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A CONVERSATION

BETWEEN A COUNTRY PARSON AND ONE OF HIS FLOCK,

BY THE REV. W. STEWART DARLING. Incumbent of Christ's Church, Scarborough.

that the future welfare and extension of the Church small Depository in each district of the Province. secure a general attendance of the parishioners at the Prayer-Books for my boys. annual public meeting of our Parochial Association, ed their promises of attendance, I had turned my horse's ting apart of church-yards and burial-grounds. head homewards and was riding slowly along, enjoying Parish.—All very good, I'm sure. Indeed it is to increase the probability of finding the good man of the house at home. He was an intelligent farmer, parish, and who was in a great degree ignorant of the nature of the Society. I felt convinced, however, that if I could succeed in enlisting his understanding and succeed in enlis sued between us.

you to attend our Church Society meeting, which is to be held up at the church next week. I want you Parish.—But why never thrive till all the members of each congregation, does it not, sir? young and old, rich and poor, enrol themselves as members of the Parochial Association.

for I wanted very much to ask you about this Church thing about it, I don't half understand it.

read that report?

Parish.—Indeed I have, sir, and there's a deal of from the military chest. fine reading in it, and I see by it that there is both great hurry, I wish you would explain it to us.

Par. - Why, the readiest way of explaining its ob-

man must know little about the country not to know ing the churches, furnishing them with books for ser-

had a day school like that here. Before we had the prevent them eady do. opportunity of sending our boys to the Sunday school, than they What are those reasons?

means, are incat them for the ministry.

a small farm, and had been in a better way of life, and feeling it. considering all the schooling he ever got. Tom Mar- way to secure their sympathy or assistance? christian than that lad I believe never walked the own shoulder to the wheel. always did till I lost sight of them.

instances, where many respectable and excellent young that, though willing to do so, they are not able. It

of the Catholic Church.

what this "Depository" is. purpose of furnishing, at the lowest possible prices, the spiritual wants of this Diocese.

same building as the Depository, though not connected with it, is the printing office of The Church newspaper. And as we spind it upon their Sunday-school, or with it, is the printing office of The Church newspaper. UPON THE SUBJECT OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY. an excellent journal for churchpeople, especially in the share of the funds arising from the sale which has in he objects of the Church Society. Feeling a deep interest, in common with the great are other branch Depositories, established for the same share (little more than one-quarter of the whole) which thi Church Society is a fine thing. bulk of the clergy, in the prosperity of The Church Society is a fine thing.

Society of the Diocese of Toronto, and being several parts of the country; and the may belong to us in land, and let us manage it the purpose, in several parts of the country; and the may belong to us in land, and let us manage it the purpose, in several parts of the country; and the may belong to us in land, and let us manage it the church is one which is addressed to all men. Society of the Diocese of Toronto, and being sensible that the future welfare and extension of the Church is one which is addressed to all men.

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Society is now encouraging the establishment of a best way we could. This, however, they have refused to the Church is one which is addressed to all men, best way we could. This, however, they have refused to the Church is one which is addressed to all men, best way we could. This, however, they have refused to the Church is one which is addressed to all men, best way we could. This, however, they have refused to the Church is one which is addressed to all men, best way we could.

Port and general co-operation afforded to it by the churchmen of the diocese, I had been endeavouring to churchmen of the diocese, I had been endeavouring to churchmen of the diocese, I had been endeavouring to chiracter with the service towards the extension of the Church.

Parish.—Why, what a pity it is that this is not disposed of, is such as to leave little hope of its proving to more known amongst the people. It is not very long of much service towards the extension of the Church. churchmen of the diocese, I had been endeavouring to since I paid double the price you mentioned for some

Having called upon many of my parish corners and by a something sir, that I am afraid of is, ed their promises of attendance. I had turned my horselves, it will not be described by that I am afraid of is, that I am afraid of is, ed their promises of attendance. I had turned my horselves, it will not be use of them have been never knew His Name, are thousands who have been never

visit to pay, which I had deferred till the last in order to increase the probability of finding the continually inculcated upon us by the clergy themselves who are worn out in the service, and benevolence of our fellow Churchmen in England. They know that with us it is a the Widows and Orphans of the clergy, and those of our fellow Churchmen in England. They know that with us it is a the Widows and Orphans of the clergy, and those of our fellow Churchmen in England. They know that with us it is a the Widows and Orphans of the clergy, and those of our fellow Churchmen in England. They know that with us it is a the Widows and Orphans of the clergy, and those of our fellow Churchmen in England.

