

clusion, expressing a hope that now all difficulties would be tided over, and that both the committee appointed and the members of the congregation would lend themselves heartily to the good work of restoring the Church, and that as Christians and loyal Churchmen they would, with one accord, unite and work in harmony. It is to be understood that the building is to be proceeded with at once, without the unwarrantable conditions originally required.

We venture to congratulate all the parties concerned in this favourable termination of this suit, and to add a prayer that the wishes expressed in Chancellor Spragge's closing address may be completely fulfilled.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, &c., received during the week ending October 19th, 1878.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*October Collection.*—Cobourg, \$110.83; Toronto, St. Paul's, \$108.31; St. Matthias', additional 50c.; Barrie, \$26.00; Galway, Kinmount \$1.00, Retties' Bridge 60c., Swamp Lake 33c., Silver Lake 17c., Pickering \$1.00, Port Whitby \$2.58; Credit, St. Peter's \$15.50, Dixie \$6.19, Port Credit \$3.31; Hastings \$1.30, Alnwick \$1.45, Dartford 98c.; St. Philip's, Unionville \$2.19; Cartwright \$10.00; Norwood \$1.75, Westwood \$1.25; Shanty Bay, St. Thomas' \$13.65, St. Mark's \$4.83, Kelly's School House 38c.; York Mills, \$7.25; Christ's Church, Keswick, \$1.22; Fenelon Falls, \$5.87.

MISSION FUND.—*Special Appeal.*—J. S. Lockie, Toronto, on account of subscription, \$25.00.

The Rev. Septimus Jones requests that all letters and papers may in future be addressed to him at the Rectory of the Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St. West, Toronto.

SUNDERLAND.—The Rev. Edward Warren would be very glad to receive for distribution in the Mission of Sunderland and West Brock any back numbers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN or any other sound Church paper or other Church periodicals. There is so little information about general Church matters in this parish, that the interest in them has to be excited and cultivated before they learn to take a paper for themselves. Address Rev. Edward Warren, Sunderland, Ontario.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PALMERSTON.—The church building in this Mission has lately undergone considerable interior improvements. The ceiling has been freshly whitened, and the walls have been tinted a mellow buff colour. The windows have been newly frosted, and the partition boards under the seats have been moved back sufficiently to allow the congregation to kneel without discomfort. The expense has been met by the proceeds of a festival undertaken by the ladies.

JARVIS.—At the close of a lecture delivered in Chambers' Hall, in this village, on the evening of the 15th inst., the occasion was taken to present an address and purse of money to the Rev. J. Francis, incumbent of St. Paul's Church for upwards of ten years, on the eve of his departure to assume the pastoral charge of Grace Church, Waterdown, to which parish he has lately been appointed. The address was read by Dr. Langrill, one of the delegates to the Synod, in behalf of the churchwardens and other members of the congregation. It is as follows:

JARVIS, Oct. 15, 1878.

REV. J. FRANCIS,—*Reverend and Dear Sir,*—On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, we desire to express our most sincere regard at the severance of those cordial relations which have existed between us as pastor and people during the past ten years. For that period you have faithfully and well performed your high and holy office, and earned the warm regard and lasting esteem of the parishioners. They feel that your labors have not been in vain; that your devotion to the cause of Christ, and zeal for the salvation of souls, have contributed largely to their ritual welfare. They know, also, that your

worth has been best appreciated by those brought most intimately in contact with you. We cannot, therefore, allow you to depart from our midst without an acknowledgment, though imperfect, of the debt of gratitude we owe you, and an expression of the hope that, in the new field of labor to which you are called, your ministerial efforts will be abundantly blessed. We assure you that it would be difficult to reconcile us to your departure did we not know that your new parish affords educational and other advantages for your family, unattainable here. To interpose our wishes where your interests are at stake would be inexcusable. To Mrs. Francis we offer our heartfelt thanks for her earnest work in the Sunday school and the kind solicitude shown by her at all times in our happiness and well-being. She has endeared herself to all, and will ever retain our deepest gratitude and respect. In conclusion, we beg to present you with the accompanying purse as a slight token of our regard, with the assurance that you carry with you the earnest prayers of your parishioners of Jarvis for your future happiness and prosperity. (Signed),

J. A. BURWASH,
J. L. LAMBERT, } Churchwardens.

Mr. Francis made a suitable reply.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CHATHAM.—The Harvest Festival at the Church of the Holy Trinity, on the 16th, had been looked forward to with fond expectation by the willing workers of that congregation, and careful preparations had been quietly, but, as the event proved, effectually made to ensure success. Willing hands and loving hearts, with grain and fruit, and flowers and autumn leaves, had made the very walls eloquent with the language of thanksgiving. These representative offerings of the produce of the farm and garden were arranged with much taste, and made the beautiful church appear for the time more beautiful than ever.

