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ODESSA.—The lord Bishop of Niagara, who has been filling engagements for the Bishop of Ontario, visited this station and administered the rite of confirmation to sixteen persons, four males and twelve females. The Bishop was attended by Ven. Archdeacon Jones, of Napanee; Rev. Rural Dean Carey, and Revs. A. Spencer, F. Prime, and R. T. Burns, of Kingston. The service commenced with the processional hymn, "Onward Christian soldiers," during which the procession consisting of the candidates and clergy marched slowly up the aisle to their respective places. The floral decorations were very fine, particularly a large cross which was suspended over the altar. The Bishop delivered an earnest address to the candidates and those present, in the course of which he made a happy allusion to the flowers, speaking of them as one of God's choicest gifts to man. The singing was excellent, and notably the hymn "Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire," sung kneeling, and immediately following the silent prayer. At the conclusion of the service there was a celebration of the holy communion, at which there were twenty-seven communicants. The whole service was very solemn and impressive, and will long be remembered by those who were present.

The Rev. Mr. Burns, of Kingston, who assumed charge of this station some fifteen months ago, is doing a good work, and what speaks well is that he has the hearty co-operation of all his church people. During the past year many improvements have taken place in the hall in which the congregation worship, amongst others was used on this occasion a very handsome communion service lately obtained from England. Altogether the congregation is to be congratulated on their efforts to promote the welfare of the church among them.

NORTH AUGUSTA.—St. Peter's Church.—St. Peter's Church, having, through the untiring energy of the rector and congregation, been relieved from all encumbrance of debt, was formally consecrated to the service of Almighty God, on Tuesday, November 2nd, by the Right Rev. the lord Bishop of Niagara. The solemn and impressive consecration service began at 10:30 a.m., and the beautiful little church was filled to overflowing. After the consecration the Bishop administered the holy and apostolic rite of confirmation to fourteen males and thirty-two females, delivering most earnest and eloquent addresses to the candidates both before and after the rite. This was followed by the communion service, at which the Bishop was celebrant, the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, gosseller; Rural Dean Nesbitt, epistoller; and W. M. H. Quartermaine, server. The other clergy present beside the rector, A. H. Coleman, were Rural Dean Grant, E. P. Crawford, A. W. Cooke, R. L. M. Houston, R. N. Jones, and W. A. Reed. In addition to the clergy, some eighty-seven of the congregation communicated. There was service in the church also at 7 p.m., when the Rev. A. W. Cooke, a former incumbent of the parish, preached an excellent sermon. The good people of North Augusta will long remember the day.

FARMERSVILLE.—The lord Bishop of Niagara held a confirmation service in this parish, on Wednesday, November 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. Here, as at North Augusta, the church was crowded to the very doors. The rector, R. N. Jones, presented fifty candidates—twenty-three males, and twenty-seven females, for confirmation. His lordship's addresses which are eminently earnest, practical, and eloquent, were listened to with unwearied interest and rapt attention. At the holy communion service which followed, the Bishop was celebrant, and Rural Dean Grout, and Rev. S. Tighe, gosseller and epistoller respectively and the Rev. A. T. Fidler, server. The other clergy present were the Revs. G. J. Low, A. H. Coleman, J. Osborne, and F. Codd. Of the laity over one hundred communicated. The beautiful church was very tastefully decorated for the occasion.

My First Three Months in my new Mission.—Armed with a letter of introduction from the Bishop's commissary (the Ven. Archdeacon Lauder), I presented myself at the house of the Rev. Canon Pettit, the rural dean, and received a most hospitable welcome. Under his fatherly protection, I proceeded the next day by the cars to Wales, and thence a nine miles journey into the interior by means of a most primitive stage, and in the afternoon reached Newington. A message was sent round to the members within reach, and in the evening Canon Pettit introduced me as the new clergyman, and bespoke for me a hearty reception, which was as heartily given, and after the necessary supplies were taken, we passed the night under the hospitable roof of Mr. John Snettsinger.

The next day Mr. and Mrs. George Snettsinger kindly took me in until I could find a permanent residence, which I was most happily successful in doing with my present devoted host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Shaver.

