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THANKSGIVING AFTER HARVEST.

To the Reverend the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto :

REV. AND DEAR BRETHERN,—We are now, after the gathering in of the most abundant harvest with which this country has been blessed for many years, reminded of the duty of expressing publicly, as a people and a Church, our thankfulness to Almighty God for such a mercy.

In the absence of the appointment of a day of Public Thanksgiving by the authorities of the country,—which we must believe there are wise reasons for their declining,—we have felt it a duty to name a day ourselves on which the members of our communion should have an opportunity of returning thanks to God for the bountiful harvests He is pleased to vouchsafe. We have hitherto appointed a week-day for this purpose, but the impossibility of securing to the observance of such a day anything like a becoming reverence, has induced me to adopt the suggestion, recommended as it is by examples in the mother country, that some Lord's Day should be fixed upon for this purpose.

With a belief that this will best meet the convenience of our congregations generally, and most effectually meet the end proposed, I request that **SUNDAY, THE 24TH OCTOBER, INSTANT**, may be observed as a Day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the late bountiful harvest with which this Province has been favored.

I should be obliged by your giving as early a notice as possible of this to your several congregations, and by your urging upon them the duty of thus reverently and devoutly testifying our gratitude for this great mercy.

But all, I feel assured, will acknowledge that it is only dutiful and right that such public expression of our thankfulness should be accompanied by some substantial offering which, in its application, we believe will be conducive to the glory of God and the spiritual welfare of his people. As we cannot better do so than by diffusing the influences of His truth and kingdom, I would earnestly recommend as the purpose of the offerings of the Church on the appointed Day of Thanksgiving the augmentation of the **MISSION FUND** of the Diocese. The response last year to the call on this behalf was satisfactory, and enabled us to extend assistance to three new missions. Four additional new missions have been opened this year, and the Board have not hesitated to give them promise of the usual aid, in the confidence that the present appeal would be generously answered, and that the parochial collections made at the usual period and in the usual way would be largely increased. This they reckoned upon from the greater ability this year of our rural population to contribute, and from the natural and praiseworthy desire to inaugurate our new ecclesiastical arrangements by a hearty and liberal energy in the cause of the Church, and thus to give a new spur and success to its pious and benevolent enterprises.

I remain, Rev. and dear brethren,

Faithfully and affectionately yours,

A. N. TORONTO.

Toronto, October 1st, 1869.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS AND COLLECTIONS.

THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO requests us to state that he leaves it discretionary with the several Rural Deans of the Diocese to appoint such days for the above meetings as, in their judgment, will be most convenient, and be most conducive to the attainment of the object in view.

His Lordship will also sanction such arrangements for the appointment of Deputations as they, after conference with the Rural Deans in their immediate neighbourhood, may respectively agree upon.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

To the Reverend the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto :

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—I have received the following Resolution from the Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund of this Diocese, passed at their meeting on the 10th August last :—

"Resolved,—That the Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund most respectfully represent to the Bishop of the Diocese that it appears that the Fund will be in arrear on the 1st of October next to the amount of more than \$110, and they request His Lordship to address a special appeal to the Diocese on behalf of the Fund, as the sum which is ordinarily realized by the quarterly collection is not more than would suffice to meet this deficiency, leaving nothing for the disbursements to be made during the year, beginning from the date above given ; and that a copy of the Financial Statement of the Widows and Orphans' Fund be submitted to His Lordship with this resolution by the Secretary-Treasurer."

There is no benevolent object of the Church with which, I believe, its members more heartily and generously sympathize than the case of the Widows and Orphans for whom this fund is designed to make a moderate provision. So far we have been able to meet without difficulty the claims upon the fund ; but, as was to be anticipated, these cases are increasing in number, and the effort of the Church, I feel assured,—if the fact is simply set before its several Congregations,—will be to assure to every claimant upon this benevolent fund, the usual annual allowance of \$200. It would be a humiliation, as well as a misfortune, if an insufficient supply of means were to compel the Committee to urge the necessity of diminishing the amount of that annual allowance.

I trust you will use your best endeavours so to impress your several Congregations with the value and importance of this fund, and the necessity of larger contributions, that the result of the next collection may be found to supply the existing deficiency, and enable the Church to extend, undiminished, this boon to the widows and children of those who have finished their earthly work, and who, in contemplating their separation from it, felt it an inexpressible consolation that they, for whose future support they could lay up nothing themselves, can be safely left to the guardianship of the Church in whose cause they have spent their days.

