

# THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

"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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## THE COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

### THE CHURCH IN TEARS.

BY THE REVEREND EDWARD C. JONES.

"And merciful men are taken away."

To the memory of Bishops GAUSDEN and HENSHAW.

They have passed to the home of the good and true,  
And their vacant place can be filled by few;  
They have gone, those Brothers in Death, to Him,  
Who sitteth between the Cherubim.

The Shepherd's crook they have laid away,  
And their flocks are without the head to-day;  
The tender hand and the gentle tone,  
Ah, stricken folds, are no more your own.

When the Church's council meets in prayer,  
Those sainted Fathers will not be there;  
But sweeter than Araby's spice will be,  
The fragrance blest of their memory.

Their work of faith in its issue bright,  
Their patient hope in the darkest night,  
For the mystic Ark their guardian care,  
For Israel's welfare their trust and prayer:

All this shall come like a rising of joy,  
A precious boon that may never cloy.  
And the virtues of the dead will prove,  
A crown to the Church of their early love.

Oh, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls!  
While sorrow in deepest current rolls,  
In confiding love may we turn to Thee,  
Though shrouded in gloom thy dealings be.

For the sainted dead be a joyous strain,  
They fell in arms on the battle-plain;  
And saved by grace they have gone to Him,  
Who sitteth between the Cherubim.

*Banner of the Cross.*

### ON PRAYER.

Devotion is the sole asylum of human frailty, and sole support of human perfection: it is the golden chain between heaven and earth, and keeps open the blessed communication. He that has never prayed as he ought, can never forget how much is to be gained by prayer.

### 2ND COR. 1ST, 4TH VERSE.

This reminds us of the nature of the Christian life. It is neither clear nor dark; it partakes both of tribulation and comfort. The tribulation endears the comfort; the comfort relieves and guilds the tribulation. St. Paul does not say he keeps us out of trouble; but he comforts us in it. He could do this; but it accords not with the wisdom of his mercy.—Therefore, many are the afflictions of the righteous, and through much tribulations they must enter the Kingdom of Heaven: but while in the world they have grief; but in him they have peace.

### SPHERE OF WOMAN.

We may rest assured that not only the eternal welfare, but the temporal well-being of women—her usefulness, her happiness in this life, depend not upon the possession of those imaginary rights, which would be her greatest wrongs—not upon removing to a sphere for which the laws of nature and the laws of God never designed her; but upon submission to the will of God, obedience to His laws, studying to know and faithfully striving to perform the duties of her sphere. Here is to be found an alleviation of her ills—here the blessing of God upon earth, and the sure hope of an eternal reward in heaven.—*Gospel Messenger.*

### THE CHURCH PORCH.

It is a solemn place. Is it possible to sit there and not think of those who have passed through, for many generations—the pious, the careless, the chance visitor, and the villager, who perhaps never heard prayers except in that one church; living and dying without ever straying from her native place; and the very stones worn away by the pacing of the feet of those whose prayers in this world are over? What congregations have poured silently out of the narrow entry, each bearing its own impression of the hour none knowing what passed in the heart of his neighbor, none saying—"Brother who smote you?" and yet we know that at some time words spoken within have consoled the grieving, rebuked the sinful, converted the skeptic, and awakened the worldling. And the preacher has gone at last—not knowing whether God has called by the instrumentality of his feeble voice one soul nearer heaven than on the preceding Sabbath. A church porch on a summer's evening is a sermon in itself.—*Mrs. Norton.*

## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

#### CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO MISSION FUND.

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Rawdon.....	£0	11	5
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Nesbit Reids.....	0	5	0
—per Rev. G. S. Groves.....	£1	15	7
London, per Ch. Wardens.....	11	12	5
Newmarket, per Rev. Sept. Ramsay.....	2	6	6
St. Luke's Church.....	0	13	6
Gore School House.....	0	3	0
Dowd's do. do.....	0	3	0
Line's do. do.....	0	0	10
Baker's do. do.....	0	5	6
Red do. do.....	0	4	2
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#### COBOURG CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, attended by the Rev. the Provost of Trinity College, visited this School upon Monday, the 26th of July. His Lordship was received by the Rev. the Principal, and the Rev. E. H. Dewar, together with several of the principal inhabitants of the town, among whom we noticed the Rev. C. Ruttan, Major Campbell, W. Corrigan, and V. Boswell, Esquires. His Lordship having taken his seat in the School-room, and permission having been obtained, Robert Bethune, second son of the Ven. the Archdeacon of York, read, in a clear, distinct, and emphatic manner, the following Address:—

