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**DARLINGTON.**—A very interesting meeting was held at Bowmanville, in the month of January. The attendance was better than on former occasions, and the speeches more than usually effective. The result was perceptible in the very lively interest excited, and a considerable improvement in the amount of contributions, notwithstanding the drawback of the times. The sum of £20 has been collected, of which one-fourth will be transmitted to the Parent Society.

In concluding their Report, the Managing Committee are painfully conscious that the cause of Church extension within this District has not increased in proportion to the wants of our brethren, during the past year. It will be perceived that no Report has been received from Port Hope, as nothing has been done there for the Church Society for the last two or three years. This is a subject of deep regret to the Committee, that so large and important a parish should feel itself excused from co-operating in the work of maintaining the Church, and spreading her influence, through the means of the Church Society, must cause the most painful reflections in the minds of all right-thinking Christians. The cause of the Church Society is the cause of the whole Church—it belongs to no section or school of theology within the Church, but is based simply upon the wants of our people, and the necessity of doing all we can to spread and extend the blessings of the Gospel, upon the principles laid down and maintained in the Book of Common Prayer. And we do not see how poorer parishes are to be assisted, or new missions opened, unless the wealthier parishes will all unite in this work of Church extension, by upholding our institutions, and freely contributing the means required for that purpose.

Since our last Annual Meeting, the immense Diocese of Toronto has been divided, and our aged and venerable Diocesan thereby relieved from a portion of his labours, by the election and consecration of a Bishop for the west. Let us hope that this increase to the Canadian Episcopate will tend, by God's grace and blessing, to the further increase and efficiency of the Church in that portion of the Lord's vineyard. And your Committee further express the hope, that the requisite funds may speedily be raised, for the further sub-division of the Diocese, by the appointment of a Bishop of Kingston.

Several clerical changes have taken place in the District, within the past year. The Committee have to regret the loss of the Rev. J. W. Beck, who has lately been appointed to the vacant Rectory of Peterboro'. Mr. Beck is a young clergyman of great promise, a sound and zealous Churchman, and desirous of seeing the Church every where maintained in her efficiency. We wish him God-speed in his future labours, and hope that he may be made an instrument of much good to the people whom he has been appointed to serve.

**RICE LAKE** and other neighbouring settlements are now served by the Rev. Charles Brown, resident in Cobourg, who will report the result of his labours to the Venerable the Archdeacon, as Chairman of the District.

The Rev. Charles Thompson, appointed to the mission of Elora, has been succeeded by the Rev. Henry Wm. Davies, as Assistant Minister at Cobourg. The Rev. F. J. S. Groves has been appointed to the vacant mission of Seymour and Percy.

It thus appears that there are eleven clergymen at present labouring within the bounds of the Newcastle District, and only seven parishes or missions which have Parochial Associations in connexion with the Church Society.

The Committee trust, however, that the appointments recently made to vacant places will have the effect of stirring up our people to the necessity of greater and more combined exertion in supporting the various objects of the Society. And that the appropriation of one tenth, which this District Branch has determined to set apart for the maintenance of a Travelling Mission Fund, will enable the Society, before a great while, to employ one or more additional missionaries in the destitute settlements of this populous and flourishing District.

Allusion has already been made in this Report to the very scanty and inadequate support of the clergy, and the consequent difficulty of obtaining an adequate supply of missionaries. As a remedy for this growing evil, the Committee would beg respectfully to urge the immediate formation of a general fund throughout the Diocese, as proposed some time since by his Lordship the Bishop—as a Sustentation Fund—from which the clergy in new missions and back settlements should be assisted, and for some time partly supported. And in order to promote and carry out this great and good work, they would beg to submit to their brethren of the laity, whether they are not in duty bound to set apart one-tenth of their income for the support of religion; and whether, if they do not, they shall be held accountable hereafter, and be accused by their Lord, as having wasted His goods.

The past year has not been without its lessons of warning and instruction to us all. Here amongst ourselves, as well as in the neighbouring States, and some of the countries of Europe, great commercial depression, and pecuniary embarrassment have prevailed. The consequence in many cases, we cannot doubt, of reckless speculation, and wanton extravagance. A covetous, worldly, and ambitious spirit every where abounds; men have neglected and slighted the most sacred obligations. God is angry, and his people are punished.