I remain, Rev. and dear brethren,

Faithfully and affectionately yours,

Toronto, Sept. 29th, 1869.

A. N. TORONTO.

 ORDINATION.

On Sunday, September 12, 1869, two imposing and interesting services were conducted at Christ Church, in the city of Hamilton. In the morning there was a general ordination of candidates for the Ministry ; in the evening the rite of confirmation was administered. On each occasion, the church was crowded, and owing to the excellent arrangements of the clergy and church-wardens, the most satisfactory accommodation was afforded for all.

The clergy present to take part in the morning service were, His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, the Ven. Archdeacon Palmer, and the Revs. J. G. Geddes, T. S. Cartwright, J. Hebden, G. Bull, J. G. D. Mackenzie, and D. H. Ferrier.

The candidates for Ordination were the following : *For Priest's Orders* : J. Mackenzie, J. Francis, W. Hoskins, J. Fletcher, W. Carey. *For Deacon's Orders* : F. Hall, C. W. Paterson, E. H. Musson, T. Walker, A. C. Shaw, and W. Bates.

At 11 o'clock a procession was formed in the school room, of the candidates and clergy, which passed through the centre of the church. The Rev. T. S. Cartwright read morning prayers, and the Revs. J. G. D. Mackenzie and G. A. Bull, the lessons. The ordination sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Palmer, from Acts xxiv. 28, which passage he explained, and enforced in an eloquent manner the nature and obligation of Christian devotedness on the part of Christians in general, and of Ministers of the Gospel in particular. After the sermon, the candidates were presented to the Bishop by the Archdeacon ; then the Litany was said by the Rev. J. Hebden, and the Ante-Communion by the Rev. J. G. Geddes.

The ordination was then proceeded with by the Bishop in a very impressive manner, the Deacons being ordained first, and then the Priests. After the ordination the Holy Communion was administered, in which the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Rector, and the Revs. D. H. Ferrer and J. Hebden took part.

The service altogether was deeply impressive and effective, and will long be remembered by those who took part in it. It is many years since an ordination service of the same kind was held in Hamilton. We hope it may soon be repeated.

In the evening 73 Candidates were presented for confirmation. The Church was again crowded. Prayers were said by the Revs. W. J. Mackenzie and J. Fletcher, while the lessons were read by the Revs. O. W. Paterson and W. Carey.

After Evening Prayer the Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation in a very feeling and impressive manner. His Lordship then preached an eloquent sermon from Heb. vi. 2, in which he proved the scripture practice of "laying on of hands," and pointed out the privileges and responsibilities of those who had been admitted to Confirmation. It was a most instructive and useful sermon, and was listened to throughout with profound attention. The Choir rendered efficient aid at both services, and in the evening sang beautifully, the Anthem "I have washed my hands in innocency," &c.

Both services were highly interesting to the vast congregations who attended them; and both will leave behind them an influence for good.—We were glad to see many persons present from other congregations in the city.

CANDIDATES AT THE ORDINATION.

DEACONS.

CHAS. WILLIAM PATERSON, B. C. L., Trinity College, Toronto; appointed missionary at Bobcaygeon and parts adjacent.

WILLIAM WHATELEY BATES, formerly of Victoria College; destination not fixed.

THADDEUS WALKER, B. A., Trinity College, Toronto; to be *pro tem.* missionary at Mono Mills.

ALEXANDER CROFT SHAW, B. A., Trinity College, Toronto; to be missionary at Grantham and parts adjacent.

EPHRAIM HORACE MUSSON, B. A., Trinity College, Toronto; to be missionary in the Township of Manvers.

THOS. HALL; appointed missionary in the Muskoka Territory.

PRIESTS.

THE REV. JOHN FRANCIS, of St. Augustin College, Canterbury; missionary in Walpole.

THE REV. JOSEPH FLETCHER, B. A., Trinity College, Toronto; lately stationed at Penetanguishene, to be missionary at Markham Village, and parts adjacent.

THE REV. WILLIAM JAMES MACKENZIE; missionary at Brighton.

THE REV. WILLIAM BANFIELD CAREY, B. A. Trinity College, Toronto, and curate at Ancaster and Dundas.

THE REV. BENJAMIN SAMUEL HOSKINS, incumbent of Fenelon Falls.

