

many of the rising generation—both of males and females—as possible, for three or four years at least.

When I was in Toronto I was unexpectedly called upon to hold some conversation on Indian matters with two of the commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor General to enquire into the state of the Indians in different parts of the Province: they asked my opinion as to the best plan to be adopted to improve the condition of the Indians. I mentioned, in reference to the rising and coming generation, industrial schools; but the objection to those was the great expense. The expense was acknowledged on my part, but not as an insuperable objection. If the Government were unwilling—which they ought not to be—to bear the whole expense of establishing an industrial school in some of the most important Indian settlements, I suggested the probability that as far as our church missions are concerned the different societies connected therewith would be willing to bear part of the expense. In answer to some other [written] questions on the same subject, I recommended that similar schools to the celebrated Union Industrial Schools near Liverpool and Manchester should be established for the Indians; and I sincerely hope that if the Government should make an offer of a reasonable grant to us towards establishing and supporting such a school here our church will be ready to accept the offer at least [why not make the first advance]; for by this means incalculable benefits would be conferred upon the rising generation and generations to come. The schools established in this Province for Indians, where agriculture and that branch of industry alone is taught, so far as I am acquainted with the results, are a complete failure. It was a great mistake to suppose that Indians just emerging from an uncivilized state could all be made good farmers more easily than they could be made good boat builders and tailors. Some of the Indians have a genius for mechanical arts; here for instance, we have half a dozen self-taught carpenters, and pretty good ones too, as these buildings abundantly prove; we have a self-taught shoemaker, and a blacksmith, though not entirely self-taught: and what the Indians want is a school in which the different branches of industry are taught; agriculture, of course, should be taught as one branch, and should be made an important means of support to the school.

None of the Indians here, you are well aware, have yet wholly resorted to agriculture for a subsistence. I told you, however, in my last that two Indians had properly cultivated some land and sowed wheat; I think you have seen the crops; they were very encouraging and I have no doubt will induce many others to sow next year. The fact is, they must do something of the kind or leave the village or starve, for the waters here will not supply them with fish, and they have little, if any, sale for their wood; the captains of the steamboats prefer burning coal. I am sorry to have to confess that several families have left the village for the winter to follow their old occupations of hunting, &c., having no work here to do. So you see it is high time that something more should be done for them: they are more deserving of assistance than any I know. Will then no one respond to our call for agricultural implements? The only prospect of support or subsistence which the present generation has here is by agriculture, but we must have an industrial school for the rising generation.

In our present Female Industrial School we have seven females. We have a day school for

boys and girls, and an evening school for adults, in which we have thirty nine scholars; but they are not at all regular in their attendance for more than three or four months in the year. The Sunday and Wednesday evening services are well attended, and will be better attended when the church is opened. Some are beginning to manifest increased earnestness about the salvation of their souls: one who was till very lately a bigoted Papist, is an anxious listener to the truths of the Gospel, and I have reason to believe that her heart has been opened to receive them in love.

The organ that you brought out from England has safely arrived here, to the great delight and astonishment of the Indians. They are now at work in paying the remainder of what they promised. They are too much astonished as yet to make any attempt to sing by means of its assistance.

I remain, dear Doctor,  
Yours, very faithfully,  
JAMES CHANCE.

To the Rev. Dr. O'Meara.

The Rev. W. B. Rally was unanimously elected an incorporate member.

The Secretary gave notice that he would propose Capt. Beresford, of Newmarket, for election as incorporate member at the next meeting.

The usual prayers were read, and the meeting adjourned.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,  
Secretary.

COLLECTIONS APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO, IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY, IN BEHALF OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY.

