

Original Poetry.

THE PASSION.

(By the Rev. H. S. Darling.)
And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

THE COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

SAINT ANTHONY AND THE COBBLER.
We read a pretty story of St. Anthony, which being in the wilderness led there a very hard and strait life.

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN.

Bring thy children up in learning and obedience, yet without outward austerity. Praise them openly, reprehend them secretly.

PROSPERITY AND ADVERSITY.

Prosperity is the blessing of the Old Testament; adversity is the blessing of the New, which carrieth the greater benediction.

THE HAPPY SHEPHERD.

His certain life, that never can deceive him. In fall of thousand sweets, and rich content.

THE FOUNDER OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

That gently and royal child, King Edward the Sixth, the flower of the Tudor name—the young flower that was untimely cropt as it began to fill our land with its early odours.

HINT TO PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS.

A man who hath no sense of God or conscience, would you make such a one guardian to your child?

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

A MISSIONARY DIOCESE.

The first Diocesan Synod was assembled in the Church at the Waimate, on the 26th September, 1844, at which were present:—

THE RIGHT REV. THE BISHOP.

Archdeacon.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD.

The Prayers of the Church were offered up for Divine blessing upon the deliberations of the Synod.

I. BAPTISM.

CANON I.—On the Baptism of Infants in places where proper Sponsors cannot be obtained.

CANON II.—On the Baptism of the Infant Children of unbaptized Parents.

CANON III.—On the Baptism of Adults.

CANON IV.—On Discipline and Excommunication.

CANON V.—On Central Schools.

who die without baptism, may receive Christian burial, if their baptism has not been delayed through their own fault or neglect.

CANON IV.—On the qualification for Baptism.

That a knowledge of reading be required as a qualification for Baptism, except in the case of aged persons, or others in whose favour the Archbishop may see reason to make a special exception.

CANON V.—On Bigamy.

That no man, married, or cohabiting with two or more women, be admitted to the class of Catechumens; but that a woman, being one of two or more wives of a man, and being power over her own body, but subject to her husband, may be received as a Catechumen, and admitted to baptism, without separation from her husband.

II. CONFIRMATION.

CANON VI.—On the Probation of newly Baptized persons.

That persons admitted to baptism as adults remain in a state of probation, and under the instruction of the Missionary till the Bishop's visitation.

CANON VII.—On the admission into the Church of England of persons baptized in other Communions.

That persons baptized, either in infancy or as adults, by ministers of other churches or religious communities, may, on their declaration of their desire to be received into communion with the Church of England, be presented to the Bishop for confirmation.

III. THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

CANON VIII.—On the Examination of Candidates for admission to the Lord's Supper.

That the candidates for the Lord's Supper be required to attend the Missionary at least one day before for examination and instruction, and that a written certificate of attendance be then given them, to be presented to the Clergyman at the time of administration.

CANON IX.—On the Offertory, &c.

That one or more of the sentences of the Offertory be regularly read in the Communion Service, and opportunity be given to all who desire to make their offerings, but that no person be required or solicited to give.

IV. DISCIPLINE AND SYSTEM.

CANON X.—On the Census.

That a census be made throughout the country, containing the name and condition of every man, woman and child among the native people; that one copy be kept at the Mission Stations, and another in the Bishop's registry; and that additions and corrections, by an annual return, be made, in case of deaths, &c., to be transmitted regularly to the Bishop.

CANON XI.—On the Marriage and Burial of unbaptized persons.

That no heathen be admissible to marriage according to the rites of the Church; and yet, that the baptism of heathens be not insisted upon as a condition, but that rather—inasmuch as it is reasonable to believe that a lower degree of faith may be accepted as a qualification for marriage than that which is necessary for the due reception of baptism—that they be marriagable upon their admission into the class of Catechumens.

CANON XII.—On Cycles of Visitation.

That a cycle of visitation be formed in every Archdeaconry, to be more effectively administered of the copy, to be made of the names and frequency of the Sacraments and greater regularity and frequency of the Sacraments in every village in the district; and that the strict inspection, specifying the names of the places, and the number of visits of the Clergy, be forwarded annually to the Bishop.

CANON XIII.—On Native Teachers and their duties.

That a body of teachers be organized in each Archdeaconry, and divided into the Kai Whakaiko being the head teacher and the Kai Whakaiko being the head teacher and the Kai Whakaiko being the head teacher.

Duties of the Kai Whakaiko.

1. That the Kai Whakaiko be regular communicants. 2. That they visit the Clergyman at stated times, to receive instruction.

