

The Church Chronicle.

No. 7.

TORONTO, OCTOBER, 1865.

VOL. III.

TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

His Excellency the Governor General has appointed Wednesday, the Eighteenth of October next, as a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the late abundant Harvest, and it becomes my duty to recommend to the members of our Communion throughout this Diocese the solemn and religious observance of that day.

On such an occasion, when we shall have assembled to offer to the Lord our hearty thankfulness for recent mercies,—the more deeply felt on account of the depression experienced from the comparatively scanty harvests of the last few years,—it is dutiful and right that we should come before God with an offering of our substance as well as with the expression of our gratitude.

Our Missionary work is dear to every Churchman; and I am anxious, with you, that every opportunity should be embraced of adding to the means by which it may be sustained and extended in this Diocese. It has been stated to me by the Mission Board, that the funds for this object are in a very discouraging condition,—owing, no doubt, to the pecuniary depression that has prevailed throughout the Province; so much so, that great apprehension has existed that the Board should be compelled to reduce the amount already so scantily allotted to our Missionaries. I would therefore earnestly request that the Collections on the day of General Thanksgiving be made on behalf of the MISSION FUND of this Diocese; and now that, through God's mercy, a more bountiful harvest has been vouchsafed to us, and the prospects of the country have brightened so much, I trust that the response of your respective congregations to this appeal on behalf of our Missions, will be general, hearty and liberal.

I remain, Rev. and dear brethren,

Your faithful and affectionate Diocesan,

Toronto, September 30th, 1865.

J. TORONTO.

POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINATION.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next general Ordination at St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, on Wednesday, 1st Nov., The Festival of All Saints. Candidates are requested to send their names without delay to the Rev. H. J. Grasset, B.D., Examining Chaplain; and those who have been approved and accepted will present themselves for examination in the Lecture Room of St. James' Parochial School House, on Friday, the 27th October, at 9 o'clock, a.m., bringing with them the usual letters testimonial and the *Si Quis* properly attested.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Clergy of the Diocese are respectfully reminded that the annual collection in aid of this fund is appointed to be taken up in the month of October. Their attention is called to the rapid increase of the demands on this fund, and the inevitable necessity for reducing the pensions, if due efforts are not made to sustain it.

COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE 1st TO 30th SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE.

WIDOW'S AND ORPHAN'S FUND.			
Uxbridge, St. Paul's Church....	\$ 5 65	Mount Forest, St. Paul's Ch.....	2 05
West Brock, St. James' Church.	4 55	N. Arthur, Trinity Church.	1 67
Rev. H. B. Wray.....	5 00	Arthur, Grace Church.....	1 00
SYNOD DUES.		Ancaster, St. John's Church.....	7 00
Jarvis omitted.....	1 50	Dundas, St. James' Church.	4 00
MISSION FUND.		Keswick, Christ's Church.....	1 50
Thankoffering, St. Geo. Church,		Toronto, St. John's Church,	
Medonte.....	6 00	omitted last month.....	18 00

Erratum.—The amount received from Dr. Beatty, of Etobicoke, was credited in error to Mission Fund as collection, it should have been Subscription.

GORE AND WELLINGTON EXHIBITION IN TRINITY COLLEGE, TORONTO.

The above named Exhibition, having unexpectedly become vacant, applications for the same, accompanied by the necessary testimonials, post-paid, will be received by the Secretary until the 6th day of November next.

Hamilton, Oct., 4, 1865.

J. G. GEDDES, *Secretary.*

CONFIRMATION.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto held a Confirmation in St. George's Church, Etobicoke, on Sunday, 3rd September. His Lordship on arriving at the Church at 11 a.m. was received by the rector and churchwardens. The edifice was filled by a large and attentive congregation. Thirty-five young persons were confirmed: eighteen belonging to St. George's Church, and seventeen being from Christ's Church, Mimico. His Lordship was not accompanied by any Chaplain, and appeared quite equal to the duties of the occasion, taking the ante-communion service, preaching, and, after confirming, delivering an appropriate and impressive address to the young and newly confirmed members of the Church.

The character of the rite, together with the earnest and fervent words of godly counsel and admonition from the lips of the venerable prelate, who has been permitted to continue his labours in his Master's vineyard to so great an age, combined to invest the service with a peculiar solemnity, and appeared to make a deep impression on the minds of all present.

On leaving, his Lordship expressed himself much gratified at meeting so large a congregation, and with the appearance and behaviour of the candidates.

PRESENTATION OF A FONT TO ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, ETOBICOKE.

On the day previous to the Confirmation, which was held in the above Church on the 3rd Sept., a handsome stone Font was placed in the Church, a gift of a widow lady, formerly a member of the congregation, and still taking much interest in its welfare. The Font, which is supported by a plain octagonal base and shaft, is ecclesiastical in appearance, being large enough to allow the immersion of an infant if required; the outside being divided into eight panels, filled alternately with a shield and cross, the front panel having the Sacred Monogram, I. H. S; the whole well executed by W. H. Sheppard, Toronto.

Canadian Land and Emigration Company,
TORONTO, SEPT. 27TH, 1865.

THE REV. SALTERN GIVINS,

Hon. Sec. Diocesan Church Society, &c.

DEAR SIR,

As requested by Mr. Burt, I send you copy of his Journal of Mission work in Dysart, Minden and in other adjoining Townships.

With reference to remark under date of 9th inst., "No way on land as yet being open to any place of Divine Service," I may explain that instructions were given to our agent at Haliburton to open up a road from the main road through Dysart, along the township line between Dysart and Minden, as far as the parsonage. This will be completed immediately, and would have been done before but that our agent held over a portion of the work for assistance from settlers, promised after harvest.

