

In closing this report, we must remark that a great and important work is set before the Society which may well call into action the energies and zeal of the members of the Church, and which may be aided by the smallest gift, and furthered by the humblest prayer. May all churchmen mark well the claims it has upon them. Onwards then would the Society pursue its course in Faith and Prayer, humbly trusting that, in God's own time, through the increased offerings of all its members, it may be used as the means of supplying the spiritually needy and remote settlements in the land with the means of grace and of distributing the Bible, the very bread of life, and the Book of Common Prayer, unrivalled for devotion, and, by the labours of the living Missionary, of propagating Evangelical Truth and Apostolic order throughout each settlement in the Diocese.

## DIocese OF HURON.

### POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The members of the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron are notified that the quarterly meeting of that Society is postponed, until Tuesday, the 15th of March.

The Society will meet in St. Paul's School-house, London, at 7 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet at 3 p.m., on the same day. The Secretary would desire to call the attention of the incorporated members to article V of the constitution of the Church Society.

We learn that the Governor General has appointed the Rev. H. B. Jessop, M.A., Rector of Port Burwell, a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto.

## UNITED STATES.

### BISHOP H. POTTER'S ADDRESS

To the late Convention of the Diocese of New-York.

"I should do injustice to my feelings, if I did not tender to the great Body of the Parochial Clergy my most grateful acknowledgments for the extraordinary zeal and efficiency which, with few exceptions, have characterised their ministrations and labors of every kind during the past year. Those labors, prosecuted in no strange and startling ways calculated to awaken the wonder and curiosity of the multitude, but in the old recognised lines of ministerial duty, have been so unobtrusive as to provoke scarcely any special remark, and yet so earnest and well-directed as to produce, under the divine blessing, the most important results. No statistics of work done and fruits gathered in during the past year, striking and gratifying as they are, would convey an adequate idea of the good which I believe we are destined to see multiplying around us, year by year, in consequence of seed already sown and likely to be sown, I trust, still more abundantly hereafter. Such labors, such a general wakefulness and energy in the Ministry of the Church cannot but produce very important effects at once; but the most important effects are those continuous, diffused, and steadily increasing ones

which are the result of a more vigorous life infused into the whole body. Indeed, the more I reflect upon the past history of the Church in this country, and upon her present position and influence, the more I am impressed with the conviction that all which the Church has been doing since the period of the Revolution, has been only the getting herself ready for her great work in these States; and that, if true to herself, there is no setting bounds to the enlargement she may anticipate, and the influence for good she may hope to exert. Let the Church walk in the steps of her divine Lord, meek, gentle, unworldly; ever intent upon the practical good immediately before her; distinguished by her union of zeal with moderation; unaffected by ephemeral excitements, but never insensible to human woe; active wherever the door is really open to painstaking duty and self-sacrifice, but knowing nothing of revolutionary schemes of reform, nothing of mere political agencies and institutions, except to inculcate obedience where obedience is due; combining freedom of opinion and action with unity of doctrine and reverence for authority; ever enlisting sympathy by her warm, loving spirit; ever inspiring confidence by her unvarying, consistent course, by her steadfast devotion to one high aim; and in the place of all foolish questions and novel inventions, ever looking for the accomplishment of her great spiritual work, under God, to her own elementary gifts and powers, to early implanted grace and early training, and to the very simplicity of the Truth as it is in Jesus, and as witnessed to by her from the first; let her Clergy reflect the benignity and elevation of the Great Exemplar, dwelling together in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bond of peace, provoking one another only to love, and to good works, demanding nothing in order to fraternal sympathy but unity of faith and of order: and the Church, for her divine wisdom, her harmlessness, her grace, will be first respected and revered, then embraced and loved by hundreds of thousands in this great country, who are now tossed to and fro by every kind of doctrine, by every blast of popular conceit and passion!

"Who that considers what the Church was as left by the Revolution, her weakness from past neglect and desertion, the unjust odium that rested upon her for supposed disloyalty to her country, her state of imperfection, the adverse and dominant powers that frowned upon her in all the Eastern, Northern and Middle States; and then see how she has risen from the dust, perfected her ministry, matured her policy and law, extended her Dioceses, and sent out her Bishops from ocean to ocean, from the British possessions in the North to Central America in the South, planted her ministry in its integrity on the coast of Africa and in China, while at home she has taken to herself, considering the circumstances, a wonderfully large portion of the mind and character of the country—I say, who that sees and considers all this, can doubt that with God's blessing on a faithful use of her great gifts, she may yet arise and shine beyond all present estimate a glorious Church, the brightest Light, the best Hope of this Nation of Nations!"

"And in this view of the past, present, and probable future of the Church in this country, is there not a great lesson for us, the Ministers and People of that Church? What an incentive and encouragement to bolder effort! What a spirit-stirring call to every one of us to take care that we bear ourselves in a way worthy of the unspeakable interests intrusted to our charge; to remember that each one of our individual lives and characters goes to make up the general spirit and tone of the Church as a whole, and to determine what attitude it shall assume, what aspect it shall

present in the eyes of this great nation of unformed, or confused and shifting opinions! Every true-hearted Christian, whatever the position of that Branch of the Church of which he is a member, will glow with generous zeal and love for the sacred cause with which he is identified. He will be lifted above some of the foibles and wayward impulses that belong to him as an individual, by his devotion to one high aim, by his earnest desire to contribute to the dearest of all objects, the benefit of a spotless example, by his ever-present dread of infusing any bitter element into the life of the Church, or of being, through his neglect, his self-will, his infirmity of temper, the cause of any jar, any disorder, any scandal in that holy Family, whose chief glory is in its unity, its peace, and its fraternal concord. And if there ever was a view of the position of any Branch of the Church, capable of raising his generous concern for the honor of the sacred household to the highest pitch of self-devotion, it is surely the view just presented of the past history, the present position, and the possible, I trust, probable future of our Branch of the Church in this country. In spite of untoward circumstances, she has arisen from extreme depression and advanced to a position of commanding influence. She is placed in the midst of teeming millions, a vast proportion of whom are necessarily ignorant of her character and ignorant above all of the deep foundations on which she rests. Apart from all higher considerations, the conservative influence of her steadfast principles and character is of the utmost consequence to the welfare of this country. Such is the diffusive nature of the Apostolic Truth she holds forth in her worship, in her teaching, in her offices over the new-born, over the opening youth, over the nuptial union, over the sacred remains of the departed, that she extends her influence far beyond her own fold, and far and wide keeps alive the remembrance of inestimable verities, which, but for her voice, would be in danger of perishing out of the land.

"It must be obvious to every attentive observer in the Church, that for several years the attention of persons external to her fold has been more and more turned to her character and claims. She has remained united and peaceful, while other Communitions have been divided. She has gone steadily on her way, holding forth the pure Gospel of Christ, never suffering the native features of that Gospel, as adapted to the highest spiritual needs of the present worshipper, to be superseded or obscured by any partial schemes of men; equally removed from the extremes of superstition and of rationalism; conspicuous alike for the moderation and the depth of her doctrinal tone; convulsed by no excitements; disturbed by no violent debates concerning questionable projects; knowing nothing of political conflicts; she has gone on, I say, in this gentle, elevated spirit, teaching and praying the same things which were taught and prayed ever of old, denoting earnestly, yet wisely with the souls of men; until at length thousands, weary of agitation and dispute, sick of religious resting upon mere opinion, and making nothing of the visible Church of Christ, are turning their eyes to her Heavenly Fold; some already pressing in at her gates, while others are only so far advanced in knowledge of her divine gifts, as to begin to be conscious of a vague feeling of reverence for her character, and of longing for some such blessed rest as that which seems to be hers to give! Oh! who within the Church would not desire that, when earnest enquiring persons among the great multitude without are turning their eyes toward our Holy City, they may see her as she really is, all-glorious within and without, fervent, united, zealous in good works, glowing