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The following is the report of the Committee of the Church Society upon the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, which was read at the last, and will be taken into final consideration at the next meeting of the Society:

The special committee named by his Lordship the Bishop, on the 15th June, to consider the remainder of the Report relating to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund beg to report and suggest: for the present "Article XI" to By-law for the due administering and improving the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto—that the following be substituted:

"Every Widow, or the Guardians of any of the Orphans of a Clergyman desiring annuities from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, shall apply by memorial to the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto for said annuity, setting forth the time of decease of such clergyman, the name of his widow, and the names and ages of each of his children as the case may be. And such memorial shall be taken into consideration by the Standing Committee at their next meeting after the receipt of such memorial, and if it shall appear that the deceased clergyman has complied with all the provisions and requirements of this by-law, they shall forthwith report to the Society that the widow and orphans of the said clergyman are entitled to annuities according to the scale following:—

1. Every widow with an income of \$200, and under, an annuity to herself of \$240, and children under 21 years of age each \$40, but not to exceed in all for children \$160.
2. Every widow with an income of \$200 to \$400, an annuity to herself of \$160, and children under 21 years of age each \$20, but not to exceed in all for children \$80.
3. Every widow with an income of over \$400 to \$500, an annuity for each child under 21 years of age of \$40, but not to exceed in all for children \$160.
4. Every widow with an income of over \$500, to \$600, an annuity for each child under 21 years of age \$20, but not to exceed in all for children \$80.

And in cases where orphans alone are the subject of annuity:—

1. Where the orphans have collectively an income of \$200, or under, an annuity to each orphan under 21 years of age of \$70, but not to exceed in all \$280.
2. Where the orphans have collectively an income of over \$200, to \$400, an annuity to each orphan under 21 years of age of \$45, but not to exceed in all \$180.
3. Where the orphans have collectively an income of over \$400, to \$500, an annuity to each orphan under 21 years of age of \$40, but not to exceed in all \$160.
4. Where the orphans have collectively an income of over \$500, to \$600, an annuity to each orphan under 21 years of age of \$20, but not to exceed in all \$80.

And with regard to the monetary position of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the committee recommend that whereas, on a further examination into the accounts of the Church Society, it satisfactorily appears that the sum of \$5, hitherto annually paid by the clergymen, has been *incorrectly* carried to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund,—the sum of \$5250 being the balance that has arisen from such error—still, as this amount has been held as an asset of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the same be not now actually refunded, but that while funds of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund to that amount be repaid to the General Purposes Fund, for general application, lauds to a similar extent, selected under the advice of the Land Committee, be given in lieu thereof to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

*Resolved*,—That the report upon the Widows' and Orphans' Fund be printed and distributed to the incorporated members of the Society, to be taken into final consideration at the next meeting of the Church Society.

The annual distribution of prizes to the scholars attending the school in connection with the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, took place on Monday, the 16th inst., in the school-house attached to the Church. Shortly after three o'clock, the Lord Bishop

entered the room and took his seat in the place allotted for him. The children, numbering about 30 boys and 30 girls, averaging from eight to fifteen years of age, then took their seats in due order. The Rev. W. S. Darling, Assistant Minister of the Church, addressing the Bishop said, it was a matter, to him, of much gratification to welcome His Lordship to their annual distribution of prizes, and it was also a source of much pleasure to him to witness so large an attendance upon the occasion. In addition to the secular teaching which it was a portion of their duty to impart, there was also another branch of knowledge which was also carefully attended to, that spiritual instruction which brought happiness not only in this world but in that which is to come. The proceedings of the School were opened and closed every day with prayer, making such selections from the prayer book as were responsive, musical in character, so as to excite the interest of the children and make them attentive. The Old and New Testaments, the Catechism and Church History were given as lessons upon certain days in the week, and after that was over they proceeded to their secular studies. The Rev. G. Whitaker, Provost of Trinity College, then came forward and examined the children in a few Scripture exercises and in Geography. Their answers in both were excellent, and showed that much care and attention had been bestowed upon them by their skilful and efficient teachers, Mr. Fripp and Mrs. Liddell. The Rev. W. S. Darling also examined the pupils in history, with which they seemed tolerably well acquainted. Several specimens of drawing by some of the elder girls were very good. After singing the Psalm "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help," His Lordship delivered the prizes to those who by their diligence and proficiency were entitled to receive them, addressing each of the children, as they came up, with a kind and affectionate remark.

After the prizes had been delivered, his Lordship said he had been very much gratified with what he had witnessed since he came into the room. The number of prizes for good conduct was very pleasing, and the boy or girl who endeavored to please her parents by her good conduct was sure to be in the right path. He hoped there would be no bad feeling in a school like that, as to who received a prize or who did not. Those who were not fortunate enough to receive one now, should strive and obtain one at a future time. The obtaining of prizes at school when young, was certainly very interesting, and very often in old age carried them back to many pleasing recollections, and many good feelings and holy resolutions came up in their minds. He (the Bishop) had a prize which he received when only fourteen years of age; it was a Greek Testament, and the other day when looking over its pages it gave him great delight even at his age. With regard to the system of education carried on in this country, there was a great difference of opinion, as to the connecting religious with secular instruction. The system here was certainly a very elaborate one, but it wanted a soul, and consequently was imperfect. But it was pleasing to observe that religion was finding its way to some of the schools, prayer was introduced, and he hoped it would continue to be so, for the soul without religion, was like the body without a soul. It was impossible to separate the two, they would go together, and would bring the most glorious and most sublime conceptions into the minds of those who taught religious truths. It was another consideration, that the most distinguished men that ever lived have been just as celebrated for their religious as for their secular knowledge. Unless the two were combined, the present system would be found to be imperfect, for secular education would darken the mind of man more than it could enlighten it, while a religious one would make him think of things which were not merely confined to the present world.

The children then sang "God save the Queen," and after the Bishop had warmly thanked the Master and Mistress of the School for the excellent state of proficiency to which they had brought the children, the proceedings terminated as it had commenced, with prayer.

The usual Quarterly Meeting of the Home District Clerical Association was held at the residence of the Rev. H. C. Cooper, Rector of Etobicoke, on Wednesday last. There was a more than average attendance. The subjects of discussion were in the morning the Book of Canticles, and in the afternoon, 'Revivalism.' The sermon in the evening was preached by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara. We cannot but wish that this association had more zealous supporters among the Clergy, for nothing could lead more decidedly to the promotion of the unity of action, which is the great want of our