

four years I have had the honour of being its chairman. But as regards schools, and other public institutions of Elora with which I may have been connected, I can assure you that I shall feel as warmly interested in them as when I resided among you. Nothing would grieve me more than to think that with my official connexion with you, there should be a cessation of that kind and friendly intercourse which has hitherto prevailed. To very many, both of our own and of other churches, I owe a debt of gratitude for numerous displays of kind feeling and honourable confidence. To each and all I tender my most grateful thanks. With my best wishes for your temporal and spiritual prosperity,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN SMITHURST.

Lea Hurst, Minto, Nov. 3, 1857.

ST. GEORGE'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

(From the Brampton Standard)

We have very sincere pleasure in inserting below, an account of the laying of the corner stone of a school house in St. George's parish, Toronto, furnished us by one of our city correspondents.—And we take the opportunity of congratulating Rev. Dr. Lett, on this successful issue of his labours in behalf of education in his parish; and Mrs. Lett, on the high honour and compliment which the parishioners of St. George's—comprising some of the oldest and most respectable inhabitants of Canada—conferred upon her in having unanimously requested her to lay the corner stone of the school house, for the erection of which her husband has laboured so earnestly, and so successfully:—

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

Thursday, the 20th, was a day of rejoicing in this parish, having been chosen for the two-fold purpose of giving a *fete* or festival to the Sunday School children, and laying the corner stone of the new Parochial School-house. The following account of the proceedings, will, we are certain, be interesting to many readers:

At two o'clock in the afternoon the children to the number of about 300 assembled by the kind permission of Mrs. Boulton, in the beautiful grounds of the Grange, at the head of John Street, and about to form the centre of St. George's Square. The Sunday School Teachers were also with them, and the large attendance of the congregation of the church, showed the warm interest taken in the important work. By the kind permission of the Colonel, the band of the Canadian Rifles were stationed on the grounds, affording a rich musical treat to all present.

At 3 o'clock, a procession being formed of the children, teachers and parishioners, they proceeded, accompanied by the enlivening strains of the band, to the Church, where they were met by the venerable Bishop, the Rev. Incumbent and his family, the Rev. Dr. Adamson, Assistant Minister, the Rev. Dr. Fuller, of Thorold, the Churchwardens, the Architect, and the Builders. Immediately over the corner selected for laying the stone, was hoisted a large and magnificent red ensign; while in other portions of the lot were flying the proud flag of England's union, and numerous others, giving life and gaiety to the scene. Arrived at the stone, the Incumbent, (the Rev. Dr. Lett) in a concise, but spirited and eloquent address, explained the object of their assembling on the occasion; and traced the history of the building fund to the present time. He dwelt particularly on the munificent subscription of £200, from our respected fellow-citizen J. Arnold, Esq. He also alluded to the invaluable

services of Mr. Harman, in husbanding the fund which, from a very small sum, now amounts to upwards of £600.

A hymn, written for the occasion, by Mr. Graham, organist of the Church, was very well sung by the children of the Sunday School, then the stone was laid by Mrs. Lett—the amiable and highly esteemed wife of the Incumbent—after which the splendid band of the Canadian Rifles played “God save the Queen.”

The Rev. Dr. Fuller made a few remarks, complimenting Dr. Lett and the Churchwardens on the success of their endeavours to provide a place wherein a sound, religious, as well as secular, education might be imparted to the youth of that church. The “One Hundredth Psalm” was then sung by the whole assembly, after which the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

Immediately after the close of the above ceremony, the children of the Sunday School were marshalled, and proceeded in procession, headed by the band, from the Church to the Grange Grounds, where a sumptuous entertainment was prepared for them, by the liberality of members of the congregation. After having done full justice to the things set before them, the children engaged themselves in running and jumping, swinging, and various other amusements, until the evening, when they dispersed, highly gratified with the day's festivities.

