

offering from the congregation. The chancel, reading desk and lectern were all tastefully adorned with nature's choicest flowers shedding their fragrance throughout the entire building. Back of the Altar table was the soul-inspiring text, Christ is risen, in moss relief; the text, flowers, and sweet, thrilling music from the organ, blending lovingly and leading the unworthy worshippers upward and heavenward. I remarked to a friend that it was strange that so few of our churches cared thus to show their love for their risen Saviour, "Don't you think it a little High Church?" he replied. If by high you mean those acts of love and affection which lead us to more fervent prayer and more devoted lives, may we all be high, and yet so lowly that we may be unworthy yet accepted followers of our risen Lord. Com.

PRESENTATION TO DOCTOR BOVELL.—Several friends and former patients of Dr. Bovell availed themselves of his recent departure to the West Indies to present him, as a token of their high appreciation of his personal character and of his eminence in his profession, with a sum of \$608. Had time allowed, and had it been thought right to give public intimation of the design, we are assured that many more who have in past years profited by Dr. Bovell's professional services, would have gladly joined in the recognition of that rare combination of intellectual and moral excellence which have earned for him the designation of "the beloved physician."

It was intended that those who subscribed should have been invited to meet Dr. Bovell before he left Toronto, that their tribute might thus have been offered under more appropriate and gratifying circumstances: but as this intention was unavoidably frustrated, two gentlemen, who were requested to wait on him on Wednesday the 24th April, the day before he left the city, presented to him the following address, and have since received from him the subjoined reply.

Address.

Toronto, April 24th 1878.

DEAR DR. BOVELL,—Some of those who, in past years, have been very deeply indebted to your professional skill and to your unwearied kindness, have united to mark your departure from us, by offering you a small tribute of esteem and affection. It would have been a great satisfaction to them to have assembled for the purpose of presenting it in a more public manner, but a combination of circumstances have compelled them to forego this pleasure.

We have, therefore, been deputed to hand to you the accompanying cheque; and, in so doing, to express to you the deep regret with which your many friends in Canada regard your departure, and the earnest longing with which they anticipate your return. Permit us to say that this regret and this longing are not wholly selfish; they regret, for your sake, that you should feel yourself to be under an obligation to return to an unfavorable climate, and to resume duties which are beyond your strength; while they fervently trust that the good providence of God may bring you once more amongst us, to engage in most honorable and useful labors, more adapted to your high abilities and attainments, as well as to your physical capacities.

Wishing you and Mrs. Bovell a prosperous journey—a happy meeting with your children—and every blessing in body, soul, and spirit, we bid you most heartily—farewell.

(Signed), GEORGE WHITAKER,
A. J. BROUGHALL.

Reply.

Steven's Hotel, New York,
April 27th, 1878.

MY DEAR MR. PROVOST,—So unexpected was the address and the most liberal gift accompanying it, that I was utterly unable to say a word to my dear friend, Mr. Broughall, and yourself, in reply. Even now, when alone and on the eve of my departure for Nevis, I am quite conscious of my inability to express the gratitude I feel to my generous and kind friends in Canada, not only for what they have expressed in writing, but also for the very substantial token of their esteem, bestowed upon me. Both my wife and myself will ever preserve the former and leave it to our children as

a memorial of kindness, which was as unexpected as we feel it to have been undeserved. To leave the friends and companions of more than thirty years is a trial not easily borne, but believing that I am not authorized to leave the parishes committed to my care, without some indication of the Divine will, I return to them in full confidence that He who led my footsteps to Nevis will, if He sees fit, guide me elsewhere should the time come.

Will you be so kind as to convey my sincere thanks to those who have remembered me, and to whom I cannot in person express my gratitude.

Asking in sincere humility the Divine blessing for yourself and my dear friends,

Believe me, yours very truly,

JAMES BOVELL.

NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

RURI DECANAL, SOUTH WENTHWORTH AND HALDIMAND.—In connection with the above Deanery, divine service was held in All Saints' Church, Hamilton, at 7.30, p.m., Monday, April 29th. Evensong was said by Rev. George A. Bull, Rural Dean, and Rev. G. Johnstone; lessons were read by Rev. R. S. Locke. Preacher, Rev. P. W. Smith, who delivered an excellent sermon from 1 St. Peter v. 5. The musical portion of the service was excellent; in addition to the choir of All Saints' Church, Mr. Robinson, choir master of Christ's Church Cathedral, and several members of his choir kindly gave their invaluable assistance, rendering the choral part of the service more than usually pleasing and attractive. On Tuesday, April 30th, celebration of the Holy Communion in All Saints' Church, at 10 a.m., followed by the business meeting. The subjects for consideration being: 1st. Diocesan Church Conferences. 2nd. What form of Family and Private Prayer shall be recommended? 3rd. Can a Curate or assistant Minister preside in Vestry in absence of his Rector? 4th. Reading of a proposed Canon on Clerical Discipline. 5th. Suggestions for the promotion of the cause of missions. 6th. The propriety of a prayer in consideration of absence of the Bishop. Present at the meeting were: The very Rev. the Dean of Niagara, Rev. Geo. A. Bull, M.A., Rural Dean, Rev. R. G. Sutherland, St. Mary's Church, C. E. Thomson, All Saints' Church, Hamilton, Chas. E. Whitcombe, secretary, G. Johnson, Locke and Smith. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Stoney Creek, early in the summer.

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod office from 1st of March to 22nd of April, 1878.

Mission Fund Offerings: Dunville, \$6; Port Maitland, \$2.00; Jarvis, \$3.71; All Saints', Hamilton, \$1.00; Oakville, \$7.68; Marshville, 75c.; Port Colborne, \$1.77; Niagara, 10.00; Drew, 90c.; Acton, Rockwood and Eramosa, \$5.00; Erin and Garafraxa, \$8.18; Mount Forest, \$8.47; Georgetown, \$5.36; Glenwilliams, \$1.27; Guelph, \$23.82; Christ Church, Hamilton, \$10.40. *Thanksgiving Collection*: St. George's, St. Catharines, \$17.94; *Parochial Collections*: Ancaster, \$53.00; Marshville, \$10.88; Drummondville, (additional) \$1.00; Moorefield, \$23.17; Rothsay, \$16.30; Drayton, \$8.75; All Saints', Hamilton, \$64.00; Cayuga, \$38.08; Thorold, \$41.28; Welland, \$40.90; Niagara, \$51.50; Barton and Glanford, \$60.48; Harriston, \$24.00; Clifford, \$5.50; Stewarttown, \$30.05; Chippawa, \$85.75; Christ Church, Hamilton, \$144.00; Church of the Assension, Hamilton, \$306.00; Dundas and West Flamboro, \$123.31; Fergus and Alma, \$52.00; St. George's, St. Catharines, \$216.15; Nanticoke, \$37.30; Georgetown, \$163.70; Milton, \$61.00; Hagersville, \$8.00; Wellington Square and Nelson, \$78.50; Mount Forest, \$43.60; North Arthur, \$14.94; Erin, \$22.02; Hillsburg, \$10.05; Welland, \$31.60; St. Mark's, Hamilton, \$45.00; Grimsby, \$160.25; Palmerston, \$31.25; Waterdown, \$1.50; Saltfleet and Bimbrook, \$25.56; Merriton, \$20.95; Orangeville, 10.00; Dunville, 51.20; Carlisle, \$10.25; Nassagaweya, \$11.25; Lowville, \$46.05; Louth, \$62.58; Port Dalhousie, \$14.95; Norval, \$20.00; St. Thomas, Hamilton, \$95.00; Queenston, \$21.55; Grantham, \$32.80; Caledonia, \$33.70; York, \$54.60. *On Guarantee Account*: Queenston, \$50.00; Port Maitland, \$14.00; Port Colborne, \$87.50; Arthur, \$77.00; Cheapside, \$37.50; Reading, \$17.00; Rockwood,

