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EDITORIAL.

MISSION AND W. & O. FUNDS' APPEAL.

The returns in response to this appeal made both by circular and in person through the members of deputations sent throughout the Diocese, are still slowly coming in. The result at the present showing that in the majority of cases the Parishes both in the city and outside have done their best to wipe off the reproach of indebtedness on these funds, and it is devoutly to be hoped that the balance of those who have undertaken to act in this matter will speedily send in their returns. Appended is an item which illustrates both the zeal of the members of the deputation and the spirit in which they were met. This item is only a sample of what has characterized the whole enterprise.

"On Sunday, 23rd January, at St. George's, Oshawa, at 11 a.m., Messrs. F. Barlow Cumberland and D. T. Symonds, appealed for \$85 arrears and \$85 assessment for 1898, a total of \$170, and left there assured that the total would be forthcoming. Here they enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Wm. Cowan at his beautiful residence.

In the afternoon they proceeded to St. John's, Whitby, but unfortunately through some misunderstanding there was no meeting held. Rev. Mr. McKim, however, intimated that this Church's assessment would also be forthcoming.

In the evening at 7 o'clock at All Saints', Whitby, to a good congregation, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. It is expected that the assessment of \$49.50 will be met. The Rector, Rev. J. S. Broughall and Mr. Downey, extended their hospitality to the deputation."

DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL.

Since our last number His Lordship the Bishop has issued a circular to the members of the Church with reference to the contributions through the envelope system to the interest account of the Cathedral in which after expressing his gratitude for what has been done, he proceeds to point out what a slight effort would be further necessary to meet what is designed by this scheme, viz., quarterly subscriptions of 1,400 persons at 25 cents each to cover interest and management. The scheme was proposed in February, 1897, so that it has now been on trial for one year, with the result that the total receipts have amounted to \$991.50 representing contributions from seventy-nine parishes and missions out of a total of 126. We feel that it is not too much for His Lordship to expect that not only those Parishes which are already contributing should increase the number of the contributors—for some Parishes have given very little indeed—but also others who have manifested no interest should at once begin to do so and thus reach this figure of 1,400 subscribers. It should be a satisfaction to all Churchmen to feel that the financial difficulties of the Cathedral could be so easily met. When we consider that 9,000 persons communicated last Easter in Toronto, it is surely not too much to expect that one-third of these at least should have sufficient interest in their Church to contribute this small amount to the Diocesan Cathedral funds. It may be well to note that if any sum should come in on this fund in excess of what is required for interest and annual charges it will go towards the reduction of the principal. **LET EVERYONE DO HIS DUTY AND THE RESULT WILL BE MORE THAN SATISFACTORY.**

RURAL DEANERY OF EAST SIMCOE.

REV. J. A. HANNA, RURAL DEAN.

(Continued.)

CRAIGHURST AND VESPERA.

The Mission of Craighurst and Vespra embraces an area of about eighteen square miles occupied by about eighty Church families. In it are three neat brick Churches: St. Peter's, Minesing; St. John's, Craighurst; and St. James', Crown Hill. Service is also held in the Orange Hall at Hillsdale. At the beginning of the incumbency of the present Incumbent, the Rev. J. H. Teney, four years ago, the Mission consisted only of St. John's, Craighurst, and St. James', Crown Hill. The following year Hillsdale service was opened and subsequently Minesing was attached, making one of the largest missions in the Deanery of East Simcoe. Service is held every Sunday in Craighurst and Crown Hill and every other Sunday in Hillsdale and Minesing. To take these services requires a drive of thirty-nine miles one Sunday, and twenty-five miles the next.

In the four years past the congregations of St. John's, Craighurst, and St. James', Crown Hill, have put forth a splendid effort towards the advancement of their Mission. The Church at Crown Hill has undergone extensive repairs, while at Craighurst a comfortable parsonage has been erected and has been occupied by the Incumbent about two years. Too much praise cannot be given to the people who in the face of great financial difficulties, by their patient self-denial have been enabled to accomplish so much in so short a time.

The only difficulty which the Incumbent has to face, and it is an unsurmountable one, lies in the great distances to be travelled to take the services and to make parochial visitations, involving much time and a correspondingly large expenditure of money.

In addition to the regular Sunday services, the Incumbent endeavours as far as possible to hold week-night services in every place of worship in the Mission during the seasons of Advent and Lent. In addition to these the Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Thanksgiving services are never omitted. Holy Communion is regularly celebrated at every place of worship every second month. The Incumbent has had the satisfaction of seeing the number of communicants grow from about twenty to over one hundred. At the last visit of His Lordship the Bishop, forty-nine candidates were presented for Confirmation, while a similar class is now being prepared for Confirmation this summer.