The previous Examinations were conducted in St. James's Parochial School House, Toronto, by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Toronto, and the Rev. J. G. Geddes, M. A., Rector of Hamilton, and Examining Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. John McCleary having been appointed to the mission of Rockwood, Eramosa and Erin, requests that all letters and papers be addressed to him at *Erin*.

SYNOD NOTICE.

October Collection—Widows and Orphans' Fund.

The clergy are respectfully reminded of the Collection to be made during this month, in aid of the *Widows and Orphans' Fund*.

They will please remit the proceeds to the undersigned, *before the close of the month*.

WM. P. ATKINSON, *Sec'y-Treas.*

SYNOD OFFICE, Toronto, 1st October, 1869.

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS, RECEIVED FROM
1ST AUGUST TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1869, INCLUSIVE.

DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND (APRIL COL.)		Cobourg St. Luke's.....	2 05
Minden	\$ 1 30	" Court House.....	1 20
Port Erie	7 60	Elora	1 50
Bertio	1 10	Medonte and Oro, St. John's...	2 06
MISSION FUND (JULY COL.)		" St. George's;	0 92
Hastings	} 7 00	" St. Mark's ..	1 00
Norwood		" St. James's..	1 05
Westwood		Minden.....	1 20
Chester		Beverly, Sheffield.....	2 00
Drammondville	4 80	Maryboro & Peel, Holy Trinity	2 45
Stamford	5 12	" St. James's...	1 75
Port Perry	3 50	" St. John's ...	0 75
Uxbridge	2 82	" St. Paul's ...	0 55
Greenbank.....	1 00	Collingwood	4 00
Lloydtown	3 91	York Mills.....	2 11
Bolton	2 21	Markham, St. Philip's	2 50
Nobleton	0 64	Niagara.....	6 00
St. Catharines.....	23 84	Gore's Landing.....	5 52
Walpole.....	10 24	Alnwick.....	0 45
Toronto, St. Paul's	30 00	Oshawa.....	9 49
" St. Ann's	2 00	Columbus.....	3 24
" St. James's.....	42 00	Oakridges	5 13
" Holy Trinity	21 00	Streetsville.....	2 10
" St. Peter's	23 65	Cookstown guarantee, on acc't.	16 12
" St. John's	12 00	Fergus guarantee, amount due	
" St. George's	15 00	24th July, 1869.....	100 00
Whitby, All Saints'	12 00	Rent from Crowland Glebes....	78 00
Whitby Bay.....	2 35	INDIAN MISSION FUND.	
Brooklin	0 95	Rev. A. Sanson, donation.....	5 00
Brighton	4 00	Hamilton, Ch. of Ascension, col-	
Cartwright	6 00	lected by Misses Bertha Irving	
Enniskillen	2 75	and Ada Hebden.....	1 35
Cavan, St. John's.....	3 65	Holland Landing, Miss Edith	
" St. Paul's	2 74	Barwick's box.....	1 88
Millbrook.....	3 00	Toronto, St. James's Sunday	
Bloomfield.....	1 29	School, to 1st July, 1869....	14 38
Lindsay.....	3 00	WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.	
Thornhill.....	3 81	Rev. F. Burt, 5th annual paym't	\$5 00
Etobicoke, Christ's Ch.....	1 38	Rev. J. Mockridge, 1st do.....	5 00
" St. George's	1 75	GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.	
Newcastle	15 45	Rev. A. Sanson, Annual Subsc'n	5 00
Port Hope.....	10 00	Rev. J. Mockridge, do.....	5 00
Cobourg, St. Peter's.....	30 25	PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS.	
		Toronto, St. Paul's.....	44 50

Wanted, a Missionary for the Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto has directed the Committee on Indian Missions to invite applications, during the ensuing month, for the above named mission, vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. J. Sims. To obviate delay and disappointment it is desirable that where the applicant is not personally known to the Bishop, his application should be accompanied by satisfactory testimonials as to his fitness for this peculiar mission. It is indispensably requisite he should either possess a knowledge of the Ojibway language or be prepared immediately to acquire it. The late missionary accomplished much in preparing the way for his successor, and the mission is undoubtedly an arduous one—but it is hoped that the opportunities it presents of doing much for the cause of Christ and his Church, will prove an attraction to the zealous and devout. The Island, having been laid out, is now in course of settlement, roads are being constructed, and many difficulties, hitherto in the way of travel, are being rapidly removed. The Committee feeling a lively interest in the success of the Mission, will exert themselves to the utmost to assist in any information if required, will be furnished on application to the