

deed, if we are not watchful, it is even possible that such things may act as a veil to hide God from us, instead of leading us up to Him. The true spouse of Christ finds her best adorning not in rich apparel and outward accessories, but in a worship of spirit and truth. Thus will our gatherings here be seasons of much blessing. Peace, God's peace will be breathed into your souls. Your burdens of sin and sorrow will be lightened, you will learn to love Christ, and you will go away from the happy courts like giants refreshed with wine, like soldiers strengthened for the battle. Whether this congregation be large or small, composed of the rich or the poorer class, let it be a devout and prayerful congregation. Need I say a responding congregation? It assuredly will be if the fire of devotion burns within your hearts. And need I say also a kneeling congregation? I wish it was not necessary to add this, but I must go into these minutiae. I would strongly advise you at starting in this restored church to be very careful in this matter, for your devout demeanor ever after may depend upon it. Be not unwilling to kneel, because you feel that a sitting posture is more agreeable. Make it your practice even if it be an exertion. And let it be real kneeling, not something between sitting and kneeling but kneeling upon your knees, as an imploring criminal would kneel before his sovereign, as a humble, holy penitent should kneel before his Heavenly Father. Never forget that you belong to a church; not of the world, but to a church; that you are not under an earthly master, but under Christ. Be careful to carry out in the world the holy lessons which you learn here. Let a religious spirit leaven your whole life. In your dealings with men, act from a high principle. Churchmen, I believe, have a character in the world for integrity and uprightness. Let that character be sustained. Be workers, and not mere lookers-on; regard your church as a busy hive, in which there is work for all, and a cell for each to occupy. Work while it is day: your Lord has need of you. Oh! work for Him; be willing to spend and be spent in His service. You will naturally feel a special interest in your own parochial organization; but let not your interest end there. You belong to a great spiritual fraternity, and its advancement, and prosperity should be very dear to you. We know, alas, that there is a great deal of personal selfishness among us; but there is also much of parochial selfishness, congregational selfishness, which miserably contracts our sympathies and confines them to the little objects which are immediately around us. May God so enlarge your hearts that there may be room in them for the great work in your diocese and in the world. Much liberality has been called out by the restoration of this beautiful church, liberality which has cheered the heart of your minister, and has accomplished an end which has cost him the toil of many a busy day, and the anxiety of many a sleepless night. You have already thus learned the privilege of giving. Exercise it, not only with reference to your own parish, but to your diocese and the church at large. We may learn something from our brethren of other Christian bodies. They are larger givers than we are, and, therefore, their work seldom flags as ours, alas, does for lack of funds. Let the love of Christ so constrain you, let the advancement of your church be so dear to you that you are willing to deny yourselves in order that you may be able to pour largely and liberally into the treasury of your Lord. Let there be nothing of party spirit among you. Our church is at this moment in a most hopeful condition if only God is pleased in His great mercy to steer us through the rocks and shoals which threaten us. Never was there more of life and activity, and zeal and earnestness, within her than at present. Let me sum up my advice by saying—Be honest Churchmen, not straining and distorting her views to suit your own. Be thorough Churchmen, not ashamed of the body to which you are attached, but ready to carry out its distinctive principles. Be tolerant Churchmen, feeling and speaking kindly of those who differ from you, whilst you cling proudly to your own. Above all be living Churchmen, in whom the Saviour's image is formed, and who are actuated by the holy and loving spirit that was in Him. It is

unusual to select the season of Lent for such a festal occasion, but this has been unavoidable, and will not be without its advantages. It will give a solemn and earnest character to the services in which you are now called to take part, and it will remind those who are asked to make further offerings that their alms as well as their prayers, if rightly and devoutly presented to God, will go up as a memorial before Him.

CORNWALL.—I beg to acknowledge, in addition to the sums already received, the following contributions, on behalf of persons confirmed by the late Bishop Strachan, towards defraying the debt on the Bishop Strachan Memorial Church, Cornwall: Mrs. Trew (for two children deceased) Cornwall, \$2.00; Miss Trew, do., \$1.00; Miss Waldorf, Moulinette, \$1.00; Edward Talmage, and wife, Charlottenburg, \$2.00; Miss Joanna Cline, Cornwall, \$1.00; Mrs. Flood, Perth, \$1.00; L. A. Taylor, St. Catharines, \$1.00; Mrs. Theodore Robertson, Mille Roches, \$1.00; W. Taylor Archibald, and wife, Cornwall, \$2.00; Mrs. Bockus, Osnabruck, \$1.00; do (for her son, the late Captain Bockus, of Montreal) \$1.00; Michael Snetsinger, Cornwall, \$1.00; John S. Cline, do, \$1.00; Mrs. George Crawford, Montreal, (per Judge Jarvis) \$1.00; Mrs. Arnold, do, do, \$1.00; Mrs. Morden, do, do, \$1.00. Total \$19.00

Faithfully yours,

JAMES A. PRESTON,

Rector of Cornwall.

The Parsonage, Cornwall, March 12, 1877.

#### TORONTO.

TORONTO.—The special appeal on account of the Mission Fund in the city of Toronto is meeting with a hearty response. The contributions already amount to nearly \$5,000.

ALBION AND MONO.—The Annual Missionary Meeting was held in St. James's Church, Albion, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at 7:30 p.m.; at St. John's, Mono Mills, on Thursday, the 8th, at 3 p.m.; and at Old St. John's at 7 p.m., the Rev. W. F. Swallow, the incumbent, in the chair. The meetings were addressed by the Rev. Messrs. W. H. Clark, Bolton; A. Henderson, Orangeville; and W. Grant, Tullamore. All the meetings were highly satisfactory. The snow storm which came on in the evening of Thursday rendered escape from that hilly region a matter of considerable difficulty.

