

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The January monthly meeting of the Society, was held at the Society's Board Room, on Wednesday the 5th, at 3 p.m.

Present:—The Lord Bishop in the chair. Reverends Dr. Beaven, F. L. Osler, D. E. Blake, A. J. Broughall, E. W. Beaven, J. W. Marsh, the Secretary, Hon. P. B. DeBlaqueire, Robt. Denison, and H. Mortimer, Esquires.

The prayers were said by the Bishop. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read by the Secretary, amended and confirmed.

The monthly statement of the receipts and expenditure of the several funds, with the balances of each, were read by the Secretary, and laid on the table.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid. H. Rowsell, half-yearly account for stationary and printing, £5 1⁹s. 11d.

H. Rowsell, for grants, £41 16s. 0d. The Secretary read a report from the Eastern Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee, which was ordered to be inserted in the minute book.

To the Honourable and Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Toronto, President of the Diocesan Church Society.

May it please your Lordship, The Eastern Episcopal Trust Fund Committee, have to report to your Lordship that their treasurer has received, on account of the said Fund, the following notes and securities, viz.,

Cash Subscriptions	\$ 6148.53
Notes Collected	1169.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$72 00
“ on Notes	35.35
	107.35
	7421.88
Mortgage, (Hooker)	2400.00
Notes not collected	20630.00
	30454.88

There is also a deed from Honourable R. C. Wilkins, of a lot in the Village of Trenton, containing one fifth of an acre, value not ascertained.

J. A. HENDERSON,
Chairman.
A. STEWART,
Secretary.

Resolved.—That a grant of books to the amount of ten dollars be made for the use of the Sunday School in connexion with Salt Fleet Church, under the direction of the Rev. J. L. Alexander.

An application for a grant of books was presented from the Rev. C. Omerod, signing himself city missionary, was read, but as the standing committee were not aware that that gentleman held the Bishop's license, and his application was not recommended by any of the City Clergy, the committee had not recommended that the grant be made.

Resolved.—That a grant of service books be made on application of the Rev. C. E. Thomson for the Chapel at Fergus.

Resolved.—That Sunday School books to the amount of ten dollars be granted to the Rev. T. B. Read for the Atherley Church Sunday School.

The Rev. F. L. Osler gave notice that at the next meeting he will propose that the Society give a deed of the lot of land purchased in Monro, to the clergyman and churchwardens and their successors.

A memorial signed by Mrs. Mountain and the churchwardens of the Church at Cornwall was read approving of the action taken by the Society on the subject of the sale of lands in Halifax, C. E., at its last meeting on the recommendation of the Rev. Dr. Patton.

Resolved.—That the several by-laws of the Society, bearing on the appropriation of the Widow and Orphans' Fund, be submitted to the Solicitor of the Society for his opinion.

Professor Kingston of University College, Toronto, was unanimously elected an incorporate member.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,
Secretary.

ADDRESS TO THE J. A. PRESTON, M.A.

Missionary in the County of Wellington.

The Rev. James A. Preston, M.A., late Missionary in the County of Wellington, having been appointed to the mission of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, was presented by his former parishioners with the following address, which, with the reverend gentleman's reply, we have been requested to publish. The address was accompanied by a donation of Forty Dollars.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned, on behalf of ourselves and the other members of the congregations under your charge, cannot allow you to remove to another sphere of labour without testifying the respect and esteem we entertain for you, and the regret we feel at your departure from amongst us.

Your earnest desire for our spiritual welfare has always prompted you to be unflinching in the discharge of all the duties appertaining to your sacred calling, and it has been your constant aim since your arrival among us, both by private and public exhortation, to win souls to Christ.

We beg to say, at this time, when the mutual relations of pastor and people, enjoyed for three years, are now about to cease, that you carry with you our united prayers, that the Great Head of the Church may bless your efforts in whatever portion of the Lord's vineyard you may be called upon to labor.

We beg to tender to your wife and family our warmest regards, and to express our earnest hope, that health and happiness may be the lot of you and yours in this life, and eternal happiness in the life to come.

We are Reverend and Dear Sir, your faithful friends.

(Signed)
ROBERT HUGHES, } Churchwardens of Grace
W. H. QUARD, } Church, Arthur.
R. B. MORRISON, } Churchwardens of Trinity
ALEX. ALLEN, } Church, North Arthur.
SIDNEY SMITH, } Churchwardens at Mount
ROBERT ORR, } Forest.
JOHN BRNE, } On behalf of the Congregation
Wm. Hall, } at Reading Garafax.
S. I. SHOTTER, } On behalf of the Congregation
JOHN POSTER, } at Erin

REPLY.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—I have received, with feelings of great satisfaction, the address you have presented to me, although you have praised, far beyond their desert, my feeble services as your missionary.

It is pleasing to a clergyman at all times to feel that his labours are appreciated by those under his care, but it is especially a source of rejoicing to me at my departure from you, to bear testimony that the anxiety evinced by you for the ministrations of the Church, as well as the encouragement and kindness on all occasions extended to myself, inspire me with the hope, that my labour has not been altogether in vain in the Lord. Let us hope that the "bread cast upon the waters" may be found "after many days," and that although the instrument employed may have been weak, yet

the planting and watering may be richly blessed by "God who giveth the increase."

Accept my thanks for your kind remembrances of those near and dear to me. We shall join with you in the fervent prayer that we may all "so pass through things temporal, as finally not to lose the things eternal."

I am, my dear friends,
Your faithful servant in Christ,
JAMES A. PRESTON.

The Rev. James A. Preston requests that all communications for him may be sent to Stirling, C. W.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH SOCIETY MEETINGS, HOME DISTRICT, 1859.

St. J's, Se'rb'r Wed'sday, February 16th, 11 a.m.
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Mark'h'm Vil'ge Thursday, " 17th, 11 a.m.
Crst Ch. Se'rb'r " " 7 p.m.

Clergymen desiring any alteration in the above are requested to communicate with the Secretary.

Notice of appointments in Pickering, Whitby, Brock, Reach and Georgina will be published in the next Gazette.

H. C. COOPER,
Secretary, H. O. B.

PAROCHIAL MEETINGS

Of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, will be held as follows:—

Elora..... Wed'sday, February 16th, 7 p.m.
Guelph..... Thursday, " 17th, 7 p.m.
Georgetown... Friday, " 18th,
Annual meeting at Hamilton, Wednesday,
March 16th, 7 p.m.

J. GAMBLE GEDDES, Secretary.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

The members of the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron are notified, that the next meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, the 10th of March, at 7 p.m., in St. Paul's School-house, London. The standing committee will meet on the same day, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

The Rev. Arthur Mortimer having removed from Adelaide to London, requests that all letters and papers intended for him, may be addressed to the latter place.

DIOCESE OF HURON.—CHURCH SOCIETY MEETINGS.

February.
Wednesday, 16th, Colchester, 7 p.m.
Friday, 18th, Morpeth, 7 p.m.
Saturday, 19th, Blenheim, 3 p.m.
Monday, 21st, St. John's, Ldn Tp, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, 22nd, St. George's, do, 2 p.m.
" " Biddulph, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 23rd, St. Mary's, 7 p.m.
Thursday, 24th, Stratford, 7 p.m.