

the Bishop has stationed him for the present, and, while waiting for the arrival of the train from Sherbrooke, introduced him to some of the inhabitants. The Rev. H. Montgomery, formerly well known and much respected in this Diocese as a Wesleyan Minister, has been, since his ordination, licensed by the Bishop to a charge at Sutton.

Shortly before his visit to the townships, the Lord Bishop returned to Montreal from the Ottawa District, where he had been holding confirmations as below:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
August 31 Vaudreuil	11	4	15
Sept. 2 St. Andrews	11	13	24
3 Gore, of Chat-			
ham	26	33	59
“ 8 Grenville	12	12	24
“ 10 Buckingham	7	14	21
“ 18 Aylmer	13	21	34
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His Lordship also consecrated the Graveyard at Grenville, and preached at Buckingham for the widows and orphans of the Clergy Fund, when £3 17s. 6d. were collected.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

A meeting of this Society was held at the Society's rooms, on Wednesday, the 11th October.

Present the Lord Bishop in the Chair, the Hon. P. B. Blaquiére, Captain Rubridge, Rev. Dr. Lett, Rev. D. E. Blake, Rev. S. B. Arlugh, Rev. T. B. Read, Robert Denison, E. H. Rutherford, C. Mortimer, H. Mortimer, J. W. Brent, H. Rowsell, Esquires, and the Secretary,

Prayers were read by the Bishop.

The Secretary laid on the table the balance sheet of the Society for the last year, as printed for the report under the direction of the auditors. The balance sheet for the last six months was also laid on the table, and an abstract of the several accounts read by the Secretary.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, it was agreed to pay off all the debts due by the Society on account of the late Depository.

On the recommendation of the Finance and Standing Committees, the bond given as security for the repayment of the money taken to liquidate the debt due to the Jubilee Fund, should be placed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund for investment.

A report was given on the subject of the security offered by the corporation of St. Peter's Church, Springfield. It was determined not to advance the money until security on estate other than church property be given.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the society directed that the shares in the Building Societies be sold out, and the money invested in the purchase of Debentures of the Grand Trunk Telegraph Company with guarantee, which are now to be had on advantageous terms, bearing interest semi-annually.

A letter was read from the Rev. J. A. Morris, in which he stated that the parish of Carleton Place had paid for the glebe lot, and that, therefore, the loan promised by the Society would not be required.

The meeting desired the Secretary to offer the thanks of the Society to Rev. J. A. Morris, for the trouble he has taken to secure to the church so valuable a property.

A memorial was read from the rector and churchwardens of St. John's Church, Peterboro', and Captain Rubidge advocated the petition; whereupon it was moved by E. G. O'Brien,

Esq., seconded by Robert Denison, Esq., and—

Resolved—That the prayer of the rector and churchwardens of St. John's Church, Peterboro', for assistance to pay off a debt on that church, dated 29th Sept., 1851, be granted, by authorizing the sale of one acre of land granted the Church Society in the town of Peterboro', patent No. 298, under order in Council, date 17th Aug., 1846, on condition that the congregation of said church guarantee the payment of such portion of the said debt as the proceeds of the sale may leave deficient.

Extracts from a letter from Mr. Chance, Society's catechist at Garden Island, were read. On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, it was resolved to pay the sum of £9 7s. 6d. to Mr. Chance, that amount having been expended by him, as per statement forwarded, and to grant him the sum of £12 10s. to repair the roofs of the two houses. The committee did not recommend the Society to entertain the consideration of that portion of the letter which relates to an increase of the salary of their catechist, until after the return of the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, now on his way to Europe in the hope of raising funds for the support of this Indian mission.

On the application of the Rev. F. J. S. Groves, the Society voted a supply of catechisms, tracts, and cheap prayer-books, to the amount of £2 10s., for distribution in his mission.

A similar grant was voted to the Rev. A. Lampman, for his mission in the district of Huron.

