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CHRISTMAS OFFERING.

To the Lay Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the Diocese of Toronto:—

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—

I am reminded, by the approach of Christmas, of the pleasing duty of calling your attention to the annual offering which, on that holy day, you are requested to make for the special benefit of your Clergyman.

There was never, perhaps, a season in which, in this Province, a more bountiful harvest has been gathered in; and an abundant harvest may be looked upon as the great source of prosperity to the country at large.

It is, we must feel, but reasonable and dutiful that the Ministers of the Lord should share in this prosperity. It is, no doubt, His will that they should be adequately provided for; and if, as all confess, their stated incomes are barely equal to their maintenance on the simplest scale, let that, I pray you, be supplied on the day of our Lord's nativity which will bring comfort and cheer to the homes of your faithful pastors.

I remain, my dear brethren, very faithfully and devotedly yours,

Toronto, Nov. 30, 1869.

A. N. TORONTO.

* * * Copies of the above Pastoral can be supplied on application to Mr. ROWSELL.

At a meeting of the Hamilton Rural Deanery, held in Christ's Church School-room, on the 11th November, 1869, the following plan of *Missionary Meetings* for 1870 was adopted:—

Caledonia	Tuesday, January 4th,	2 P. M.
York	" " "	4th, 7 "
Hagersville	Wednesday, " "	5th, 2 "
Jarvis	" " "	5th, 7 "
Nanticoke	Thursday, " "	6th, 2 "
Cheapside	" " "	6th, 7 "
Cayuga	Friday, " "	7th, 2 "
Dunnville	" " "	7th, 7 "
Glanford	Monday, " "	10th, 7 "
Barton East	Tuesday, " "	11th, 7 "
Tapleystown	Wednesday, " "	12th, 2 "
Woodburn	" " "	12th, 7 "
Stony Creek	Thursday, " "	13th, 7 "
Waterdown	Friday, " "	14th, 7 "
Rockton	Tuesday, " "	18th, 7 "
Hamilton, Annual General Meeting,	Tuesday, March 15th,	7.30 P. M.

James Bancroft, Esq., Hamilton, was appointed Treasurer.

It was *Resolved*, that the assessment on the several parishes and missions for the Mission Fund of the Diocese, should be increased ten per cent. on the assessment of the previous year.

The deputations for the above meetings will be given in the next number of *The Church Chronicle*.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted, at the Rural Deanery Meeting, to establish a Church Depository in Hamilton, for the supply of Church publications, and with a view to ascertain the practicability of establishing a Girls' School in connection with the Church of England.

J. G. GEDDES, M.A., *Rural Dean*.

JNO. HEBDEN, M.A., *Secretary*.