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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

NOTICE.

CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Managing Committee of the Home District Branch will meet (D.V.) at the Society's rooms, on Wednesday, the 18th April, at noon.

In order that the District Secretary may be enabled to make his returns to the Parent Society before the close of its financial year, on the last day of April, it will be necessary that all the Parochial reports be sent in to the District Secretary, and all Parochial collections be remitted to the District Treasurer, Mr. H. Rowsell, before the 18th. The annual payments of the Clergy and Incorporated members should be included in such collections. It would be of much service, also, if the Parochial Secretaries would state in their returns what number of the printed annual reports they will severally require.

H. C. COOPER.

Secretary, H. D. B.

Etobicoke, March 28th.

DIOCESAN SYNOD—TORONTO.

The Secretaries have forwarded by post to each Parochial Clergyman, blank forms of certificates of the election of Lay Delegates. Should, however, any have been accidentally omitted, by application to the Secretaries the form shall be duly forwarded.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FUND.

The collections appointed to be taken up in the month of April, are to be appropriated to the Society's Fund for aiding young men in their studies with a view to their entering the Ministry.

The following statement may serve to explain the need of liberal contributions to the Students' Fund:

The sum raised annually by collections for this fund has barely averaged £200 currency; which provide only for four scholarships, tenable for two years, one of £30, two of £25 and one of £20.

The only other Divinity Scholarships in the College is the Jubilee Scholarship of £40 per annum, tenable for two years.

Divinity Students derive assistance for other scholarships only so long as they are attending Lectures in Arts, and consequently there is provision in the way of scholarships for no more than five Students annually, entering the Divinity Class. It is well known that this number of entries annually, corresponding as it does with the number of those who in any year may be expected to present themselves for ordination, is quite insufficient for the wants of the Diocese; and therefore, unless we reckon on candidates

for Holy Orders who are capable of sustaining the whole expense of their preparatory education, it is absolutely necessary that the number of scholarships should be increased. Again it may be observed that not only is the number of the scholarships insufficient, but also that their value is inadequate to the wants of those for whose benefit they are designed. With very few exceptions, the families to which we must look for our candidates for Holy Orders, for many years to come, are by no means in a position to bear even half the expense of a University education for one of their sons; and they can scarcely be blamed for shunning the responsibility of attempting to do so when they have the option of placing a young man at once in some position of comparative independence.

It is a matter of almost daily experience, to those who are conversant with the subject, that young men of good ability, and of excellent character, are diverted from the sacred calling to which they ardently desire to devote themselves, not because they are unwilling to relinquish temporal advantages and to encounter hardships, but because they are utterly unable to possess themselves of the small means which would enable them to prepare for the ministry. Looking at the condition of the Church in Canada, there is no duty of christian charity which can be regarded as being so pressing as that of furnishing to well qualified and deserving young men the means of pursuing their preparatory studies for Holy Orders, except it be that of securing to them, by the adoption of some well-deserved and general system, a sufficient and certain maintenance when they shall have entered on their sacred duties.

Obituary.

Died at Newboro, C. W., on the 18th inst., George Cheyne, son of the Rev. John Davidson, M.A., aged 18 days.

COLLECTIONS UP TO MARCH 28th, 1860.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels and missionary stations in the Diocese of Toronto, in the month of January, in behalf of the General Purpose Fund of the Church Society.

Previously announced.....	\$645.45
Trinity Church, Barric, per Churchwardens	1.82
Trinity Church, Thornhill.....	\$1.87
St. Stephen's, Vaughan.....	3.30
Per Rev. E. Dewar.....	8.77
St. Phillip's, Markham.....	1.00
Grace Church, ".....	1.25
Per Rev. George Hill.....	2.25
120 Collections amounting to.....	\$658.29

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Previously announced.....	\$1057.61
St. Paul's, Kingston, per Rev. J. A. Mulock	6.00
Trinity Church, Thornhill	4.50
St. Stephen's, Vaughan	4.00
Per Rev. E. Dewar.....	8.50
St. Phillip's, Markham	1.50
Grace Church, ".....	1.25

Per Rev. George Hill..... 2.25

161 Collections amounting to\$1074.36

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES, XVIII YEAR.

Grimsby, per J. H. Petit, Esq	\$ 20.00
St. George's, Kingston, ¼.....	27.75
Camden, ¼	15.00
Portsmouth, ¼	1.18
Adolphustown, ¼	6.25
Sydenham, ¼	15.76
Bath, (the whole).....	40.00
Cartwright, per Rev. W. Logan	25.00

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Rev. Thomas Lench, an. sub.	\$ 5.00
" J. A. Mulock	5.00
" F. W. Dobbs	5.00
" C. Brown	5.00
19 Incorporate Members subscriptions, per St. Geo Par. Branch, Kingston...	95.00

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Previously announced.....	\$1176.60
St. Phillip's, Markham.....	\$1.25
Grace Church, ".....	5.80

Per Rev. George Hill..... 7.05

167 Collections amounting to\$1482.66

ST. GEORGE'S PAROCHIAL BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening, the 15th ult., a numerous and highly influential meeting of the St. George's Parochial Branch was held in the School House in the rear of the church; the large and commodious building was densely crowded, and the greatest interest was evinced in the proceedings. The example of similar meetings in country parts was followed with good effect, viz., the occasional introduction of anthems and sacred songs. The Choir gave two anthems, and reflected much credit on their conductor, the organist of the church, Mr. Martin, and two sacred songs were sung by a lady, a parishioner of St. George's, who always evinces her readiness to contribute the rich vocal talents with which the Almighty has endowed her, to every pious and charitable purpose. At half past seven the chair was taken by the Incumbent, the Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D., who commenced the proceedings by the usual prayers and then read the following report:

The Committee of the St. George's Parochial Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of