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The publisher of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* having need of the March numbers of the paper, in order to complete some sets, he will be willing to pay 6d. each for a few copies.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

As the Quarterly Collection to be taken up in the several Churches and Parishes, on behalf of the Mission Fund will shortly take place, the Secretary of the Church Society will forward to the Clergy, after the Annual Meeting, an extract from his Report, showing the state of that Fund.

The following Notices of Motion for the next Synod, have been sent to the Secretary:

The list of acknowledgments of the receipts of the Church Society, for the past month, was received, but has been unavoidably crowded out.

TORONTO, May 26, 1857.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

I beg to give notice through you, that, at the next meeting of the Synod, I intend to introduce a measure for the Division of Parishes in this Diocese, coming into immediate operation in certain cases, as regards *Parochial limits*, but not affecting *Endowments* till after the decease or removal, or with the consent of present Incumbents.

I remain,

Rev. and Dear Sir,
Your obed't. serv't.,

STEPHEN LETT, LL.D.,
Incumbent, St. George's Church.

The Rev. T. S. KENNEDY,
Secretary to the Synod.

Amendment to Section 1 of Rules and Regulations in regard to the Election of Bishops.

1. The clergy and laity shall vote separately by ballot; the clergy by individuals, and the laity by parishes. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of all the parishes entitled to vote be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

Moved by Rev. Edward H. Dewar, Rector of Sandwich.

PARIS, C. W., May 12, 1857.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

Learning that the Executive Committee of the

Synod of the Diocese of Toronto is to meet this week, I beg to give notice that I purpose, at the ensuing Synod, to bring forward two Resolutions, similar in intent to the following:—

“That this Synod do now appoint a Committee of six of its members, to take into consideration the best method of advancing the general, continuous, and permanent moral and religious, in connection with the secular, education of the youth of this Province; and that the said Committee do report to-morrow.” Also,—

“That seeing the entire failure of the Voluntary System, as usually understood on this continent, in providing adequate religious instruction and a due administration of the ordinances of the Church of Christ, a Committee of six be now appointed to take into consideration the wisdom, necessity, and obligation of resuming the Scriptural and primitive practice of paying Ministerial Tithes, and the best method of receiving, ordering, and appropriating the same, and that the said Committee do report thereon before the closing of this Synod.”

I remain,

Rev. and Dear Sir,
Faithfully yours,
ADAM TOWNLEY.

To the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Toronto.

PRESENTATION.

On Wednesday, the 7th day of May, the Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D. of the University of Dublin, and Incumbent of St. George's Church, Toronto, was presented by the ladies of his Parish with a very handsome and complete suit of canonicals, from the celebrated house of Edle & Co., London.

The children of the Sunday School of St. George's, also, on the same day, presented the Rev. Doctor with a beautiful silver salver, on which was engraved the following inscription:—
“To the Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D., by the children of the St. George's Sunday School, as a testimonial of regard for their pastor.”

Our readers will bear in mind that this presentation was made on the day of Dr. Lett's auspicious marriage with Miss Eliza Frances Spragge, not only as a memento of their sincere regard and esteem for the Doctor, but also for his amiable and beautiful bride, who for many years faithfully and earnestly discharged the duty of a teacher in the Sunday School of the Parish.

We congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Lett on the reception of such a warm manifestation of friendship and regard from the members of his congregation, and only express the feelings of our subscribers when we wish him and his bride long life and great happiness.

REPORT

Of the Newcastle District Branch of the Church Society, for the year ending March 30, 1857.

The following is a statement of the Parochial Reports, as far as they have yet been received:

CLARKE PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE.

The Clarke Parochial Committee are happy in

being able to report a material increase, both in the number of Subscribers, and the amount subscribed to the Society. This is peculiarly encouraging, inasmuch as the gentlemen who form the Building Committee of the church about to be erected in the village of Newcastle, were at the same time engaged in soliciting additional aid in behalf of that object.

For this very satisfactory result, the Committee acknowledge themselves indebted to the praiseworthy exertions of those Ladies, who kindly undertook the work of collection.

The amount at present in the hands of the Treasurer is £33. The balance, after deducting the fourth to be transmitted to the Parent Society, will be sufficient to pay off the debt on the Parsonage, which, for some time, has been a serious drain on the resources of the Association.

The Committee hope, at no distant period, to be in a position to appropriate, without prejudice to parochial claims upon the funds at their disposal, a larger proportion than one-fourth to the general purposes of the Parent Society.

PERRYTOWN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The subscriptions for the year just closed, although not quite filled up, show a very satisfactory increase over those of the preceding. The Committee report on behalf of St. Paul's Church, Perrytown, the sum of £23 0s. 1½d. And from the

ELIZABETHTOWN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION,

The sum of £7 10s., making together £30 10s. 1½d. from this comparatively new Mission.

The Committee also report various parochial improvements, effected chiefly by means of the funds raised for local purposes. It appears that they have been enabled to purchase *Communion Plate* for both churches; together with new coverings for the desk and altar at Perrytown. A gallery is also in process of erection, and the church at Elizabethtown has been painted at an expense of £21. Towards this object, and the procuring of a bell for the church at Perrytown, the Committee intend to appropriate the three-fourths applicable to local objects.

It is also gratifying to be able to state, that the people of this Mission paid upwards of £100 to their Pastor's salary during the past year. What an example is this to older, and more wealthy parishes! And how essential it is to the prosperity of the Church, and to the efficient working of our Institutions, that the salaries of our poor Missionaries should be regularly and punctually paid. Some Missions are already ruined and gone to waste, owing to the heartless conduct of the people in this respect.

CAVAN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meetings were held, as usual, in St. Paul's and St. John's Churches. The latter was well attended. The Committee report that the church at Millbrook is nearly finished; and it is expected that it will be ready for Divine Service early in the ensuing summer. Some delay has been experienced in completing the Subscription Lists, in consequence of the recent illness of the Rector.

The collections in this Mission, however