

bers of the Church—that reason is her weakened condition after the assault and robbery to which she has been obliged to submit, and which must compel her for the future to look for an increased measure of aid from her lay members to enable her to carry on the great work entrusted to her by her divine Head. The Church Societies are, in this country, the machinery, guided of course, in a great measure by the bishops, by the operation of which the Church is struggling to discharge her parochial and missionary duties; therefore the more they are aided the more energetic will be her labors, and the more successful will be their result.

It is for these unassailable reasons that the members of this branch of the Church Society, as well as all others, are earnestly solicited to give proof of their religious zeal and sincerity by returning to God for the good of His Church a larger proportion than hitherto of those gifts with which He has bountifully endowed them. They who are informed in His word need not be reminded that every penny so spent is imperishable—that neither rust nor moth can corrupt it—but that it will be laid up for them “in heaven, where thieves do not break through and steal;” and where, therefore, they may be sure of receiving their own again with interest at the hands of their divine Master, and amid the plaudits of the angelic host.

The material interests of the Church among us during the past year have been at a stand still. It is with much regret we have to state that the Church in Fitzroy Harbor still remains in the same unfinished state as the year before last, owing entirely to the failure of contributors to the building fund to discharge their obligations. The Committee have lately determined on taking active measures for insuring the payment of arrears; which, together with sums forwarded from other parts of the diocese, and others promised, will, it is hoped, put the building, in the ensuing summer, in a state fit for divine service.

The first step has been taken for the division of St. Mark's churchyard into convenient burying lots—an arrangement from which much future advantage is expected to result. A handsome set of service books, valued at upwards of £30s.0d. has been just received as a gift from the Church Society, for the use of St. Mark's Church.

The following items will exhibit the present financial condition of the mission:

#### *Fitzroy Harbor.*

Total offertory collections from the 1st Jan. 1856, to the 1st Jan. 1857.....	£9 15 7
St. Mark's, Pakenham .....	5 14 1½
9th Line Church .....	2 6 4
Howard's Shop .....	0 12 8

The special collections are as follows—

	G. P. F.	STUD. F.	MIS. F.	W. & O. F.	PROT. II.
Fitzroy Harb.	0 4½	12 0	12 10½	10 8	10 0
St. Mark's ..	15 0	10 0	7 0	7 0	10 0
9th Line.....	6 ½	—	4 7½	0 5½	15 8½

Total special collections—

Fitzroy Harbour .....	£3 0 6
St. Mark's .....	2 10 9
9th Line .....	1 11 4
	£7 2 7

The present is the 3rd anniversary of the Society in this mission. The last collection taken up in its behalf was the smallest.

The gross amount collected was ..	£20 11 3½
Deduct for various expenses ...	1 14 7

Remainder .....	£18 16 8½
One-fourth remitted to P. Soc. ..	4 14 2
	£14 2 0½
Deduct for postage and freight ..	0 5 4

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Of the whole or gross sum, the greater part, viz., £12 14s. 5d., being collected in Fitzroy Harbor and vicinity, a corresponding proportion is justly claimed by that end of the mission—viz., £9 0s. 0d., leaving to be appropriated by the congregation of St. Mark's Church, £4 17s. 2½d.

To the foregoing add the following miscellaneous collections, viz.:—

Collected by Robert Armstrong and James Howard for Bible and Prayer Book ..	£1 6 3
Subscription for Font for St. Mark's Ch. ..	0 15 0
Offertory collections in St. Mary's School House in 1851, received in 1856.....	0 7 4

Total..... £2 8 7

#### *Total Collections.*

Church Society .....	£20 11 3½
Offertory Collections.....	18 8 8½
Miscellaneous.....	2 8 7
	£41 8 7

#### OPENING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IN CONNEXION WITH THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly afford me a small space in your columns to describe a very pleasing scene at which I had the gratification of being present on Thursday last—I allude to the festival given to the children of the Sunday School in connexion with the Church of the Holy Trinity in this city, on the occasion of the opening of the new and beautiful School-house, which has been erected close to the church.

On Thursday afternoon, the Sunday School children, numbering between two and three hundred, were assembled in the church, whence, under the charge of their teachers, they moved to the lower portion of the School-house, where a feast of good things awaited them. Owing to the admirable arrangements which had been

made beforehand, they were all seated at once and without confusion. Grace was sung by the children and teachers, and this very important part of the entertainment was then proceeded with. After all had partaken to their hearts' content, they were again collected in the church, previous to going to the upper and larger part in the School-house, where each child as it entered had its mouth and hands or cap and apron, as the case might be, filled with “bull's eyes,” sugar plums, &c., by two industrious individuals at the door, who plied their temporary vocation with a diligence that would not, perhaps, have been very gratifying to the anxious mothers of the little ones. The children being thus made perfectly happy, were at liberty to contemplate two very pretty Christmas trees at the further end of the room, beautifully lighted up, and very tastefully hung with presents of various kinds. While the children were being arranged, those present were very much gratified by the entrance of our venerable and beloved Bishop, who addressed the children with a few affectionate words of encouragement and admonition, which were listened to with the deepest respect and attention. The classes were then called up in order, to receive the gifts from the trees, and it speaks very well, either for the judgment of those who selected the presents, or for the moral training of the children, that on no case was any envy or discontent expressed by any one child at the better fortune of one more lucky than himself: on the contrary, all was harmony and pleasure.

After all the gifts had been distributed, an exhibition of a magic lantern followed—and very good it was—though not a few of those present thought there was one fault to be found, and that was—there was too little of it.

This being the last gratification provided, “God save the Queen” was now sung in a way that would have made an annexationist's heart sink within him, and affording a proof, if any were needed, that the inculcation of true and sound church principles is attended, as a matter of course, by feelings of loyalty and patriotism.

All present were then dismissed with “The Blessing,” pronounced by the Bishop; and can we doubt that “The Blessing” will always follow the exertions of those who strive to make religion's way—as the ways of true religion always are—ways of pleasantness? The children too, in after years, when they look back upon this happy evening, will remember that they owed their happiness to their connexion with the church of Christ,—“The Mother of us all.”

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