Mr. Burt complains that the present residence, which was fitted up for him at some little expense, is very inconvenient as a starting point for his travels. The reason of this however is, that the field of his labors is very much larger than was contemplated by the Company when they made an arrangement with your Society for the maintenance of a clergyman, whose services should be equally divided between Dysart and Minden. As the understanding then was with the Board, the present parsonage was considered to be most conveniently situated, being as near as possible equi distant from Haliburton and Minden, and being itself in the centre of a rising settlement, the western portion of Dysart and the eastern portion of Minden.

Yours, &c.,

CHAS. JAS. BLOMFIELD, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL OF MISSION WORK, UP TO SEPTEMBER 12, 1865.

July 16.—Held service at Minden this morning, being the beginning of my regular work, so that no other service can interfere; about 75 present. Hurried off to hold Evening Service at Haliburton, but reached it quite late in the day, but then this is a supplementary service to bring matters to a rule.

July 21.—Walked through the bush 2 miles, then about 2 more over naked crossways, paid five visits, read portions of the Holy Writ, and offered prayer with each family. First time pastoral visits ever paid in Dysart, people thankful and glad at the prospect of a Sunday Service in this western portion of Dysart, and within reach of several Minden families.

July 23.—Our regular service at St. George's, Haliburton—5 miles rowing to it, 36 present; responses very good and cheering, so also the singing, a Prayer Book and Hymn for each. How good of some member of the Board (Land Company). Returned 5 miles, against head wind; hurried dinner—set off through bush on foot to Boundary Service, 24 present, 1 baptism.

July 26.—Visited Dysart shores. As I arrived at one house darkness had set in and no candle could be got, so I repeated two verses from iii John, 14 and 15, and spoke on them. Found that six children there were unbaptized.

July 30.—Regular Service at Minden. Rowed 9 miles and walked 2½ over night, leaving only 2 miles for this morning; a good number present—the school-house too small, but with boards and borrowed chairs and my own, the congregation were seated. Full attention and fair responding. Want of Prayer Books. Walked back 2 miles to dine, then 2½ over very rough road, took boat 3 miles, and then 1½ through bush to a school-house amid the bush, not any other sign of man's presence, yet inside 25 were gathered, and with two men who went with me, our service was pleasant.

Aug 1.—My promised visiting day for Haliburton, made only 3 visits, for at one house an infant was sick and the mother pressed for its baptism ere I left the house, for "she had waited so long for her own minister" (our church), so calling in her husband I gave them twenty minutes to be ready, (as a mother always wishes

some clean white adorning at baptism). To my time all were ready, and I baptized two little ones into the body of Christ's people. 10 miles rowing to day.

Aug. 6.—An unpleasant morning, head wind, frequent showers, but I know some would turn out for service. So with one man for a helper, set off for 5 miles hard pulling, and before we reached very wet also. Arrived at church I saw three young men from some three miles on Haliburton road, and then the people near made up a good small company. Rain pattering through the roof made us go to the Company's Surveyor's residence, where we worshipped in comfort. Coming home the sky was pretty fair for three miles, but then a squall came up, and so violent was the rain and wind that the boat became deep with water; both in it drenched thoroughly, and forced by swell on shore, where we took refuge under a pine tree, no house near. Within half an hour we bailed the boat and put out again for mid lake, and reached home at 3 20 o'clock, and we off since 12. (The wind often will change within service time from head going to head returning). It fair'd up and I hasted for my second service, although late. In going through the bush I came to a Beaver Meadow, and to my surprize it stood half-leg high in water, but I braved it and reached the house wet enough with the brushwood and grass, glad to be there also, for six little ones and parents were waiting for the sacrament of baptism. Ten o'clock at night a party managed to reach the parsonage, though rainy and dark; a wedding party! So ended a busy day; wet through throo.

(To be continued in our next.)

CORRECTION.

In the notice of the late Confirmation at Streetsville, in the last *Chronicle*, the name of the Rev. W. Grant, Incumbent of the parish, was inadvertently omitted.—In correcting the omission, we beg to say our aim was to give publicity to the Bishop's approbation, so strongly expressed at the large and interesting band of candidates presented by him, the numerous congregation, and the highly satisfactory manner in which the responses and musical services were conducted. We understand Mr. Grant is greatly indebted to Miss Barnhart, the organist, and Miss Evans, the leader of the choir, for their valuable assistance.

GOVERNESSES.

Two young Ladies are desirous of obtaining situations in town or country.—References permitted to the Hon. Secretary of the Church Society.

EDITORIAL.

We refer our subscribers to the return of "subscriptions received," during the past month in answer to our appeal, for the non fulfilment of our offer to continue the publication of the *Chronicle* in its full size. The Committee are anxious to perform their part, if duly supported. A list of defaulters will be published in our next number.

Copies of the Form of Prayers and Thanksgiving may be obtained from HENRY ROWSELL, Publisher, Toronto, at the rate of one dollar per hundred copies. When required to be sent by mail, an additional amount of 32 cents per hundred must be remitted to cover the postage, which must be pre-paid.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 1865.

To end of Vol. I.—Rev. C. P. E. Pakenham. To end of Vol. 2.—Dr. C. T. N. Georgina; Mrs. O. T. M. Chippawa. To end of Vol. 3.—L. M. Toronto; H. H. Palermo; Rev. J. W. B. Peterboro; A. H. C. Peterboro; J. A. N. Hastings; V. K. Concord; C. C. Hamilton; to No. 6, Vol. 3.