

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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Poetry.

TWO VIEWS; OR, THE RAGGED SCHOOL DIORAMA.

By JOSEPH PAYNE, Esq.

View I.—Darkness.

SAY, who are these, so wretched, wan, and pale,
Half-clothed, half-fed, whose tongues are hard to rail;
Whose features vainly we essay to trace
Through hair around, and dirt upon the face?
These are a set of England's ragged youth;
England, who boasts her love of gospel truth;
Which bids us feed the hungry, cheer the sad,
Instruct the ignorant, and reform the bad;
England, who spends her boasted wealth's increase
On courts and judges, prisons and police,
Yet own'd not one asylum for the poor,
Where wise prevention takes the place of cure.
See how these children rush to vice and crime;
Some spend in begging half their daily time;
Some, taught to lie and steal with art and skill,
Their wretched hands and ragged pockets fill,
Then haste away to fetid lanes and courts,
By stagnant pools, where infant misery sports,
And seek their home, scarce better than a sty,
Where drunken parents wild and wallowing lie.
The heart grows sick; too sad the sight has been:
Change we the picture, and reverse the scene.

View II.—Light.

SAY, who are these, who fill the scholars' seat,
Though badly cloth'd and fed, yet clean and neat;
Whose smiling features we with ease can trace,
Thanks to the well-comb'd hair and well-wash'd face;
And whose young voices, taught to read God's word,
In hymns of praise to heaven are often heard?
These are the self-same ragged ones ye saw
Disclaiming danger and defying law;
Their busy feet to honest haunts have run,
Their busy fingers honest work have done:
The begging trade, so highly prized, is o'er,
And he who stole has learned to steal no more;
The parents on the child's improvement gaze,
Admire and wonder, and amend their ways.
And ask ye what has wrought this state of change,
This wondrous change of scene? I answer straight,
Firmness and kindness, patience and true love,
By him inspir'd who reigns in heaven above;
Who, when on earth, with woes and cares oppress'd,
Young children took into his arms, and bless'd.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

In publishing the subjoined correspondence, we must express our entire approbation of the manner in which the collection made in Christ's Church has been disposed of. No more fitting distributor of the offerings of Churchmen could be imagined than the Bishop of the Diocese in which the recipients of the funds reside.

Hamilton, July 27, 1852.

My Lord,—On Sunday last a collection was made in Christ's Church in this city in aid of the sufferers by the late fire in Montreal in consequence of a Resolution adopted at a public meeting of the Inhabitants requesting collections from the various congregations here for that purpose. Our collection amounted to £50, of which sum 20 being especially appointed by the donors has been committed to the parties for whom it was intended. The balance I have taken the liberty of enclosing to your Lordship, regarding as I do the chief pastor of the Church as the legitimate channel through which to dispense the alms and oblations of her children. May I therefore request that your Lordship will cause this sum to be applied to the relief of the sufferers generally in such manner as shall seem to you most expedient.

begging your Lordship to excuse this trouble.

I remain,
Your humble and obt. Servt.

J. G. GEDDES.

Lord Bishop of Montreal.

Montreal, July 30, 1852.

Dear Sir—I beg to thank you for the liberal aid you have on account of the late disastrous fire, and in consideration of placing it at my disposal. May I request you to convey to your congregation my warm thanks of their liberality, which I feel anxious to express on behalf of the sufferers; and at the same time to assure them that I will endeavour to dispense their bounty as usefully as possible.

I remain, Revd. Sir,

Yours Respectfully,

F. MONTREAL.

Rev. J. G. Geddes.

CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Collections in the several Churches, Chapels, and Missionary Stations, throughout the Diocese of Toronto, to be applied to the funds for the support of Missionaries—Trinity Sunday, 1852.

MISSION FUND.