The first Sunday, August 1st, I devoted to Newington, where I held morning and evening service.

During the week I reconnoitred the surrounding country, and after being received with open arms by Mr. Oscar Fulton, I decided to open a service at Avonmore, distant six miles from Newington. I have since opened a third service at Northfield. During the quarter the progress made has far exceeded my most sanguine expectations. Fifty-five new families have united themselves with us. Old church families lost to us for years have returned to the fold, and a large number of adherents attend our services. The warm receptions I have met with on every hand, and the expressions of heartfelt gratitude at the presence of a resident missionary of the Church of England, fully justify the wisdom of the Mission Board in making Newington a separate mission. At the close of the quarter our position and needs are as follows:

At Newington enlarged church accommodation is urgently needed. Witness last Sunday, when fifty people had to go home, not being able to approach nearer than the porch.

At Avonmore, we worship in a miserable wooden shed, holding about 200, and not unfrequently fifty and one hundred have had to stand outside during the service, my voice only reaching them through the doors and windows.

At Northfield where we worship in a hall, over the bar and stables of a public inn, the crush is so great that at one service we could not take up the offertory.

At both of the above, I have to combine the office of organist, choirmaster, and clergyman in one.

My efforts during the winter will be devoted to raising funds for the erection of a new church at Avonmore, in the spring, the prospective opening of a station of the Canadian Pacific Railway at this place, rendering this necessary. During the quarter, three Sunday schools have been opened, with about 100 scholars, and these are increasing weekly. My parish register for the quarter, shows twenty-six baptisms, one marriage, and two deaths. At the first celebration of holy communion, forty-nine persons partook. I have hitherto not celebrated at Avonmore and Northfield, as I am averse to doing so amid our present uncomfortable surroundings. At our harvest festival on October 18th, at Newington, our exquisite little church was prettily decorated. The Rev. Gower Poole, of Woodlands, read prayers, and Rev. Montague Poole, of Aultsville, preached, and I presided at the organ, assisted by the choirs of Woodlands and Chrysler. After service, dinner was served to over 200 people in the dining hall of the fair ground, placed at our disposal by Mrs. Jordan. After dinner, we adjourned to the exhibition hall, when Dr. Bergen, the member for Cornwall, gave us a pleasing address. The proceeds of the day amounted to \$50.

We have introduced the envelope system throughout the mission. In place of the old system, we ask each subscriber to give a fixed amount each Sunday according to his ability, and already about forty families have adopted it, and it is working well. To sum up the results of our first quarter's existence as a separate mission, in the words of a lady parishioner, "Good is being done," and I am resolved that by the blessing of God on my efforts, the Church of England shall stand in the front rank in this locality.

I wish to acknowledge the valued assistance I have received from Mr. John Snettsinger, and Mr. Frank Hoophole, the wardens in Newington, and from Mr. Oscar Fulton and Mr. Wm. Stevenson, the wardens at Avonmore.

Also from Mr. John Huff, a most Catholic spirited Methodist, and Mr. Alguire, for placing their halls at my disposal, free, for Sunday services at Avonmore and Northfield.

My warmest thanks are due to Rev. Canon Pettit for much kindly encouragement, and judicious counsel. I cannot close without paying a just tribute to the labours of my predecessor, the Rev. Frederick Prime, now of Kingston. Although Mr. Prime was resident twelve miles from Newington, during the time the mission was under his care, his self-denying labours in connection with the erection of the Newington church, and his faithful and devoted ministry, will never be forgotten.

Mr. Prime has left a most fragrant memory behind him in Newington. He laboured, and I have entered into his labours.

Newington, T. Hoop, Priest in charge. Nov. 1886.