The following is a true copy of the inscription which the parchment contained, and which was deposited in a sealed jar, under the corner stone of the school-house:—

“This Corner Stone of the Sunday and day Schools of the parish of St. George the Martyr, Toronto, was laid on Thursday the 20th day of August, in the year of Redemption MDCCCLVII. by Eliza Fanny wife of the Rev. Stephen Lett, L.L.D., T.C.D., Incumbent, in presence of the Honorable and Right Reverend John Strachan, D.D., L.L.D., Lord Bishop of the Diocese, of the Incumbent aforesaid, of the Churchwardens—Samuel Bickerton Harman, B.C.L., and Robert Brittain Denison, Esquires, of a large congregation of the Parishioners and others; and of three hundred children attending the Parish Sunday School, whose teachers were John Arnold, Andrew Fleming, Richard Freeman, William Kirwin, Andrew Miller, William McCleary, Theodore Phillips, John Phillips, Thomas Rogers, Thomas Villiers.

Charlotte Arnold, Julia Arnold, Francis Browne, Augusta Browne, Julia H. Bovell, Sarah A. Dun, Kate Freeman, Mary A. Forbes, Gardlestone, Eliza M. A. Howard, Hannah Hill, Mary Howard, Georgiana Houghton, Elizabeth Munro, Hannah McCleary, Esther McCleary, Janet Maughan, Euphemia Maughan, Mary Morrow, Mary Pelen, Mary A. Ross, Madeline Phillips, Sarah F. Spragge, Clarissa Smith, Phebe Sloan.

ROBERT MCGILLIVRAY

Superintendent

GEORGE HOUGHTON,
Lambrian,

The wise man saith—“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Our blessed Lord saith—“Suffer Little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God.”

Architect—Kivas Tully, Esq.

Builders—John Worthington and James Worthington, for the masonry; William McCleary and Thomas Villiers, for the carpenter and other work.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.—Amen.

H. W. M. MURRAY,

B. A. Del.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE.

4th November, 1857.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day; the Dean of Montreal in the chair.

The Treasurer reported that the following sums had been received since the last meeting:

Rev. J. Hanagan's subscription	£1 17 6
“ J. Constantine 1856-7	8 16 0
“ J. Flanagan	1 17 6
“ A. C. Scath	0 18 9
Collection at Christievill	1 10 4
Portage du Fort	1 11 6
Maschouche	8 10 0
From Montreal Parochial Association, 27 18 9	

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WIDOWS & ORPHAN'S FUND.

Collected at Sorel	2 8 9
Chambly	6 1 0
Lachine	8 2 0
St. John's	8 1 0
Missisquoi Clerical Association	1 0 0
Collected at Stanbridge East	0 13 7
Portage du Fort	0 18 6
St. Luke's, Montreal	6 7 0
Farnham, West	1 7 6
Waterloo	1 0 0

EDWARD J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

English Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

WILLIAM, THE KAFIR TEACHER.

(From a private letter of the BISHOP of NATAL.)

I MUST tell you a fact about my native teacher, William, in whom I think you will be interested. He is a young married man, with, I think, three children, and was formerly under the teaching of an excellent American Missionary, Dr. Marsh, now deceased, by whom it is very plain he had been well trained in the first principles of the Christian faith.

My first acquaintance with him commenced about February, 1856. At that time our native children had very recently been brought to Ekukanyem, and it was my practice to ride up (five miles) from Maritzburg, as often as I could, to see how they were getting on, and make any additional arrangements for the more complete success of so new and so great an experiment. I usually passed the night there, and employed any time I had to spare in practising the speaking and writing of the Kafir language, with the assistance of a Christian convert of the Church of England, Umabuto, who was then a servant of the Institution. After a few weeks of such study, Umabuto took me by surprise one day, by saying that he wished to leave the Institution as soon as I could, let him go. I found that he had a very natural desire to go and live with Mr. Robertson, under whom he had been trained for baptism, and who is now founding a new station near Durban, on the bank of the Umhlati. As I saw that Umabuto's heart was strongly set on this, I of course consented, and was thus, to my regret, at first, deprived of my teacher.

Some little while after, I heard by accident that there was a wagon-driver in our employment who could speak a little English, (which by-the-by, was no recommendation at all in such a case,) but who was, moreover, a Christian. I sent for him, and found him a very pleasant, bright intelligent fellow, and a very short acquaintance with him satisfied me that he was the very person I needed for my purpose, as a help to my acquiring the Zulu language. He spoke it with great