

# 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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## THE COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

### CHILDREN OF HEAVEN.

In the broad fields of heaven,  
In the immortal bowers,  
Dwelling by life's clear river,  
Amid undying flowers,—  
Myriads of beauteous spirits,  
Fair children of the earth  
Linked in bright bands celestial,  
Sing of their human birth.  
They sing of earth and heaven—  
Divinest voices rise,  
In thanks and praises unto Him  
Who called them to the skies,  
The golden-haired, the blue eyed,  
That lighted up our life,  
And folded were within our hearts,  
From all the world's rude strife;  
The blessings of our bosoms,  
The stars upon our sky,  
The flowers up-springing in our path,  
Too beautiful to die;  
They are all there in heaven,  
Safe, safe, and sweetly blessed;  
No cloud of sin can shadow  
Their bright and holy rest.

### THAT WHICH IS SECRET, CANNOT BE HID.

"The Christian's secret intercourse with God will make itself manifest to the world. We may not see the husbandman cast the seed into the ground, yet when the corn grows and ripens we know that it was sown. The mere professor, who may be found everywhere but in his secret chamber, may think that with care he shall pass for a good Christian; but he mistakes, for the spirit WILL discover itself, of what sort it is. He who would walk safely and honorably, must walk closely with God in secret."—*Cecil*.

### A WEAK CHRISTIAN.

A weak Christian's life is almost nothing but a vicissitude of sin and sorrow.—First, he sins, and then he laments his folly: like a negligent school boy, he displeaseth his master, and then beseecheth his remission with tears. Our own corruptions are diseases incurable; while we live they will break out upon us; we may correct them, we cannot destroy them; they are like the feathers of a fowl—cut them, they will come again; pluck them out, yet they will come again; only kill the bird, and they will grow no more. While blood is in our veins, sin is our nature; since I cannot avoid it, I will learn to lament it; and if through my offences, my joy be made obscure and vanish, that sorrow shall now beget my joy, not because I have been sinful, but because for sin I find myself sorrowful. All other sorrows are either foolish, fruitless, or beget more; only this dark entry leads the way to the fair court of happiness. God is more merciful in giving repentance to the delinquent, than in granting remission to the repentant. He hath promised pardon to the penitent, but, no repentance to the peccant.—*Feltham's Resolves*.

## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIocese of Toronto.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIocese OF TORONTO.  
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### To the Editor of the Canadian Churchman:

REV. SIR—Permit me to notice, through the medium of your columns, an act of Christian liberality on the part of a member of the Church in this Parish.

A communion service, of Electro-Plate, double set, has recently been presented to St. James' Church in this Town, by Mrs. P. K. Jarvis.

Such instances are always encouraging, and merit the warmest thanks of the Congregations amongst whom they occur; while they evince on the part of the donors a due appreciation of the means of Grace in general, and in particular, of that most solemn ordinance in which, if it be approached with true penitence and faith, the cup which is blessed is to the humble recipient, the communion of the blood of Christ, and the bread which is broken is the Communion of his Body.

Yours Truly

E. PATTERSON.

Stratford, Jan. 6th, 1853.

### (To the Editor of the Canadian Churchman.)

MANVERS, January 4, 1853.

REV. SIR.—Would you be kind enough to insert in the next number of the *Churchman* the following Resolution and remarks:—

"That the congregation of St. Mary's Church, Manvers, desire to return their sincere thanks to the Venerable the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; the Lord Bishop of Quebec; and all those in the Diocese and elsewhere, who have contributed towards the erection and endowment of their Church.

Signed in behalf of the Congregation, by  
WM. LOGAN, Incumbent.

ALX. PRESTON, } Churchwardens.  
ARCH. NOBLE. }

This beautiful little Church was commenced in the month of August, 1851, and nearly half finished, when the work was discontinued during the winter, and recommenced in the month of October, 1852, and finished in the month of December. During the month of July last, while the Church was in a half finished state, his Lordship the Bishop confirmed forty candidates in it. This was the only religious act performed in it, until Christmas Day, when it was opened for Divine Service. The Church is a frame building situated on the 10th concession, on a site given by J. Preston, Esq. It is 43ft. by 26ft., and calculated to accommodate about two hundred. It has seven lancet windows, and a tower 40 feet high; the seats are open in the back, something like those in the Holy Trinity, Toronto, and are all free; the pulpit and reading desk are from beautiful but simple designs, by your townsman, W. Hay, Esq., whose abilities as an ecclesiastical architect, will no doubt soon become widely known in this province, as they are already in Scotland, Newfoundland, Bermuda, and elsewhere. The builders name is Mr. Robert Wallace, who deserves great credit for the superior quality of the workmanship.