Previously announced in *Canadian Churchman*, Vol. 1, No. 3. £156 19 7

St. John's Church, Stamford.....	£1 3 14		
St. George's, Drummondville, 2 1 10			
—Per Rev. C. L. Ingles.....		3 5 0	
St. Mark's, Barrieffield.....	1 5 0		
McLean's School House.....	0 15 0		
—Per Rev. H. Brent.....		2 0 0	
St. Mary's, per Rev. A. Lippman.....		0 11 3	
Huronian Church.....	0 11 0		
Trinity Church, Streetsville, 0 10 0			
—Per Rev. Mr. MacGeorge.....		1 1 0	
111 Collections amounting to.....		164 16 11	

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

St. Mark's, Barrieffield.....	£1 0 0
St. George's, Kingston.....	0 10 0
—Per Rev. H. Brent.....	1 10 0
Trinity Church, Streetsville, per Rev. R. J. MacGeorge.....	0 8 9

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Rev. William Ritchie, for 10th year.....	1 5 0
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The Monthly Meeting of the Society will be held D. V., on Wednesday the 1st, at 3 P. M.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY, Secretary.

ST CATHERINE'S BAZAR.—We are requested to state that the Bazar in aid of the erection St. George's PARSONAGE-HOUSE, St. Catherine's, is postponed to the middle of October—of the precise day of opening due notice will be given. Contributions will be thankfully received by the ladies in charge of tables, until the 15th of October.

CONFIRMATION.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Toronto held a confirmation in St. James's Church Perth, on Tuesday last, June 18th, at one o'clock, P. M. The Bishop was assisted in performing the Service by Rev. M. Harris, Rector of Perth, Rev. J. B. Worrell, Smith's Falls, and the Rev. Mr. Pyne, Carleton-Place. The Bishop preached a very effective sermon; after which 126 applicants were confirmed. His Lordship left next morning for Smith's Falls, where we understand 91 adults were confirmed. His Lordship notwithstanding his advanced age, and the very great amount of labour and fatigue which he has to undergo during his confirmation tour, appeared in good health, and as active as ever; and we hope that he may be long spared to preside over the Episcopal Church in this colony.—*British Standard*.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE BISHOP.—His Lordship having been detained by fog and calms, finally sailed for the Eastern Harbours on Wednesday. He is accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. Martin, and Duon.—*Church Times August 7*

ENGLAND.

CONVOCAATION.

The Synod of the archdeaconry of York was convened in that city on Wednesday, to elect two proctors to represent the clergy in convocation. After prayers in St. Michael's Church the Synod was adjourned to the De Grey Rooms where.

The Arch-deacon stated that as a somewhat different course was being taken than had for many years been customary he would explain the circumstances. For a long period before his appointment the custom had been to affix a citation on the door of the church in which the visitations at York were held, and on the day appointed the registrar was accustomed to procure two clergymen and two proctors were chosen to represent the whole archdeaconry. This course being the usual one had been pursued by his direction on the last occasion in 1847, and he had been subjected to animadversion in consequence both in the archdeaconry and else where. He hoped he need not say it was not his intention to place any obstacle in the way of the clergy. He had not been aware that any interest was felt. On this occasion however, a memorial had been sent to him, requesting he would give greater publicity to the usual citation on the church door, and he had addressed a note to every beneficed clergyman in the archdeaconry apprising him of its contents. He had also submitted some questions for his guidance to an eminent practitioner in Doctors' Commons, and his opinion he would now lay upon the table for the use of any clergyman that might desire to see it. He should now direct the Archbishop's mandate to be read, after which any clergyman might propose a candidate, and if more than two were named, he would then call the visitation roll, and as each answered to his name, the registrar would take down his vote.

The mandate having been read.

The Rev. Dr. Sharpe, Vicar of Doncaster, was proposed by the Rev. W. H. Dixon, Vicar of Bishopsthorpe, and canon residentiary, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jessop, Vicar of Wighill.

The Hon. and Rev. William Howard, Rector of Whiston, was proposed by the Rev. W. H. Teale, Vicar of Boystone, and seconded by the Rev. William Shillito, Incumbent Curate of Gooles.