Again in India, we have heard of atrocities which make the blood run cold in the breast of every Christian, a terrible revolt has taken place, our missionaries have been murdered, and some of the missions totally destroyed. A timid and worldly policy, we fear, has marked our dealings with India, we shewed the natives that we were ashamed of our religion. A few thousand pounds were annually spent in keeping alive the few and scattered missions and now millions have to be spent in suppressing this terrible outbreak, and in restoring peace to India. But the blood of these martyred men is the seed of the Church; and we trust that when the present clouds and darkness have passed away. The bright beams of Gospel light will shine in all their lustre upon that benighted and heathen country. That the idols of superstition will be broken to pieces, that Christian Churches will take the place of heathen temples, and the One Living and true God, be every where worshipped.

A noble opportunity is now afforded us to proclaim the purity of our Holy Religion. Let us not neglect it. The enormous See of Calcutta has just become vacant, by the death of the Metropolitan; may God put it into the heart of our Queen, and of those who govern the nation, to divide it into three or four Dioceses, and so increase the number of Christian Bishops in India, and with them the number of faithful and self-denying missionaries. If this is done, the result will be glorious. The brightest jewel in Britain's crown is her national Church. Preserve it, and England must prosper. But woe to England, if that day should ever arrive, (which God in his mercy forbid) that of England's Church it could be said—that "her place shall know her know more."

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ADJOURNED SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

(Held in the city of Kingston.)

### FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

TUESDAY, September 14, 1858.

Divine Service was celebrated in St. George's Church at 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayers were said by the Rev. Henry Patton, D.C.L., Rector of Cornwall. The lessons were read by the Rev. Henry Brent, Rector of Clarke. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. V. Rogers, A. M., Rector of St. James', Kingston, and the Holy Communion was afterwards administered to the Clergy and Lay Delegates. The Lord Bishop then mentioned that the Synod would meet for business at half-past two o'clock, P. M., in the new Court House, and at half-past two o'clock, accordingly, the Synod did assemble in the Court House. The Lord Bishop in the chair.

The names of the Clergy were called over by the Clerical Secretary, and the names of the Lay Delegates by the Lay Secretary.

Prayers were then said by the Rev. H. J. Grassett, B.D., Rector of St. James's, Toronto.

His Lordship the Bishop then read the following

#### ADDRESS:

*My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity—*

Since the adjournment of the Synod in June last, I have been engaged in holding confirmations in what is usually called the Home District, and easterly from Toronto to Kingston. The general result is as follows: Confirmations have been held at one hundred and six places; and nearly three thousand persons have become full members of the Church, by partaking in that holy ordinance. Sixty-seven days were spent in the discharge of this duty, and the miles travelled were about four hundred. The stations visited are scattered over a vast area, and could only be reached, and the appointments kept, by using the ordinary conveyance of carriages drawn by horses, for railroads and steamers were at no time available. I was much gratified to find that the congregations were in general larger than formerly: the parents and friends seemed to take a greater interest in behalf of their children coming forward to confess Christ crucified and enrol themselves in His mighty army. It was also pleasant to remark the material improvements every where visible in the roads, and the more improved, skilful and profitable style of farming that is beginning to be introduced throughout the country, and in the substantial as well as neat and commodious farm houses which have been erected since I visited the same locality three or four years ago.

As the position of the other Dioceses of the Province of Canada are not yet so far advanced as might have been desired, the probability of an early meeting of the Provincial Synod, which will become, I trust, our safety-valve, and protection against hasty legislation on the part of the diocesan Synod, is still at some distance, it would seem therefore, to be our wisdom to advance with great caution in our further proceedings, till our sister Dioceses have made greater progress in their organization, so as to give promise at no distant period of the assembly of the higher or Provincial Synod. In this view of matters I would respectfully suggest that we confine ourselves to the adoption of such canons as may be deemed absolutely necessary: perhaps a canon on discipline, and some preparation towards the establishment of a Consistorial Court for the trial of all offences against the ecclesiastical laws of the diocese, and for preserving order and regularity in things essential. This measured or rather pru-