

THE CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

"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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RELIGION.

Religion is equally the basis of private virtue and public faith; of the happiness of the individual and the prosperity of the nation.
—*W. Burrow.*

CHILDREN AT THE GATE OF HEAVEN.

Little travelers Zionward,
Each one entering into rest,
In the kingdom of your Lord,
In the mansion of the blest;
There, to welcome, Jesus waits,
Gives the crowns his followers win.
Lift your heads, ye golden gates;
Let the little travellers in!

Who are they whose little feet,
Pacing life's dark journey through,
Now have reached that heavenly seat
They had ever kept in view?
"I from Greenland's frozen strand;"
"I from India's sultry plain;"
"I from Africa's barren sand;"
"I from Islands of the main."

"All our earthly journey past,
Every tear and pain gone by,
Here together met at last,
At the portal of the sky;
Each the welcome 'COME,' awaits,
Conquerors over death and sin.
Lift your heads, ye golden gates;
Let the little travelers in!

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Collections made in the several Churches, Chapels, and Missionary Stations in the Diocese, towards the support of the Widows' and Orphans' of the Clergy in this Diocese, appointed for the 11th Sunday after Trinity.

Previously announced in the "Canadian Churchman," Vol. I, No. 9.	£13	4	9
St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, per Rev. W. H. Dewar.	7	12	6
St. Andrew's, Grimsby.	£1	15	9
Beamsville Station.	0	10	0
—Per Rev. F. J. Lundy.	2	5	0
Rice Lake Church, per Rev. W. Beck	1	10	0
St. George's, St. Catharines	7	15	10
2 Mile Creek.	1	2	2
—Per Rev. A. F. Atkinson.	8	18	0
St. Mark's, Niagara, per Churchwarden.	6	8	3
St. Peter's, Brockville, per Rev. E. Dunroche.	10	7	10

12 Collections, amounting in all to... £50 7 4

Mission Fund.

Previously announced.	£182	7	2
St. John's, Tecumseth.	£1	19	7 1/2
Trinity Church, do.	0	12	7
—Per Rev. F. L. Oster.	1	12	1 1/2

12 1/2 Collections, amounting in all to £183 19 3

Parochial Branches.

Tecumseth, 10th year, per Rev. F. L. Oster.	£5	2	6
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IRELAND.

THE REFORMATION IN IRELAND—CONFIRMATIONS IN THE WEST.

The following is the report of the tour made by the Bishop of Tuam through parts of the united dioceses of Tuam, Kildare, and Achery, in the months of July and August, 1852:—

The Bishop of Tuam having arranged to hold a general visitation to his diocese in the summer of 1852, determined to commence with the several episcopal parishes rendered necessary by recent events; and, as the circumstances of this tour may serve to show the progress of the reformation in the west of Ireland, it was directed that a statistical report of them should be prepared, and made public with as much facility as possible.

The general visitation was commenced on the 29th of July, at Tuam for that purpose; and the 3rd of August at Ballymore, for the diocese of Kildare and Achery. In consequence of the recent missionary operations, the separation of parishes, and various other circumstances, the diocese has been increased in extent in the last few years by the addition of what is called the "Lough Corrib" and "Lough Swilly" parishes. A portion of it was held in a synod on Saturday, the 1st day of August, 1852, and was

confirmed; of these were all original Protestants; 19 of Hollymount and 7 of Baturrobe.

At Castlebar 79 persons were confirmed on Monday August 2nd; these 69 were original Protestants, and 10 converts.

At Belmullet the number of persons presented to the Bishop for confirmation on Friday the 6th of August was 147; of these 20 were original Protestants, the remainder 127 were converts.

At Westport on Tuesday, the 10th of August, the catechumens numbered 149. The original Protestants were 125 the converts 24.

At Louisburg the confirmation was held on Wednesday the 11th of August 113 persons were confirmed. These consisted of 8 original Protestants and 110 converts.

The missionaries of the Irish Society brought 36 catechumens from Ballincorrey to the confirmation at Achill, on Sunday, 8th of August; these were all converts but one.

The result under this head is that 528 persons were confirmed; 223 original Protestants, and 305 converts. About 160 converts had been confirmed in these districts in October, 1849, which gives a total of 365 in three years.

Within this district, in connection with the Irish Society, new churches are in process of completion: it had been hoped that three of them might have been ready for consecration upon this occasion but different circumstances occurred to make delay necessary. The church at Bunnahinch containing 200 sittings is so far advanced that service is celebrated in it by license; this is also the case with the church at Paulthoma, containing also 200 sittings. The church at Ballyconroy, calculated to contain 150 people, is nearly roofed in and the walls are rising of the church at Knappah where 300 persons are to be accommodated. There is a new church at Aulkeigh close to the West Galway district, the congregation of which is under the missionary superintendence of the Irish Society; this church is rapidly advancing to completion, and will accommodate 300 people. These five will afford 1,150 new sittings.

The school at Aulkeigh was examined by the Bishop on Thursday the 12th of August.

The Bishop had held a confirmation at Headford a short time previous, when 41 persons were confirmed. Of these 18 were original Protestants and 23 were converts.

His lordship had at the same time laid the first stone of a new church in the Lough Mask district, to be the parish church of Ballyover, a parish recently separated from a union of parishes. This church is rapidly progressing, and will contain 500 sittings.

A confirmation was held at Tuam, on Friday, the 30th of July, when 91 persons were confirmed; of these 70 were original Protestants, and 21 were converts. Seventeen of these converts were of Tuam itself, and four from neighbouring parishes.

On Sunday, the 8th of August, the new church at Achill was consecrated. It has been built at the Sound of Achill for the parish Church, and is calculated to contain 500 people. The cost of this church has been £1,200, of which about £1,000 has been raised by subscription, and £200 paid by the ecclesiastical commissioners.

A confirmation was held in it immediately after the consecration, and 165 persons were confirmed; thirty-five of these came from Ballyconroy, and have been already referred to. The 130 that remained were all converts. The Bishop had stated to the clergy, that as he intended to hold confirmations as frequently as they appeared to be required, he would not admit any under the age of fourteen; at Achill, however, several who were younger having been prepared by the missionaries, the Bishop consented to receive them; the number under the age of fourteen was 40.

A benevolent individual having provided the funds required for building a church at the missionary settlement near Dugort in Achill, preparations had been made, and the first stone of this church was laid by the Bishop on Monday the 9th of August. It will be built to contain 500 persons.

On the previous Saturday (7th Aug.) the Bishop examined the training school at Meelan, and inspected the additions now being made to the schoolhouse in order to accommodate the pupils. In this training school 50 boys, selected for character and intelligence, are educated and prepared to be schoolmasters and missionary agents.

On Friday, the 13th Aug., the Bishop proceeded to Sligo, where a new church, holding 300 persons, has been erected as the parish church of Ballynashill—a parish recently separated from a large union of parishes. This church was consecrated—and immediately after the consecration 16 persons were confirmed in it. Of these, nine were of Ballynashill (six original Protestants, and three converts) and seven were from Salruick, all of whom were converts. The missionary at Sligo reported that seven adult converts, who were prepared by him for confirmation and approved, had shrank from coming into the new church at a distance from where they were personally known, in consequence of their inability

to appear in their destitute and almost naked condition.

It should be remarked, that the Bishop had held a general confirmation in the whole of West Galway in September, 1851, where 712 converts were confirmed. The present opportunity has been offered only one year after, in consequence of the representation of many of the missionaries that a considerable number of persons were ready and anxious to receive confirmation. The previous confirmations included all the stations hereafter mentioned except the town of Galway, where a confirmation had not been held for some years. In all this district the rule of admitting none under the age of fourteen was strictly enforced.

On Friday, the 13th Aug., the Bishop inspected the building of a new schoolhouse at Barratrough, which had proceeded so far that his lordship placed the key stone of the arch of the window in the gable end. This schoolhouse, when finished, will be licensed for divine worship and is capable of containing 300 persons. It is built by contributions collected by two English clergymen, as a token of their approval of the progress made by the convert children of this locality.

On Saturday, the 14th Aug., a confirmation was held in the schoolroom at Clifden (the church having been pulled down in order to erect a larger one) The number of persons confirmed here was 50. They were all converts, came from, and belonged to, Clifden, Barratrough, Ballyconree, and Moyras.

On Sunday, the 5th Aug., the Bishop attended divine service at Sellerna, and confirmed 46 persons. All of these were converts, and were from Sellerna, Claddaghduff, and Omey.

A contract has been arranged for a new church at Sellerna, to be immediately commenced, which will contain sittings for 600 persons.

Upon this occasion the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. Nineteen of the newly confirmed were admitted to communion. The whole number of the communicants was 109 (of whom seventeen were clergy) but so many strangers were present that the schoolroom was entirely filled, and only thirty of the converts who had previously been communicants were able to come to the Lord's Table. A very large proportion of the ordinary congregation, and all the children, were forced to remain outside.

On Monday, the 16th Aug., the Bishop went to Ballyconree, and inspected the Connemara Orphans' Nursery, where 78 orphans are brought up, and of which his lordship is patron.

On the same day he visited the new schoolhouse at Ballyconree, now completed and licensed for divine worship, which is capable of holding 400 persons.

On the same day the Bishop returned to Clifden, and laid the first stone of the new parish church. The former church, which had sittings for only 120 persons, being far too small for the congregations under the present circumstances, has been pulled down, as it was not capable of enlargement, and the new church now begun is to afford room for 600 persons.

Later in the day the Bishop held an inspection of Irish teachers, and a visitation of the missionary agents.

On Tuesday, the 17th Aug., the Bishop proceeded to Derryginla in Errismore, and opened the new schoolroom there, which is licensed for divine worship, and is capable of accommodating 500 persons. In this large schoolroom he confirmed 51 persons. The catechumens were all converts, and were from the following stations—Derryginla, Errislanon, Ballinaboy, Aillebrack, and Dunolla.

