

14th February, 1859, and that the whole amount of collections and subscriptions for the past year was \$9.50.

THOMAS BOO,  
Secretary.

Pictou, 17th February, 1859

### DIocese OF HURON.

The Clergy of the Diocese of Huron are notified that the Lord Bishop has directed the next collection for the Church Society, to be made during the month of April, the proceeds to be applied to the Mission Fund.

The Secretary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron, begs to call the attention of the Clergy to the resolution, passed at the last meeting of the Society, changing the time for the closing of the books to May 31st., and would respectfully suggest that some return of collections, from each "Parochial Association" lately formed, be made before that date; so that they may appear on the Society's list for the year ending May 31st next ensuing.

TO THE REVEREND JAMES SMYTH,  
INCUMBENT OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, ST. MARY'S.

REVEREND SIR.—It is with heartfelt pleasure that the ladies of the congregation of the Church of St. James, take an opportunity of expressing their appreciation of your zeal and assiduity, as their pastor, since you came among them.

Under your ministration, the attachment of the flock to our Church and its services has been strengthened, and the edifice raised sometime since for their celebration, has been finished and consecrated henceforth to the service of Almighty God.

Results such as these should be gratifying alike to the minister and those ministered unto. That they are duly appreciated by the latter, I have been deputed on their behalf to present you with the accompanying gown, which we hope you may long wear, and successfully minister in to the glory of our Lord and Master.

On behalf of the ladies of the congregation, I now subscribe myself as

Your attached Friend,  
FANNY T. HILL.

REPLY.

TO MRS. HILL.

DEAR MRS HILL.—The handsome silk gown, which, on behalf of the ladies of St. James' Church, you have just presented to me, is as unexpected as it is undeserved. So costly and appropriate a gift would be gratifying to a clergyman after having ministered faithfully for many years to his flock, but coming as it does in my case, where I have resided only a few months in the parish, during which every opportunity has been embraced by the congregation to perform kind offices to me, I cannot sufficiently express my deep sense of my unworthiness of this act of kindness, and my high appreciation of so great a mark of esteem and approbation.

The completion of our church, and the hope that the attachment of many to our Apostolic and Scriptural Communion has been strengthened, afford me both encouragement and gratification, but in the attaining of these happy results, too

high an estimate has been placed on my humble efforts. I have a deep sense of the kind wish that I may live long to wear this robe, and it is my earnest prayer that whatever time God may grant me to do so, I may have grace sincerely to declare the blessed truths of the Gospel, faithfully to preach the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom alone the gates of everlasting life are opened to all believers.

Let me again, through you, assure the ladies of the congregation of my great and unfeigned thanks for a mark of respect so unmerited.

I am Dear Mrs. Hill,  
Very sincerely yours,  
J. SMYTH.

March, 23 1859.

### HURON.

The new Church of St. James, at St. Mary's, C. W., was consecrated on Sunday week by the Lord Bishop of Huron. The *Prototype* says that the church was built during the Summer of 1857, and is of modest dimensions, as follows:—"Sixty feet long, thirty-eight feet wide, and twenty feet high from the average ground line. It is lighted by an oriel window of twelve feet by six feet six inches, and ten side windows of the middle Gothic style, that is, five on each side, and two on the West end, and the entrance door all in the same character. There are sittings at present to accommodate 350 persons, and which were let at an unusually high price; besides there are free seats for one-quarter; but even this amount of sittings appear to be utterly inadequate to the present, and rapidly increasing, congregation under the zealous ministrations of the Rev. James Smyth, rendering the erection of a gallery at the West end, and probably others, shortly requisite. The Church is built correctly east and west, and the internal arrangements, including a handsome pulpit and reading desk, appear to afford general satisfaction to those clergymen who have kindly assisted at the ceremony of consecration, viz; the Bishop of Huron, Rev. C. C. Brough, A.B., his Lordship's Chaplain, and the Rev. Richard Flood, A.M., of Delaware." A bell is to be procured, the oriel window to be stained, &c. The principal donors to this church are the Bishop, James Ingersoll of Woodstock, T. B. Guest, J. P. Wiltoughby, J. Hutton, Milner Harrison, Samuel Freileigh, and Justus Ingersoll, Esquires. The consecration sermon was preached by the Bishop, who had for his text Rev. iii. 11: "Behold I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." After a very practical discourse, his Lordship, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Brough, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and having consecrated the burial ground adjacent, the crowded assemblage dispersed. The Bishop preached another impressive discourse in the evening to a very full attendance, and the collections on both occasions amounted to the sum of thirty-five dollars, which will go to aid in the erection of the belfry, as there is no debt whatever on the church at present—a pleasing incident in these times of depression.—*Church Journal, New York.*

### MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, MARCH 15, 1859.

The Society met at 7 p.m., in St. Paul's School-house, London. The Lord Bishop in the chair. Present: Revs. C. C. Brough, R. Flood, M. Boomer, H. Holland, St. George Caulfield, J. Smyth, A. Townley, E. L. Elwood, J. C. Gibson, A. Mortimer, J. McLean, Thos. Hughes, E. Sullivan, F. D. Fauquier, and the Secretary, L.

Lawrason; A. Shade, J. Pierce, B. Bayley, G. Robson, J. Hamilton, J. G. Vidal, Esqrs., and Dr. Harper. After prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, and signed by the President. A statement of the funds of the Society was read by the Secretary, and some small accounts passed. The Secretary read over the names of those incorporated members who had not paid their subscription of five dollars for the year 1858, as per Art. IV. of the Constitution, and also the names of those clergymen from whose parishes no collections have been received, in answer to the call from the Bishop, for a collection to be made in the month of January for the Widow and Orphans' Fund. Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. H. HOLLAND, seconded by L. LAWRASON, Esq.

*Resolved*,—"That the Society, having learned with regret that several of the clergy have already omitted (some in more than one instance) to make the appointed collection for the Church Society, an omission which has already been the occasion of much inconvenience, and which, if persisted in, will inevitably cause serious loss to the Society, impeding its most important operations, desires to urge strongly upon the clergy the absolute necessity, as well as the imperative duty, of making the said collections with punctuality, and remitting them to the Secretary without delay, in accordance with the rules of this Society on this behalf.

That the Secretary be instructed to have a number of the copies of the above resolution, together with the XVIIIth Article of the Constitution, printed in the form of a circular, and to send a copy of the same to every clergyman omitting to comply with the said rule, as occasion shall arise.

Moved by Rev. C. C. BROUGH, seconded by the Rev. A. MORTIMER.

*Resolved*,—"That the Secretary be requested to prepare and forward a circular to the incorporated members of this Society, who have not paid their annual subscription, calling their attention to the same. The circular to embody the Vth Article of the Constitution.

A letter was read by the Secretary from Mr. Samuel Busby, asking for some compensation for his services as a Catechist in the townships of Dorchester and Mulchide.

Moved by the Rev. A. TOWNLEY, seconded by Rev. A. MORTIMER.

*Resolved*,—"That Mr. Busby be allowed fifty dollars in answer to his application."

The Secretary read the report of the committee appointed to meet a committee of the Church Society of Toronto, to endeavour to settle a basis for a division of all the funds and property in which both the societies are interested. Whereupon it was

Moved by Rev. M. BOOMER, seconded by Rev. A. MORTIMER.

*Resolved*,—"That this meeting desires to express its sincere regret that the committees deputed by the two church societies of the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron, to meet and adopt some satisfactory basis for the division of the property held in trust by the Church Society of the old Diocese of Toronto, were unable to agree upon the terms by which that division should be made; it is therefore the opinion of this meeting, that the most equitable and righteous mode by which that important measure may be effected would be that of arbitration. The Lord Bishop of each diocese to name an arbitrator, and there to name an umpire, and the decision of these, or any two of them, to be final and binding upon both societies.

Moved by the Rev. A. MORTIMER, seconded by Rev. J. G. Vidal, Esq.