The Church was tastefully decorated with evergreens, under the superintendence of G. Shaw, Esq. On the one side of the East window was a star of moss, with the following verse, in large letters of the same material. "We have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him." On the other side was the Crown set on the Bible, with "Religion," "Loyalty," in letters of the same kind under.

Notwithstanding the very unfavourable state of the roads, the Church was crowded with an attentive congregation. A sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Logan, from Gen. 28., vs. 16-17, and a collection taken up, which amounted to £2 2s., and is to be applied for insuring the Church. The whole cost of the Church will be £250; £50 of which has to be paid.

The last census gives 1184 churchmen in this Township; they are almost all of the poorer class of Irish emigrants. The Church now built will be within the reach of half of them. A subscription is forthwith to commence for the erection of another Church in the front of the Township, 6 miles from the one already built. We

shall have to depend, in a great measure, on the Christian liberality of our more highly favoured brethren, for means to build our next Church, as we did in the last; to whom we appeal with confidence, and our grounds of appeal are as follows:—Notwithstanding our poverty we are placed in a much less favourable position than old and rich congregations, for they have enjoyed the benefit of the ministrations of the gospel for many years without any expense whatever, their clergy being almost, if not entirely supported by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; while on the other hand, from the first day of the establishment of the Mission and the appointment of a clergyman, we have been obliged to pay half his stipend, and build him a house, which leaves us little ability to build churches, and while the most of us who have land are yet engaged in paying for it, there are many of us actually dependent on our daily labour for our support. Nothing can better show the prosperity of the Church in this Mission than the fact that during the two years it has been established 160 children have been baptised.

I am, Rev. and Dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. L.

### TESTIMONIAL OF RESPECT TO A CLERGYMAN.

The Rev'd Septimus F. Ramsay, M. A. on Saturday last, January 1st, 1853, at the parsonage, Newmarket, was presented by J. C. Hugaboom, and Arthur McMaster, Esquires, on behalf of his hearers and friends, with a *Superb Silver Snuff Box*. The surplus, consisting of 80 dollars, was returned by Mr. Ramsay to the churchwardens, to be laid out on the three respective Churches. A great number of the members of different Protestant denominations, and also several Roman Catholics, contributed. It appears that during Mr. Ramsay's incumbency he has averaged nine full services every fortnight and travelled eighty miles per week; so that during the period alluded to, viz., four years and a half, he has travelled eighteen thousand five hundred miles, and held above one thousand services.

The subjoined Addresses were delivered by J. C. Hugaboom and Arthur McMaster, Esquires, to which Mr. Ramsay replied at length with much feeling and his usual fluency. Several letters of congratulation were read: from F. G. Smith, Esquire, who when churchwarden of Mr. Ramsay's church in London, ten years ago, presented him with a similar token of respect; which letter also contained a kind expression of satisfaction with reference to the present occasion, from the Bishop of London: from Thomas Sandwich Esq. M.D., Alderman and late Mayor of Beverly, Yorkshire, on behalf of Mr. Ramsay's first congregation, which was in that town, being also his native place: from J. S. Buckingham, Esq., late M. P. for Sheffield, the celebrated Oriental traveller and philanthropist; from the Archdeacon of Middlesex, England, a copy of which is here given; and several others:

VICARAGE, KENSINGTON,

15th October, 1852.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

From the zeal and ability with which you discharged your duties in this Archdeaconry, I was led to hope that your services would be useful to the Church in Canada; I am therefore glad, though not surprised to hear, of the gratifying testimonial which you are about to receive.

Believe me to be,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN SINCLAIR.

After the Presentation, the Deputation, consisting of thirty, dined with Mr. Ramsay at the Parsonage.

The following Address was read and delivered by Mr. J. C. Hugaboom.

