

THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

"Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

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TORONTO VOCAL MUSIC SOCIETY.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Day	Date	1st Lesson	2d Lesson
Fe	6. QUINQUAGES. SUN	M. Gen. 9a. Mark 6.	E. " 12. 2 Cor. 2.
M	7.	M. Exod. 20. Mark 7.	E. " 21. 2 Cor. 3.
T	8.	M. " 22. Mark 8.	E. " 23. 2 Cor. 4.
W	9. ASH WEDNES. †	M. " 24. Mark 9.	E. " 32. 2 Cor. 5.
T	10.	M. " 33. Mark 10.	E. " 34. 2 Cor. 6.
F	11.	M. Lev. 18. Mark 11.	E. " 19. 2 Cor. 7.
S	12.	M. " 20. Mark 12.	E. " 26. 2 Cor. 8.
Fe	13. 1 SUND. IN LENT.	M. Gen. 19. Mark 13.	E. " 22. 2 Cor. 9.

† To verse 26. † Communion Service.
‡ Proper Psalms, Morn. 6, 82, 35; Even. 109, 120, 143.

THE COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

HEAVENLY HUSBANDRY.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

Oh, if I am a branch
Of the blest Saviour's vine,
And on his quickening life depend
For health and fruit divine,

Let me not start or shrink,
In wild, despairing grief,
Though the sharp pruning-knife remove
The too redundant leaf;

Or the unsightly shoot
Spare not to shred away,
Or lop the excrement wood that tends
To weakness and decay.

Should prejudice or pride
Deform the vigorous tree,
Or dark idolatry intrude
Between my God and me,

The lacerating steel
The unerring Hand must wield;
And to its ministry severe
In tearful trust I yield.

SELF-KNOWLEDGE.

A knowledge of our fallen condition by nature, and a recollection of the many sins and infirmities which will cleave to and defile the very best of us, will effectually keep us from indulging in vain thoughts of our own goodness, or our own holiness, or our own proficiency in grace and faith, and in the favour of the Almighty. The offender who is kneeling before his Judge for pardon, has little time, has little heart or inclination, to run over the bead roll of his own favored merits; or to demand reward, where he feels his need of forgiveness.—*Bp. Heber.*

CONFIDENCE.—

Away, despair! my gracious Lord doth hear,
Though winds and waves assault my keel,
He doth preserve it; he doth steer,
E'en when the boat seems most to reel.
Storms are the triumphs of his art:
Well may he close his eyes but not his heart,
G. Herbert.

RESIGNATION.—

O let thy sacred will
All thy delight in me fulfil;
Let me not think an action my own way;
But as thy love shall sway,
Resigning up the rudder to thy skill.
Id.

SENSITIVENESS OF RELIGIOUS ERROR.

The best intentioned men are unconsciously swayed by their particular prejudices; and in nothing is this influence more visible, or more powerful, than in the case of religion. A sincere man feels keenly, when any part of his dependence for hereafter is, or appears to be, questioned. If on a particular point he is not fully persuaded, yet is pledged to it by a particular profession of faith, on that he is still more sensitive; and if, from better and subsequent infor-

mation, he knows certain points to be so exposed to attack, as render them justly untenable, which are nevertheless distinctive of, and fundamental as to his particular profession, on these he is still more tremblingly alive to any thing like question or opposition. Just as a person in possession of property by what lawyers call a *pretence title*, feels anxious, alarmed, and even angry, at any reference to his deed; and thinks it struck at by the most remote allusion.—*Ravenscroft.*

HINTS FOR MINISTERS.

Reading the Service.

Next to the keeping of our own hearts by God's grace in a praying frame, care to read with simplicity, and to observe the punctuation and emphasis correctly, is of chief importance. Many clergymen err in endeavouring to give force to their reading by introducing pauses, and laying an emphasis upon words where the sense does not authorise either the one or the other. The reading of the service, as well the prayers as the lessons and other portions of Scripture, should be simple and unaffected; the pauses regulated by the punctuation; which, both in the Book of Common Prayer and in the Bible, is excellent; and the tone of voice naturally modulated according to the nature of the particular passage—i. e., according as it is historical, didactic, hortatory, supplicatory, or of any other character. It is a great mistake to suppose that every chapter of the Bible, because it is the word of God, ought to be read in the same slow and emphatic manner. All is to be read with reverence; but not all with the same solemnity and earnestness. The historical parts of the Bible are to be read in a tone suited to history—the awful denunciations of God's wrath against His offending people in a tone which the feeling that they produce naturally suggests—and so the rest. If this rule were observed, I believe that our people would understand much more clearly, and value much more highly the word of God read to them; and so, while they would be prepared to receive more profit from the sermon, they would not attach that undue importance to the abilities of the preacher which many now are apt to do.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIocese of Toronto.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS FUND.