his sympathies on behalf of the object I had in view, though the success which has already attended its Government, the Missionary Societies of the Church lawsof the Society that in every church in the Diocesse I should not only be a success which has already attended its lawsof the Society that in every church in the Diocesse I should not only be a success which has already attended its lawsof the Society that in every church in the Diocesse which has already attended its lawsof the Society that in every church in the Diocesse I should not only be a success which has already attended its lawsof the Society that in every church in the Diocesse I should not only be a success which has already attended its lawsof the Society that in every church in the Diocesse I should not only be a success which has already attended its lawsof the Society that in every church in the Diocesse I should not only be a success which has already attended its lawsof the Society that in every church in the Diocesse I should not only be a success which has already attended its lawsof the Society that in every church in the Diocesse I should not only be a success which has a law of the Society that in every church in the Diocesse I should not only be a success which has a law of the Society that it is not only be a success which has a law of the Society that it is not only be a success which has a law of the Society that it is not only be a success which has a law of the Society that it is not only be a success which has a law of the Society that it is not only be a success which has a law of the Society that it is not only be a success which has a law of the Society that the success which has a law of the Society that the success which has a law of the Society that the success which has a law of the Society that the success which has a law of the Society that the success which has a law of the Society that the success which has a law of the succ I should not only be sure of his attendance but of his efforts is considerable, yet it is still, comparatively in England, nor the Clergy Reserve Fund, to supply there shall be four collections made every year, and support. My hopes of finding him at home were not speaking, with it the day of small things. The only the spiritual destitution of this Diocese.

all to come, for we ought all to be interested in the object of that meeting. The Charles are the continual divisions and object of that meeting. The Church Society will government pays the greatest part of all your stipends, pay for them.

Parishioner.—I am very glad you have called, sir, and a most difficult thing it is to banish it. The Society; for to say the truth, though I've heard somein this Colony, than it does to any of the dissenting thing at the say that if intelligent laymen would be the say that if intelligent laymen would be the say that if intelligent laymen would be the say that it is a say that the say the say that it is a say that the say the say that it is a Par.—Did you not receive one of the annual reports of the Society, an incorporated Society, it is consequently capable of clergyman in the diocese supported by the government, they could need to his keeping, and to the construction of the special state of the s of the Society's proceedings, which I circulated through the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish of the parish? In the commencement of it there is the parish of the parish the parish? In the commencement of it there is the constitution of the Society of about 10,000 acres, have been made duties they do as Military Chaplains. When a regiconstitution of the Society, together with the rules ment is stationed near a clergyman, he is called upon these subjects. and laws by which it is conducted; have you not to give them service, to visit the sick in the hospital and so forth, and for this he is paid by an allowance

money and land given for good uses all over the like see him shrinking from collision with the enesting useful information and sound religious instruction.

Parish.—Well! I am surprised at what you say. I who see him shrinking from collision with the enested at what you say. I know that you, sir, are not supported by your considered by your considered at what you say. I would be seen in its behalf, yet I must ask a few questions of the country; but for all the country is the country in the country is the country. But for all the country is the country is the country in the country in the country in the country is the country in the country is the country in Parish .- Well! I am surprised at what you say. country; but for all that there is a good deal about it I know that you, sir, are not supported by your conabout its nature, for I don't rightly understand I to numbers now nearly 3,000 subscribers, and its ingregation, further than by the small sum arising from about its nature, for I don't rightly understand I to numbers now nearly 3,000 subscribers, and its ingregation, further than by the small sum arising from the numbers now nearly 3,000 subscribers, and its in-I don't rightly understand, and if you are not in a great hurry. I wish you are hurry I wish the rest of your stipend from government.

Par .- Not at all. I have nothing to do with the Jects is to refer you again to the constitution, contained Government, and am neither appointed nor paid by in the beginning of the general report; and as I have them. I, and the great bulk of the clergy in the Diowithin this diocese—for assisting poor ministers by Foreign Parts, which (with the other great Society in in number. increasing their stipends—for providing some support England, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowties, and unfit for work, as well as for their widows and the very beginning. There is scarcely a single widely scattered as the members of our Church? and orphans after they themselves are removed by parish in the whole Diocese which has not experienced

