

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	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson
C	Mar. 14.	3 SUNDAY IN LENT. { M. Gen. 39, John 1. 1 E. " 42, 1 The. 5.	
M	" 15.	{ M. Josh. 10, John 2. 1 E. " 23, 2 The. 1.	
T	" 16.	{ M. " 24, John 3. 1 E. Judges 1, 2 The. 2.	
W	" 17.	{ M. " 2, John 4. 1 E. " 3, 2 The. 3.	
T	" 18.	{ M. " 4, John 5. 1 E. " 5, 1 Tim. 1.	
F	" 19.	{ M. " 6, John 6. 1 E. " 7, 1 Tim. 2, 3.	
S	" 20.	{ M. " 8, John 7. 1 E. " 9, 1 Tim. 4.	
C	" 21.	4 SUNDAY IN LENT. { M. Gen. 43, John 8. 1 E. " 45, 1 Tim. 5.	

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.

CHURCHES.	CLERGY.	Mornings.	Evening.
St. James's*	{ Rev. H. J. Grasset, M.A. Rector. } { Rev. E. Baldwin, M.A. Assist. }	11 o'clock	3 o'clock
St. Paul's...	Rev. J. G. D. McKenzie, B.A. Incumb.	11 " "	4 " "
Trinity...	Rev. R. Mitchele, M.A. Incumbent.	11 " "	6 " "
St. George's.	Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D., Incumb.	11 " "	7 " "
Holy Trinity†	{ Rev. H. Scadding, M.A., Incumb. } { Rev. W. Stennett, M.A., Assist. }	11 " "	6 " "

* 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.

TORONTO VOCAL MUSIC SOCIETY.

Rooms—St. Lawrence Buildings.
Regular practice every Wednesday, at Eight P.M. Terms of admission, Performing Members 20s. per annum; Non-performing 25s.

J. P. CLARKE, Mus. Bac. Conductor.
G. B. WYLLIE, Secretary & Treasurer.

THE COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

DILIGENT HEED TO GOD'S WORD.

Therefore we ought diligently to give heed to those things which we hear: we must consider of them, we must chew the cud. Every beast that cheweth not the cud is unclean, and not fit for sacrifice. Let us be poor in spirit, and meek in heart: let us be gentle, as becometh the lambs of Christ; and as his sheep, let us hear his voice, and follow him. Let us be of a contrite spirit, and tremble at the word of God: Let us, when we know God, glorify him as God. So shall God look upon us; so shall the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, and of council, and of knowledge, and of the fear of God, rest upon us; so shall we rejoice in his salvation, and with one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.—*Bishop Jewel.*

A WIFE'S SPHERE.

The power of a wife for good or evil is irresistible. Home must be the seat of happiness, or it must be forever unknown. A good wife is to a man wisdom and courage, and strength and endurance. A bad one is confusion, weakness, discomfiture, and despair. No condition is hopeless, when the wife possesses firmness, decision, and economy. There is no outward prosperity which can counteract the indolence, extravagance, and folly at home. No man is strong, but his heart is not adamant. He delights in enterprise and action, but to sustain him he needs a tranquil mind and a whole heart. He expends his whole moral force in the conflicts of the world. To recover his equanimity and composure, home must be to him a cheerful place of repose, of peace, of cheerfulness, of comfort; and his soul renews its strength again, and goes forth with fresh vigor to encounter the labour and troubles of the world. But if at home he finds no rest, and is there met with bad temper, selfishness, or gloom, or is assailed by discontent, or complaint, or reproaches, the heart breaks, the spirits are crushed, hope vanishes, and the man sinks into despair.

USES OF MONEY.

If a man had eyes, hands and feet that he could give to those who wanted them; if he should either lock them up in a chest, or please himself with some needless or ridiculous use of them, instead of giving them to his brethren who were blind and lame, should we not justly reckon him an inhuman wretch? If he should rather choose to amuse himself with furnishing his house with these things than to entitle himself to an eternal reward by giving them to those that wanted eyes and hands, might we not justly reckon him mad? Now money has very much the nature of eyes and feet; if we lock it up in chests, or waste it in needless expenses upon our selves, while the distressed want it for their necessary uses; if we consume it in the

ridiculous ornaments of apparel, while others are starving in nakedness, we are not far from the cruelty of him that chooses, rather to adorn his house with hands and eyes than to give them to those that want them. If we choose to indulge ourselves in such enjoyments as have no real use in them, and satisfy no real want, rather than to obtain an eternal reward by disposing of our money well, we are guilty of his madness that chooses to lock up eyes and hands rather than to make himself forever blessed by giving them to those that want them.—*Law's Call.*

ROBIN REDBREAST.

