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Extracts from the Report of the Committee of the Parochial Branch of the Church Society, in connection with the Church of the Holy Trinity Toronto, April, 1855.

By the Constitution of the Parent Society one-fourth of the collections made by the Parochial Branches are to be remitted to the treasurer, the remaining three-fourths may be retained for local Church objects, of which the Committee availed themselves.

And after mature deliberation, resolved to apply the funds at their disposal towards the purchase of a lot of land, on which to erect a Parochial day and Sunday School, so soon as the necessary funds can be raised.

They secured 50 feet front by 112 feet deep, in the immediate neighbourhood of the Church, for the sum of £300, of which £50 has been paid with the assistance of £25, advanced by the Churchwardens; but the many demands upon the funds of the Church will prevent any further aid from them, and the Committee feel that they will have to rely entirely in future upon the liberality of the congregation in contributing to the Parochial association.

The Committee earnestly invite the co-operation of their fellow worshippers to secure a religious education for the young of the congregation (under the superintendence of their Clergy); for while they would desire that no useful branch of secular learning should be neglected, they feel that the higher concerns of Eternity should be the first consideration. If we believe that religion is essential to the happiness of mankind, and that the Church's mission is to watch over her members from the cradle to the grave, we must take care that no neglect on our part retards her success in fulfilling her appointed office.

The talents committed to our charge were bestowed for the benefit of others as well as of ourselves, and we shall be judged according to our use or abuse of them.

Independent of the great advantage of securing the establishment of a school for the children of the congregation, the building could be advantageously appropriated for the week-day services of the Church during the winter months, which would save the expence of fuel, and at the same contribute greatly to the comfort of those in the habit of attending, from the difficulty experienced in warming the Church, and would no doubt induce many more to avail themselves of such opportunities of public worship.

The Committee would also desire to establish a reading room and library for the use of the congregation. The Vestry and other meetings would be held in it, and thus leave the Church entirely for public worship. But while they would desire to carry out the above important plan, which would so materially add to the advantages at present enjoyed by the Parishioners, the Committee would remind the congregation that as Churchmen, they have even a much higher duty to perform, that of providing a permanent and adequate income for their Clergy; for they feel strongly that those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, and that we should consider it a privilege to secure to those who minister to us in sacred things, such an income, as will enable them to devote all their energies to the advancement of the spiritual and temporal interests of those committed to their charge, free from anxiety for providing for their own families.

The Churchwardens, whose more immediate duty it is to provide the Clergyman's salary, having so recently called the attention of the

congregation to the necessity of greater liberality in their contributions, the Committee do not consider it necessary at present to enlarge upon the subject.

The following statistics connected with the congregation the committee are satisfied will prove very interesting:—

1. The number of Baptisms have been.....	115
2. " Marriages	26
3. " Burials
4. Average Sunday morning congregation	650
5. " evening "	600
6. " communicants	135
7. " Sunday school scholars.....	145
8. Parochial visits paid	1400

In bringing their report to a close, the Committee would ask each member of the congregation to act as if the words of our Lord to St. Peter, "Lovest thou me?" were addressed to them individually, and in whatever relation of life they may be placed to consider themselves in some measure as missionaries bound to assist in carrying out their Master's work, and that upon their individual exertions depends the success or failure of the cause.

After the reading of the report the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Moved by Dr. Beaven, seconded by Mr. Scadding,—

That the report now read be adopted and printed for circulation among the members of the congregation.

2. Moved by Mr. Buckland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lett,—

That the members of this association cheerfully recognize the duty incumbent upon them of assisting to the utmost of their ability in carrying out the missionary work of the parent society

3. Moved by the Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by Mr. Coate,—

That the following gentlemen be appointed a committee to wait upon his Lordship the Bishop to lay before his Lordship the plan prepared by Mr. W. Hay, the architect, for a parochial day and Sunday school, and endeavor to obtain his Lordship's sanction, as trustee of the church, to such plan:—The Clergy, the Churchwardens, C. Berezy, Esq., Messrs. Hay, Buckland, and C. J. Campbell.

4. Moved by Mr. Hay, seconded by Rev. J. G. Armstrong,—

That the thanks of the association be given to the officers of this parochial branch.

5. Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Scadding,—

That the following gentlemen compose the committee for the present year:—The Clergy, the Churchwardens, Messrs. E. G. O'Brien, Wheeler, Hill, C. Berezy, W. Ince, D. Crawford, W. Hay, P. Buckland, Charles, P. W. Conte, Jacques, Wedd, Westmacott, G. J. Campbell.

6. Moved by Mr. Brent, seconded by Mr. E. G. O'Brien,—

That to secure a suitable residence for the clergy of the church is a most desirable object to be accomplished; that as it appears a convenient house and lot can be purchased on Albert-street, in the immediate neighborhood of the church, be it resolved that the following gentlemen be a committee to confer with the incumbent upon the subject, and take such other steps as they may deem advisable:—The Churchwardens, Messrs. Hay, Buckland, and O'Brien.

Report of the Niagara District Parochial Branch of the Church Society.

In presenting their thirteenth annual report, the managing committee of the Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society desire to express their gratitude to Almighty God for

the blessings vouchsafed them, and those for whom they act, during the past year. Whilst war, with all its horrors and sufferings and evils, has engaged the attention and taxed the energies of our fellow subjects in the mother country—and whilst many of our fellow churchmen, after performing deeds of almost unparalleled valour, have shed their blood at the call of their country—the members of the Church in this district have been graciously permitted to follow their various avocations in peace and quietness, taking part in the contest which is raging in Europe only by their prayers and their fervent desires for the early success of the allies (whose flags, for the first time in many centuries, have waived together in victory), in their noble struggle for the protection of the weak against the deep-laid schemes of the autocrat of all the Russias. Whilst our fellow-countrymen in Great Britain and Ireland have united with an enthusiasm never before witnessed to tax themselves very heavily, to carry on this contest, we have not only been entirely exempt from such taxation, but all our staple production: have been greatly enhanced in value, and our country thereby so much the more enriched. Whilst that mysterious scourge, the Asiatic cholera, has been carrying its ravages throughout the civilized world, this district has, in a great measure, been mercifully spared its attacks. We are compelled to say in a great measure; for we bow our heads in sorrow and mourning when we remember that we have lost during the past year, through the ravages of that awful scourge, one of the earliest and staunchest and warmest hearted friends of this society, within the bounds of this district branch association. It was the Hon'ble James Kirby, who, at the auspicious meeting held in this church on the 7th day of July, 1842, moved the first resolution, which called this association into existence: and ever since, by his influence, his personal exertions and his means, yea and beyond his means, he had evinced the deepest interest in its prosperity. At the parochial meeting in Fort Erie, he was always present, unmindful of rain or snow, if his feeble health allowed him at all to leave his house; and his noble soldier-like appearance, and the earnest mindedness of the few words he used to speak on taking part in the proceedings of the meetings, gave an earnest of the deep interest that he took therein, and gave to them a tone which the most eloquent orations would have failed without them to impart. Your managing committee would hope, that the example that he set to his fellow churchmen throughout the district will not be lost; but that many will be found to walk in his most honoured steps.

Public meetings in furtherance of the objects of this association, and the very important object of making provision for the support of the episcopate, after the demise of our venerable and indefatigable Diocesan, were held during the last autumn in St. John's Church, Sarnford, attended by the Rev. W. Leeming, Rev. C. L. Ingles, the Secretary; in St. George's Church, Drummondville, attended by the same; in Trinity Church, Chippawa, by the same, with the addition of the Rev. A. Nelles of the Mohawk Mission, and the Rev. E. H. Dewar, rector of Sandwich; in St. Paul's Church, Fort Erie, by the Rev. E. Grasset, rector, the Rev. A. Townley, the Rev. C. L. Ingles, the Secretary; in St. John's Church, Bertie, by the same; in St. Peter's Church, Thorold, by the Rev. A. F. Atkinson, the Rev. A. Townley, the Rev. T. T. Roberts, the Secretary; in St. Paul's Church, Fort Robinson, by the Secretary; in St. Mark's Church, Niagara, by the Rev. T. Green, rector, the Rev. A. Townley, the Rev. H. N. Philipps, the Secretary; in St. Paul's Church, Dunnville,