many townships about us where the people never see the face of a minister of the Chember 1 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that and the employs his wariest arts, and tunes sweetest however small. makes them members of the Chember 1 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that and he employs his wariest arts, and tunes sweetest however small. makes them members of the Chember 1 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that are of the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for the Chember 2 among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, the Chember 2 among the country folks; for the Chember 2 amo the face of a minister of the Church, unless you or why they say that you all draw great salaries from the face of a minister of the Church, unless you or why they say that you all draw great salaries from this land to the church and the church are the church a some other of the clergy about go out to baptize their the public money, and I don't know what else. I am chial Association." children now and then. I am glad, too, that some sure we Church people ought to be greatly beholden thing is going to be done for those missionaries who to the Societies in England which you have mentioned, are old and worn out, and for their families after they though I, for one, knew very little about them or what though I, for one, knew very little about them or what though I, for one, knew very little about them or what though I, for one, knew very little about them or what though I, for one, knew very little about them or what though I, for one, knew very little about them or what the part of the parson are gone; for the clergy are too poor in this country they are doing for us, until now. But surely these to lay up for a rainy day, as the saying is, either for Societies, if they knew how badly the people in the back settlements were off, would not refuse to help

willing (as their deeds are many reasons which far as they are able seems assisting us to a greater extent and a day school like that here. Property there are many reasons which far as they are able seems assisting us to a greater extent and a day school like that here. Property them, and a day school like that here.

I sent word up to the schoolmaster we had in the part of the country where we had in t of the country where we were, that I wanted my boys comes from the free-will offerings of people who are taught their catechism, and he sent word back aged really much poorer than ourselves. I have heard it that he would not do it for it was account the really much poorer than ourselves. that he would not do it, for it was against the and much poorer than ourselves. I have nearly that therefore I might teach them myeals that my stated that one of the Missionary Societies in England the meetings of the Society, held on the first Wedthat therefore I might teach them myeals that one of the Missionary Societies in England the meetings every incorthat therefore I might teach them myself.

boys to be good scholars, but I want the to be good scholars, but I want the to be good scholars, but I want the tobe good scholars are to be good scholars. boys to be good scholars, but I want the to be good christians too; and they should be the christians too; and the christians to christians to christians to christians to christians too; and the christians to christians to christians to christian comparison between the wealth of an English labourer school as well as at church.

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are needful Well now I call that an excellent thing, Parish.—There is no disputing that, Sir, it's true;

was much thought of by all the neighbours; he had a Par.—Very true: but if those rich people of whom deal of learning for a man like him, and he was a you speak, see that though we could do a great deal of every Monthly Meeting—of all the business transsharp fellow too; but young Tom was a deal sharper for ourselves, we put our hands behind us and wait acted—of all monies received and expended, is reguther to our hands behind us and wait than his father, and a wonderful scholar the boy was for them to do everything, do you think that a likely published each month in The Church; so that

tin himself was a stiff churchman, and young Tom Parish.—Why, no.—We don't deserve that they was a chip of the old block in that way, and a better should lend us a helping hand, if we don't put our

road. I often and often thought what a minister he Par.—Exactly, Mr. Heyric; and it is in order to would have made if he had had but the learning; but enable us to put our shoulder to the wheel with effect that, sir, you know he could not get, and so he had to that the Church Society was formed. However, bework away on the farm with his father, and so he sides those which I have mentioned, there is at other sides those which I have mentioned, there is at other still more sufficient reason for their not rendering us Par.—Indeed I doubt not there are numberless more assistance than they do already, and that is,—

men are lost to the ministry, for no other reason than is not very long since there were only six bishops in their poverty. We must go on, however. You see all the colonies of Great Britain, and now, as you by the fourth class of objects which is mentioned by the would see by the interesting and very valuable list of would see by the interesting and very valuable list of Book, and Tract Society. Now I am sure there is no Church, at page 88 in the Appendix to the Annual Rechristian man but must allow the great importance of port of the Church Society, there are twenty-one: and port of the Church Society, there are twenty-one: and port of the Church Society, there are twenty-one and port of the Church Society is the second of the Society is the second of the Church Society is the second of the Society is the second o circulating the Holy Scriptures; and no member of in the course of another year or so there will probably our Church but must be sensible how great an object be upwards of twenty-five. Now, for the support of the it is to send abroad through the diocese the Prayer Church and Clergy in these Dioceses, the Societies in the world. Book and such other books and tracts as are calculated England are to a greater or less extent looked to, and to spread the knowledge of the only true God, and if their income was double what it is, they could not Jesus Christ whom He hath sent, according to those answer so many demands made upon them from every views which are held and taught by our own branch of the globe. They therefore expect (and expect justly) that we should be up and stirring on Parish.—No one can deny that, I am sure; and our own behalf; for we should be preparing ourselves speaking of books and tracts, I see in the report some-