I have, somewhere, met with an old legend, that a robin, hovering about the Cross, bore off a thorn, from our dear Saviour's crown; and dyed his bosom, with the blood: and that, from that time, robins have been the friends of man.

Sweet Robin, I have heard them, say,
That thou wert here, upon the day,
The Christ was crowned, in cruel scorn;
And bore away, one bleeding thorn:
That, so, the blush, upon thy breast,
In shameful sorrow, was impressed;
And, thence, thy genial sympathy,
With our redeemed humanity.

Sweet Robin, would that I might be,
Bathed, in my Saviour's blood, like thee;
Bear, in my breast, whate'er the loss,
The bleeding blazon of the Cross;
Live, ever, with thy loving mind,
In fellowship, with human kind;
And take my pattern, still, from thee,
In gentleness, and constancy, G. W. D.

INFANT TUITION.

Pour in knowledge gently. Plato observed that the minds of children were like bottles with very narrow mouths; if you attempted to fill them too rapidly, much knowledge was wasted, and little received; whereas, with a small stream they were easily filled. Those who would make young children prodigies, act as wisely as if they would pour water into a pint measure.—*Educational Magazine.*

MERCY IN TRIALS.

How gloriously has the benevolence of my God frequently exhibited itself towards me in my evil days, and manifested the wisdom of His ordinances! how often have I been moved to confess that even troubles are the blessings of the Lord! If I am thankful, abounding in trust, humble and patient, I owe it to the distresses which God has appointed to me, to the trials to which He has subjected me, to the burdens which He has given me to carry. Without these my heart would not have been purified, nor my soul exalted, nor my spirit furnished with treasures for the skies.—*Sturm.*

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.
The Treasurer acknowledges the following receipts during the week ending 10th March, 1852:—

FOR DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.

St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Picton...	£1 5 0
St. John's Church, Richmond...	0 1 3
—per Churchwarden...	£1 6 3
St. John's Church, York Mills, —per Churchwarden...	1 18 2½
St. John's Church, Cayuga South, —per Rev. Adam Townley...	0 13 0
Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, —per Churchwarden...	3 0 0
St. John's Church, Tyrconnel...	1 0 0
Trinity Church, Howard...	0 15 0
—per Rev. Henry Holland...	1 15 0
The Church at Newmarket, —per Rev. S. F. Ramsay...	1 3 8
St. George's Church, Etobicoke	0 12 0
St. Philip's Church, Weston...	0 5 0½
Christ's Church, Mimico...	0 5 0
—per Rev. H. C. Cooper...	1 2 1½
	£10 18 3

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, —per Churchwarden...	£3 0 0
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FOR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. Henry Holland, Tyrconnel...	£1 5 0
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T. W. BIRCHALL, Treasurer.
10th March, 1852.

MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, IN LONDON, C. W.

The annual meeting of the London and Huron Branch of the Church Society, was held in London, C. W., on the 26th ult. There was a large and respectable assemblage of people. The Secretary read the report, which, however, is not yet printed. The Hon. Mr. Goebue, in moving that it might be adopted said:—"He never believed, and never subscribed to the doctrine, that the pure scriptural truths of the Church of England required the aid of official or government patronage to sustain them in Canada. The

worshippers before our own altars are abundantly able, and each day becoming more determined to spread the truths of the gospel, by their voluntary contributions. Hitherto such was not the case; our people had been taught to look too much to the State for assistance, and did not feel the necessity of individual effort, as they now do; The people of London, Hamilton and Toronto, and such places, now comparatively wealthy, should not rest content until, through their exertions, their brethren less able, in the remote wilds of the country, had the gospel preached to them. The laity should take an interest in the meetings of such societies, and not leave the whole work to be done by the clergy. Here we find clergymen coming sixty, eighty, and a hundred miles, to take part in our proceedings; the influential laymen should go and do likewise. The report alluded to the unfortunate defalcation in Toronto, and while such an apparent breach of faith in an officer of the society, was to be deeply regretted by all, he hoped and believed that a more watchful guardianship over the affairs of the society will prevent such a result for all time to come; and he also believed that the ultimate loss will fall far short of what has, in some instances been stated."

