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THE following Tract has been published by the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, for the purpose of explaining, in a plain and familiar manner, the nature and objects which it has in view. As it contains a considerable amount of information with reference to the Canadian Church, it is embodied in the Appendix as being likely to prove interesting to those desirous of learning her true position.

A CONVERSATION BETWEEN A COUNTRY PARSON
AND ONE OF HIS FLOCK,
UPON THE SUBJECT OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

FEELING a deep interest, in common with the great bulk of the clergy, in the prosperity of The Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, and being sensible that the future welfare and extension of the Church was, under God, mainly dependent on the hearty support and general co-operation afforded to it by the churchmen of the diocese, I had been endeavouring to secure a general attendance of the parishioners at the annual public meeting of our Parochial Association, which was to be held shortly in our little country church. Having called upon many of my parishioners and obtained their promises of attendance, I had turned my horse's head homewards, and was riding slowly along, enjoying the calm beauty of an autumnal evening. I had one more visit to pay, which I had deferred till the last in order to increase the probability of finding the good man of the house at home. He was an intelligent farmer, and a very worthy man, who had recently come to our parish, and who was in a great degree ignorant of the nature of the Society. I felt convinced, however, that if I could succeed in enlisting his understanding and his sympathies on behalf of the object I had in view, I should not only be sure of his attendance but of his support. My hopes of finding him at home were not disappointed; and after the usual salutations had been exchanged in a friendly and cordial manner, a conversation, similar in substance to that which follows, ensued between us:—

Parson.—I called this evening, Mr. Heyric, to ask you to attend our Church Society meeting, which is to be held up at the church next week. I want you all to come, for we ought all to be interested in the object of that meeting. The Church Society will never thrive till all the members of