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and tracts setting forth the doctrine and discipline of the Church of Darks, and other books the Church of Darks, and other books and other books the Church of Darks, and other books the Church of Darks, and other books and other books the Church of Darks, and other books the Church of Darks, and other books and other books the Church of Darks, and other books and other books the Church of Darks, and other books and other books the Church of Darks, and other books the Church of Darks, and other books and other books the Church of Darks, and other books the Church of Darks, and other books and other books the Church of Darks, and other books the Church of Darks, and other books and other books the Church of Darks, and other books the Church of Darks, and other books and other books the Church of Darks, and other books are the Clergy Reserves.—

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with it, is the printing office of The Church newspaper, and excellent journal for churchpeople especially in the share of the funds arising from the funds are such purpose they please, as long as it is included an arising from the funds are funds arising from the funds are fu country, for it not only affords them religious instruction, and all information connected with the Church but the church but the connected with the church but the connected with the church but t tion, and all information connected with the Church, but her present wants. As for those which remain unsold it also gives them all the interesting news of the day we have twice patitions? The was a wise man that framed that plan, then will they he sensible that all they describe that all they he sensible that they have the sensible that they he sensible that they have the sensible t it also gives them all the interesting news of the day.

We have twice petitioned the Government, that in
Besides this Depository for the sale of books there.

See the land the willeth not the death of a sinner. Besides this Depository for the sale of books, there are other branch Depositories established for the same of selling the land, they would give us the small are other branch Depositories established for the same of selling the land, they would give us the small wen't be backward in subscribing: I see plainly that

king away almost three-fourths of the most valuable goe; away from the parish, and is applied to the gene- of all that we owe to Him. Par.—The last object which the Church Society of the Church's property, that the Government should ral purposes of this Society. which was to be held shortly in our little country church. Having called up, refuse to let her have the management of the remainto be treated by the State.

disappointed, and after the usual salutations had been source to which it can look for the funds necessary to Parish.—It's a plain case, Sir. There are no two which make them have no control; two of these colexchanged in a friendly and cordial manner, a conversation similar in substance to which it can look for the funds necessary to
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> Par.—Most certainly not. That is an idea which of that truth; for never, till the people understand forward it. You said, I think, just now, that the So- harassed and oppressed, fill him with doubt, and there seems to be ingrained into the minds of the people, and a most difficult thing it is to hearly and a most difficult thing it is to hearly and hearth and h government affords no more countenance to the Church | Church Society which is necessary to its success. | that sime? religious denominations; and I don't know a single make themselves acquainted with these things, and its eforts is of the most encouraging nature. Being is to hide the talents committed to his care in the

are to become members of the Society?

Par.—EVERY PERSON belonging to our communion. one in my pocket, we will go through it together. I, and the great bulk of the clergy in the Dios they are young or old, rich or poor, male or female, that, all this when compared with our need, is but a in which he hopes to shut out the din and turmoil of they are young or old, rich or poor, male or female, that, all this when compared with our need, is but a in which he hopes to shut out the din and turmoil of they are young or old, rich or poor, male or female, that, all this when compared with our need, is but a First, then, you see it is a Missionary Society, established for the approach of the Church of Engthe Church of Engthe Church of the Society and every one could be deine great and every one could be deined and every one could be d blished for the support of clergymen of our Church land—the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in the Church, and the members of the Society are alike be doing great good, and every one ought to feel it a conscience on the very grounds upon which he has the Church, and the members of the Society are alike be doing great good, and every one ought to feel it a conscience on the very grounds upon which he has

Parish .- But how is this to be managed? How mediately. for them when worn out by age, exertion and infirmiles, and we start to exertise the Church in these Colonies ties, and we contain the containing the contai

ciation or Committee of the Church Society." The ought every sincere Churchman to strive and pray for on the road to ruin, until the chains of his slavery are There are, as I hear, whole districts with only one or two clergymen in them, and we can be solved to ruin, until the chains of his slavery are duty of this committee is to call upon every member the extension and prosperity of the Church Society.

Ought every sincere Churchman to strive and pray for the extension and prosperity of the Church Society.