The following extracts from a letter from the Rev. J. Hilton, missionary at Asphodel and Lakefield, were read:—

“By this arrangement in future I can hold Service every Sunday at Norwood, and on alternate afternoons at Otonabee and Warsaw, the one 12 miles and the other 13 from Norwood. At these three stations I have Sunday schools established with an average attendance (altogether) of about 70 children: that at Norwood is held before service, and the others after—so that I can attend to them all, two every Sunday. My greatest difficulty is in finding suitable teachers who will regularly attend; and all the schools will have to be closed in the winter months, as many or most of the children have a long way to come.

There are of course several other places where I hold Service beside the above three, but then I keep for week days, the other three being by far the most important stations. Already I have admitted into the Church through baptism ninety children, and expect many more before the year is up; only three marriages, and four burials. The church at Warsaw is progressing rather slowly, although roofed last season; and at Norwood great delay has been occasioned through the bricklayers, but we trust yet to get into it before winter, even although not finished inside: it is of brick on a good stone foundation, 50 by 30, with tower 10 feet square: it will cost I fear above £400, and for it I wish to beg assistance from the Society, if within their power. I would also wish to make application for a grant of service books for both Norwood and Warsaw; these last, if granted, I might bring with me when I return from ordination. These applications may seem very numerous, but it is so very difficult to get on without assistance it makes a person bold in asking. As for my own salary I have given up hope of its being fully collected this year, not having yet received £40 (from the people), and if I did not myself stir in the matter the amount would be small indeed. But I trust better days will come soon, and that whatsoever amount it may please the Society to grant us now we shall be able to return four-fold within a few years.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Society voted the usual grant of books and tracts for distribution in the mission; also, a set of service-books for the Norwood and Warsaw churches; and a grant of £12 10s. in aid of the Norwood Church Building Fund, to be paid so soon as the missionary reports that the land has been deeded to the Society, and that the church is roofed.

The following extract from a letter received from the Rev. T. A. Morris, was read:—

“I have assumed the duties of the Packenham mission, which is very extensive, and contains a numerous church population. I find a considerable want of information to prevail among the settlers in the remote parts, which I must fill back upon the Society to assist me in removing, by voting me a grant of useful tracts. £4 worth will not go as far among them as £2 10s. worth, the amount allowed me for the Carleton mission, has gone among the members of the church in the latter place. I trust, therefore, that the society will see fit to grant even £4, in which case I will add £3 more.

“Independently of the primary motive which always actuates the society in making these grants, it cannot fail, on reflection, to see the immense importance of them to its own fiscal interests. They make the people feel its paternal influence—they see in them “material guarantees” of its usefulness, and therefore when the collectors call on the members of the church for their contributions to aid in forwarding its objects, we have every reason to expect a more than equivalent return. For these reasons a grant of tracts at the present season will come most opportunely.”

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the meeting, taking into consideration that the Rev. J. Morris had, from his own resources, purchased a quantity of tracts, in addition to those granted by the Society for distribution in his late mission, and the liberal offer contained in his present application, voted that books and tracts to the amount of £4 be granted.

The Rev. T. B. Read having applied for aid towards the completion of the church in Oro, the Secretary stated that he was informed that the Building Committee said they had long since been promised, that on certain conditions, which they had complied with, the sum of £12 10s. would be granted to them by the Society. On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the meeting, taking all the circumstances into consideration, voted the sum of £12 10s., notwithstanding the church is a frame one.

Joseph Brown, Esq., of Kemptville, was balloted for, and elected a member of the corporation.

Prayers were then read, and the meeting adjourned.

The following is the letter of Mr. Chance, referred to in the foregoing Report:—

“GARDEN RIVER, Sept. 19th, 1854.

Dear Sir:—Having need of pecuniary assistance to make the shanty which I now occupy habitable through the winter, and likewise to make the other which we have hired to serve the two-fold purpose of a school house and church impervious to the inclemency of the weather, seeing there is no prospect of having my hopes, as to the new buildings, realized, I appeal to the Society, trusting the needful assistance will be afforded before the severe weather sets in.

Since I have not, as yet, given you any account of my proceedings with regard to my Mission, I send you the following, wherein you will see what is most needed: