

# THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN SUPPLEMENT.

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## CHURCH SOCIETY'S REPORT, Continued.

what may be wanting will I doubt not be made up by private subscriptions.

### MONO.

The Rev. J. Fletcher in forwarding a list of subscribers, and the sum of £3 5s., states that in consequence of the illness of himself and family he had been unable to hold an annual meeting in his mission, so that he had written no regular report. The returns he intended to include in it had he been able to hold a meeting, were:—

Income of Mission—	
Amount paid to himself as resident	
Missionary.....	£85 19 7
Paid on account of Trinity Church,	
Adjala.....	31 6 3
D. D. Church at Milnont.....	14 0 0
Annual collections for Church Socy	3 4 11
W. & O. F. Collections.....	0 16 10½

£135 7 7½

### Sunday Schools,—

Two in operation during summer months with an average attendance of 50 children.

### Church Building Operations,—

Trinity Church opened for Divine Service. Second Church in Mulmur expected to be opened early in the summer. £70 subscribed to the erection of a larger Church than that we have at present in the east of Mulmur, and about £100 towards building a Church in Orangeville. Subscriptions and contributions have been received—

From	Collected.	Remitted.
Credit Association, £20 0 0		£10 0 0
Thornhill & Vaughan 33 2 1		12 12 4
York Mills.....	41 6 6	10 9 11
Barrie & mission..	21 0 0	8 7 6
Lloydtown.....	16 0 0	4 0 0
Albion.....	16 6 0	4 0 0
Newmarket.....	20 13 4	5 18 5½
Georgina.....	8 0 0	2 0 0
Scarborough.....	8 0 0	2 0 0
Penetanguishene.....	7 8 8	1 17 2

No returns have as yet been received from the Parochial Branches within the City of Toronto, with the exception of St. James's Parochial Branch. The amount collected by this Association was £115 15s., of which one-fourth has been voted to the Parent Society.

Your Committee are gratified to learn that the Home District Association has been reorganized, and they feel confident that the beneficial results of this move will be very quickly apparent in the fresh vigor which will be infused into the several Parochial Branches.

### PUBLIC MEASURES.

It has been usual in the Reports of the Society to touch upon all questions which in any way affected the Church, such, for instance, as the Clergy Reserve question, the contemplated division of the Diocese, and the common school Act, all of which are topics fraught with interest to every member of our Society, but your Committee do not now feel called upon to follow this practice because in all probability a law will be passed during the present session of the Imperial parliament, giving power to the Bishops of the several Colonial Dioceses, to convene Diocesan Synods, but whether this law pass or not, the Bishop of this Diocese has signified his intention to summon a convention of the Church in the course of the summer, and all these subjects will then be discussed, and action taken thereon with much greater propriety and force than could be done by this Society. The patronage of the Rectories which was conceded by the government to this society, was at a numerously attended meeting in the month of November by a unanimous vote, delegated to our beloved Diocesan as a token of the deep regard and confidence which the Church entertains towards Him, and an humble acknowledgement of his vast exertions for her welfare. The course, which the Society would feel disposed to adopt in case of a Division of the Diocese, or in the event of the demise of our present Diocesan (which may God in mercy to his Church, for many years avert!) is one for the full discussion of which, it is proposed to adjourn this Meeting until tomorrow,—therefore, your Committee will not enter upon it.

A grateful and pleasing recollection of favours cordially extended for such a number of years to the Churchmen of this Diocese from its earliest infancy, by the Venerable, the Societies for promoting Christian Knowledge, and for the Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, will doubtless induce those who love the Church of England, anxiously to look for, and to peruse with interest, their published Reports. Those of the present year present abundant matter for congratulation; for not only do we find therein recorded many noble examples of disinterested Christian liberality and zeal; which has enabled those Societies to extend their field of operations; but they also bear witness that in many instances

they have been permitted to reap the fruits of their unremitting labours. The allusions in particular to the celebration of the third Jubilee in the report of the latter Society afford most cheering indications that the unity and Catholicity of the Church of Christ is becoming more generally acknowledged and appreciated. For we learn that Bishops from all parts of the world were assembled to participate in the rejoicings consequent upon the increased success and prosperity which has attended the labours of our pure and Apostolic Branch. During the past year the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts has expended no less a sum than £78 500 in aid of the operations of the Church in the several Colonial Dioceses, of which a considerable proportion has been expended in the North American Colonies.

Your Committee desire to enlist the sympathies and prayers of all who love our Zion, in behalf of the great work of reformation, which we have reason to believe, the Almighty has been pleased during the last two years, to carry on in Ireland through the instrumentality of our apostolic Church.

Reports have been received during the year from the following sister Societies,—Quebec, Montreal, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

They all show that the cause for which we contend is prospering in these several Dioceses. Whatever success attends our brethren and allies, should be a subject for our rejoicing, the greater the number of these Societies and the more extensive the field of their labours the more confidently may we look for the speedy fulfilment of that prophecy, that "the kingdoms of the world shall become the kingdoms of the Lord and of his Christ," and shall consequently be stimulated to greater watchfulness and zeal.

Your Committee have to record the removal by death, during the past year, of two of the original members of the Society, and faithful stewards of the mysteries of the gospel, the Rev. R. J. C. Taylor and Rev. Saml Armour. The Rev. R. J. C. Taylor, Rector of Peterborough, after having borne with patience and Christian resignation, a severe and protracted illness, was, on the 2nd day of September, called to his reward, in the 57th year of his age. He was an accomplished scholar, and at the time of his decease, was principal of the grammar school at Peterborough; his generous disposition and uniform amiability won him the affection and esteem of all who knew him; he was quickly followed by his devoted wife, leaving eight orphans to the care of the Church.

The following obituary notice of the Rev. Samuel Armour, one of the oldest and most laborious missionaries in the Diocese, was published in the *Canadian Churchman* shortly after his decease, but your Committee conceive it ought to be embodied in our Report:—

The death of the Rev. Samuel Armour, late Rector of Cavan, who entered that rest which remains for the people of God, on the morning of the 25th of February ultimo, at the age of 68, suggests something more than a passing remark. This aged servant of the Church was born in Maghara, County Londonderry, Ireland, in the year 1785, and was educated in the University of Glasgow. In 1820 he emigrated with his family to Canada, and shortly after his arrival at York, now Toronto, he gained the valued friendship of the late Hon. Peter Robinson, and that of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, at that time Dr. Strachan; whose friendship was exercised in procuring him a School at Newmarket, to which place he went with his family in the fall of the same year. Some sixteen months afterwards he returned again to York, where for a time he assisted in the District School, and in 1826, he was, through the instrumentality of the two above-named kind friends, sent to Peterborough, which had the year before been laid out as a Town, under the superintendance of Mr. Robinson, in honour of whom it bears its present name. Shortly after that he received ordination at the hands of the late Venerated Bishop Stuart, and continued in Peterborough until the 1st of January, 1833, when he was removed to Cavan, where he remained until his death. During the period of upwards of twenty years, during which he ministered in Cavan, he preached twice on each Sunday, once in each Church, which are distant from one another eight or nine miles, and this with weekly services and the other duties incidental to the charge of a Parish, having an area of over one hundred miles, gave constant employment to one who never shrank from the performance of his duties in any weather, however inclement or severe.

How earnest and faithful he was in the discharge of his allotted work, in the visiting the poor and needy, in preaching the word and performing the whole routine of a Minister of Christ is evidenced in the love and affection of the flock over which he presided, and in the valued, and valuable friendship of our venerable Bishop, whose friendship towards him and all his, never

wavered from their first acquaintance, and who ever rejoiced in any opportunity of doing him or his family a kindness. During the Autumn the attacks of disease, and the incessant labours of the ministry began to tell on a constitution originally of more than ordinary strength, and he soon felt that his days were numbered. He put his house in order at once, and arranged all his worldly affairs; but still continued to labour in the vineyard of the Lord, doing duty at both his Churches on Sundays, and visiting the sick, though it was evident to all that his life was fast drawing to a close. Two days before he died he drove two miles from home to see a poor man, since dead, and administer the last consolations of religion to him, on the following evening he complained of being unwell; at nine he retired to bed, and no immediate danger was apprehended, but at three in the morning Mrs. Armour was shocked on awakening, to find him dead. But, so gently had death come to him that no sign of discomposure was observable, and no pain, no anguish had intervened to trouble him in the hour when the Spirit had passed away. In him the Church has lost a faithful servant, and the people of his Parish a kind and benevolent Pastor, and long will they cherish the memory of him who for so long a time presided over them in the ministry.

What is our loss, we trust, their eternal gain; but we sympathize deeply with their bereaved families.

## The Ven. ARCHDEACON OF KINGSTON Proposed the first Resolution,

*Resolved 1.*—That the Report now read be adopted, and printed with the Treasurer's account under the direction of the Secretary and the auditors.

