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our constitution for the formation of a rectory had been complied with. The bishop having said this, intimated that he would speak of this point further on, but we do not see that he did—not at least on this feature of giving \$500, and calling that "supporting their minister." It might be properly called "harassing their minister." If such parishes cannot raise even the minimum, let them forego the title of "rectory." Then we shall know where they are.

WATERLOO.—The debt on the fine church of this parish, yet incomplete, will very soon be extinguished, thanks to the exertions, chiefly we believe, of Mrs. Lindsay, who took the first energetic steps in the matter, and through interviews and correspondence with friends and former residents, has the gratification of finding \$3,875 contributed towards the extinction of that debt during the past year. \$300 of the list is yet to be paid, which will leave \$1,600 only to be met. We hope that the venerable archdeacon, the rector of the parish, may have the pleasure of seeing that visible mark of his work fully complete and paid for before he is called to rest from his labours.

GIEN SUTTON.—The attendance at the vestry meeting and the report presented to it indicate that the work of the Church here must be called most decidedly progressive. The parish was never in so prosperous a condition as at present. Services are held morning and evening on Sunday in the church, and Sunday afternoons are spent in presenting the kingdom of God and its features and claims in four different places—places where the Gospel of the kingdom, as a visible organized divine society through which the world is to be reconciled unto God, has hitherto been unknown, or presented in a perverted or distorted form.

ONTARIO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CARRYING PLACE.—On noon the 18th ult., at the vestry meeting held in St. John's church, the incumbent presented the financial statement for the past year, showing the total income of the whole parish from all sources to be \$464.36. The accounts were carefully and minutely elaborated; \$150 were spent in repairs on church and parsonage, this causing a deficiency of nearly one hundred dollars in the incumbent's income of \$200 agreed upon, at a previous vestry meeting, to be raised towards his stipend. Messrs. J. H. Black and Chas. Davis were appointed wardens. Mr. Davis was re-elected lay representative in view of his intelligent interest in the affairs of the Church. Messrs. H. Harper, George Flindall and Richard Carrigan were appointed sidesmen.

CONSECON: Trinity Church.—George J. Waddell, Esq., and M. Cadman, Esq., were appointed wardens. During the year this very small congregation paid for various Church objects the extremely liberal sum of \$157.42, including \$83 for repairs of the church, for which the best thanks of the incumbent and congregation are due to the assiduity, zeal and business capacity of the late churchwarden, Mr. John Killip. The election of Mr. Davis as lay representative was accepted at this vestry meeting.

RED SCHOOL HOUSE.—At the vestry meeting of the congregation habitually worshipping in this building, the financial statement represented \$4 as paid incumbent and \$6.04 as total Sunday offerings. The following appointments were made: Mr. Ashton and Mr. Francis Peck, churchwardens, and Mr. Davis lay representative to Synod for a second term of three years. All the meetings were of the most harmonious character.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending April 30th, 1881.

MISSION FUND.—*Parochial Collections.*—St. Stephen's, Vaughan, \$14.25; North Essa, Ivy, 35.65; St. Jude's, Thornton, 27.50; Grafton, balance, 24.00; Georgina, 42.77; Bradford and West Gwillimbury, Christ Church, balance, 50cts.; Port Perry, additional, 1.55; Cavan, 182.60; St. James', Albion, 33.45; Palgrave, 8.83; Campbell's Cross, 7.40; Charleston, 4.22; North Orillia and Medonte, 12.00; Penetanguishene, All Saints', 20.50; St. James', 10.75; Cartwright, 36.70; Barrie, 75.05; Apsley, additional, 3.09; Battean, 28.00; Nottawa, 3.75; Duntroon, 4.75; Singhampton, 17.77; Coldwater, 5.62; Streetsville, 31.50; Weston, additional, 4.50; Cannington, 10.00; Berkeley and Chester, 20.50; St. Luke's, Toronto, 134.50; Sunderland, 11.82. *Missionary Meetings.*—St. Stephen's, Vaughan, 6.50; Georgina, 14.70; St. George's, Albion,

2.27; Singhampton, 3.64; Sunderland, 10.27; Coldwater, 7.10. *January Collection.*—St. Stephen's, Vaughan, 7.65; Georgina, St. James', 3.85; St. George's, 2.68; Penetanguishene, All Saints', 7.00; Nottawa, 3.75; Duntroon, 1.91; Singhampton, 1.18. *Annual Subscription.*—Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, 10.00; Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker, 100.00.

