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our first meeting under your administration, to convey to you our congratulations on your appointment as our Rural Dean; and we beg to assure you of our hearty co-operation in the discharge of the duties pertaining to your office. We need scarcely remind you that your appointment has been made in accordance with the unanimous desire of this Chapter; and we feel assured, from your past zeal and activity in the interests of the Church, that you will successfully continue the work so ably carried on by your predecessor, Dr. Lett, our late lamented Rural Dean.

Trusting that you may long be spared to preside at the meetings of this chapter, and believing that under your care they will, in the future as in the past, be alike pleasant and profitable.

We remain,

Your affectionate Brethren.

(Here followed the signatures of the Clergy.)

St. Paul's Church, Innisfil.

SS. Simon and Jude's Day, 1880.

It is decidedly encouraging to see the meetings of the clergy of West Simcoe resumed with an energy, and under circumstances that promise a speedy return to their former state of efficiency before the interruption which has lasted almost continuously for two years. The clergy went away feeling that a new era had been inaugurated in Church work in this part of the Diocese, and with the fullest confidence in their new presiding officer, and persuade that the members of this Chapter will continue to be as they have hitherto been, unanimous on all ecclesiastical questions. Certainly Mr. Murphy has every reason to congratulate himself on the very successful clerical meeting just held in his parish. By the way, it should hardly be omitted that the clergy were most hospitably entertained by Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hewson, Mrs. Lennox, and others whose names your correspondent does not remember.

TORONTO.—The Rev. W. S. Darling requests all communications sent to 179 Jarvis street, his present address.

WEST MONO.—On Sunday the 14th, the Sunday Schools assembled for the distribution of prizes. At all the churches the children assembled in full force with their parents and friends the ordinary seating capacity proved inadequate. Everything was most encouraging both to pastor and people. If those who are continually prating about the church losing ground, had been present on this occasion they would have been convinced that it was time for them to be quiet.

Three years ago there was but one church school in mission with 39 pupils and five teachers on the roll—to-day there are four church Sunday schools with 202 pupils and 22 teachers on the list—great deal of the success is due to Mr. Morley personal energy, but is also due to the system by which the schools are conducted, when Mr. Morley came here he made one registry for the whole school, made the Sunday school season to extend over 24 Sundays, from the first Sunday in May, divided this into three, instead of giving marks as in the old class book, a ticket specially printed for the school was given to the pupil who had the lesson for the day perfect, when the pupil had obtained eight of these he returned them and received one large ticket on which was printed third prize, when this pupil had received eight more he returned them with the large one and received an other large ticket on which was printed second prize and so on until the whole 24 Sundays were accomplished, when the pupil received his first prize ticket. In this way those who had attended 8 Sundays of the season which was one-third received third prize. Those who had attended 16 Sundays which were two-thirds received second prize and of course those who missed none received first. The Superintendents attribute the great increase of pupils to this system. One school particularly increased from 43 last year to 85 this year; Now at the distribution of prizes 42 received first prize, 89 received second and 51 third. Mr. Morley says that it costs the mission this year over \$50.00 for these prizes, not only is this good work being done amongst our own church children, but those of dissenters are being taught church doctrine, of the number that received the prizes 23 are children of Presbyterian parents, 37 of Methodist—It is not because these sects have not schools of their own in this mission for the former have three, the latter four, but it can only be attributed to the greater attraction which the church schools offer; Such a revival in church work in a mission which was very far behind a few years ago is worthy of being chronicled. *Deo gratias.*

ST. STEPHEN'S.—On Sunday the 22nd, the opening services of an eight days' mission were held in this church. The Rev. A. J. Broughall, the Incumbent, said Morning Prayer, and the Lord Bishop preached an impressive sermon on Malachi 3; 2;—"But who may abide the day of His coming &c." The church was filled. Mr. Broughall announced that a Bible

reading and prayer meeting would be held at 3.30, and a mission service at 8 p.m. on each day during the week.

NIAGARA.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

SYNOD OFFICE.—Receipts during the month of October 1880.