LOMBARDY.—On Monday, 1st November, the lord Bishop of Niagara, accompanied by the Venerable Archdeacon Lauder, of Ottawa, visited this mission for the purpose of holding a confirmation service. The day was charming, and the roads being good, the people from the surrounding country, including some from Smith's Falls, assembled in large numbers, and seemed to be pleased with the pretty little church, now completed, and so nicely furnished. Service commenced with a well and heartily rendered evensong, followed by a procession of Bishop and clergy to the front entrance of the church, where stands the

font, which the Bishop blessed, thereby setting it apart henceforth to be the holy place of the laver of new birth, whilst it stands at the door to symbolize the door of entrance into the household of God, the mystical Body of Christ, His Church. After the benediction of the font, a hymn was sung as Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel at the entrance to which the candidates for confirmation were presented to the Bishop for the reception of the Holy Ghost, with the laying on of the apostle's hands as of old. Between twenty and thirty were confirmed. They had been carefully instructed in Church doctrine Bible truths by their much loved spiritual guide, the Rev. A. J. Fidler. The Bishop is a man powerful for good, as his whole manner and speech betokens the man of God, the apostle, the loving father in God. He speaks as one who feels his position and believes himself to be an apostle, whose work as such is just as necessary in the nineteenth century as was that of those apostles of the first century. The realizing of the superhuman power in the due exercise of the apostolic office, whether in the laying on of hands, in confirmation, or ordination, and in the consequent exercise of the priest's office and order is a, if not the, felt want of our time. Living belief in the real presence of the Holy Ghost the Lord and Giver of life.

SHANNONVILLE.—Trinity Church.—Morning service was held in this church on Thanksgiving Day by the Rev. Messrs. Forneri and Geen. Owing to the weather the congregation was small. The choir, however, came in full force, and the service was hearty. A good proportion of those present remained for communion. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, old and faithful members of the congregation, expressed themselves heartily gratified with the service, and pleased with the action of Rural Dean Stanton, in having the church re-opened for divine service. The present arrangement is that the Rev. A. Geen, of Belleville, and John Kemp, Esq., lay reader, are to officiate on alternate Sundays. It is very desirable, however, that a resident clergyman should be appointed to the parish as soon as possible.

BELLEVILLE.—On the 16th and 17th of November, the Bay of Quinte Clerical Union held its eighteenth session in the parsonage of St. John's Church, at the invitation of the incumbent, the Rev. D. F. Bogert, M.A. About a dozen of the neighbouring clergy were present. The discussions were interesting, especially that introduced by the Rev. J. R. Serson, B.A., of Danforth, on the best means of preparing candidates for confirmation. The clergy present gave their several views and experiences in regard to that important duty, and many valuable ideas were elicited in the course of the debate. At the evening services short addresses were delivered by several of the clergy, on practical subjects, namely, on "Unity," "Steadfastness," "The English Bible," and "The priesthood of all the members of the Church." The church has been thoroughly renovated, and the chancel and seats have been better arranged.

TORONTO.

The president and members of the Diocesan Board Woman's Auxiliary to missions, desire to express their hearty thanks to all those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted them on the occasion of the "Missionary At Home," Thursday, November 11th, and to whose efforts so large an amount of the success of the evening was due.

St. Alban's Cathedral.—A small portion of the crypt, making a room 40 feet by 15 feet, has been floored and roofed and fitted up for the use of the Sunday school, which has been already some time in existence. The school assembled in this room for the first time on Sunday, 14th November, when the Bishop was present, accompanied by his chaplain, Rev. A. J. Broughall. Instead of the usual teaching, there was a short service, with an address by his lordship. It was much regretted that the limited space made it impossible for a general invitation to be extended to those who would have wished to be present. The staff of the Sunday School is as follows:—Superintendent, Mr. H. A. Bowden; teachers, Misses Macnamara—Lena Macnamara; Merser—Fanny Merser; Grimsley—Sarah Grimsley; Huntley, Shuter, Long. Messrs. Smith, Laughton, William Carter, Charles Carter. There are about 100 children on the roll. Another part of the crypt is being fitted up for an infant class room.

A WRONG INFERENCE.—A reference was made in Layman's article last week but one, to a daily newspaper which is a Scott Act organ, while its proprietor and editor may be seen any day passing from one whisky bar to another. To remove all chance of a wrong inference, we beg to say that the paper alluded to is not the Mail, but is the evening paper generally