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### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

#### SYNOD OF TORONTO.

The secretaries beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following letter from F. Cumberland Esq., Manager of the Northern Railway of Canada, which they publish for the information of parties interested.

My DEAR SIR.—Referring to my previous note to you on the subject of half-fare tickets to delegates attending the ensuing Synod in Toronto, I beg to inform you that any delegate having travelled over the road at full fare, with a view to attending on the Synod, will be passed a return by presenting a ticket from you to the above effect. This will apply from the day previous to the meeting, to the day after the adjournment of the synod.

(Signed.) Your's &c.  
The Rev. Dr. Lett. FRED. CUMBERLAND.  
N.B.—Delegate means "member of the Synod," clerical or lay.

We have been requested to call the attention of the Eastern Members of the Synod, to the arrangements of the American Line of Steamboats for their accommodation, advertised in this day's Gazette.

The annual meeting of the Church Society will be held (D. V.,) on Wednesday, June 13th. There will be Divine Service in the morning, at St. James's Church, immediately after which the Incorporated Members of the Church Society will meet in the School House for despatch of business. The public meeting of the Church Society will take place in the evening, at 7½, in the St. Lawrence Hall. At the close of the meeting a collection will be taken up.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

To the Secretary of the Church Society.  
REV. SIR.—I beg to give notice that I shall move the following amendments to the recommendations of the committee:

Art. VIII. Salary of Secretary, Employment of Bookkeeper, &c.  
That the new arrangements proposed by the committee shall not take effect until July 1st, 1861.

Art. XIV. Standing committee.  
That "twenty" be substituted for "ten."

Art. XVIII. District associations.  
1. That no clergyman shall be considered to have complied with the requirements of the society, who does not pay over to the treasurer of the district association, the whole proceeds of the parochial collections made within his mission, on or before the last day of April in each year.  
2. That the treasurer of each district association

shall remit to the parent society the entire subscriptions of all incorporated members, together with one fourth of the remaining collections.

3. That each district association shall be at liberty to make grants out of the remaining three fourths, either to parishes for local purposes contemplated by the constitution, or to missionaries employed by the district association within its limits.

4. That any amount not so appropriated on or before the first of July in each year, shall be remitted by the treasurer to the parent society.

Art. XIX. To substitute "First Sunday after Trinity" for "Trinity Sunday."

I have the honour to be, Rev. Sir,  
Your faithful servant  
EDWARD H. DEWAR.

#### CHURCH SOCIETY, D. T.

##### REPORT OF THE MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH.

In the last report a hope was expressed that, in the ensuing year, a more lively interest would be manifested in the welfare of the church society in this district. It is gratifying to be able to say that in the country parishes at least, this has been, in some measure, realized. In the month of February a deputation, appointed by the committee of management of this branch, visited the following parochial associations: Sydenham and Portland, Napanee, Clarke's Mills, Bath, Fredericksburg and Adolphustown, and in each of these places progress was observed. This is so far encouraging, for we regard progress, however small in itself, as an earnest of something better. It shows that there is life in the parochial branches, and it seems to warrant the expectation that the time is not far distant, when the Church Society will occupy that place in the affections of the members of our communion which it ought. In these days it is impossible to stand still. Every organization, whether for good or evil, will go forward, if those associated to promote its interests are true to themselves. Why, then, should the Church Society languish or decline? The objects it contemplates are pre-eminently for good. What aim can be higher than that of winning souls to Christ? What design can be more noble, more god-like, than that of making men happy, both here and hereafter? This the everlasting gospel alone can do; and it is to send that gospel to those of our fellow countrymen who have it not, that the Church Society has been organized. Surely then every member of our truly apostolic church must wish and pray that the society may flourish. But they must not stop here. They may wish and pray, but if they do not put forth their energies, and contribute freely of their substance, it will be hard to believe that they are really in earnest in the matter. Many wish well to a cause, which yet they do not help on. It is a rare thing, in these days, to find a person wholly opposed to religious societies, yet the great mass, of even professing christians, leave the burden of supporting these to others. It is only the few that give to uphold them. But more than good wishes are required to promote the welfare of our church soci-

ety. "Be ye warmed and filled," unless something is given to clothe and feed, is but a mockery to those who are looking to this society for support, while they are engaged in carrying the message of peace and salvation to those in the remote districts of this province who have no opportunity of hearing the word of life, except from the missionaries sent forth by this society. Others again busy themselves in finding fault with the workings of the society, or with some of its provisions, while the real objection lies in their unwillingness to give of their substance to help on the work. But unless we labour more, and give more, and pray more, and that not the few only among us, or even the many, but unless we all give, and labour, and pray, the high and holy mission of the Church Society cannot be fulfilled. When will all the members of the Church Society realize the fact that it is *their* society, that it is a Church Society organized to carry out church objects, and that the organization is, upon the whole, admirably adapted for that purpose, all objections to the contrary notwithstanding? In Canada, where the church is thrown entirely upon her own resources, and where the enlargement of her sphere of action can be brought about only by the voluntary contributions of her members, it must be apparent that it is the duty of every churchman to give, as the Lord hath prospered him, to uphold the society, and to enable the managers to fulfil their engagements with those depending on it for support. And all can give something: all can give more than they have ever yet given, or than they think they can give: and, if all did their duty, there would be no lack of means to carry on the good work. We are not sufficiently alive to the benefits of *associated* action. We think and act rather in our individual capacity, practically forgetting that union is strength, and that any cause, however good in itself, will make but little progress, unless sustained by a vigorous and *united* effort.

Napanee .....\$111.82

"Your Committee, for the first time, have given all the subscriptions raised for the Church Society to be expended outside of the parish, as they feel that it is our duty, being now an old established parish, to do all we can to assist those more recently formed, or thrown more upon the voluntary contributions of the people. The amount devoted in this way we wish were more." How can we be sincere in our prayers, when we pray that His kingdom may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven, if we contribute not of our means, as well as of our prayers, to the furtherance of this work?"

Fredericksburgh and Adolphustown. \$ 25.00  
Bath ..... 40.00  
For local purposes ..... 130.00  
Camden ..... 60.00

"Your Committee would take this opportunity of thanking the Church Society for its aid; but for which, it is not too much to say, this parish would be unable to support a Clergyman. They beg to acknowledge the respective sums of £50 from the Parent Society, £12 10s. from the Midland District Society, and £5 from the neighbouring Parochial Branch of Napanee, towards