Parish.—It's a great pity all this is not better known of the Church within the parish, and invite them to two clergymen in them, and we can all name ever so many townshins about us where the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that among the country folks; for the Church within the parish, and invite them to fine Church within the parish, and invite them to fine Church within the parish, and invite them to fine Church within the parish, and invite them to fine Church within the parish, and invite them to fine Church within the parish, and invite them to fine Church within the parish among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that among the country folks; for this I'm sure of, that among the country folks; for the Church within the parish among the country f

Par.—The Parson of the parish, or the parochial Treasurer, it one be appointed, receives it, and if the township where it was collected is situated in the Home and Simcoe Districts, he sends it direct to the Par.—They are well aware of the spiritual destriction, by assisting in the support of Day schools and Sunday schools conducted according to the principles of the Church.

Par.—They are well aware of the spiritual destriction, by assisting in the support of Day schools and tution which exists, for our rishop is in continual to the Treasure their greedy competition for the honours and riches of the Church Society,"

Sunday schools conducted according to the principles of the Church District to result to the Treasure the first and opinions of worldly men, entering into the Rociety then, but I must have your name now.

Roger.—Why sir, I'm but a labouring man, and their greedy competition for the honours and riches of the "District Branch of the Church Society," that is the person appointed in each District to result in the native of the principles of the "District to result of the Church Society," that is the person appointed in each District to result of the Society then, but I must have your name now.

Roger.—Why sir, I'm but a labouring man, and you don't expect anything from me, surely.

Parish .- And who is it, Sir, that conducts the bu-

Par.-The Bishop of Toronto is President of the Society. Everything is considered and discussed at having. sanction and approval of the Bishop. When any very year!!! important measure is to be considered, a month's no-Parish.—There is no disputing that, Sir, it's true; inportant incomparishment that an excellent thing, wish there had been something of that sort long but then if we are better able to help ourselves that.

The Church newspaper: so that persons in all parts and wish there had been something of that sort long but then if we are better able to help ourselves that.

50, for it puts me in mind of Tom Martin's boy. some of the people at home, still, there are thousands

The Church newspaper; so that persons in all parts

Tom line it is the church newspaper. Tom lived in the settlement I came from, sir; he had of rich people there who could help us a deal without of the Diocese may be aware of what is going forward, and may have an opportunity of attending and stating their views. Besides this, a report of the proceedings every member of the Society may, if he pleases, be perfectly aware of all its proceedings.

Parish .- I see, Sir, that there is a Standing Com-

were managed by a Committee. Par.-The Standing Committee do not manage the business of the Society; their duty is simply to prepare matters for its consideration: and the practice of the Society is to refer all applications for grants of money to this Committee, for it to report upon. The Standing Committee also examines all the accounts year.

before they are submitted to the Society for payment.

Par.-We have every reason to expect so: and the particularly all its money matters, should be open to more next.

be so badly off themselves, for means to build or finish put the matter in the way I did, not from any unkindtheir own churches, that I'm afraid they won't like to ness, but merely to try and show you what miserable The Church Society won't get much in such places.

selves. The people would not, as a general rule, give Society. Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, and other books

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over the proceeds of these collections the congregations

stitution of its kind; and you may count on me, Sir, rounded discourage him-the continual divisions and Par.—Still we must endeavour to convince them and ill my family, doing everything in our power to schisms by which his spiritual mother, the Church, is

by private individuals. It now also supports ten Mis- - a warfare not only against the open and avowed Parish.—Very true, Sir; and that reminds me signaries, and has sent abroad, through the length and enemies of the faith, but against those insidious foes, that though you have explained to me the objects treadth of the Diocese about 3,000 Bibles; 3,500 who creep in unawares, and rend and scatter the flock. which the Society wishes to carry out, and have con- New Testaments; upwards of 8,000 Prayer-Books; And if we see a man drawing back from the duties of vinced me that it is high time for us to exert our- and more than 101,000 books and tracts, all contain- his station in the Church through fear of opposition,

The Society is so formed as to be capable of embra- we might almost call it the day of great things, if we have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath cing every baptized member of the Church, whether did not see when we look upon the province at large, not kissed him"; we may follow him into the seclusion, privilege to help on the good work, by joining it im- fallen into error, and which constitute in fact his true

we want Every one to join it, we have now not quite Par.—This may be managed without much diffi
3,000 subscribers, but the returns in the Report shew lying in wickedness; the existence of its temptations