At a few minutes after four the service began, the Rector, the Rev. Freeman Harding, saying the prayers to the close of the second lesson. The first lesson was read by the Rev. John Downie, and the second by the Rev. Dr. Beaumont. The latter part of the evening service was said by the Rev. Henry Bartlett, and the sermon, which was sound, eloquent and appropriate, was preached by the Rev. Dr. Stocking, of Grace Church, Detroit. The hymns, which were heartily rendered, were well fitted to express before God and man the joy of Harvest and the gratitude due for its abundance. Next in order came the Thanksgiving Dinner in the school room, to which a goodly number of the members, friends and well-wishers of the Church sat down, at three tables, running lengthwise of the room, very neatly arranged, in the usual style of the ladies of Holy Trinity Church, covered with any quantity of edibles and tastefully decorated with flowers. Again at 8 o'clock a congregation of about 200 had assembled in the church to join in a very solemn and very beautiful service. The Rector said the prayers, using a shortened form of evening prayer. After the service came addresses. These were full of sound, practical preaching, reminding the congregation of the many reasons for thankfulness that should have weight with us. The address of Dr. Stocking was particularly happy, and if only his assertion of the great principle that self-denial is the truest expression of gratitude, and one of the great lessons that cluster around the emblem of the cross, be remembered by those who heard him, then his visit to Chatham will be productive of real good.

The hymns "Ten thousand times ten thousand," "Hark! Hark! my soul," "We plough the fields," "Art thou weary," "Lead, Kindly Light," together with a beautiful anthem, were well sung by the choir of the church, ably assisted by a number of the leading amateurs of the town. Altogether the services were bright, hearty and well-fitted to give expression to the gratitude we ought to feel to Him who for us has "crowned the year with his goodness," and has caused "the clouds to drop fatness." Those who were there enjoyed, and those who were absent missed two services of which the faintest word of praise that can be said is that they were simple, devout and joy-inspiring in a high degree.

ALGOMA FUND.—Amounts received by J. Beard, Secy.-Treas., Diocese of Huron, for quarter ending 30th Sept., 1878: Lis'owel, per Rev. H. Cooper, \$9.50; St. Paul's, London, per Rev. Canon Innes, collected by Miss Labatt, \$12.00; Goderich, per Mr. Dyatt, \$9.00; Brantford, Grace Church, per Rev. H. H. Starr, collected by Mrs. Starr, \$9.80, Widows' Mite Fund, \$6.00; St. Paul's, Woodstock, envelopes, \$2.75. For Shingwauk Home, St. Paul's, Woodstock, Sunday School, quarter year, \$12.50. Total, \$61.55.

WESTMINSTER.—*St. James.*—We are pleased to see that Rev. Evans Davis' is much improved by his visit to the home country. He has renewed his clerical labours with renewed energy and vigour. The congregation of St. James' have presented him with a purse of one hundred and twenty dollars, and an address of hearty welcome as follows:—

Rev. and Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned members of your congregation, take this the first opportunity offered us after your return to welcome you back again amongst us. We trust that your trip to the old country and the continent have resulted in completely reestablishing your health, and that you have profited both physically and mentally by your wanderings. As we are fully aware that your travelling expenses must have been considerable, we therefore most sincerely beg that you will allow us to bear a slight part of the same by accepting this small purse as a mark of our esteem in which you are held by us. Praying that the Almighty will bless your labours as heretofore. We are, Rev. and Dear Sir, very truly,

SIGNED—

AYLMER.—*Trinity Church.*—We regret to learn that the Rev. Thomas Davis, Incumbent of this mission is suffering from intermittent fever caused by the malaria of this low lying country, and it is feared he will be forced to resign the mission. Missionaries in undrained and unimproved clearings sometimes suffer very much from the unhealthiness of some localities, and have sometimes engendered the seeds of premature old age and early death.

ST. THOMAS.—*Trinity Church.*—The Rev. J. C. Ballard is fully verifying the anticipations we had entertained of his successful labours in this parish and his ability to overcome with the Divine blessing the adversaries to church progress in St. Thomas. He hopes that the heavy debt on the church will be entirely removed in a few years, and the congregation makes good promise of giving him a united and hearty support in his labours. The thanksgiving service on the 12th instant was largely attended and a thanksgiving anthem was sung by the choir. The collections, as in the other churches of the Diocese were for the missionary diocese of Algoma.

ALVINSTON.—Rev. W. J. Taylor, Incumbent of St. John's Church, has been the recipient of a donation from friends in the Old Country, of \$210, towards reducing the debt on the Church. Of this fifteen dollars were contributed by the scholars of the Sunday School with which he had been connected ere his leaving for America.

KINCARDINE.—We have to congratulate the Rev. P. Mackenzie, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, and his congregation, on the uninterrupted success of his faithful ministry. The Church, sometime since, became a rectory, self-supporting, and no longer seeking a grant from the Society. As an instance of their progress we may mention that it is now proposed to purchase an organ for the church. One gentleman has headed the list of subscribers by giving five hundred dollars.

SEAFORTH.—St. Thomas' Church has been found too small for the increasing congregation. It has been resolved to enlarge it by adding a wing each side, and it is expected that the work will be completed so that the church may be reopened for Divine Worship about the first of December. Meantime the Church services are held in the Town Hall.

PETERSVILLE.—At a special Vestry Meeting, last Friday evening, it was resolved that, as it is now so late in the season, the proposed enlargement of