

The Church.

"Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

Day.	Date.	Lesson	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson
C	June 6.	TRINITY SUNDAY.	Gen. 1. Matt. 3. " 18. 1 John 5.	
M	" 7.		Job 8. Mark 8. " 9. 2 Cor. 5.	
T	" 8.		" 10. Mark 9. " 11. 2 Cor. 6.	
W	" 9.		" 12. Mark 10. " 13. 2 Cor. 7.	
T	" 10.		" 14. Mark 11. " 15. 2 Cor. 8.	
F	" 11.		Eccles. 10. Acts 14. " 11. " 15.	
S	" 12.	ST. BARNABAS.	M. Job 16. Mark 12. E. " 17. 2 Cor. 9.	
C	" 13.	1 SUNDAY AFT. TRIN.	M. Josh. 10. Mark 13. E. " 23. 2 Cor. 10.	

* To verse 36.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.

CHURCHES.	CLERGY.	Mattins.	Even song.
St. James's	Rev. H. J. Grasett, M.A. Rector, Rev. E. Baldwin, M.A., Assist.	11 o'clock	3 1/2 o'clock
St. Paul's	Rev. J. G. D. McKenzie, B.A., Incumbent.	11 " "	4 " "
Trinity	Rev. R. Mitchele, M.A., Incumbent.	11 " "	6 1/2 " "
St. George's	Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D., Incumbent.	11 " "	7 " "
Holy Trinity	Rev. H. Scadding, M.A., Incumbent, Rev. W. Stennett, M.A., Assist.	11 " "	6 1/2 " "

The Morning Service is for the combined congregations of St. James's Church and the Church of the Holy Trinity. The congregation of St. James's Church meet at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

† In this Church the seats are all free and unappropriated.

‡ The Holy Communion is administered on the first Sunday in every month at St. James's and St. Paul's; third Sunday, at Trinity Church, King-street; and last Sunday, at St. George's Church. In the last Church the Holy Communion is also administered at eight, A.M., on the last Sunday of each month.

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G. B. WYLIE, Secretary & Treasurer.

THE COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

THE FOLLY OF WISHES.

"How I wish it was always summer!" exclaimed little Amy Willis; "don't you dear father?"

"No, Amy," said he; "I do not indeed."

"Well, I am surprised that you don't," cried she; "the evenings are so cool, and the flowers smell so sweet, and everything looks so beautiful! And then it is so charming to eat one's supper out of doors, and gooseberry fool is so very nice. O! I am sure I should like it always to be summer."

Mr. Willis made no further observation, but waited till a better opportunity presented of correcting her judgment.

Autumn came, and Amy thought no more of summer. She rambled among the cornfields, joined in the cries of the harvest home, and enjoyed the fruits that were then in abundance around her.

Winter succeeded, but Amy played at snowball, slid on the ice with companions as merry as herself, and never once lamented the enjoyments of summer or autumn.

And now spring returned; the hedges were white with blossoms, and cowslips and daisies covered the meadows.

"Look, father, look!" exclaimed Amy, displaying her bonnet, which she had decorated with the flowers she had gathered. "Are they not pretty? O! I should never be tired of spring. I wish it would last for ever."

"Ab Amy!" said her father, "happy it is for you that there is a good and wise God, who rules the seasons as He sees fit, and whose purposes are not to be moved by our fancies. It is not very long since you wished it could always be summer; had your desire been granted, you would have lost the enjoyments of autumn, the pastime of winter, and the gay flowers of spring."

Amy coloured, and, laying her head on her father's arm she said—"How silly I have been! I see it now."

"Learn, then," replied he, returning her caress, "to be content with that which the Almighty gives you. He only knows, in all things, what is best for us; and never does He show his mercy more clearly than when He denies the foolish wishes we are all, both young and old, too apt to form."

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE OF TWO BLIND MEN.

This taken from the Spirit of Missions for May, Journal of the Rev. Mr. Rambo, p. 162.

"Sunday, 21.—Preached in the Chapel to a good congregation. Administered the communion in the afternoon. Catechised the eldest scholars and communicants.—Lectured in the evening.—The blind boy, (Wobla,) before mentioned as a

serious inquirer, attended all the services to-day as usual. I had a long and satisfactory conversation with him. Having given suitable evidence of a change of heart, I admitted him as a candidate for baptism. He has recently been very ill, apparently near death's door. I asked him if he felt afraid to die, when he was so ill; he replied, "Oh, no; I believe Jesus has washed my sins away, and I hoped to go to heaven if I had died."

This taken from the Acts of the Holy Apostles, chap. xxii, v. 12-16.

"And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldst know his will and see that Just One, and shouldst hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

THE BEST CHARITY.

Let us aim at the salvation of our brethren. This is nothing less than martyrdom, to shrink from no suffering where the salvation of men is at stake; there is nothing colder than a Christian who is not laboring for the salvation of others. You cannot make your poverty an excuse for it. Why she who cast her two mites into the treasury will be your accuser; and Peter said, "silver and gold have I none;" and Paul was so poor that he often suffered hunger, and knew not where to get necessary food. You cannot make your humble station an excuse, for they were common men and so were their fathers. You cannot pretend that you are ignorant, for they were unlearned men. If you were a servant, or even a runaway slave, you could do something within your own sphere, for Onesimus was such, and he ministered to Paul in prison. You cannot make illness an excuse, for Timothy had "often infirmities." Every one can profit his neighbour if he will only fulfil his duty in his own sphere.—St. Chrysostom.