Parish.—That seems a very good plan. But after as soon as you thoroughly understood its nature and their good, than the Devil is watchful to do them the money has been gathered together in this way, objects, they are such as must commend themselves to evil. He guards them as the apple of His eye. He our hearts. By the bye, I see your man Roger there knows how Satan assumes the garb of an angel of coming in from the plough with his team, I must go light, so that, if it were possible, he would deceive the and talk to him about this matter. Good evening, very elect. Christ, by the ministry of His Word and Roger, you attended our Church Society Meeting last | Sacraments, keeps guard over the treasure which He year, and must remember the explanation which was has won. When He sees His people giving way to then given of it. You did not become a member of the habits and opinions of worldly men, entering into

to be charitable, for he says that if we have no other tions, which become evil only when they interfere means of relieving the wants of others, we are to la- with weightier obligations, then He bids us, His minsiness of the Society, and determines the way in which bour, working with our hands the thing that is good, isters, enter the place of worldly merchandize, and the in order that we may have to give to him that needeth. temple of worldly pleasure, and recall the Christian

> Par.-I don't know that, your wages are ten The readiness with which it is answered, is a simple the Church Society.

much, a penny a week would not break me.

liberal man, Roger, very.

to give in better hands. If there is so much consider- the year, if God should spare you and give you constitution, that our Church Society is a Bible, Prayer

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> Par. Many persons in your circumstances, Roger, Parish.—But, Sir, some of the townships may would not have acted as well as you have done, and I

for 101d, and other books remarkably cheap. In the same building as the Depository, though not connected Clarge Reserves. A large and wins him back to His love. And as we

Parish.—The only thing, Sir, that I am afraid of is, blessed with "the means of Grace," and by a proper it into the camp of the enemy. There, woe be to us of much use to others; one-fourth of the funds received we must have hard hearts not to do something to ex-Par.—It does indeed: however, we have nothing is a small portion to support travelling Missionaries, and the calm beauty of an autumnal evening. I had one more visit to pay, which I had deferred till the def

"WHAT DOEST THOU HERE, ELIJAH?"

Who amongst us can fail to feel that often and often with which the Christian is tried by the hostility and indifference of the world are many—the little visible the contest to abandon the post of his duty, and to Par.—The degree of success which has attended seek for peace and safety in the wilderness. But this mode of expending which is shown by the Report. remember what the Lord said to Elijah. "Yet I have Parish .- Instead of calling it the day of small things, left mc seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which call to exertion, we may ply him with the question,

Again: the Christian lives in the midst of a world Par .- I was sure I would gain your support for it, than the strong is not less careful of His people for Roger.—All I could give, sir, would not be worth soldier to His ranks by the simple question, What doest his God; and that each and all might recognize in thou here, Elijah?

the Old Testament, you would at the very least, have If, like Elijah and St. Peter, he is living in the service had to give to God's service twelve dollars a year. of God; if his life has been one of devotion to the We'll take three pounds a year from you, Roger, for cause of Christ; if the error into which he has been betrayed be the momentary consequence of human Roger.-Why, sir, would you ruin me out-right, I frailty, and not a deliberate and wilful act of rebellion, deserving young me and in consequence of want of means, are incertage to help us: and I suppose you will admit it to be unmeans, are incertage to help us: and I suppose you will admit it to be unmeans, are incertage to his conscience will be roused when he hears his Same and approval of the Bishop. When any very veartily viour's voice: tears of contrition and repentance will the likeness to God. It either ab deth in as, if we Par. Well, Roger, if you won't give what you flow bitterly; he will freely acknowledge his trangresought, we'll even take a trifle for so good a cause .- | sion; his prayer for pardon will be heard, and he will Our Bishop showed some time ago, that if every mem- return to his path of trial and sacrifice, rejoicing that ber of the Church in this Diocese were to give a pen- he is counted worthy to suffer for the Name of the all nature, the soul of the soul, —Divine grace. ny a week, we should have an income for the Church Lord Jesus. But if a man have with full purpose of Society of upwards of £20,000 a year, and that heart, entered upon a course of transgression; if, when would do a good deal towards supplying the present appealed to and invited to return, his conscience is wants of all the settled parts of the country.