Previously announced.....	£3 19 3
Trinity Church, Aurora....	£0 7 9
Christ Church, St. Albans	0 15 4
St. Paul's, Newmarket....	1 0 3
Per Rev. S. F. Ramsay .....	2 3 4
St. John's Church, Peterboro', per Churchwarden .....	2 10 0
St. George's, Kingston, per Rev. A. Stewart .....	5 0 0
St. James's, Wilmot, per Rev. W. B. Rally .....	1 5 0
St. George's Church, Clarke	1 0 0
Newton .....	0 5 0
Per Rev. H. Brent .....	1 5 0
St. James's, Carleton Place	1 2 3
St. George's, Ramsay .....	0 17 6
St. John's, Innisville .....	0 12 6
Per Rev. R. G. Cox.....	2 12 3
St. James's, Kemptville ...	1 18 9
Christ Church, Marlboro' ..	0 15 0
Per Churchwarden .....	2 13 9
Trinity Church, Chippawa, per Rev. W. Leeming.....	4 8 3
St. Jude's, Oakville .....	2 1 10
Palermo .....	0 5 0
Per Churchwarden .....	2 6 10
Grace Church, Milton.....	1 10 0
St. Stephens, Hornby .....	1 1 0
Lowville .....	0 17 6
Per Rev. F. Tremayne	3 8 6
Trinity Church, Burford...	1 15 1
Weir's School-house.....	0 11 2
Per Rev. J. Padfield.....	2 6 3
Eastwood .....	0 8 4
East Oxford .....	0 17 8
Per Rev. T. Robarts ....	1 6 0

St. Peter's, Cobourg.....	12 0 0
Stillo's School-house.....	0 10 0
Per Ven. A. N. Bothune .....	12 10 0
St. John's, Berkeley, per Rev. Dr. Beaven .....	0 6 6
St. Paul's, Yorkville, per Churchwarden.....	14 13 3
St. Peter's, Barton .....	1 2 6
St. Paul's, Glanford.....	0 10 0
Per Rev. G. A. Bull.....	1 12 6
St. Mary's, Warwick .....	0 12 3
St. Paul's, Wisbrach .....	0 9 6
Brooke .....	0 13 2
Per Rev. J. Smyth .....	1 14 11
Rawdon .....	0 10 5
Cooke Settlement.....	0 2 9
Hungerford .....	0 4 3
Nesbit Reid's .....	0 3 0
Per Rev. F. Groves .....	1 0 0
St. Catharines, per Rev. A. F. Atkinson .....	6 8 3
St. John's, Ingersoll.....	2 5 0
Trinity Church, Beachville ..	0 15 3
Per Rev. J. W. Marsh... ..	3 0 3
St. Peter's, Tyrconnell, per Rev. H. Holland .....	2 1 6
St. Mary Magdalene, Loyd-town .....	1 5 6
Christ Church, Bolton.....	0 14 6
Per Rev. H. B. Osler... ..	2 0 0
St. George's, Drummondville.....	1 17 8
St. John's, Stamford .....	0 11 10
Per Rev. C. L. Ingles ... ..	2 9 6
Trinity Church, Thornhill ..	2 5 0
St. Stephen's, Vaughan ... ..	1 0 0
Per Rev. D. E. Blake ... ..	3 5 0
Christ Ch., Huntingford... ..	1 5 9
Lot 28, 11th Con. E. Zorra ..	0 11 0
Per Rev. F. D. Fauquier ..	1 16 9
Holy Trinity, W. Hawkesbury, per Rev. R. L. Stephenson .....	2 16 9
St. Paul's, Perrytown.....	1 1 6
St. John's, Elizabethtown ..	0 8 6
A Friend .....	0 5 0
Per Rev. J. Hilton .....	1 15 0
Uxbridge Church, per Churchwarden..	2 0 0
St. Paul's, Cavan.....	1 9 3
St. John's, Cavan.....	0 12 0
Per Rev. T. W. Allen ... ..	2 1 3
St. Peter's, Brockville, per Rev. Dr. Lewis .....	7 15 0
Brock Mission, per Rev. R. Garrett	1 0 0

69 collections, amounting to £105 10 10

COLLECTIONS APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE, TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND, IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1856.

Previously announced.....	£403 16 2
Bath, per Rev. W. S. Harper .....	0 15 0
169 collections, amounting to £404 11 2	
MISSION FUND.	
Previously announced.....	£261 16 1
Bath, per Rev. W. S. Harper.....	0 5 0

158 collections, amounting to £262 1 1

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.	
Tyendinaga, per Rev. G. A. Anderson .....	£14 12 8
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.	
Dr. Bovell.....	1 5 0
Rev. H. Brent.....	1 5 0
" F. W. Dobbs.....	1 5 0
" Henry Holland.....	2 10 0
" G. A. Anderson .....	1 5 0
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