Collections made in the several Churches, Chapels and Missionary Stations in behalf of this Fund, appointed for the Second Sunday in January.

Previously announced in *Canadian Churchman* Vol. 1, No. 26.....£ 21 15 3 1/2

St. George's Church, Toronto,	10	0	0
—per Churchwarden.....	6	1	8
St. Paul's, Woodstock.....	4	18	0
—per Rev. Henry Patton.....	3	0	0
Chippawa, per Rev. Wm. Leeming.....	0	17	6
Norway, per Rev. Dr. Beavan.....	£0	6	10
St. Mary Magdalen Church,	0	12	2
Lloydton.....	0	5	3
Christ's Church, Bolton.....	0	8	1
English Wilson's.....	1	12	4
Sand Hill.....	0	10	0
—per Rev. H. B. Osler.....	£0	6	5
Palermo Church, per Churchwarden	0	2	5
St. Mary's, Warwick.....	0	3	2
East do.....	0	12	0
Town Line, South.....	3	0	0
—per Rev. J. Mockridge.....	£0	14	6
Trinity Church, Toronto.....	0	14	0
—per Churchwarden.....	0	5	6
St. George's, Etobicoke,.....	1	10	0
Weston,.....	2	0	0
Mimico.....	£55	16	9 1/2
—per Rev. H. C. Cooper.....			
Peterborough Church,			
—per Rev. Mark Burnham.....			

36 Collections, amounting to.....£55 16 9 1/2

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—per Wm. Hewat, Esq.....	£33 14 9

THOMAS S. KENNEDY,
Sec. C. S. D. T.
Feb. 3, 1853.

The Society met at their Board Room on the 5th of January.

PRESENT:

The Lord Bishop in the Chair, the Hon. the Chief Justice, the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, Mr. Sheriff Jarvis, the Rev. Henry Scadding, D.D., the Rev. S. Lett, L.L.D., the Rev. W. S. Darling, the Rev. H. B. Osler, the Rev. D. E. Blake, Alexander Dixon, and Dalrymple Crawford, Esqrs.

The usual prayers were read.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved by the President.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, it was proposed by the Rev. W. S. Darling, seconded by Alex. Dixon, Esq., and Resolved—

"That J. G. Bowes, Esq., and the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, be acknowledged as the Guardians of the Children of the late Rev. R. J. C. Taylor, and that the names of the said children be placed on the List of Orphans receiving pensions from the Widows and Orphans' Fund, pension to date from the decease of their father."

On recommendation of the Standing Committee, it was moved by the Chief Justice, seconded by the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, and Resolved—

"That an allowance of £50, for one year, be granted to the Rev. A. H. R. Mulholland, for the payment of Mr. Keezick, he undertaking to act as School Master and Interpreter to the Indians at Owen's Sound and to perform the duties as specified in Mr. Mulholland's letter. That Mr. Mulholland be requested to report the progress and success of his labours from time to time, so that the Society may judge as to the expediency of continuing the grant at the expiration of the year.

The Secretary having presented the Return moved for by the Rev. Dr. Lett, at the last meeting, it was moved by the Rev. S. Lett, L.L.D., seconded by the Rev. W. S. Darling, and Resolved—

"That the return now presented be referred to a Committee to report thereon, and to prepare a Resolution or Resolutions to be submitted at the next monthly Meeting, the principle of which shall be, that all who desire to benefit by the Society must conform to its rules. And also that said Committee be requested to examine the Bye-Law for the due administration of the Widows and Orphans' Fund; and to report if it be advisable to make any, and what alteration in the said Bye-law, in conformity with the foregoing principle, and to report whether under the provisions of said Bye-Law, adequate provision has been made for the purposes therein contemplated. That said Committee consist of the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, Rev. D. E. Blake, the Secretary, and the mover and seconder."

Moved by the Hon. the Chief Justice, seconded by the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, and Resolved—

"That the Bye-Law first read, and marked No. 1, of the three Bye-Laws submitted at the last monthly Meeting by the Committee appointed to draft a Bye-Law on the subject of the disposal of the patronage of the Rectories, at the Special Meeting held on the 10th of November last, be now adopted and recorded on the Minute Book of the Society."

The Secretary nominated the following gentlemen to be balloted for as Incorporated Members, at the next monthly meeting: Rev. Robert Harding, of Emily—the Rev. Elliott Grasett, of Fort Erie—the Rev. R. Shanklin, of Oakville—the Rev. Geo. Hallen, of Penetanguishene—the Rev. E. R. Stimson, of Mount Pleasant—the Rev. Geo. J. R. Salter, of Moore—the Rev. Robert N. Merritt, Barton.