CANON XIV.—On Discipline and Excommunication.

That the rule contained in Matthew (xviii. 18) be strictly followed in the administration of Church discipline.

CANON XV.—On Central Schools.

That efforts be made to establish in each Archdeaconry Boarding Schools at the chief station of each Archdeaconry; to be placed under the charge of a resident Deacon; and that the most promising children of both sexes be selected from all parts of the country for admission into the central schools.

The following subjects were also discussed, but no definite conclusion was embodied by the Synod in the form of a Canon:—

1. The best mode of establishing a parochial system throughout the country.

2. The management of Church estates.

3. The formation of a series of useful catechetical and homiletical works for the use of Native teachers.

4. The supply of necessities to the distant Mission Stations.

5. The improvement of their temporal condition by means of clothing and provident funds, &c.—Colonial Church Chronicle.

CANADA.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

REPORT.

Of the Niagara District Branch of The Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1848.

In presenting their Sixth Annual Report, the Managing Committee of the Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society desire to express their deep sense of the many mercies vouchsafed them during the past year.

Whilst the progress of their fellow-creatures have found this a year of great distress, very few of the destitute and non-communicants, it is believed by the dread diseases, which have visited our fellow-countrymen in Ireland have been reduced to actual starvation, all the inhabitants of this district have been blessed with health and comfort.

Whilst the general portion of the world is blessed with health and levity, this district has been blessed with the light of the glorious Gospel of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ; and several of the members of the Association, who have during the past year, been afflicted with disease, have found in the arms of a Saviour a relief which they were unable to find in death. And whilst many members of our beloved Church, even in this Diocese, have been shut out from the ministrations of the Word and Sacraments, those living within our bounds have, through the exertions of the resident clergy and of the benevolent Society, been blessed with those ordinances of our holy religion, which "are generally necessary to salvation."

For these and numerous other mercies vouchsafed the Committee feel that they are indebted to that gracious Giver of every good and perfect gift, who has, in so many and such important respects, made them to differ from those of his fellow-creatures.

The Niagara Parochial Association, in connection with the Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society, has to report the sum of £65 collected for the past year, of which sum £17s. 6d., as formerly, is to be applied to the special local purposes for which it was appropriated, and the sum of £47s. 6d. available for the general fund. As hitherto one-half of the means raised by the several Parochial Associations of the Diocese have been returned to the parishes where the raised, the Churchwardens of the parishes have pledged the sum of £25 for the general fund; but that no one be required to do so in future years, as the objects proposed will now be accomplished. Subscriptions to the amount of £12 5s. remain to be collected. It is hoped that the sum of £12 5s. will be realized, as the progress of the year has been very successful, and that the money, but at the same time, have not withdrawn their names. The subscription-list has been increased considerably, but only by a few names, and in more favourable times, an increase in the amount of subscription is anticipated.

The Chippawa Parochial Association reports an increase during the past year of £304, which, in the present state of commercial distress, is an encouraging circumstance. The Stamford Parochial Association is enabled to report only a small sum of £26. It is believed that more contributions were made in this neighbourhood, if strenuous exertions were made to effect it.

During the past year a new Branch Association, within the parish of Chippawa, has been established at Drummondville, from which there has been received the sum of £13 10s. 6d. The sum of £18 11s. 11d. has been received from the parish of Chippawa the sum of £38 11s. 11d.

The Thorold Parochial Association reports that, in consequence of the stoppage of the great flouring mills for the last nine months, it has been enabled to raise the sum of £100, which, in addition to the £100 already received, the Association is indebted, in a great measure, to the exertions of its collectors.

The same success has attended the success of the St. Catharines Branch, which reports this year only £40.

The Grimsby Parochial Association reports the sum of £27 18s. 9d. as having been collected during the year; and regrets, inasmuch as the great scarcity of year; and regrets, inasmuch as the great scarcity of money the assistance of Christ's Church, Dunn, reports that the sum of £214 7s. 6d. has been received during the year, in consequence of the removal of several individuals from the parishes under their jurisdiction, and of last year, and of £214 7s. 6d. there are many circumstances, connected with this Association of an encouraging nature.

The Association of Danville reports the amount of £110s. 0d., being 10s. more than last year, and although their means are not an important Branch Association, this will in itself be a gratifying circumstance.

The Port Erie Parochial Association reports the sum of £22 8s. 9d., the same as last year.

The Port Hope Parochial Association reports the sum of £10 15s. 0d., being 15s. more than last year, and although their means are not an important Branch Association, this will in itself be a gratifying circumstance.