MY LORD BISHOP,—We, the pupils of the Cobourg Church Grammar School, avail ourselves of the presence of your Lordship to-day, to assure you of our deep veneration and most sincere love. To see among us the highest minister of Christ's Church, carry on the work which his own Apostles began, fulfilling in their stead those high offices of love and faith which belong to the true tabernacle which God pitched, and not man, must strike our youthful minds with the liveliest sentiments of reverence and gratitude. And earnestly do we pray, that we, together with those of our fellow-pupils who yesterday received from your Lordship the imposition of hands, will so strive to toil in this life, that we may finally be deemed worthy to inherit the rest that remaineth unto the people of God. But in addition to these considerations, we hasten to welcome within our own walls, with every feeling of enthusiasm and delight, the venerable patron of our School. We behold in your Lordship the champion of that great religious principle which our history have diligently impressed upon us—the vital connexion between religious and secular learning—the nurture of the heart as well as the head. We are eager to assure your Lordship of our keen sense of the blessings which you have conferred upon us; and, while we proudly acknowledge the connection which exists between Trinity College and ourselves, we earnestly pray that your Lordship will yet live to see this School established under your auspices, as well as the higher foundation of Trinity College; each fulfil their several destinies, and send forth men qualified to serve God in Church and State—men who will not be ashamed to uphold the time-honoured institution of the one, or abide by the hallowed teaching of the other. And ardently do we hope, that our practical appreciation of the benefit of Church instruction will be displayed in the warm and zealous manner in which those prizes which have been presented to us by your munificence will be contended for at our approaching examination: and in after life we trust that the same Apostolic Church will ever animate us in what is lovely and of good report, and that those who have been opponents for scholastic honours will be of one heart and of one mind, if called to stand by the mother who nurtured them, and from whose teaching they received the doctrines of eternal life. And in the character of your Lordship we have the brightest example to encourage us in our good resolutions, the fortitude to confront difficulties, the perseverance to surmount them, the endurance through good and evil report, and the moral courage which braves every obstacle for a noble and glorious issue; these, these, my Lord, are before us, and prompts us to go and do likewise. And with confident, albeit with subdued and saddened feelings, for we look forward to the period (which may God long avert) when the hands that have laboured, and the voice that has cheered on the work, shall have been gathered to the Church unseen, we anticipate the reply of those who may be asked whence has been the spring of those virtues which, through the influence of Trinity College, have diffused themselves throughout these wide spread Colonies, and bear from the grateful lips of every child of Church and State the ready answer—*In the brave spirit and the strong faith of its FOUNDER.* Again let us assure your Lordship of our love and esteem, and venture to express the hope that

when your Lordship shall again visit this School, you will find its usefulness increasing and its numbers undiminished, and that each succeeding year will only behold us more earnest in the great work of life—the salvation of our immortal souls.

HIS LORDSHIP in a verbal answer, which was listened to with the most eager attention, replied—That it was gratifying to see around him so large an assemblage of boys, who would thus be brought under the influence of systematic church instruction, and most of whom he hoped in due time would become members of the higher foundation of Trinity College. His Lordship then deeply impressed upon the boys the necessity of sacrificing everything for a love of truth, and never to allow themselves to be influenced by any object which was base or mean, but upon all occasions to believe that the straight-forward, honourable course of action was the right course, and which would always meet with its reward. His Lordship further charged them to maintain discipline in school, and friendly feelings towards one another, and in all their actions never to lose sight of religion. At the wish of His Lordship, the Principal then granted the boys a holiday, and the ceremony terminated, having been fraught, we trust, with much benefit to all who had the pleasure of witnessing it. It was indeed a cheering sight to behold an aged Bishop, himself a celebrated instructor, and whose pupils have obtained the highest rank in their various professions of life, standing for a brief period in his former position, and recalling, perchance, some of those earlier recollections of his manhood, which seem to grow more vivid as the shadow of our life lengthens itself out. And when from the lips of His Lordship, who never speaks but to the purpose, came the earnest, energetic, and heartfelt language of paternal fondness, we marked well how the young boys, who surrounded His Lordship, seemed absorbed in the scene before them, and we dared to pray that the good seed would then be sown, which hereafter will ripen into some of those virtues of which the venerable speaker was himself so bright an example.

### Communication.

To the Editor of the Churchman.

Church Society's Office, August 2nd, 1852.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I herewith enclose you a copy of the Act of Parliament, assented to by the Crown, which places the patronage of the Rectories in the Church Society, and request that you will give it an early insertion in your paper, as it will be read with interest by members of our Society.

Permit me to take this opportunity of reminding the incorporated members that non-payment of the annual subscriptions entails a forfeiture of their privileges; it will be necessary, therefore, for any who have fallen into arrears, to pay up in full, before they can vote on any question of interest.

