50 from the whole Mission.

The first Lenten address was as follows:—

Dear Parishioners and Readers,—Once again, in the course of the revolving Christian year, the Church calls upon you, as she does upon all her children, to the observance of a blessed and Holy Lent. She does this for your Spiritual welfare, that you may continually "grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ". Grace is plentiful in Lent, if you will avail yourselves of its sacred privileges. While it is true that God is ever waiting to be gracious, if you at this lenten season "cleanse your hands", "purify your hearts" and "draw nigh to God" in the appointed services of the Church, most assuredly will "He draw nigh to you". To the performance of what special duties are you called? To extraordinary contrition and repentance for sin, to solemn humiliation, and earnest prayer for forgiveness, a stated attendance upon, as far as possible, all the Lenten services of the Church: to the observance of a Holy Fast so that you may be able to say, with St. Paul, "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection" and grant the largest charity to your fellows, that you may grant that forgiveness to others, which you seek for yourselves. Coming thus honestly, penitently and trustfully before the Lord, "give yourselves to fasting and prayer," remembering that the purpose of all abstinence is "to starve thy sin". The body is the temple of the immortal Spirit, but if sin be allowed to dominate the body, the temple is marred and may be destroyed. Use such fasting and self-denial during this sacred season as shall keep under your bodies and bring them into subjection to the law of Christ. Brethren, meditate upon these things, ever remembering that Jesus "gave Himself for our sins," and that "you should present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service".

Your sincere Friend and Pastor,

J. H. SHEPPARD