

religious bodies in possession of a portion of this fund. The Church of Scotland, —and we are sincerely grieved to hear it,—have lost, it is said, 60 per cent. of their capital; and it is asserted that the Methodists have lost the whole.

I venture to repeat what a most respectable merchant of this city, not belonging to our Church, is said to have declared. that, having looked into the history and progress of our Commutation Trust Fund, he had never, in all his experience of the management of corporation funds, mercantile firms, or private fortunes, known of any so ably and so successfully conducted as this,—with so little loss of interest, without any encroachment upon capital.

I trust, my dear brethren, that these facts, simply stated,—for that they are facts you can have the most abundant evidence,—will bear down, in your minds and judgments, those shameless accusations and insinuations which, for any other reason than love of the Church or regard for your welfare, there are those who busy themselves in circulating.

Hold fast your confidence in those who are giving, ungrudgingly, their time and energies to maintain, and to perpetuate to after ages, whatever property the Church has left; and with an earnest and united will, strive to augment the means by which her missionary work can be carried out and extended.

To my brethren of the clergy I would specially say—use your best endeavours to have numerously attended missionary meetings, and zealous collectors. Meet with exactness the appointments of the deputations; and on no account, without the most pressing reasons and their concurrence, change the days and hours at which the meetings are appointed to be held. Any deviation from the published arrangements can only produce confusion, and defeat the good object we all have in view.

I trust and pray that a good result may attend the efforts of the present winter, and that we shall have cause to congratulate one another upon the life and energy infused into our mission work, and the brighter prospects of meeting more effectually the growing requirements of the Church.

I remain, my dear brethren,

Yours, with great regard and affection,

A. N. TORONTO.

Toronto, December 28, 1868.

## CHURCH SOCIETY NOTICE.

### JANUARY COLLECTION—MISSION FUND.

The Clergy are respectfully reminded that a collection in aid of the *Mission Fund* is to be taken up during the present month.

They will please take up this collection *within the month*, and remit the proceeds to the undersigned, without delay, by Bank Draft or Post-office Order, or in Bank Bills; all sums under one dollar in Postage Stamps.

### PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS.

The Parochial Collections (including the collections at Missionary Meetings) are to be transmitted to the District Treasurers in time to enable them to make their returns to the undersigned before the 30th April next.

The following gentlemen are Treasurers for their respective Districts, viz.:—

*Home District.*—Henry Rowsell, Esq., Toronto.

*Gore and Wellington District.*—James Bancroft, Esq., Hamilton.

*Niagara District.*—Rev. C. L. Ingles, Drummondville.

*Simcoe District.*—Edmund Lally, Esq., Barrie.

*Newcastle District.*—Rev. Canon Brent, Newcastle.