GROWTH IN GRACE.

—The growth of a believer is not like a mushroom, but like an oak, which increases slowly indeed, but surely. Many suns, showers, and frosts pass upon it before it comes to perfection; and though in winter it seems dead, it is gathering strength at the root.—Cowper.

TO MY NAMESAKE.

It seems, dear boy, but yesterday,
Since to the font we came,
A happy and delighted throng,
To answer in thy name;
And I thy father's chosen friend,
Joyed o'er thy father's son,
To hear the priestly blessing blend,
Our allied names in one.

But ah! how cloud has followed cloud—

How many a thrilling scene
Of trial and of triumph crowd
The narrow space between;
And we are sundered far and wide,
Who formed in happier hour,
The ties which time shall not divide,
Nor death shall overpower.

Let not thy look to me be strange,
Whose smile was then so sweet,
And I can bear what other change
Awaits us here we meet;
And sure the love that thus begun,
With life alone should end,
And never can thy father's son
Forget thy father's friend.

LICENTIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

A bad example, though it operates fatally, operates comparatively within a small circumference. It extends only to those who are near enough to observe it, and fall within the reach of the poisonous infection that spreads around it; but the contagion of a licentious publication especially if it be in a popular and captivating shape knows no bounds, it flies to the remotest corners of the earth; it makes its way into the cottage of the peasant and the shop of the mechanic; it falls into the hands of all ages, ranks, and conditions."

—Bp. Porteus.

'FELLOW LABORERS WITH GOD.'

Walked by moonlight in the grounds, reflecting on the mission. My soul was at first sore tried by desponding thoughts; but God wonderfully assisted me to trust him for the wisdom of his dispensations.—Truly, therefore, will I say again, "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbable thou shalt become a plain." How easy for God to do it! and it shall be done in good time; and even

if I never should see a native converted, God may design by my patience and continuance in the work to encourage future missionaries. But what surprises me is the change of views I have here from what I had in England. There, my heart expanded with hope and joy at the prospect of the speedy conversion of the heathen! but here, the sight of the apparent impossibility requires a strong faith to support the spirits.—H. Martyn.

PRaise.

—The worship of the Church triumphant is wholly made up of hymns, without any mixture and alloy of supplications. For why? Their wants and wickedness, which are the subjects of them, are ceased; all the evils which fill the Litanies of the Church Militant, are passed away. And they, that are redeemed from them, have nothing to do in heaven, but to sing praises to their Redeemer; which they do before the throne, as we read, "resting not, day nor night." So that we may measure the excellency of praise above prayers and supplications with the same argument as St. Paul doth the excellency of charity above faith and hope, not only from its properties, but from its duration, because "it never faileth." Praise ceaseth not with the state of mortality, like the other, but will accompany the saints into heaven, even as charity will; praise being, if we may so speak, the religion of the saints above, as charity is their work and employment; who shall have, and who can be conceived to have, nothing to exercise either their devotion or communion, but the praises of God, and the love of one another.—Dr. Blisse.

SPECIAL PREPARATION FOR DEATH.

Every wise man lives in the constant preparation for death. Hale, vigorous, strong though he be, he knows that he may meet death at any moment; he therefore lives with his general preparation for death made, and daily continued in. Yet, when in God's Providence he feels, by the unearthly cold influence of death, that he (death) is stepping near to and about him, and he sees that not only, as ever, he may die soon, but now must die soon, there is a reality and solemnity given to dying, which he has never before so fully felt. It is not only a solemn, but also a magnificent event, to go from this world of matter to a world of spirits—from this world of time to a world of eternity—from this world of mammon to the world of God—an untried change, to be tried—made once forever. The wise man, though he has made his general preparation for death, will, if time be given him therefore, review the whole work as a special preparation. Like the commander of a well appointed ship, kept steady for sea, who, before his last fast to land be loosed, and he fills away for the ocean, will make a special examination and preparation for his departure, to see if every thing is in good condition—no leak—no decayed stays and braces—no sprung spars—water and stores—papers and log book—quadrant and sextant—glass, charts and compass, all right;—so do ye, before the silver cord of life be loosed from your body, and you fill away for eternity.—Rev. E. M. P. Wells (Price Lecture, 1852.)

SOLITUDE.

He that is united to God loves solitude. But it is solitude in the relative rather than the absolute sense. True, he is secluded from men; but while he is shut out from the world, he is shut up in God; and in the absence of human society, has the far better society of the Infinite mind.

The soul of a Christian is doubly precious, being, besides its natural excellency, ennobled by grace, and so twice decended from Heaven; and therefore it deserves better usage than to be twined into a scullion to serve the flesh.—Leighton.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIocese of Toronto.

ST. JAMES' PAROCHIAL BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIocese OF TORONTO.