The report was unanimously adopted, and also the following resolutions:—

Resolved—That we regard, with feelings of deep thankfulness, the efforts which the United Church of England and Ireland is now making to spread the knowledge of God in the earth, and the success with which it has pleased the great Head of the Church to bless those efforts.

Resolved—That the spiritual destitution which so extensively prevails throughout the diocese, loudly calls upon the members of our church, who themselves enjoy the blessings of the stated means of grace, to aid in extending the same blessings to others.

Resolved—That the measures of success which has already been vouchsafed to the labours of the Church Society in this diocese, encourages us to hope that it will be productive of great spiritual blessings to the country in the time to come.

Resolved—That this meeting desires to recognize the great Scriptural principle, that God's blessing alone can give effect to any work undertaken in his name, and that, therefore, it is our duty, constantly and earnestly, to pray that his presence may accompany, and his blessing attend those who are employed in proclaiming to sinners the glad tidings of a free salvation through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Resolved—That all our efforts for the development of true religion, the best and most effectual method that we can adopt, is to conduct our proceedings in conformity with the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the United Church of England and Ireland.

Resolved—That the following gentlemen be the committee and officers of the society for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number:—W. W. E. Adams, Esq., Mayor, T. C. Dixon, Esq., M. P. P., F. Talbot, Esq., Assistant Commissary General Field, W. Elliot and H. Chisholm, Esquires.

The objects of the society, as described by the Chairman of the meeting, the Rev. C. C. Brough are "to send the messengers of peace, the glad tidings of salvation to those now, in the remote settlements of the country, who thirst for knowledge and ask for the words of life. We seek not to erect a shibboleth of man's invention, but to build up the temple of the living God, that the words of eternal life may fall on the land, as the dews of Hermon, extending throughout all the dwellings of Israel."

CHURCH SOCIETY.

Gore and Wellington District Branch, agreeably to a resolution passed at the annual meeting of this branch, held at Hamilton, on the 18th ult., the following Report has been sent us for publication:—

REPORT.

The Managing Committee of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, in rendering their Ninth Annual Report of their proceedings, are thankful to say that they are able to congratulate the members of the Association upon its continued prosperity and success. For although it will be found that in some few localities there has been a falling off during the past year, still the aggregate number of subscribers, and amount of subscriptions exhibit a large and gratifying increase.

Since the last Annual meeting a second Travelling Missionary has been appointed, the sphere of whose labours will be confined to the Wellington District. The Rev. Mr. Pettit was admitted to Deacon's orders at the last general ordination, and has been zealously engaged in his arduous duties up to the present time. He travels over an extent of country comprising not less than 50 square miles, and ministers to the members of the Church at twelve different stations.

The Committee regret to state that their late Travelling Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Merritt, in the month of July last, resigned his charge in order to devote his labours to the newly-erected parishes of Barton, and Glanford, in each of which Townships he has in course of erection a substantial stone Church—correct in architectural design and of suitable dimensions for the accommodation of the Church population in those Townships. It must be highly gratifying to the members of this Association to witness thus early the fruits of their Travelling Mission, and to see such monuments of missionary labour springing up in various parts of this spacious vineyard, which but for the exertion of the Church Society, might have exhibited a scene of desolation—its hedges broken down and the wild boar of the woods devouring it. The vacancy occasioned by Mr. Merritt's resignation, your Committee regret to say, has not yet been filled—the Rev. Mr. Bull who had temporary charge having been appointed Curate at St. Catharines. Steps have been taken to secure a successor, and there is a speedy prospect of the object being attained. While on this subject the Committee rejoice to state that they are about to make application for two more Missionaries to labour in the vast tract of country between Guelph and Owen's Sound, and are ready to pledge themselves for the amount necessary to secure their services—making in all four Travelling Missionaries within the bounds of this association.