I am, Rev. and dear Sir, your's truly,

THOS. S. KENNEDY, Sec. Ch. S. D. T.

AN ACT to repeal so much of the Act of Parliament of Great Britain passed in the Thirty-first year of the Reign of King George the Third, and Chaptered Thirty-one, as relates to Rectories, and the presentation of Incumbents to the same, and for other purposes connected with such Rectories.

Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure 30th August, 1851.

The Royal Assent given by Her Majesty in Council on the 15th May, 1852; and Proclamation made thereof by His Excellency JAMES EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, in the CANADA Gazette of the 9th June, 1852.

WHEREAS the recognition of legal equality among all Religious Denominations is an admitted principle of Colonial Legislation; and whereas in the state and condition of this Province, to which such a principle is peculiarly applicable, it is desirable that the same should receive the sanction of direct Legislative authority, recognizing and declaring the same as a fundamental principle of our civil policy; Be it therefore declared and enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intitled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority of the same. That the free exercise and enjoyment of Religious profession and Worship, without discrimination or preference, so as the same be not made an excuse for acts of licentiousness, or a justification of practices inconsistent with the peace and safety of the Province, is by the constitution and laws of this Province allowed to all Her Majesty's subjects within the same.

II. And whereas the provisions of the Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intitled, *An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Reign, intitled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province, whereby the erection of Parsonages or Rectories in this Province, according to the establishment of the Church of England, the endowment of such Parsonages or Rectories out of the Clergy Reserves, and the presentation of Incumbents or Ministers to such Parsonages or Rectories, is vested in the Government of this Province, have been found to give occasion to doubts and apprehensions which it is desirable should be removed by the repeal of the same under the power for that purpose vested in the Provincial Parliament by the provisions of the said Imperial Act—Be it therefore enacted, That the thirty-eighth, thirty ninth and fortieth sections of the said Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed; and that from henceforth, no Letters Patent shall be issued in this Province by the Crown for the erection of any such Parsonages or Rectories, or for the endowment thereof, out of the Clergy Reserves or the Public Domain, or for the presentation of any Incumbent or Minister to any such Parsonage or Rectory: Provided always, that neither such repeal, nor anything herein contained, shall in any wise affect any proceedings heretofore had, whereby certain Parsonages or Rectories were erected and endowed, or supposed to be erected and endowed by the Authority aforesaid, or whereby certain Incumbents or Ministers were presented, or supposed to be presented, under the same Authority, to such Parsonages or Rectories, or any of them, but the legality or illegality of all such proceedings shall be left open to be adjudicated upon and determined as if this Act had not been passed: And provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to limit or in any way affect or interfere with the provisions of the twenty-seventh section of the Act of the Parliament of this Province, passed in the Session thereof held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intitled, *An Act for the disposal of Public Lands.**

III. And be it enacted, That in the event of its being judicially decided that any of such Parsonages or Rectories were erected according to law, and until a judicial decision shall be obtained on such question, the right of presenting an Incumbent or Minister to such Parsonage or Rectory shall vest in, and be exercised by the Church Society of the Church of England Diocese within which the same shall be situated, or in such other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as such Church Society, by any By-law or By-laws to be by them from time to time passed for that purpose, shall or may think fit to direct or appoint in that behalf.

We have much pleasure in inserting the following address, which was presented to the Rev. Wm. Ritchie by Col. Prince, on behalf of his congregation. Mr. Ritchie, after nine years residence among us, takes his departure, much regretted and esteemed by all classes of the community. Our best wishes accompany him:

To the REV. WILLIAM RITCHIE, Rector of Sandwich,

Your parishioners, having heard with regret that they are about to be deprived of your ministrations among them, and that the christian intercourse which they have enjoyed with you, is, after nine years duration, about to be abruptly stopped, through causes over which they have no control, desire to express their deep sense of the many obligations they lie under to you, both as their minister and friend, they trust that they may yet occasionally be gratified by your preaching, as your new home is not far distant; they assure you that you will ever be kindly remembered among them, and trust that the health you seek will be accorded to you in your new abode, and that you may long live for the benefit and advantage of our christian brethren. With sincere wishes for your temporal and eternal welfare, they bid you adieu, and pray that the blessing of God may rest upon you and yours.

On behalf of the Vestry,

(Signed) JOHN PRINCE, Chairman.

Sandwich, July 24th, 1852.

### REPLY.

MY DEAR BROTHERS,—With feelings greatly saddened by parting from you, after a cordial intercourse of nine years, I thank you with all my heart for the kind address which has been presented to me. If my ministrations among you have been instrumental in promoting the cause of Him who gave His life a ransom for sinners, may the praise be to God. May God bless you, my dear Brethren, and prosper