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CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.

We beg to remind the Clerical and Lay members of the Board of Missions and Standing Committee of this Society, that a meeting will be held in the Society's Board Room, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at 11 A.M., and the General Quarterly Meeting of the Society on the following day at the same hour.

BOOKS AND TRACTS.

In accordance with the promise made by us in our last, we give in this Gazette a list of the Books and Tracts on sale at the Church Society's Office. Two lists of prices are given one for "members," and one for "non-members."

It does not appear to be generally known that to become a "member," an annual subscription of two and a half dollars is necessary, exclusive of the subscription to the Church Society. We would call the attention of the Clergy and Laity to this fact, inasmuch as if a greater number were to subscribe, the Book and Tract Committee would be enabled to import a larger quantity of those books which are so much needed throughout the Diocese, viz., cheap Bibles and Prayer Books. We would also beg to inform our readers that all orders for the books in this list, must be sent direct to the Secretary of the Church Society, and in all cases the necessary funds must accompany the order.

DEATH OF THE LATE HONOURABLE P. B. DEBLAQUIERE.

It is with no ordinary feelings of regret, we record the sudden death of this excellent and justly esteemed gentleman—which occurred at his residence at Yorkville, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, in the 78th year of his age.

Mr. DeBlaquiere was the youngest son of the late Lord John DeBlaquiere of Ardkill, County of Londonderry, and uncle to the present Peer. He was born in Dublin on the 26th April, 1783, when very young he entered the navy and served as a midshipman under the celebrated Captain Bligh of the *Bounty*, at the battle of Camperdown, for which he received a medal. He was also present at the mutiny of the *Nore*. Leaving the navy, however, at an early age, he devoted himself to more peaceful pursuits and emigrated with his family to Canada in 1837, with the view of making it his home. Here he soon attained to the highest honors, being nominated by the Crown to a seat in the Legislative Council of the Province; a station he was in every respect peculiarly qualified to fill. Of his qualifications as a legislator an independent journalist in noticing his death, thus remarks:—

"So far as regards the honourable gentleman's

descent and ancient lineage they are among the least of his claims to our regard. There are few men of whom we can speak in higher terms of respect. As a member of the Legislative Council, although it was our fortune frequently to differ with him in his political views, yet we ever recognised the fact that he did that which in his own eyes he thought best for his country. He was a man of the strictest honour. During the first year that he occupied a seat in the Legislative Council, he did not take a very active part in its affairs, but of late he had become the leader of a large section of the house; whenever he rose to speak, the strictest silence was always observable, he was listened to with the greatest respect and attention, and no matter how heated the debate, how severe the contest, no opponent thought of using a harsh word towards him, the sentiment of the house would not have tolerated it. His courtesy was of that character which can only be manifested by the thorough gentleman and sincere Christian! Had he lived in all probability he would have been elevated to the chair in that honourable house, and the respect in which he was held would have insured the utmost deference in his decisions."

Being independent in his circumstances it was his ambition to devote his time and abilities to objects of public utility. And in this respect the church to which he was ardently attached came in for a large share; in his place in parliament he zealously advocated her interests, as well as every measure calculated to advance the moral and religious welfare of the community.

He was a Vice President of the Church Society of this Diocese—a member of the Clergy Trust Committee, a delegate to the Diocesan and Provincial Synods, and the zealous and faithful manner in which he discharged the duties devolving upon him, in virtue of these appointments, was most commendable; wherever his lot was cast he took the liveliest pleasure in advancing the interest of the Church, and particularly in promoting the erection of new churches.

In the vicinity in which the last years of his valuable life were spent he adorned his Christian profession in a manner that will long be remembered with affectionate regret. His loss will be felt deeply throughout the province—for in his sudden removal all seem to admit, that "a great man hath fallen this day in Israel."

Although his family were desirous his funeral should be strictly private, his remains were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of sincere mourners among all classes of the community.

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

PAROCHIAL MEETINGS IN THE HOME DISTRICT.

The following scheme of meetings, to be held during the next winter, was adopted by the District Committee on the 9th inst., subject to any

alterations that may be suggested, and signified to the Secretary, by the clergymen not present at its adoption:—

1861.		
St. George's Church, Etobicoke,	Tuesday,	January 15, 7 p.m.
Sydenham,	Wednesday,	16 January, 7 p.m.
Springfield,	Thursday,	17 " "
Streetsville,	Friday,	18 " "
Woodbridge,	Monday,	21 " "
Brampton,	Tuesday,	22 " "
Bolton,	Wednesday,	23 " "
St. James', Albion,	Thursday,	24 " 11 a.m.
Lloydtown,	"	" 7 p.m.
Aurora,	Friday,	25 " "
Scarborough,	Monday,	28 " "
St. Paul's, do.,	Tuesday,	29 " 11 a.m.
Duffin's Creek,	"	" 7 p.m.
Columbus,	Wednesday,	30 " 11 a.m.
Greenwood,	"	" 7 p.m.
Prince Albert,	Thursday,	31 " 11 a.m.
Uxbridge,	"	" 7 p.m.
Holland Landing,	Monday,	18 February, 7 p.m.
Newmarket,	Tuesday,	19 " 7 p.m.
King Station,	Wednesday,	20 " 11 a.m.
Oakridges,	"	" 7 p.m.
Markham,	Thursday,	21 " 11 a.m.
Thornhill,	"	" 7 p.m.
York Mills,	Friday,	22 " 7 p.m.
Christ Church, Mimico,	time not yet fixed.	

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REJOICE EVERMORE

When in those we most trusted
We find we're deceived;
When of those who are dearest
Our hearts are bereaved:
When we're left like a wreck
On a desolate shore,
Should we turn from our grief?
Yes! Rejoice evermore.

When our worldly possessions
Are scattered and gone;
When we're left in this world
Both unlo'd and alone:
When our hearts by unkindness
Are bruised to the core,
Should we smile through our tears?
Yes! Rejoice evermore.

Rejoice, that one friend
Is still left to us here.
For, trusting in Him,
What have we to fear?
Rejoice, that the cross,
Which for us He once wore,
Is replaced by a crown—
Yes! Rejoice evermore.

Rejoice, for we know
All our trouble and pain,
Will but fit us for heaven,
Where soon we shall reign.