The Venerable Archdeacon said, as this Resolution had been unexpectedly handed to him, he felt flattered to have it in his power to read it and submit it to the Meeting; but at the same time he regretted that he was not prepared to make any remarks on it; or enter upon the consideration of the report. He would only express that it was a very able and satisfactory Report. It met his own mind, and he had no doubt it met the minds of all around him. (Applause.) They must all come to the conclusion, after having heard it read, that very great success has been vouchsafed to the Society in their labours. The call made upon our congregations has been very successful, and, under the divine blessing, more than could have been expected. That blessing has been vouchsafed to us for the promotion of these most important objects—the extension of our religion and the prosperity of our Church. As he was well aware the important Resolution intrusted to him would be supported by a brother Clergyman, well qualified to enter upon its merits, he would only take upon himself the opportunity he now had to impress upon their minds, and upon his own mind also, the expediency and the duty of greatly enlarging their funds, by a greater increase of the amount of the collections and donations from our congregations. In saying so, he was encouraged by the success which has attended the Diocesan Society during the past year, and further from a sense of duty to the extensive field before us. That field embraces an extensive portion of country, called in the Report the Destitute Places. We must have Travelling Missionaries, and these Travelling Missionaries must be educated men. They must come forth from our own seminaries of learning, from Trinity College. They must be also men of science, educated in all that will improve the mind; but, above all, they must be imbued by the Holy Ghost to lead holy, Christian lives. These are the men that are wanted, and we cannot get them from any other sources than those to which he had referred. (Applause.) Then, if these men are selected as Travelling Missionaries, what is expected from them? It is expected that they will preach the Gospel; that they will administer the ordinances of the Church, and that the converts in those destitute places they will organize into churches. If this is so, we must raise money—we must get collections and donations, and donations and collections upon a much larger scale than we now get. Therefore a second duty is devolved upon us. We must exhort all our congregations to give more money so that these Missionaries may be supported in this important undertaking. What will be the result? The result will be that our Church will be extended in these destitute places, and taking that into consideration, where is the man that will withhold his money from us having this purpose in view. We have then these two objects, the sending forth of Travelling Missionaries, and the means to be taken to support them. But the Report embraces also a provision for the widows and orphans of the Church. It is incumbent upon every member of the Diocesan Society, to have that fund increased. Can there be any object more

worthy of our consideration? Shall the widows of Clergymen, who were the companions of their husbands in their care, and their labours—who were the solace, the comfort and the assistants of the Clergyman,—shall they be left without assistance on the decease of their husbands? No! religion, humanity forbid it. (Applause.) We must all exert ourselves in this work; and we must exhort our congregations in endeavouring to carry out the views of the Society; to give more liberally of their funds, because all that has been done has met so largely with the divine blessing, the more we give, the blessing will be the greater. God will more largely give access to all our labours. (Applause.)

The Rev. H. PATTON, Rector of Johnstown District, said, he had much pleasure in seconding the motion so ably submitted. It was to him a matter of the highest congratulation, that in this speculative and money-making generation, the income of the Society for the past year, should exceed that of the preceding year, by nearly £1000. This is a very satisfactory announcement, gratifying not merely from the fact that there has been so great an increase in the funds of the Society in the past year; but the more gratifying that it must be taken as a proof that the confidence of the Church is now being restored again to the Society. It is only as the Society thus secures the confidence of the members of the Church, that it can be expected to prosper, as that confidence can only be maintained by an open and candid exposition of the Society's affairs; and by an independent, upright management of its funds; therefore he thought it a very great improvement that the Report be printed for the future, not by the Secretary and a Committee empowered to do so, but under the authority of the Secretary and the Auditors. Let the Secretary be held responsible for the statements he makes, and let the auditors be held responsible for the amount said to be in the Treasurer's hands, that the Church may receive their testimony, not as a mere matter of form, but that they have confidence that the auditors have examined and scrutinized these accounts, and that they will with confidence receive them as an impartial statement. It is very gratifying to find that the means of the Society have so increased, but it is necessary that it should be increased more and more if we expect that it will effect a result at all commensurate with the number and magnitude of the objects embraced in its constitution. What they had done hitherto is little in comparison with what they must do hereafter. More especially if, as we have every reason to believe, those reserves which under the blessing of God were the main support of our Church, may be regarded as stripped from the Church. This if done, will prove to us a heavy blow, and a very great discouragement, and will undoubtedly cramp the usefulness of the Society, and will shut many doors of usefulness that we may not be able to occupy in future. But it will be blessed by God for good, it will be the means of calling forth the zeal and liberality of the Church, to a far greater extent than has hitherto been acted upon. Our duty will be to act at all events to the uttermost of our means. We certainly cannot, we must not, and we will not yield under the blow (applause). And if that blow comes upon us, it is well that it should come upon us at a time when our people seem prepared to realize, not merely the duty of contributing to the support of this Society, but to esteem it a privilege to co-operate with us in the great and holy work of spreading abroad a knowledge of God's Holy Word. In this respect the Society has done as much good as in any other way. It has been a school in which our people have been taught the necessity and the importance of doing what they could to spread abroad a knowledge of the truth. There is much to encourage us to hope that far greater results than any we have yet seen will be effected. Our brethren in the mother country appear to have exercised a far greater liberality in the interests of the Church during the past year than in any former years. He was led to make some examination into this subject, and he was astonished with the far greater amount contributed this past year than what was raised 50 years ago. Take an illustration from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. Fifty years ago that Society had existed 100 years, and its total income to that time, was from five to six hundred thousand Pounds. At that time it was the only Society for the promotion of missionary objects. Fifty years ago, when this Society had been in existence 100 years, its annual income was four hundred and fifty pounds. Within the last 50 years its income has gradually risen, until it has exceeded in one year, one hundred and twenty thousand pounds. Fifty years ago it had 185 members; now its printed List contains upwards of 170,000 names of members who contributed one pound and upwards