Mr. Teale maintained that proctors should be persons of undoubted fidelity to the Church of England, whose representatives they would in some sense become. That they should unite inflexible firmness of principle to sound moderation, and should be clergy whose characters morally, theologically, and intellectually, had not only won the confidence of their brethren, but would influence for good the members of Convocation itself. To these qualifications should be added considerable acquaintance with the history, constitution, and proceedings of Convocation, for as the active functions of that sacred Synod have been long dormant, it is essential at a time when those functions are, perhaps, not unlikely to be revived, that the parties engaged in the delicate work of restoration should be well acquainted with the organisation of the body they may be called upon to reanimate, and when reanimated probably to reform; otherwise we might have death instead of life, or revolution instead of reformation. These qualifications he was confident were possessed in a high degree by the gentlemen he had the honour to propose, and he ventured to say that if Mr. Howard were elected to the ancient, honourable, and responsible office of proctor, he would discharge his duties in a manner at once creditable to himself, satisfactory to the clergy whom he represented, and serviceable to the Church.

The Rev. George Trevor, Rector of All Saints, York, was proposed by the Rev. J. Hand, Rector of Handsworth, and seconded by the Rev. Thomas Hinde, Vicar of Featherstone.

The Rev. Thomas Sale, Vicar of St. Peter's, Sheffield, was proposed by the Rev. John Acaster, Vicar of St. Helen's, York, and seconded by the Rev. Jocelyn Willey, Incumbent Curate of Drax.

Mr. Howard and Mr. Trevor then addressed the Synod, declaring themselves in favour of the revival of Convocation. The other two candidates were not present, and it was understood that they were of the opposite opinion.

The Archdeacon then declared the poll as follows:—
Hon. and Rev. W. Howard..... 16
Rev. George Trevor..... 13
Rev. Dr. Sharpe..... 11
Rev. Thomas Sale..... 9

The two former were therefore declared elected, and having accompanied the Archdeacon back to the Church, their letters of procuracy were there sealed and published. A much larger number of clergymen was expected to attend, and considerable interest was excited from its being the first attempt in this archdeaconry to declare in favour of the revival of Convocation. The old proctors elected in the manner described by the Archdeacon had long been the Rev. Canon Dixon and Dr. Sharpe. The stipendiary curate having claimed to vote, the Archdeacon decided against him in compliance with the opinion he had received, stating that a case had occurred in which such votes had been struck off in Convocation, and the opposite candidate seated.

Mr. Trevor said the case was that of Knewstubs, in the archdeaconry of Suffolk, anno 1588. It was to be observed, however, that some difference existed in the form of the writs in Canterbury and York. The Archbishop of Canterbury directed the "rectors, vicars, and others," to be cited; but the words used in the northern province were, "the whole clergy." Still he inclined to agree with the Archbishop's decision. It was agreed, but not ruled, that clergymen holding two benefices in the archdeaconry should have but one vote, though the custom, the Archdeacon said, had been otherwise. Mr. Trevor has sent the following communication:—

To the Worshipful the Chapter of the Church of York.

Rev. and dear Sirs—The more numerous constituency of the archdeaconry in which I serve, having yesterday elected me one of their proctors in Convocation, it would be inconsistent with my principles to continue my pretensions to a similar distinction at the hands of the Chapter.

For one person to occupy two seats, though not forbidden by the practice of Convocation, would be to narrow, instead of improving, the representation of the Church. And though I am by no means insensible to the honour of being associated with the cathedral body, the first dignity in the eyes of a parish clergyman should, I think, be the confidence reposed in him by his fellow-labourers in the more arduous toils of the ministry. —I have the honour to be, Rev. and dear Sirs, your most faithful servant,
"GEORGE TREVOR."

Sheffield, July 29.

A meeting of the clergy of the archdeaconry of Middlesex was held on Thursday in the vestry of St. Paul's Church, Covent-garden, for the purpose of electing two proctors to Convocation. Prayers having been said by the Rev. Mr. Hutton, the rector, the chair was taken by Archdeacon Sinclair, who said he wished, before proceeding with the business of the day, to make one explanation with regard to the citations which had been issued. He had consulted the chancellor of the diocese and his own official adviser, as to issuing the

citations to the ancient or the modern boundaries of the diocese and archdeaconry. They had advised him to follow the new boundary, and consequently he had sent citations into Surry and Kent, and omitted Hertford, and the result was that the Rector of Much Adam has become ineligible.