Roger.—Well, sir, I wouldn't mind giving that

dead to the call—if, like Adam, when a similar question was put to him in the garden of Eden, Where art gift, because He is given to us,—"His Holy Spirit thou, Adam? he begin to prevaricate and justify his Par .- Would it not? let me see. You get ten sin, and utter no expression of regret and no prayer dollars a month, that is one hundred and fifty pence a for forgiveness: if, like Cain, he go further on in mittee. I always thought that these sort of Societies week, and so you will really give one penny out of the wickedness, who, when the Lord asked him, Where is God. Consider, O my soul, the wisdom, the holiness, nundred and fifty which you make-you will honour thy brother Abel? made answer, I know not. Am I God who gives you all your blessings with the one my brother's keeper? thus striving to conceal his first plotted and planned for the gratification of his lusts, eatch them; the tongue cannot speak of them; to hundred and fiftieth part of your inheritance, you're a crime by adding a second to it: if, like David, he have Roger. Well, sir, it don't seem a great deal, and and have lived long time in their indulgence, -then that's the truth on't, but it will come to summat in a we find, that if God's persevering love will still pursue him and bring him back, the correction is sharper, Par .- Yes-to four shillings and two pence out of the rebuke more cutting, the remedy more painful. It Parish.—I am sure we could not trust what we have the six hundred shillings you will gain in the course of is no longer the still small voice that will reach and penetrate the heart, for the ear is dull of hearing, and the conscience is asleep. The wind must howl, and for so great a mercy, -four shillings and two pence-? the lightning flash, and the thunder roll, and the earth Roger. Well, we wont say any more about it, sir, quake, before such a sleep of death as this may be Society is most jealously careful that all its doings, and but I'll be a dollar this year, and perhaps we may do broken. Sharp, agonizing pangs of bodily and mental pain, the discipline of broken health and ruined fortune. the lingering pangs of painful disease, the severance of earth's best affections, the treachery of friends, the undutifulness of children, the opening of the grave for those whom we love best,-these are some among the send much money out of their own neighbourhood.— niggardliness passes now a days under the name of fearful remedies which the physician of souls applies liberality. It will, I daresay, be considered a miracle to snatch men from perdition. And add to these the Par .- By subscribing to the Church Society such pa- of generosity in the parish, for a labouring man at ten spiritual storms which agitate and harass the immost rishes not only do good to others, but they benefit them- dollars a month, te give a dollar a year to the Church recesses of the heart, the doubts and the fears, the torture of self-condemnation, and the despair of pardium of the Depository;" now I don't understand that assistance which they at present render. You that assistance which they at present render. that assistance which they at present render.

To any other charitable object; they would not think see, therefore, that neither from the Government nor see, therefore, the control of the Government nor see, the control of the Government nor see, therefore, the control of the Government nor see, therefore, the control of the Government nor see, the control of the Govern Par.—It is a book-store in King Street, Toronto, from the Missionary Societies of the Church in Engwhole dollar towards building or finishing a church, and for the strength which, as the Bible says, enables deep waters of perdition in which it had sunk down and be "enlightened, that our faces be not ashamed," but they would often give such a small sum to the So- them to get wealth, they will never give with an open and lain for dead. Those that have thus sinned must thus suffer,* for so God vindicates His righteous indig-* δράσαντι παθείν

τριγέρων μῦθος τάδε φωνεί.

well-beloved and Co-Eternal Son suffered and died, that any should perish, but all should come to repentlove in the Redemption of the world by our Lord but rather that he should turn from his wichedness and to do; and the mode in which much of it is being school has been supported, prizes bought, our church upon us, as a token of our gratitude, will lead us to whether they will hear or whether they will was, under God, mainly dependant on the hearty support and general co-operation afforded to it by the port afforded to it b Parish.—It does seem a hard case, that after ta-Parish.—Yes, sir, and besides that, when we are We must write it on our banner of the Cross, and bear in one great band and armament of sin, are the victims Par .- It gratities me much to find you taking such of the first apostacy from the knowledge of God, as upon the ground, like that vast Assyrian host on whom the sun rose before the walls of Jerusalem, and behold they were all dead men :- yet, terrible as the aspect is, it is not without hope: there are times and seasons, thanks be to God for it, when the voice of the wind, and the terror of the earthquake, and the flash of the fire, are heard, and felt, and seen by the sleepers, and hearts of stone are softened and subdued, and worldly stricken, and as the sinner opens his eyes upon the objects by which he is surrounded, spite of his long sojourn there, they seem most strange and most unwelcome, and then, when it is said to him, What doest earlier and happier days, and heard then, as now, only in the accents of love. He knows that it is Christ who speaketh with him, he arises and returns to his first love; the lost sheep is brought back into the fold, be glad, for this their brother was dead, and is alive

