

are so many parsonage houses destitute of those conveniences which add so materially to the comforts of the clergyman and his family? It is, we think, because the innate energy of mind which is to be found in so many leading members of Church Congregations requires some extraordinary excitement to bring it into full operation, and no excitement can be so more powerful than a good example. We hold up, then, the example of the Ladies of Oakville for the imitation of their sisters in other parishes, and we say to the Ladies of parishes look at Oakville, there is an example worthy of your imitation, see there what energy and activity, what cordiality and unanimity can accomplish, and, "go and do likewise."

CHESTER, NEAR TORONTO.

The annual Church Festival of this little village was held in September, and should have been noticed before. There was a musical entertainment provided, almost exclusively by members of the congregation, under the direction of the lady who plays the Melodeon and conducts the congregational singing. The performance was allowed to be very gratifying, especially considering that it was a first attempt. This was followed by a tea drinking from the neighbours and the children of the Sunday School, the materials of which were liberally provided by the residents.

Before the close of the meeting two presentations were made.

First, a Bible and Prayer Book were presented to Mr. John Playter, from the Sunday School fund, in acknowledgment of his kind services in preparing the fires, &c. in the Church in time for the Sunday School, for some years past.

The second was a handsome eight keyed ebony flute, presented by the members of the congregation to Mr. Thomas Thorne, who, in the feeble days of the congregation, before it possessed a melodeon, was accustomed with a flute of simpler character to assist the singing of the congregation.

At a subsequent meeting of the managers of the festival, the proceeds of the sale of tickets were ordered to be paid over to the minister.

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