It has been arranged that a new church shall be immediately commenced at Errislanon, in the district, which is to contain sittings for 300 persons.

On the same day the first stone was laid of a schoolhouse to be built at Barnalhia, in the Sellerna district, which will be afterwards licensed for divine worship, and will contain 300 persons.

On Wednesday, the 18th Aug., the Bishop inspected the new schoolhouse of Glugola, in the Oughterard district, the building of which is nearly completed. A license for divine worship may be granted for this schoolhouse at a subsequent period. It is capable of containing 400 worshippers.

On the same day the Bishop proceeded to Oughterard. Here he attended divine service in the newly enlarged parish church. In its former state it contained sittings for 110. A very large addition has been made, at the cost of £1,000, (£700 of which has been given by a single benevolent individual, and £300 by the ecclesiastical commissioners). It will now contain 600 persons.

Upon the occasion of opening the church thus renewed, the Bishop held a confirmation in it, and 71 persons were confirmed, 63 of whom were converts, and 8 original Protestants. The converts came from Oughterard, Glan, Castlekerke, and Ross.

On Thursday, the 19th Aug., the Bishop proceeded up Lough Corrib to the district of Castle-

kerke. A portion of land on the southern side of the lake, in the parish of Kilecomin, has been purchased by the generosity of one Irish gentleman, and a sum of money has been devoted by two others, with equal liberality, to the building of a schoolhouse at this place, called Cappanatura. Here the Bishop laid the first stone of the new schoolhouse, which is to be licensed for divine worship, and will afford room for 400 persons.

On the same day the Bishop held a visitation of the missionary agents in the schoolhouse at Glan.

On Friday the 20th Aug., the Bishop proceeded to Spiddal, and consecrated the new church there, which is to be the parish church of Kilmartin, recently separated from the union of parishes called the Union of Ballynashill. The church will only afford accommodation for 160 persons.

Immediately after the consecration 140 persons were confirmed, 23 being original Protestants, and 117 converts. They came from Spiddal, Inverin, Castla, and Lettermore.

On Saturday, the 21st Aug., the Bishop held a confirmation in the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, Galway 104 persons were confirmed, of whom 80 were original Protestants, and 24 were converts;

The Bishop closed this tour by holding a general ordination in the Cathedral Church at Tuam, at which 15 persons were ordained—six to the priesthood, and nine to the diaconate. Of these six were by letters dimissory from other dioceses. Amongst the remaining ten, three were ordained as missionaries to the Roman Catholics.

In the districts in connection with the Society for Irish Church Missions 740 persons were confirmed, 205 original Protestants, and 535 converts from Romanism. These latter came from 27 stations, to ten different places where the confirmations were held.

The number of converts confirmed in this district in Sept., 1851, was 712, and in October, 1849, there was 401, and 300 in Achill, which, together with the present number, makes 1,949 in three years.

Three new churches were consecrated, and one newly enlarged church was opened, affording sittings for 1,600 persons.

First stones were laid of three new churches, which will afford accommodation to 1,900 persons. Two new churches were contracted for, to be immediately commenced, which will afford accommodation to 900 persons.

Thus, eight new churches and one greatly enlarged are provided, affording accommodation for 4,060 persons.

Besides these, two new school-houses were opened as licensed houses of worship, calculated to accommodate 900 persons. Two more were found to be nearly finished for the same purpose, adding accommodation for 700 persons—(together, 1,600 persons); and two more were commenced, which will eventually provide for 700 more. In all 2,300 persons.

These six licensed houses, added to the sittings in nine new churches make the total accommodation provided amount to 6,360 persons.

The general total of the result of the whole tour is as follows:—

In all 1,294 persons were confirmed, being 455 original Protestants, and 840 converts.

These converts added to the number previously confirmed upon the two occasions within the last three years, make 2,414 converts confirmed.

Three churches have been consecrated, and one enlarged. Five new churches are in process of completion. The first stones were laid of three more, and two more were contracted for, making in all 14 new churches which will afford sittings for 5,210 persons.

Six new licensed houses for divine worshippers have been provided, accommodating 2,300 worshippers, which, added to the former numbers, will afford accommodation for 7,510 persons. Besides this accommodation afforded in twenty facilities where none existed before, there are five other places, in West Galway, not included in the above tour, in which there is a school room where divine service is performed on the Lord's day, and in which accommodation is provided for 1,510 already stated, makes a total of 8,860 sittings now newly provided.

Deferred Extracts.

The Morning Herald gives the following anecdote as current in the Dublin clubs:—
It appears that a few days ago a certain learned gentleman, lately a Government official, but now a member of the Pop's Parliamentary brigade, and temporary representative for a Leinster county, was traveling on the Drogheda railway. In the same carriage with him were several passengers, quite as respectable in external appearance as himself. In the course of a conversation which arose the honorable and learned "braguard" denounced Colonel Taylor, one of the Members for the county of Dublin, as a fierce