To those who know anything of the past history, the difficulties, and the disagreements of this mission, its harmonious working and its progress under the present incumbent are truly wonderful.

TORONTO.—*Synod Office*—Collections, &c., received during the week ending March 10, 1877:

MISSION FUND.—*Special Appeal*—On account of collections by Rural Dean Lett, James Henderson, and A. R. Boswell, \$392.00; on account of collections by Rural Dean Allen and S. G. Wood, \$86.50; on account of collections by Rev. J. D. Cayley and C. H. Greene—Rev. A. H. Baldwin, \$10.00; W. G. Schreiber, \$20.00. Walter R. Strickland, 1st quarterly subscription, \$12.50; P. Paterson, (1st instalment of subscription) \$100.00; Beverley Jones, (1st instalment of subscription) \$25.00; John Carter, \$10.00.

January Collection.—Etobicoke, Christ Church, \$2.25; St. George's Church, \$2.00; Lindsay, \$6.00; Markham, Grace Church, \$1.47; St. Philip's Church, Unionville, \$1.57; Darlington, St. John's Church, \$5.92; Enniskillen, \$1.90; Port Hope, St. John's, \$10.00.

Parochial Collections.—Lindsay, on account, \$80.60; Credit, \$145.25; Aurora, \$40.75; King, \$26.25.

Missionary Meetings.—Bowmanville, \$5.10; Aurora, \$4.25; Port Hope, St. John's, \$1.30.

Thanksgiving Collection.—Bowmanville, \$6.40; Port Hope, St. John's, \$11.50.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—October Collection.—Etobicoke, balance of assessment, \$4.00; Craighurst & Waverley, on account, \$6.50; Penetanguishene, St. James, \$1.98; Lindsay, \$16.00; Cameron, additional, \$1.00; Port Hope, St. John's, \$86.00; Toronto, St. Stephen's, additional, \$10.00.

On account of Mrs. Hill.—Newcastle, \$10.12;

Bowmanville, \$4.92; Port Hope, St. John's, \$9. Annual Subscriptions. Rev. John Curry, \$10. ALGOMA FUND. Aurora, \$6.00. Collection on Day of Intercession. Bowmanville, \$2.40.

PERRYTOWN.—During the week commencing on Monday 26th ult., special Mission Services were held in St. Paul's Church, which in attendance and interest aroused were most gratifying and successful. The course of subjects embraced the following topics: "Sin and its consequences," "Self Examination," "Conversion," "Repentance," "Faith," "Salvation," "Judgment." The clergy who took part were the Revs. J. A. Hanna, Incumbent; J. W. Davis, Millbrook; R. H. Harrier, Omence; H. F. Burges, Bethany; Rural Dean Smithett, Lindsay; J. S. Stone, Port Hope; Dr. Omeara, Port Hope; and H. B. Owen, Oshawa. On the last evening of the Mission the weather was very wet and stormy, yet the attendance was large, and many of those present came a considerable distance, neither the weather, the darkness of the night, nor the bad condition of the roads having been sufficient to keep them at home. Let us hope and pray that a permanent effect may be seen evidenced in the more devoted lives of those for whose special benefit these services were undertaken, and that the Great Head of the Church will vouchsafe to accept and bless this effort for the advancement of His cause and the extension of His Kingdom on the earth. Such services as these are proofs, if any are needed, of the vitality and elasticity of the Church in its adaptability to the spiritual wants of man, and the success of these special services at Perrytown will, we hope, and doubt not, encourage other Incumbents to carry out a similar course in their parishes.

TORONTO.—ST. MATTHIAS.—The third lecture of the series now in course of delivery by the Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker, on the voice of Church History, in aid of the funds of the above Church, was delivered at the Parsonage-house, on Monday evening the 5th inst., and we think, judging by the earnest attention of those present, that it was fully appreciated. The subject chosen was "Polycarp" who, as most of our readers are doubtless aware, was one of the ancient fathers of the Christian Church, having been himself a pupil of St. John, and by him, there is good reason to suppose, was ordained the first Bishop of Smyrna. The Ven. gentleman, after following his history from birth to martyrdom, proceeded to draw therefrom, and especially from the instance of his meeting with "Victor," how evident it was that the Pope of Rome, neither claimed, nor was there allowed any precedence over other Sees, such as is now claimed in this our nineteenth century. The lecture having been listened to throughout with marked attention; at its close the Rev. R. Harrison thanked the Venerable gentleman, in the name of the audience, and informed them that the next lecture, being the last of the series, would be delivered (D. V.) on Monday evening, the 19th inst. In connection with these lectures there are two things which we think especially commendable, and where practicable might be profitably copied. We mean the desire shown on the part of the laity to become better acquainted with the history of the Apostolic and primitive Church, the knowledge of which cannot be too earnestly urged in these days of schism; and the other, the more general and continual meeting together of pastor and flock, than is now too often the case, in some convenient places as well as in the churches, where social intercourse can be freely engaged in without in any way detracting from the service of God. To those who desire to grow up together in Christian brotherhood, we would say "TRY IT."

BARRIE.—On Wednesday evening, the 24th in the Church School-room. The Rev. Canon Morgan in the chair. The speakers were Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker, Provost of Trinity College, Rural Dean Stewart, of Orillia, Rev. G. A. Anderson, of Penetanguishene, Rev. Thos. G. Porter, of Hillsdale, and Rev. Mr. Harris, of Medonte. The Anthems and Hymns by the choir, under the direction of Mr. J. C. Morgan, were both appropriate and beautifully rendered.

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