On Thursday the 22nd inst., the Annual Meeting was held of the St. James' Parochial Branch of the Church Society, the Rev. H. J. Grasett, Rector, in the Chair, when the following Report was read:—

REPORT.

Fourth Annual Report of the St. James' Parochial Branch of the Church Society.

In presenting their Report for the past year the Committee find matter for mingled congratulation and regret. The Cathedral and Parish Church is still unfinished, and in consequence of the failure of the original contractors the work has been much retarded, and some months must yet elapse before it will be fit for service. In the meantime the difficulty which has been already adverted to on former occasions of maintaining in effi-

cient operation the various charities connected with the Church while the congregation is divided and scattered, continues to be sensibly and painfully felt; we are cheered however by the hope that before our next anniversary we shall have the happiness of witnessing the restoration of the sacred structure and the gathering together of the scattered flock within its walls.

But if we have to regret that our Church is still unfinished, the committee feel sure that every member of our branch society must rejoice at the completion, since we last met, of the Parochial School House. The building is of a most substantial character and is much admired for its architectural appearance which reflects great credit upon the accomplished author of the design, F. W. Cumberland, Esq. It contains two spacious and airy school rooms, one for boys and another for girls, two committee rooms, and a large basement extending under the whole building and intended when finished for the residence of the master and mistress. At present three small rooms only have been temporarily fitted up for the accommodation of the mistress of the girls school. The expense of its erection, including the stoves, desks and other furniture, and also the bell, amounted to £1295 15s. 10d., a sum which considerably exceeded the estimated cost and the funds antecedently in hands, and leaves a debt of £178 15s. payable in two years with interest. Towards the liquidation of this debt the Committee recommend that a grant be made, as liberal as possible, from the available funds at the disposal of your Society. And here the Committee cannot refrain from tendering their cordial thanks to two zealous ladies of the congregation, who with much praiseworthy energy, exerted themselves to raise, when it was urgently needed, a special subscription for the purpose of aiding the building fund. The sum of £129 0s. 6d. was collected by this means. Had it not been for the exertions of these ladies and the generous response made to their appeal, the debt must have been much larger than it is.

The School House was opened on the 30th of Dec. last by the performance of a service suitable to the occasion and an address from the Lord Bishop. As the particulars of this interesting ceremony has already been published, the Committee deem it unnecessary to repeat the details. The day schools were opened for the reception of pupils on the 7th of January, and since that time upwards of 200 pupils of both sexes have been entered on the books. The daily average attendance is about 160. Mr. Poquin and Mrs. Reed, the master and mistress, come well recommended for character and experience in the management of Parochial Schools and have entered zealously on the discharge of their duties. Your Committee anticipate the happiest results under the Divine blessing from this first attempt in this Parish to establish a school in connexion with the Church where the children of the poor may receive not only the education and instruction necessary for them to fill with usefulness their station in the world, but also the knowledge of those saving truths which are essential to the formation of religious character. Your Committee earnestly commend this important undertaking to the sympathy of every member of the congregation; entreating all who love the Saviour, the Church, their country and the souls of men, to unite their prayers and their influence to promote the cause of Christian education, and to correct that prevalent and deplorable error under the dominion of which the iniquity of the fathers has been visited upon the children, generation after generation, and thousands who in childhood might have been converted and kept by the power of God, thro' faith unto salvation, have been educated for the service of sin and plunged down to the gates of perdition.

The Sunday School is in a prosperous state and has considerably increased in numbers since its removal to the new school-house. An adult class of females has been formed in connection with it, which assembles in a separate room, under the charge of a judicious and experienced teacher, who devotes herself with much patience and perseverance to this "labour of love."

One of the Committee rooms in the school-house has been prepared for the reception of the Parochial library, and suitably arranged for that purpose.

Arrangements are in progress for making it speedily available for the use of the congregation.

The Committee are happy in being able to report that the subscriptions for the present year exhibit some increase on the last; the total amount subscribed is £108 11s. 3d.

In concluding, the Committee would express their gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for permitting them to see at least the partial accomplishment of some of their plans. And while they tender their thanks to all the generous friends and supporters of the Society; they would again call upon the lukewarm and careless, who yet stand aloof, to come forward and aid by their exertions, their contributions, and their prayers the holy cause of the Church Society,—while to all they would address the warning of the wise, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than it meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

It was then resolved—

That the Report be adopted, and published in the Church newspaper, together with the proceedings of the meeting, and that 350 copies of the Report be printed for circulation among the members.

That the sum of £12 10s. be appropriated towards the salaries of the Master and Mistress of the Parochial School attached to the Parish Church.

That the sum of £5 be appropriated towards the Parochial Library.

That the balance of the funds of the present year, after the preceding appropriations, be applied to the Building Fund of the Parochial School-house.

That the Committee for the present year consist of Messrs. William Atkinson, T. W. Birchall, George Morphy, Dr. Badgley, Alfred Patrick, Wm. Ince, P. Paterson, Alexander Dixon, John Duggan, John H. Richey, George W. Wylie, and Geo. Brooke. That T. S. Shortt, Esq., be Treasurer, and Charles Magrath, Esq., be Secretary, for the present year.