

merely as a compliment to you, but because we felt the deep obligation we owe you, and the words only poorly express our sentiments.

Believe me that I am truly grateful to you for the readiness with which you have always complied with our repeated applications for assistance. And the certainty that my flock would have the truth set before them in much more forcible and eloquent language than I could do it, has been a great source of consolation to me when so repeatedly obliged to remain at home.

May you have the satisfaction hereafter of learning that the words were not spoken in vain, and may God's blessing attend you wherever your lot may be cast.

I remain,
yours ever most sincerely,

THOS. SMITH KENNEDY.

To the Rev. E. K. Kendall, M.A., Trinity College.

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Trinity College, April, 1860.

MR DEAR KENNEDY,—Allow me to convey my very sincere thanks to your congregation and to yourself for the very handsome and flattering way in which they have recognised the occasional assistance which I have rendered in your Church. While I regret equally with them the cause which has called so frequently for my services of late, I can truly say that for my own part I have felt it a privilege rather than a labour to be permitted to minister among them. Wherever hereafter my lot may be cast, my association with St. John's Church will be among the brightest that I have found in Canada, and I shall ever look back with something more than interest on the Church which I have known from the very first rising as a Missionary Church in this city.

Permit me in conclusion to echo back the good wishes and expressions of esteem which have been so warmly expressed towards myself. May God's blessing rest upon your labours, and may the Church of St. John's flourish for many years under the zealous and active exertions of its Ministers.

I am,
Yours very faithfully,
EDWARD K. KENDALL.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, TORONTO.

REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1860.

Since the establishment of the Branch of the Church Society in this Parish, in 1854, the subscriptions received through the offertory have risen from £33 in that year, to £47 in 1859, but this sum has been contributed by only sixty-six persons, out of a congregation of eight hundred souls. The Committee confidently hope for a large increase this year, and by this means evince your interest in the Missionary objects of the Church.

They trust that it is only necessary to bring plainly before you the pressing wants of the Church, and the claims she has upon the affections of her members, to induce all to contribute as God has prospered them, in assisting to extend the Redeemer's kingdom to the remotest portions of this vast diocese.

The Church Society was founded in the year 1841, to carry out the following objects; and it must be borne in mind that it is the only organization through which the Missions of the Church, and the consequent watchfulness over the religious instruction of its members, can be efficiently provided for.

1.—For the support of Missionaries and Cate-

chists in the destitute portions of Canada West, through the Mission Fund.

2.—To aid in the education of candidates for holy orders, by the establishment of Scholarships in Trinity College, through the Student's Fund.

3.—To provide for the Widows and Orphans of Missionaries, whose incomes do not exceed £150 per annum, the small annual pension of £50 per annum, through the Widows and Orphans Fund.

4.—To aid in the erection of Churches and Parsonages, by small grants of £12 10s. each, in parts of the Diocese where such donations will enable the people to complete the buildings for Divine service; and also to grant Church Services, and donations to Sunday Schools, through the General Purpose Fund.

The endowment possessed by the Church is only sufficient to provide moderate stipends for the Clergy who were ordained up to 1855, while all those who have since entered the ministry and been appointed to new parishes, have been compelled to depend for support upon the voluntary offerings of their people (the settlers themselves generally struggling for a livelihood, aided by such small stipends as the poverty of the Parent Society enables it to grant, and had it not been for the self-denial of every one of the Clergy of the Diocese, this provision would be altogether lost upon the death of the present Incumbents), but they, with a disinterested zeal—much it would be well if the laity would follow—voluntarily, on the request of their Bishop, consented to allow the capital sum to which they were entitled on the settlement of the Clergy Reserves, to remain as a perpetual endowment for the future benefit of the Church: thus sacrificing, particularly in the case of the younger Clergy, large sums and increased incomes, in order that future generations might benefit by the sacrifice they have made.