REV. SIR,

I am deputed by my brother Churchwardens, and other members of your congregation, to address you on the present occasion.

We have reason to be thankful that for the last four years you have been our Minister, as we all can bear testimony to the uniform kindness we have experienced at your hands,—the kindness of a friend ever ready to listen to those in need of advice,—foremost in helping the distressed, and shewing no distinction between the rich man and the poor.

In the performance of the duties of your mission, you have been most energetic in your endeavors to extend the preaching of the Gospel to all parts of the surrounding districts; the inhabitants of which, before your arrival amongst us, had been unable, from distance and bad roads, to attend any of your Churches; devoting your whole time to that object, regardless of your own personal comfort, and unimpeded of the seasons. We feel, therefore, in performing those duties you have done more than we had a right to expect.

Some months ago my brother Churchwardens and myself, knowing these facts, and being aware that many of your congregation were of the same opinion, suggested that cards should be issued, for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to raise a sum of money to enable us to purchase a Testimonial to present you with, as a remark of our respect and esteem; and on their being issued, and at the close of the subscription, the sum of two hundred and forty dollars has been obtained in furtherance of our suggestions.

I have therefore great pleasure in presenting you, in the name of my brother Churchwardens and other subscribers, with this Silver Snuff Box, begging you will accept the same as a mark of the respect we have for you as our Minister, and our esteem as a friend, trusting that your life may long be spared to continue amongst us; and we at the same time, beg to offer our respects to Mrs. Ramsay, wishing her and your family all happiness and prosperity.

Mr. McMaster then rose and said:

REVEREND SIR,

After listening to the Address, just delivered by Mr. Hugaboom, I am assured that both my brother Churchwardens and all other friends present, will agree with me in feeling that it is as unnecessary as it would be out of place to make any additional observations in connection with the gratifying occasion which has called us together this day; for, indeed, under any circumstances, little need be said, and the most that could be stated is all summed up in the names attached to this public Testimonial to the ministerial services and private worth in which we hold our respected Minister; the number itself, and the individuals composing it, show the very great unanimity on the subject prevailing among the respective congregations and members of the Church; and what is equally gratifying to my mind is the great number of members of different Protestant denominations, and also several highly respectable Roman Catholics, who have both given their signatures and contributions on this occasion; I have therefore, much pleasure in presenting you, Sir, with this frame, containing no less than two hundred and forty-seven signatures.

It is also a pleasing task to place in your hands, and at your entire disposal the sum of eighty dollars, the amount remaining over and above what has been expended on the piece of plate, which has this day been presented; I will only express my earnest hope and belief that one leading motive which has in a great measure called forth the feeling now manifested, is the due estimate put on the faithful doctrines of free Grace, and justification by Faith which we have all the privilege of hearing from your Pulpit, Sabbath after Sabbath.

I have only further to state that in presenting these Testimonials to our Pastor, we at the same time, one and all, desire to include in our expressions of regard to the Clergyman's Lady, and though looking upon that which has been given as presented to both, I have the greatest satisfaction in presenting you, Madam, with this small token of sincere respect and esteem, being a public acknowledgement of that General, I might say universal, estimation in which you are held as a Clergyman's wife by all to whom you are known. In conclusion, Gentlemen, I flatter myself, and feel assured that you will all agree with me in thinking, that as is often said the postscript to a lady's letter generally contains that which is of the greatest importance, so in like manner this, which is presented last, in our estimation will be held to be first.

The snuff Box was manufactured by, and for several weeks exhibited at, Messrs. Williams and Clapham's Goldsmiths, 13 and 14 Strand, London, England.—*Newmarket Era*.

### DIocese of Quebec.

A PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIocese OF QUEBEC.

Quebec, December 3, 1852.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—I have received communications from different quarters, at home and within this Province, expressing a desire that, as Senior Bishop of the North American British Episcopate, I should proceed to England to meet the Bishop of Sydney, who, under pre-concerted arrangements with the Home authorities in Church and State, has arrived there from Australia,—the object of his visit being to confer with those authorities upon matters affecting the interests of the Colonial Church.

As there are many reasons, connected with the exercise of my episcopal duties, which make it extremely inconvenient that I should leave the Diocese at this particular juncture, I had hoped that the object in view might have been met by