PERMANENT MISSION FUND.—John Maitland, quarterly payment, \$10.00; A. R. Boswell, to 1st April, 25.00; James Henderson, Toronto, subscription for 1881, 100.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*October Collection.*—Colborne \$10.50; Keswick 2.25; Coulson's Corners 2.50; Christ Church, West Gwillimbury 10.06; Cavan, balance of assessment 28.40; Credit balance of assessment, 2 cents; Albion, Caledon &c. 14.62; Weston 6.26; Barrie, additional 13.00; Duntroon 3.31; Coldwater 3.96; Cannington 10.00; Collingwood 11.17; Whitby, balance of assessment 16.00; West Mono, in full of assessment 9.00. *Annual Subscription.*—Rev. C. J. S. Bethune 5.00; Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker 15.00; Rev. J. Farncomb 5.00; Rev. C. E. Thomson 5.00.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—*April Collection.*—Colborne 1.00; St. Mark's, Otenabee 1.00; Lloydtown 94 cents; Nobleton 50 cents; North Essa, Christ's Church 1.75; St. Jude's 75 cents; Grafton 4.24; Hastings 92 cents; Alnwick 84 cents; Dartford 32 cents; Bradford and West Gwillimbury, St. Paul's 86 cents; Trinity church 2.11; Christ church 1.00; Newcastle 20.43; Grace church, Markham 4.00; Weston, 2.50; St. Mark's, Carleton 1.16; North Orillia and Medonte, St. Luke's 3.21; St. George's 1.27; Cobourg 25.00; St. Thomas's, Shanty Bay 8.60; Apsley, St. George's 64 cents; St. Stephen's 27 cents; Port Perry 3.70; St. John's, Bowmanville 6.50; West Mono 2.25.

ALGOMA FUND.—*Annual Subscription.*—Rev. C. J. S. Bethune \$5.00.

BOOK AND TRACT FUND.—*Annual Subscription.*—Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker 5.00.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections &c., received during the week ending 7th May, 1881.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—A thank-offering from Port Hope \$5.00. *October Collection.*—Cameron, on account of assessment \$1.48; York Mills, balance of assessment \$21.89; Midland, assessment \$1.50; Minden, on account \$6.54; St. John's, Dunsford \$3.70; Trinity East, Toronto, assessment \$60.22.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.—*April Collection.*—Guildford, 47cts.; West Dysart, 17cts.; Weston, additional, \$1.50; York Mills, \$4.12; St. Luke's, Ashburnham, \$3.00; Georgina, St. George's, \$2.50; St. James's, \$2.30; Stayner, \$3.25; Creemore, \$1.75; Banda, \$1.00; Brampton, \$7.72; Uxbridge, \$3.00; Christ Church, York Township, \$11.00.

MISSION FUND.—*Parochial Collections.*—Credit, in full, \$3.60; St. George's, Toronto, \$111.00; Newcastle, \$110.00; Brampton, \$68.60; West Dysart, \$5.00; Haliburton, \$20.75; Uxbridge, \$120.00; St. Stephen's, Toronto, \$74.65; Christ Church, York Township, balance for last year, \$1.00; Guildford, (Dysart) \$6.00; St. Philip's, Unionville, additional \$1.00.

YORKMILLS.—Churchwardens: Mr. G. Robson and Dr. Richardson. Lay representatives: Messrs. Sparrow and G. Robson, and Dr. Richardson.

LAKEFIELD.—Churchwardens: Roland C. Strickland and Henry J. Le Fevre. Lay representatives: Roland C. Strickland, Henry J. Le Fevre, and Sparham Sheldrake.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—As an example to the richer parishes in the city and elsewhere to help the poorer, and as a means of provoking them to a Christian rivalry in good works, it will not be out of place to quote the charity of some in Toronto, who raised a purse among themselves to aid the pastor of the poorest mission in the diocese, one at the east end of metropolis of Ontario, whose spiritual wants are of the most crying sort, and whose poverty is correspondingly great. The donation was sent anonymously through the Bishop, who accompanied the gift with the following letter:—

Toronto, March 22nd, 1881.