It is only by such self-denial, on the part of both the Clergy and Laity, that the wants of the Church can be adequately met, and until all make the cause their own, and learn to feel that if one member suffers, all suffer equally, that she can fulfil her holy mission of instructing her people in the truths of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

Thousands, who have left their native country, are at this moment deprived of the blessings of the Church's ministrations, which we in this Parish so abundantly enjoy. They never hear in their forest homes the glad sound of the Church bell, calling them to prayer and praise. They have no Church, no schools, no clergyman; their children, unless they take them a great distance, remain unbaptized; in sickness or bereavement they have no religious consolation. Well might they address to us the following complaint:—

"We left our British homes, allured by the glowing accounts of Canada, we expected a British welcome—and above all, the blessing and comfort of religion, which we enjoyed at home." But, bitter is their disappointment! And whose fault is it? That of the laity. And your Committee ask you to avoid such reproach resting upon this parish, by contributing the means of supporting additional clergymen. They ask you to come forward and prove that you are truly members of the same household of faith, by sending among them the same blessings which you enjoy; and if you are true soldiers of Him whose name you bear, you will consider it your dearest privilege to extend, by every means in your power, His kingdom on earth.

Believing, as we do, that our pure branch of Christ's Church is the surest bulwark against the errors of Papal Rome, on the one hand, and the various schisms which so unhappily prevail on the other, the Committee feel it their duty to call upon all to aid her in her holy mission of

evangelizing the dark places of this vast continent.

The question is, how this is to be accomplished. The estimated number of members of the Church in Canada West is between 300,000 and 400,000, and if each would contribute the small sum of \$1 per annum, ample means would be provided for all our requirements, but nothing can be accomplished without union, and every thing by cordial united action. For temporal objects, men band themselves together in societies of every name and nature, while the Church is notoriously lukewarm and indifferent. Such a state of things ought not to exist. We are all members of the same household, having the same privileges, enjoying if we will the same blessings; and if we neglect the duties which are clearly set before us, the day will come when as a people we shall be punished.

Let us then as a congregation prove, that the lessons we have been taught have not been thrown away—that we fully appreciate our privileges as Churchmen, by doing all in our power to extend the same blessings to others. Then may we gladly point to Canada as a country to which all who value the privileges they enjoy in the mother country may come; not as to a land of strangers, but where they will be surrounded by all they have been accustomed to hold dear. Peace and content will then be our lot, and "God, even our own God, will give us his blessing."

The Committee would here close their report, did they not feel that this may be considered a Missionary Parish, from the fact of all its sittings being free and unappropriated, and that it derives by far the largest portion of its income from the free-will offerings of the congregation through the weekly offertory.

They believe a much more considerable sum would be raised—and thus place the parish in the proud position of being free from debt, and providing adequate incomes for the Clergy—if the people would only reflect and make a simple calculation of what they would have to pay, were the seats rented at the same rate as in other churches. Take \$1 per annum for a sitting, and with our present congregation \$3,200 a-year would be received. The endowment is only £192 per annum, out of which £42 has to be paid for insurance, &c., thus leaving only £150 as a certain income for the expenses of the parish. The Incumbent—so far from deriving any income from the parish—annually expends considerable sums upon the various objects to which the Committee are about to refer; while the second Assistant Minister, to whom the Vestry voted a stipend of £150 per annum, has not received beyond a tenth of that sum. The Committee have no desire to trench upon the province of the Vestry, but refer to it in the hope that their fellow-parishioners will reflect upon these facts, and correct a state of things not at all creditable to us as Churchmen.

The Committee feel, that under God the measure of success that has attended our various plans, has been mainly brought about by the unwarlike zeal and devotion of our Clergy. They are sure that all will unite with them in an expression of thankfulness at the improved health of Mr. DARLING; but it must be borne in mind, that this has been evidently effected by Mr. COOPER having assisted him in his very arduous duties, and whose aid, if to be continued, must be secured by greater liberality on the part of the congregation, in providing and regularly paying his very moderate income.

The Committee now turn to the bright side of the picture, and can congratulate the Parish on the progress it is making, in placing the several Associations connected with it on a secure basis