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made three collections, amounting to £1 18s. 10d., for the support of Missionaries. The receipt of many thanks, the uniform kindness and warm-hearted hospitality that he meets with in all places that he visits, and desires to express his thanks for a grant of books for his extensive Mission, made by the Parent Society on his application in November last.

Your Committee desire earnestly to call the attention of all the members of the Church in the district, to the fact, that a Travelling Missionary is now actively employed in supplying settlers after settlement with the ministrations of our holy religion, to show at once their faith upon the attention of those, for whose benefit these services are more particularly intended, in order that they may always avail themselves of them; upon their brethren in the old established parishes, that they may be ready with their contributions, to show at once their faith upon the attention of those, for whose benefit these services are more particularly intended, in order that they may always avail themselves of them; upon their brethren in the old established parishes, that they may be ready with their contributions, to show at once their faith upon the attention of those, for whose benefit these services are more particularly intended, in order that they may always avail themselves of them.

By a recent correspondence with the Lord Bishop of the Diocese it has been ascertained that it will be out of the power of the Diocesan Church Society to allow any Travelling Missionary more than £25 per annum; unless under peculiar circumstances; and that it will be necessary for each District Branch Association to increase the allowance from their own funds, for their Missionaries from £25 to £50 per annum, one-half being returned to the Diocese, the amount to be returned in future years be only one-fourth, unless strenuous exertions be made during the coming year, largely to increase the contributions in the several parishes, and to increase the contributions within the bounds of the Travelling Missionary's labours, for that special purpose.

Niagara District Branch of The Diocesan Church Society in Account with the Treasurer.

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flush. We are, moreover, informed, that God is not an uninterested spectator of the conduct of these opposite parties. The worldly-minded are solemnly cautioned "not to deceive themselves;" they are assured that "God is not mocked by their professions of attachment, but judges of their spirit by their fruits; and that neglecting to support His cause they sow to the flesh, and their harvest shall be, and must be, corruption."

T. B. FULLER, Secretary.

Thorold, Feb. 15, 1848.

REPORT.

Of the Eastern District Branch of The Church Society.

At a meeting of the Eastern Branch of The Church Society, held at Brockville, the 10th February, the Secretary was called on to read his Report, which he did as follows:—

The Secretary begs leave to submit the following Report of the affairs of the Society during the past year:

It is with unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God that he is able to report the Society in general, and this particular Branch of it, to be in a prosperous condition. The Parent Society has so far prospered, as to be able to engage to Travelling Missionaries, and the Parochial Associations, within the boundaries of the Eastern District Society, have prospered too, as will be seen in reference to the several reports, which show a marked increase in the collections for the past year, amounting to £66 14s. 8d.

Attention is drawn to the fact, that the Parent Society, through the kindness of the Rev. Mr. Tremayne, has given six months of his ministerial labours to that township gratuitously. The Report has this observation on it:— "The numerous acts of your society, considered within the year, by the members of a single family, should form an incentive to others to do likewise, if not to the same extent, at least in proportion to the means with which they are blessed them."

The Secretary also reports that the Bishop of Toronto has sent a successor to the Rev. Mr. Tremayne, as Travelling Missionary in the Johnstown and Eastern Districts; and this leads to the impressing on the Society, of propriety of giving due consideration to the performance of the duties of the Association, in this respect. It is in this respect that the Parent Society is ready to make an appropriation of £25 sterling per annum for a second Travelling Missionary in these districts, and that the Bishop requires an additional provision of £25 sterling per annum for the Eastern District Society. You are hereby earnestly called on to make the necessary contributions. Self-denial is a duty which, however unpleasant to the carnal mind, the Christian is repeatedly exhorted in Holy Scripture to perform. Let him who says "Yes" to God, say "No" to himself. And it must be clear, that no very great degree of this absolutely necessary duty will give the Society the means now wanted; and when we reflect on the hundreds of members of the Church perishing, and suffering for lack of her ministrations, it is but a little thing we are called to do, in return for those mercies which they have, who are blessed, as most of us are, with the performance of all the ordinances and offices of the Church of Christ.

In a former part of this Report reference has been made to the liberality of a family in Cornwall. A more pleasing testimony to the efficacy of the work of the Holy Spirit on the heart was made known to the Society during the meeting, Mr. Duroche's, he was called out to the room, and his return laid three dollars on the table. This sum had just been given to him by one of his parishioners—a female—her rank in life no higher than a servant, and her income £9 per annum. The sum, however, was given for the support of the Holy Spirit, and is, on the whole, a very good thing. Neither is this all, for she is, on the whole, a very good thing. Neither is this