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Your Committee find that they would be guilty of an unpardonable oversight did they not on this public occasion allude to two incidents of the past year, one of which has called forth the sympathy of all in communion with the Church of England, throughout the world; the other has awakened feelings of lively satisfaction among Churchmen in this immediate Diocese. The first is the fact that during the past year the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, through the goodness and favour of Almighty-God, was permitted to complete a century and a-half of missionary labour, and solemnly to communicate with thanksgiving and praise the close of its third Jubilee; and not the least interesting feature in this celebration was that all the Bishops of the American Church, with their numerous Clergy and almost countless congregations, united with the Church of England at home, and in all her Colonial dependencies, in the expression of their sympathy and joy. Every one of these Dioceses took part in commemorating the foundation of the oldest Missionary Society of the Reformed Church—a Society which from its first small beginnings in New-England has extended its operations into all parts of the world, from the Ganges to Lake Huron, and from New Zealand to Labrador.

The other event is the auspicious opening of the Church University called Trinity College, on the 16th of January last, when in the presence of a large and influential assemblage of the Clergy and Laity, no less than 30 young gentlemen were matriculated as Students, and the important work of Education on Christian principles was commenced. To see the indefatigable labours of the Venerable Bishop of this Diocese—persevered in for a period of more than 40 years—then after a temporary but cruel disappointment, resumed with unabated vigour, and at length crowned with success is indeed an event to be hailed with feelings of devout thankfulness, not only by every lover of the Church, but also by every friend of sound Religious Education.

And now it becomes the principal duty of your Committee to notice an occurrence of a different complexion which has cast a temporary gloom over the Church Society, and caused its friends no little anxiety and concern. They allude to the recent deficiency in the funds of the Society, in consequence of the imprudence too implicit and unguarded in an influential officer of the Society. As the matter is, however, at present under legal investigation your Committee forbear to say more; but they are happy to communicate the substance of a Resolution adopted at the recent meeting of the Society. That in order to secure the funds of the Society from future embezzlement the Bank of Upper Canada be constituted its Treasurer, and all monies collected throughout the Diocese are required to be paid into the hands of the nearest Agent of the Bank, who will give a receipt for himself, and also a duplicate to be sent to the Secretary of the Church Society, at Toronto, and also notify the Bank at Toronto of the receipt of such money. This is the system pursued by the Government and the Canada Company with great satisfaction to all parties, and your Committee feel confident that every thing will be placed on such a footing that all reasonable men will give the Society that confidence to which it is entitled.

Your Committee however must hasten to lay before the Association as brief an abstract as they can of the several Parochial Reports, in order to show what progress the Society is making in its various ramifications throughout the United Districts.

Parochial meetings have been held at the following places:—Norval, Hornby, Oakville, Palermo, Wellington Square, Elora, Guelph, Galt, Ancaster, Dundas, Brantford, and Paris, at most of which the attendance (considering the severity of the weather) was satisfactory. The cause of the Society was advocated on these occasions by lay and clerical speakers, and much useful information was imparted relating not only to the progress of the Church in this Diocese but also to the interests of the Church at large.

NORVAL.

The Missionary resident in this prosperous and romantic little village, after having by great local exertions liquidated debts contracted before he came into the Mission, has formed a Parochial Association and has remitted the amount of £3 18s. 9d. to the Treasurer.

OAKVILLE AND PALERMO.

The Oakville Parochial Committee are happy to be able to report an increase over the subscriptions of last year. This is mainly owing to the resuscitation of the Church Society in Palermo, and the readiness with which our claims in all parts have been met. The Committee are also happy to be able to state that arrangements have been made for the purchase of a Glebe lot within a convenient distance of the Village of Oakville.

In the rising village of Bronte a station has been opened, and a congregation is in course of formation under very encouraging circumstances. By arrangement with the Government a most eligible and valuable site for a Church has been obtained. This has been secured at a cost of £12 10s. which has been subscribed for by the friends of the Church in that Village, and a deed will shortly be procured.

WELLINGTON SQUARE.

Your Committee are glad to report that the claims of the Society continue to commend themselves to every member of the Church, and it is hoped that each succeeding year will witness its triumphs over prejudice and opposition. The amount collected is £29 5s., a small increase over the last year.

GUELPH.

If this Parish had not made any remittance to the District Association on account of the past year it