"My Dear Mr.,—The enclosed sum of \$87 has been handed to me with the request that I would forward it to you as the gift of a few friends, in recognition of your labours in connection with the parish of St. —"

"It gives me great gratification to comply with the request of the donors."

"Believe me, yours very truly,

"ARTHUR TORONTO."

"The Rev. —"

There are many other parishes similarly situated to the above, which a helping hand might raise out of the slough of despond or even keep alive.

The Chapter of the Rural Deanery of East Simcoe, was held on Tuesday, 3rd inst., at Shanty Bay. Divine service the previous evening in St. Thomas's church, being attended by a very fair congregation. The prayers were read by the Revs. G. A. Anderson and W. H. French, the lessons by Rev. O. G. Dobbs, the sermon by the Rev. James H. Harris. On Tuesday morning, Holy Communion was celebrated by Revs. Rural Dean Stewart and Canon Morgan, to both clergy and laity. At the business meeting, after reading of the minutes of previous Chapter, several subjects of great importance were fully discussed and such action unanimously decided on as would serve the best interests of the Church. The subject for study and discussion was the Preface to the work of Common Prayer. There was a very full attendance of the clergy.

COLLINGWOOD.—The Hon. and Rev. T. P. Hodge will take charge of this parish for three months during the absence of the incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Kirkby.

TORONTO.—*Church Woman's Mission Aid.* The members of the above having opened a department for the reception and sale of women's work, beg to inform their friends, and the public generally, that they will be glad to see them at the rooms of the Society in the Mechanics' Institute, Church Street, (upstairs). Orders taken for all kinds of work. Open every Friday afternoon from 2 to 5. The opening of this department has been contemplated from the first starting of our Society three years ago, but owing to our having had so many other branches to attend to, has only just been accomplished.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—The regular semi-annual meeting of the Rural-Deanal Chapter was held at Cobourg on Wednesday, the 4th instant. Divine Service was celebrated in St. Peter's church at ten o'clock a.m. Morning prayer was said by the Rev. V. Clementi, the lessons being read by the Revs. W. C. Bradshaw and C. R. Bell, respectively. Special psalms and lessons were used. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Gardner, who took for his text John xiii. 35. The Holy Communion was celebrated by Rural-Dean Beck. At the conclusion of the service the clergy adjourned to the rectory, where Mr. Beck, the chairman, opened the meeting of the Chapter with prayer. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the reading of some correspondence, a vote of thanks to the preacher for his excellent and practical sermon, was carried. It was resolved that the next meeting be held at Peterboro, on Tuesday, the 4th of October, at 7.30 p.m., the Rev. R. Harris to be the preacher. The subject for discussion on that occasion will be the first chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews; the Greek text, with the old and revised translations, having been previously examined.

A conversation took place on the proposed alteration of the Constitution of the Synod, more especially with reference to the appointment of an executive committee. It was universally felt that while there is no necessity for the quarterly meetings of so many committees, such as the music, printing, audit, and Sunday school committees, the proposed executive committee is framed on much too large a scale.

It is scarcely necessary to add that the members of the Chapter were most cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained by Canon Stennett. VINCENT CLEMELTI, Sec. Treas.

NIAGARA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAMILTON: St. Mark's.—A mission extending over the octave from April 25th was preached in this parish. The rector, the Rev. R. S. Sutherland having secured the services of Rev. W. Hoyles Clarke, of Bolton, in Diocese of Toronto, placed in his hands the conduct of the mission. Through the octave there were three celebrations of the Holy Communion with matins and evensong daily, in which the mission priest was assisted by the rector and the Revs. T. Geoghegan, of Flamboro' and C. E. Whitcombe, of Stony Creek. The celebrations were all well attended. The mission preaching was each evening attended by a large and most attentive congregation. There is ample reason to believe that God has been pleased to bestow much fruit upon this special labour to teach the hearts and revive the religious life of St. Mark's. Rev. W. H. Clarke has made a prayerful study of the most efficient means of reaching, under God, by the plan of mission preaching, the hearts of the masses. A multiplication of such revival services can hardly fail to rouse from spiritual lethargy any congregation, in which after careful and prayerful preparation, such a mission may be preached. Coming, as did this mission, at apparently the most unfavourable season of the civil year, and immediately

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