The above extracts from the Minutes would have been published earlier, but for the illness of the Secretary.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL CHURCH SOCIETY.—The Annual General Meeting of the Church Society for the Diocese of Montreal, took place on the 17th inst., in the National School House. The Bishop occupied the chair, and stated that the year just closed had been one of success and blessing to the Society. A plan had been framed and matured for insuring the lives of the clergy, by which contributions to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund would receive a more judicious application than heretofore. The Act providing for the temporalities of the church had also received the Royal Assent. After the reading of the report by the Secretary, addresses were delivered by Dr. Holmes, Mr. D. S. Ramsay, Major Cambell, Judge McCord, Revs. A. Cambell, Bond, Bancroft, Scott, Dr. Leech, and the Bishop. A spirit of great unanimity seemed to prevail. The wish Dr. Holmes had expressed, that Laymen be permitted greater influence in the management of church affairs and in the election of clergymen

elicited the following declaration from the Bishop:—"He (Dr. H.) had also desired it to be understood that the Clergy did not constitute the Church. He believed he spoke the opinion of all the Clergy around him when he stated that they heartily concurred, as he did himself in that desire. (Applause from the Clergy.) He had sought to impress it upon the Laity upon all occasions when an opportunity had been offered him. It had tended, he believed to produce no little apathy among the Laity, that they did not remember that all persons baptized into the Church were members of it, and formed part of it, as well as its Bishops or Clergy and no persons would more heartily rejoice to see the feeling diffused abroad that they were all one body than the Clergy themselves. (Applause.)" It was elicited also, that hitherto Colonial Bishops had been restrained from settling in their dioceses clergymen ordained in the United States. This exclusive measure it was understood will soon be recalled, and closer bonds of friendship and intercourse established with the American Episcopal Church, to which, from the similarity of circumstances, the Church in Canada has to look for imitation, more than the English Establishment.

ST. ANDREWS—THE REV. C. WORDSWORTH.

—An Episcopal Synod was held at Aberdeen on Tuesday, the 4th of January, and continued for the two following days, at which the Right Rev. the Primate presided, and all the other Bishops were present, viz., of Edinburgh, Argyll and the Isles, Brechin, Glasgow and Galloway, and Moray and Ross. Among other matters, they took under their consideration the Reasons of Protest, by the Rev. Alexander Lendrum and others, against the confirmation of the election of the Rev. Charles Wordsworth as Bishop of St. Andrew's, and thereon they gave the following sentence:—

"The Bishop having considered the evidence brought before the Synod by the Appellants, in support of the charge 'That the Warden endeavoured also to promote his own election, by canvassing the Presbyters personally and by letter,'—and having also heard the Warden in his own behalf, and the Dean of St. Andrew's and the Rev. William Farquhar on the part of the Respondents, it was their unanimous judgment that the charge is disproved, inasmuch as it is proved that, before the first Election, the Warden, when dubious of his Election, carefully abstained from anything that could have had even the appearance of canvassing; and inasmuch as his explanation of such communications as took place between him and some of the Clergy, previously to the second Election, when he considered his own reelection to be certain, has been satisfactory to the Bishops."

"The Bishops, having further heard the argument against the validity of the Election of the Rev. Charles Wordsworth, founded on the fact that the majority whereby he was elected included his own vote, find unanimously—that the Election is valid. As to the grounds of this validity, some of the Bishops rely on the analogy of the case of Capitular Elections, as laid down in the Canon Law (Decret. Lib. I, Tit. 6, Cap. 33); and others, even independently of that analogy, upon the Canons of our own Church.

"The Bishops cannot conclude the present finding without declaring it to be their deliberate opinion that the conduct of the Appellants in the present proceedings (especially in their quotations from several letters) has been characterized by much unfairness.

"The Bishops are willing to accept the apology which has been offered by the Appellants from the haste with which, as they represent, they were compelled to draw up their statements; but they cannot but express their deep regret that greater care was not taken, when they were preferring charges against a Clergyman of so high and important standing in the Church as the Warden of Trinity College."

The Confirmation of the Bishop-Elect was then considered. The Bishops declared in favour of the Confirmation, and were unanimous in agreeing to the terms in which it was expressed.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.—The committee of this valuable Society are preparing a report of their operations during the past year. It appears that so many and various have been the forms of applications for assistance, that the report, for a single year may be considered a representation of the Society's operations during the lengthened period of its history. For, although its more immediate and direct connection with schools for the poor, according to the doctrine and discipline of the Church, was resigned in 1811 to the National Society, and the care of its Italian missions passed in 1824 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the same zeal as heretofore is manifested by the Board in the promotion of national education, by large gratuitous supplies of books, whilst the helping hand afforded towards the establishment of colonial bishoprics and the erection of churches in distant places of the earth, attest the