No description of the Mission would be complete without mentioning an organization that has done so much during the past four years for the financial and social well-being of the Church here. We refer to the Ladies' Aid Societies of St. John's, Craighurst, and St. James', Crown Hill. Not only have the members contributed most liberally themselves but they have been instrumental in, from time to time, repleting an exhausted treasury with large sums of money just when most needed. Their regular meetings have, too, accomplished much in adding fresh zeal for the cause of God, and the Incumbent deeply appreciates their many acts of kindness and encouragement.

MISSIONARY ARTICLE.

CONTRIBUTED.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHANDOS, APSLEY.

The total cost of this Church is estimated at \$420, and is nearly paid for by subscriptions from the S. P. C. K., our Diocesan W. A., and private contributions in the Mission and in Toronto. Rev. C. Lord would be grateful for further help in the shape of Prayer Books and Sunday School books.

Apsley Mission.—On Wednesday, December 8th, the new Church of St. Andrew, Hawley and Post Settlements, in this Mission, was formally opened for Divine worship. Evensong was said by the Rev. C. Lord, and the sermon preached by the Rev. F. H. Hartley. The building, which will seat nearly 200, was filled to overflowing by a very attentive and devout congregation, very many of whom are recent converts to the Church's teaching. The Church people here are very much in earnest, and out of their poverty have contributed handsomely towards the building fund. They are rightly proud of their beautiful new Church, and deserve substantial encouragement from their brethren in the Faith who are better off in this world's goods. This is the fifth edifice which has been built in Apsley Mission during the incumbency of the Rev. Canon Harding; and this latest extension of Christ's Kingdom is, under God, due to the untiring energy and self-sacrificing work of Mr. Lord.

The first Church service ever held at Buckhorn was conducted by myself in the village school-house on the fourth Sunday after Easter in the year 1894. I shall never forget it. The crowded house, dimly lighted with oil lamps, the serious faces of the people, mostly men, the hearty singing of two hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul," the surprise of the people

when they saw a surplice and cassock for the first time, the pitiful (but encouraging and brave) attempt to join in the psalms and responses, the deep interest with which everyone listened to the preaching of the Word of God and the hearty welcome they gave me after the service, are things I shall never forget. I held a service there regularly once a fortnight and by degrees the people got over their shyness and joined heartily in the service. The attendance was always good. In October, of the same year (1894), South Burleigh and Buckhorn were separated from Apsley Mission and made into a new Parish, and the Bishop appointed me first Incumbent. For some time the services at Buckhorn were held as usual, only with this difference—I made up my mind that with God's help the Church *should* live and flourish there. I wished to have frequent celebrations to intercede with God through the merits of His Son's sacrifice, but there was no Church and no communicants. The postmaster very kindly allowed me the use of his dining room to serve for a Church, and here I collected three women on a Monday morning, only one of whom had been confirmed, and one of the other two was a convert from the Roman Church, and together, we prayed for the conversion of the people in and around Buckhorn and for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. And God heard and answered those prayers very quickly.

My next move was to hire a house in the village, part of which I fitted up like a Church, the other part being used as a parsonage by myself and a Lay reader. Our congregations improved still further—the chapel was crowded and numbers of people who had driven or walked a number of miles *stood outside* at one of the windows all through the service. We started Sunday School and Band of Hope and had very good attendances. We visited the people all round without respect of creed, nearly every day brought some one wishing to become a Christian, indeed, in the words of Holy Scripture "the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved." We prepared the most serious ones for Confirmation, over forty, mostly adults, receiving the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.

Our chapel was too small for such a service so a very kind friend in Peterborough lent us a large tent which we used as a Church. The need of a proper Church was urgent. The people were poor but willing to work, and they did work. I borrowed \$1,000 in Peterborough and built, the Church which is a fine building overlooking a beautiful lake, finished in brick, and neatly but plainly furnished inside. Also I bought the house where we had been so wonderfully blessed in our

work, renovated and enlarged it and furnished it as a parish room and parsonage.

Stations have been opened in adjacent settlements and the Church extended to places where formerly the Gospel of our Saviour was never preached. Buckhorn is the centre for the surrounding country and the people drive or walk in on Sunday—when the Church is crowded.

Homes have been brightened, characters reformed, lives amended and true religion established in the hearts and homes of those who a few years ago were careless—or worse.—F. H. H.

PARAGRAPHIC.