MISSION FUND.—*Offertory collections*, Burlington, 11.75; Nelson, 1.50; Oakville, 16.13; St. Catharines, St. Georges, 10.28; Omagh, 50cts; Palermo, 1.50; *Parochial collections*, Omagh, 12.75; Palermo, 13.25; *on guarantee account*, Rothsay, 43.00; Moorefield, 25.00; Port Colborne, 100.00; Stoney Creek, 25.00; Bartonville, 20.00; Waldemar, 5.50; Erin, 104.00; Clifford, 28.00; York, 108.17; Chesapeake, 31.00; Harriston, 80.00; Caledonia, 108.34; West Flamboro', 70.00; Drayton, 24.00; Drew, 29.17; Nanticoke, 62.50; Cayuga, 125.00; Acton, 45.00; Rockwood, 25.00; Eramosa, 16.50; Norval, 86.25; *voluntary payments*, Woodbourne, 25.00; Barton East, 37.50; Saltfleet, 44.50.

ALGOMA FUND.—Oakville, 2.00.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.—*Offertory collections*—Stoney Creek, 3.91; Bartonville, 3.21; Grimsby, 12.00; Dunnville, 8.00; Omagh, 82 cts; Palermo, 1.50; Harriston, 4.00; Oakville, 8.10; Guelph, 62.17; West Flamboro', 5.80; Niagara, 25.21; St. Catharines, St. George's, 15.69; Fort Erie, 6.20; Drummondville, 16.41; Stamford, 7.75; Thorold, 9.63; Port Robinson, 7.50; Fergus, 7.00; Norval, 2.80; Erin, 2.75; Hillsburgh, 2.75; Reading, 1.00; Caledonia 14.30; York, 12.50; Queenston, 5.54; Acton, 1.04; Rockwood, 4.09; Eramosa, 88cts; Aldershot, 3.00;

HAMILTON.—*All Saints' Church*.—It has been long known to churchmen in this portion of Ontario, who take much interest in their fellow churchmen's spiritual interests, that this church had been surrounded with difficulties, which at one time seemed insuperable.

So hopeless did the condition of things seem in 1877, that the greater part of the congregation, possessing the greater part of the means (which in this day of clergymen supported by their people means a good deal) and led by their able and hard working clergyman abandoned it altogether, built for themselves another church not far from "All Saints." A small and comparatively weak portion of the congregation remained, who hoped for brighter days. The church had been built in 1873 by the late Hon. Samuel Mills, and by his will he bequeathed to his children "in trust" for the benefit of the members of the Church of England, in the neighbourhood, and attached to his bequest such conditions as the majority of the congregation worshipping in it in 1877 considered unbearable. The bequest proving null and void, correspondence was opened by the Bishop and others with Mr. Mills' heirs, asking them to make a deed to the Synod or Bishop of the Diocese, which they eventually consented to do.

But there was another difficulty. Before his death the late Hon. S. Mills lent the congregation a sum of money, which the remnant of the congregation found it beyond their means to pay. This being a debt due the estate of the late Mr. Mills, as legitimate as any other debt due the estate, the Bishop called a meeting of the parishioners, urged them to raise one half of the debt, promising that he would endeavour to raise the balance of it amongst the churchmen of the city. This offer was accepted, and before long, the half of it was raised, and paid into the Bank. About this time the Bishop left for England, and intrusted the raising of the balance to the late much beloved "Canon Givins," who did what he could to raise the amount required, but not meeting with much success he was obliged to call upon the Bishop to make up the balance.

Thus by patience, perseverance and always treating the Mills heirs as they deserved to be treated, the desired end has been accomplished; and a deed to the Bishop and his successors of All Saints Parish has been executed, without any (but one) of the conditions, which caused the exodus from it in 1877, and, that condition so modified us to deprive it of any serious objections to it.

The heirs, having consented to the appointment of a gentleman on whom the Bishop and the congregation had agreed, and all things being now ready, the consecration of the church took place on Thursday the 18th, at 2.30 p.m. There were present on that occasion, the Bishop, Rev. Rural Dean Osler, Rev. R.D. Bull, the Rev. Canons Belt and Carmichael, the Rev. Messrs. Mockridge, Sutherland, Geoghean and Des Brisay, the newly appointed Incumbent.