\$25.00; Dunville, \$100.00; Caledonia, \$100.00; Welland, \$55.00; West Flamboro, \$66.67; Drayton, \$15.00; Nanticoke, 62.50; Cayuga, \$125.00; Alma, \$37.50; Acton, \$50.00; Omagh, \$50.00; Palermo, \$95.00; Marshville, \$50.00; Harriston, \$87.50; Lowville, \$62.00; Norval, \$75.00. *Voluntary payments*: Rockton, \$50.00; Caledonia, \$8.32.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offering Collections*: Georgetown, \$6.91; Glenwilliams, \$1.85; Mount Forest, \$8.10; Jarvis, \$5.00; Caledonia, \$5.00.

ALGOMA MISSION FUND.—Waterdown, \$7.78; St. George's, St. Catharines, \$12.80; Oakville, \$4.27; Chippawa, \$9.35; Stewarttown, \$3.45; Erin and Garafraxa, \$9.40; Georgetown, \$12.48; Mount Forest, \$12.00; Wellington Square, \$2.80; Norval, \$10.00. *Intercessory Collection*: Georgetown, \$10.44.

EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—Niagara, \$122.10; Queenston, \$48.62; Chippawa, \$25.00; Clifton, \$13.16; Louth and Port Dalhousie, \$45.94; Welland and Fonthill, \$91.76; Thorold, \$220.48; St. Catharines, \$305.02; Elora, \$5.25; Hamilton, \$688.20.

PALMERSTON.—The bishop of the diocese administered the rite of confirmation in St. Paul's church in this parish on Wednesday, 1st inst., to seventeen persons. The candidates varied in age from fourteen years to upwards of seventy, one of them being an elderly man who, although a consistent and faithful Christian and a communicant of the Church, had never received the *laying on of hands*, having from various circumstances been hitherto prevented. The congregation was large, and the bishop's address, which was extremely suitable to the occasion, was listened to with very marked attention. After the public administration in the church his lordship was conducted to the house of a member of the congregation whose wife had intended to receive the rite with the other candidates, but was prevented by a severe illness, which had left her very weak. She was not, however, deprived of the benefit of this "principle of the doctrine of Christ" in consequence of her inability to attend the public service, for the bishop confirmed her *privately*, much to her joy and comfort. The total number confirmed was, therefore, eighteen.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PETERSVILLE.—*The First Confirmation in St. George's*.—How soon a new church becomes hallowed in the minds of her worshippers! Even ere it is consecrated, the notes of praise, and the prayers, the precious inheritance from many bygone ages, forbid that the edifice in which hearts and voices have united in the worship of the "Holy Catholic Church" be profaned. How much more hallowed when the Sacraments have there been administered! That beloved house, where at the font our beloved ones have been made members of Christ—that chancel wherein we have knelt to partake of the Sacrament of our Redemption by Christ's death—that house is ever dear to us, even though it be not consecrated. Truly not without commendable motives thereto moving us do we long earnestly to see our churches consecrated, that they be in every sense the houses of God, and be never perverted to any profane use! The church of St. George is little more than a year old, and its members now speak, as of some dearly beloved object hallowed by the most endearing associations, of "Our Church." Within its sacred precincts have parents presented their children in baptism to Our Father, and there have the church members partaken of the "most comfortable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ." The first confirmation service was held in St. George's on the first Sunday after Easter at 3 p.m., when twenty-five candidates for the Apostolic Rite of the laying on of hands were presented to His Lordship the Bishop of Huron by Rev. Canon Innes, Rector of St. Paul's, of which St. George's forms part—twenty-one of the number being females, and of them four being mothers of families. The church was crowded as churches always are at confirmation services. After the laying on of hands, His Lordship earnestly