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### CHURCH SOCIETY DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

We are requested to remind the secretaries of the several district and parochial associations of this society, that its financial year closes on the 30th of this month, and it is of the greatest importance to the good working of the society that all returns be made to the secretary prior to that date.

### QUARTERLY COLLECTION, THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FUND.

The last quarterly collection for the present fiscal year is appointed to be taken up at the several churches and stations during this month of April, for the above fund; and to prevent confusion, they should be immediately remitted, so that the annual accounts with each parish may be closed before the books are placed in the auditors' hands.

### ORATORIO.

The first public performance of the Musical Union, under the able leadership of the indefatigable Mr. Carter, organist of St. James' Cathedral Church, in this city, came off at the Music Hall, on the evening of Tuesday, the 25th inst. The hall was well filled, and all appeared highly gratified. The pieces selected were Handel's Dettingen Te Deum, and Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise—two very difficult compositions. The choruses were most effectively sung by a large number of amateurs, and the instrumental portion of the performance was admirable. Mr. Carter, who is ever labouring to excite a taste for the highest class of compositions, is deserving of all praise for his exertions, which must have been great indeed, before so many instrumental and vocal amateur performers could have been brought to play and sing in such perfect time and harmony. We cannot express the pleasure we felt at observing the sober and quiet demeanour and total absence of levity which characterised the whole of the corps, very different in this respect from what we have too often witnessed when persons were engaged in singing sacred music.

### COLLECTIONS UP TO MARCH 28th, 1862.

Collections appointed to be taken up in January, in behalf of the Mission Fund, received since the 13th March.

Previously announced.....	\$610.76
Camden, per Rev. G. W. White.....	3.40
Peterborough.....	\$23 18
Monaghan.....	1.34
Per churchwardens.....	24.52
Fitzroy Harbour, per churchwardens.....	3 00

St. James, Carleton Place.....	3.85
St. John's, Innisville.....	3.75
St. George's, Ramsay.....	3 00
Per Rev. E. H. M. Baker.....	10.10
Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, per W. M. Westmacott, Esq.....	26.38
Trinity Church, Tecumseth.....	4.85
St. John's, ".....	1.20
Per Rev. Dr. Strong.....	6.05
Aurora.....	4.50
Oakridges.....	3.00
King.....	3.50
Per Rev. J. H. McCollum.....	11.00
Streetsville.....	3.65
Derry, West.....	1.10
Per Rev. R. Arnold.....	4.75
129 collections, amounting to.....	\$699.96
ADVENT SUNDAY COLLECTION	
Aurora, per Rev. J. H. McCollum.....	11.50
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.	
Burford, from a lady, per Rev. J. Padfield.....	1.00
PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.	
Etobicoke, per Rev. H. C. Cooper, including annual subscription from self.....	71.81
Streetsville, and Derry West, including Rev. R. Arnold's annual subscription.....	59.94
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.	
Mrs. Dixon, per Rev. S. Givens, sub.....	5 00
Mrs. Ripley, W. & O. F., ann. sub.....	8.00
" Miss. Fund, donation.....	4.00
" Students' Fund ".....	4.00
" G. P. Fund ".....	4.00
Mrs. Marsh, subscription.....	20.00
H. Mortimer, Esq., subscription 2 years.....	4.00

### HOME DEANERY BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Thursday, the 24th April. The clergy and parochial delegates are requested to attend for the transaction of business at the Board Room of the Society at 11, a.m. There will be a public meeting at St. Paul's Church, at 7 1/2 p.m.

It is particularly requested that the parochial reports be forwarded to the district secretary, before the 15th inst., so that he may have an opportunity of making extracts for his report.

H. C. COOPER,  
Secretary H. D. B.

20th March, 1862.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GORE AND WELLINGTON BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

This meeting was held in the Mechanics' Hall, on Thursday evening, the 18th instant, the Rev.

Arthur Palmer, M. A., Rector of Guolph, in the chair. After a few introductory remarks from the chairman, explaining the origin and objects of the society, the secretary, the Rev. J. G. Geddes, was called upon to read the

#### REPORT.

The Managing Committee of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto present their report on this, the twentieth anniversary of the society, with mingled feelings of satisfaction and regret. That the Parent Society has been gaining ground in the confidence and affections of the people; that its annual receipts exhibit an increase upon the former year; that the Mission Board have been enabled to meet their obligations, and to increase the number of their missionaries; and that the Gore and Wellington Branch continues to take the lead among all the district branch associations, maintaining almost entirely out of their own funds no less than five travelling missionaries, traversing eight townships, and serving many Sunday and week-day stations in each, and that its funds are likewise on the increase. These facts awaken feelings of satisfaction in the hearts of all who love the Church of England, and regard her as the great instrument in the hands of God for spreading the knowledge of true religion in all parts of the habitable globe. On the other hand, when your committee reflect upon the amount of work that is left undone, and the inadequacy of the means at their disposal to meet the exigencies of this section of the division, no less than four townships within our own bounds being entirely destitute of the ministrations of the Church of England, and having no organized body to look to for a supply of their wants except the Church Society, (because no public provision is made for such wants,) when they reflect that the harvest is plenteous and ripe for the sickle, but the labourers are few, these considerations call forth feelings of profound regret.

Your committee, nevertheless, would thank God for past success, and take courage for the future. The income of the parent society, during the past year, appears to have been \$20,000, with which they have promoted the following important objects,—the payment in whole or in part of the salaries of twenty missionaries, provided pensions for eight widows and four orphans of the clergy, contributed towards the building of churches, made grants of books to various missions, and assisted young men in preparing for the ministry of the church, besides defraying the working expenses of the society. Turning to the Gore and Wellington Branch, we find its annual income averages about \$2,000, by means of which it assists in maintaining five travelling missionaries, the balance of their salaries being made up by the contributions of the people to whom they minister; and your committee would earnestly press upon the attention of this association that for the amount necessary to maintain these missionaries, the Gore and Wellington Branch are responsible to the Mission Board, so that if there should prove any failure in meeting these obliga-