The service commenced at the west door of the church by the reading, by Wm. Robinson Esq., one of the churchwardens, of the petition to the Bishop to consecrate the church. Which having been assented to by the Bishop, the procession of Bishop, clergy and people said the 24th psalm. In the evening service each of the clergymen present had his part assigned him

Appropriate hymns were sung. The Bishop delivered a short address, in which he explained what was meant by consecrating "a church"—what were the privileges, the responsibilities of these, who should worship there; and especially dwelt upon the duty of the congregation to work together, to recognize one another as "members of the same household of faith with themselves, to let their light so shine before men, that they might see their good works and glorify their Father which is in heaven" to pray earnestly for their new minister, instead of finding fault with him. He urged them, by aiding in the Sunday School, in the parochial work and by their regular attendance on services of religion, to uphold the hands of their new Incumbent.

On this auspicious occasion, we were favoured with the presence of the Chancellor of the Diocese, Ed. Martin Esq., who read the deed of consecration.

After the Bishop's address the offertory was made, which seemed encouraging; and after singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" &c., the Bishop dismissed the congregation, large for the inclemency of the weather with apostolic benediction.

Thus closed an afternoon long to be remembered with gratitude by churchmen in the westerly part of Hamilton, and with gratitude to the Mills heirs for deeding the church to the Bishop when they might have done far otherwise.

LUTHER VILLAGE.—On Monday the 11th October, the Bishop paid his first visit this newly formed mission. His Lordship was heartily welcomed by all. During the afternoon the Bishop baptised an adult assisted by Mr. Radcliffe the Missionary. Evensong was held in the church at 7.30 p.m.; the beautiful little edifice was crowded to the doors. The officiating clergy, besides the missionary, were the Rev's. A. J. Bret, R. A. Rooney, and T. Rixon. Twenty candidates were confirmed. The Bishop's address was earnest and practical. The service concluded with the Holy Communion, of which the newly confirmed partook with many others. The Bishop was celebrant, the Rev's. T. Rixon and R. S. Radcliffe acted respectively as Epistoler and Gospeller. The chants were sung to Gregorian tones. All the musical portions were sung in a most hearty reverent manner. Mr. Webb the Lay Reader persided at the organ, a very nice toned instrument from the Bell Co., Guelph. Two vases of flowers stood on the re-table. The Bishop seemed surprised and pleased at the work done in this mission and expressed entire satisfaction with the church buildings especially the joining the mission house to God's house which was considered an excellent plan and worthy of all imitation for other missions. The following day after morning prayer in the church (which in this mission is said daily through out the year) the Bishop and the assisting clergy went over to open a mission chapel of the Rev. C. R. Clark's of Whittington.

JARVIS.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara visited this parish on Oct. 31st, and confirmed 40 candidates, making in all 92 presented during the two years' ministry of the present incumbent.

HURON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WARDSVILLE.—A very pleasant gathering of the congregation of St. James' Church was held at the house of H. Yell, Esq., a few evenings since. The evening was spent in a very pleasant manner, the host and hostess doing all in their power to make their guests feel at home. During the evening a liberal offering was made by those present towards the slight debt still remaining upon the church. It may be mentioned that the Ladies Aid Society had recently been instrumental in raising a nice little sum for that object.

Correspondence.

All Letters will appear with the names of the writers in full, and we do not hold ourselves responsible for their opinions.

INDEPENDENCE OF SYNOD.

An interesting correspondence is being carried on in your columns between Messrs. F. Harding and T. Smith. Both these gentlemen are strangers to me, I do not intend to say anything with regard to the proposed constitutional change in the Diocese of Toronto which is the basis of the controversy. From his first letter I felt convinced that on the matter of the Independence of Diocesan Synods Mr. Smith struck the right note and Mr. Harding's arguments have not caused me to modify my opinion. Mr. Smith places the whole matter in its true position in the last sentence of his letter in your issue of 30th September as follows:—"The real question for any Synod