And with this hope before us of winning many souls unto righteousness, let us not faint nor grow weary in carrying the question of our text to every spot, where men are wandering from the path of obedience and faith! Let us watch and pray, and wait patiently. However unpromising may be the present state of the lapsed christian, there will yet be in God's mercy an hour when the storm, and the earthquake, and the fire will rive the rock of his heart, and lay bare the golden vein of grace, which was given to it in baptism. It is our duty to be at hand to work it. It is our duty to provide by the ministrations of the Church, that there be no haunts of rebellion and of sin; -no pride and luxury so high, no vice and misery so low, -in which the proffer of salvation shall not be proclaimed; to which appeal shall not be made by the nemory of childhood's early days of innocence, and by the solemn obligation of the baptismal vow. Oh! if That is the first class of objects the Church has in view, and Lam sure no one congregations in this has in view, and Lam sure no one can derive and Lam sure no one can derive and Lam sure no one can derive no sion of our christian calling in earnestness and prouga-Society has in view, and I am sure no one can deny same position as our own parish—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is, the clergy—that is the first class of objects the Church—that is the first class of objects the Parish.—No, sir, that they can't, and I am sure a is given by the other, and sometimes by both in buildbe appointed, form what is called "a Parochial Assowhat might we not hope to effect if we had be appointed, form what is called "a Parochial Assowhat might we not hope to effect if we had be appointed, form what is called "a Parochial Assowhat might we not hope to effect if we had be appointed, form what is called "a Parochial Assowhat might we not hope to effect if we had be appointed, form what is called "a Parochial Assowhat might we not hope to effect if we had be appointed, form what is called "a Parochial Assowhat might we not hope to effect if we had be appointed, form what is called "a Parochial Assowhat we might soon bave viz. 30,000? Farnestly indifferent, the glutton and the drunkard, the avaricious and the profligate, the adulterer and the harlot, should bless the day when the hand of affliction and chastisement was laid upon them, and bless the voice which sought them out in their misery, and brought them solace and hope, and led them back from their wanderings to the one fold and the one flock, by the solemn rebuke-" What doest thou here, Elijah ?" "What doest thou here?" would that the words were written as in letters of fire on every temple of earthly worship, on every shrine of earthly devotion; that they met the eye of the miser in his narrow treasure cell; that the sceptic might see them in his closet, as he accumulates in his mind the worthless stores of science, falsely so called; that they dazzled the sight of the voluptuary in the banquet hall; that to the adulterer and the wanton they might shine with supernatural light, amid the darkness in which they seek to hide their deeds of infamy and shame; that they wakened the money-changer and the worldling from the carnal dreams and longings with which he dares to pollute the temple, and to insult the presence of them the voice of God, calling them to repentance!

> LIKENESS TO CHRIST. (From "Short Meditations," by the Rev. W. F. Hook, D.D.)

We are an image of God by nature, and this image, wholly, we never lost, never can lose. Whithersoever the soul shall go, such shall it ever be. Not so are good, or if the soul sinneth it is mi-erably changed, and we become like to the beasts that perish.

Our truest, fullest likeness, was in that gift above This likeness through Adam we lost, through Christ we blessedly regained. For now we are holy, not only by our new relationship to God through

Christ, but by Him who vouchsafes to be called His which dwelleth in us."

But we should not be like Him, if we had not after our measure, the qualities (so to speak) of Almighty the power, the glory, the beauty, the love of God .-How canst thou comprehend these things? truly to know them we must see Himself. The ear cannot the inmost heart which loveth God, He reveals but some faint gleam of them. They are laid up in store for them who love Him.

And canst thou, my soul, for whom these things are in store, to whom (if thou art saved) there is reserved, according to thy measure, such fulness of the love of God, and likeness to Him; canst thou any longer be wasting that likeness, wasting bliss everlasting, amid the fleeting, fading, sickening vanities of the world!

If thou wouldest be like Him in glory, strive to be like him here by grace. If thou wouldst have His image for ever, bear even now the image of the heavenly after which, by His mercy, thou hast been renewed -If thou wouldest behold Him in bliss, thy heart must be made pure here, that by faith it may live to Him, whom by the eye of the body it sees not.

O, defile, then, no more that royal image, in which He formed thee; which, when sunk in the mire of sin, He came to cleanse anew by His precious blood; which He sought out so diligently by trial and suffering; which He longs to show on high, rejoicing, to His friends and neighbours in the heavenly courts .-Come to Him, not with the feet, but with the heart, looking in trust and penitence, and hope and love, to His divine countenance, desiring that His divine features may, one by one, be retraced on thee. Long to be cleansed, and He will cleanse thee; long for His in-dwelling, and He will come to thee; treasure His