CORRECTION.—The amount of \$3 credited to Lakefield, as Thanksgiving collection, in our last December number, should be credited to the Widows and Orphans' fund account.

Attention is drawn to the Bishop's list of Confirmations already sent out, and to the request of His Lordship, that the Clergy bear in mind the dates of his absence from town, and not expect to receive answers to letters addressed to him during such dates.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL.—During the absence of the Rev. A. U. DePencier in England, after Easter, the services will be supplied by the Canons of the Diocese.

It is a subject of great satisfaction to know that the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Niagara, for so many years the beloved Rector of St. James', has so far recovered from his recent illness that he hopes to resume the duties of his Diocese at Easter.

The Right Rev. Bishop Sullivan, Rector of St. James' is drawing large congregations of busy people to the Lenten noon-day services. His topics are carefully selected with a view of meeting the intellectual difficulties of the day.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron conducted the annual "Quiet Day" for the Clergy of the Rural Deanery of York on Thursday, the 17th of February, in St. George's Church, Toronto. His addresses were most powerful and helpful.

The Bicentenary celebration of the venerable and venerated S. P. C. K., took the form of special sermons being preached throughout the Diocese on the Sundays preceding and succeeding the birthday of the Society; on the evening of which date (Tuesday, March 8th) a large and interesting missionary meeting was held in St. James' school-house, the Hon. G. W. Allan being in the chair; the speakers in addition to His Lordship the Bishop, being the Rev. the Provost, the Rev. Prof. Clark, and Principal Parkin of Upper Canada College. Half of the offertories contributed towards the funds of this Society during this commemoration were by resolution of the local S. P. C. K. Committee paid into the funds of the Diocesan agency to augment their "Free grant fund."

ORDINATION.—On Sunday, March 20th, fourth Sunday in Lent, the Bishop of the Diocese admitted to the Diaconate Messrs. J. E. Fenning and W. H. White, and advanced to the Priesthood, the Revs. J. F. Rounthwaite and J. W. Cooper. The service took place in St. Alban's Cathedral, the preacher being the Rev. Canon Welch, Provost of Trinity College and Chancellor of the Cathedral.

The Rev. J. F. Rounthwaite has been appointed Assistant Curate of St. Matthias' Church, Toronto, vice the Rev. S. Rhodes, who has removed to the Diocese of Ontario to be Assistant Curate to the Rev. Canon Burke, St. Thomas' Church, Belleville.

The Rev. H. P. Lowe, M.A., has resigned the Assistant Curacy of St. George's Church, Toronto, to take charge of the Cathedral Church at Calgary, N. W. T., succeeding the Venerable Archdeacon Cooper. Address accordingly.

The Rev. W. L. Baynes Reed, L.T., has succeeded the Rev. G. L. Starr at St. John's Church, Norway.

The Rev. H. V. Thompson, M.A., has removed from Newmarket to take charge of Shanty Bay and East Oro. Address accordingly.

The Rev. R. J. Carson, has been appointed to the Missions of Havelock and Belmont, and will take charge on April 1st.

The following Parishes and Missions have as yet sent in no returns in response to the Mission Fund Appeal:—

Allandale.	Lloydtown.
Apsley.	Manvers.
Ashburnham.	Markham.
Berkeley and Norway.	Minden.
Bradford.	Mono Mills.
Brampton.	Mulmur.
Brighton.	Mulmur West.
Brooklin and Columbus.	North Essa.
Burleigh, South.	Oshawa.
Cameron and Cambray.	Otonabee.
Cardiff and Monmouth.	Perrytown.
Cartwright.	Peterboro'.
Cavan.	Pickering.
Clark.	Port Whitby.
Coboconk.	Scarboro'.
Colborne.	Shanty Bay.
Craighurst.	Sunderland.
Darlington—Bowmanville.	Thornhill.
Dysart—Haliburton.	Toronto.—St. Matthew's.
Elmvale.	St. Saviour's, East
Fenelon Falls.	Toronto.
Galway—Kinmount.	Tullamore.
Grafton.	Warkworth.
Innisfil.	West Mono.
Lindsay.	York Mills.
Longford.	

The emergency being most pressing, the Lord Bishop has issued a P. C. circular to the Clergy and Wardens of the Diocese, asking them to remit before the end of the month what funds they have in hand in response to this Special Appeal on behalf of the Mission Fund. Let those on the above list which have as yet made no effort to meet this assessment act *at once*. **Five Hundred Dollars must be sent in to the Secretary-Treasurer before the April cheques can be issued.**