The Rev. Henry Mackenzie, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, said he rose with some diffidence in the presence of so many of his seniors, but in consequence of a suggestion which had been made that a candidate should be proposed by some clergyman connected with a large metropolitan parish, he had undertaken the duty of making such a proposition. They had been for some time represented in Convocation by the Rev. Dr. Spry, a gentleman of great experience, and whose amenity and kindness all present had experienced, and whose opinions on the subject of Convocation were well known in the archdeaconry. Those opinions were in favour of a temperate and judicious movement, for the purpose of diffusing something like life and activity into the Convocation. He repeated the expression "a temperate and judicious movement"—because such a movement ought to be characterised by temper, moderation, and judgment, and these qualifications were possessed in an eminent degree by Dr. Spry. Had Dr. Spry's name now been brought forward for the first time, he should not have nominated that gentleman, because he was a member of a cathedral chapter, and the question had arisen, whether the parochial clergy ought not to elect others than persons connected with cathedral chapters. But, under the present circumstances, Dr. Spry having discharged the duty before, and being well qualified to discharge them again, he had great pleasure in submitting his name to the meeting.

The Rev. John Jennings seconded the nomination. The Archdeacon in accordance with the general rule, inquired if any gentleman had any other candidate to propose, as it was desirable that all the parties should be named before proceeding to take the votes of the meeting.

The Rev. Thomas Ainger, of Hampstead, nominated the Rev. George Baker, Rector of Fulham. The nomination was seconded by the Rev. Richard Burgess, of Chelsea.

The Rev. Mr. Buckley wished, with all possible respect, to put a question to Mr. Baker. Many of his clerical brethren, and a great number of the laity, entertained strong opinions on the abstract questions which they considered it desirable to submit to Convocation; but his question did not relate to those abstract questions, and was more general. He begged to ask Mr. Baker whether, if elected as proctor for the diocese, he would exert himself by all the constitutional means in his power to obtain, as soon as possible, the revival of the active functions of Convocation? His object was to ascertain whether Mr. Baker would do his best to urge Convocation to do something.

The Rev. Mr. Harvey said the opinions of Mr. Baker were well known, and he thought it would be extremely inconvenient to ask questions of every gentleman who might be proposed.

The Rev. J. Jennings concurred in the propriety of not discussing the general subject, but thought Mr. Buckley fairly entitled to put the question particularly as Mr. Mackenzie had dwelt on the opinions and fitness of Dr. Spry.

The Rev. Dr. Biber presumed that those who were asked to give a decision ought to know the grounds on which that decision was to be formed. They ought not to be called on to say "yes" or "no" before they had ascertained whether Mr. Baker meant the office to be a reality or a formality. For a long time the office of the clergy in Convocation had been a mere form, and he did not know whether his reverend brethren had been impressed with the very singular character of the two lessons which had just been read—the one denouncing the indignation of Almighty God against the Church which scattered the sheep of the pastor, and the other touching the prayer of our Lord for the unity of his Church. They were now called upon to exercise a most solemn office. It would depend in some measure on their decision whether the Church should be handed over to be reformed, or rather deformed, by those who were not even its members, or whether the Church should take the work of a necessary reformation, which was wanted, into her own hands. It was desirable to ascertain whether the parties to be elected would make the office a reality or a formality, so that, when assembled in Convocation, and invoking the blessing of Almighty God on their labours, that prayer might not be a mockery in the sight of God. For these reasons he trusted they would be allowed to ascertain the opinions of Mr. Baker.

The Archdeacon said there was great inconvenience in putting questions of this kind. All he was entitled to sanction was the election of two proctors. He felt himself in a situation of great difficulty, and should be glad to avoid it. He thought it scarcely competent for him to put a question of that kind, and would take the opinion of his legal adviser on the point.

The Rev. Mr. Liddell, as an incumbent of the archdeaconry, felt it incumbent upon him to nominate a gentleman who would make the office a reality, and therefore submitted to the meeting the name of the Rev. Cyril W. Page of Christ Church, Westminster.

The Rev. Mr. Buckley said he had great respect for Mr. Baker, but as another gentleman had been nominated, whose opinions coincided with his own on the