

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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THE COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

"BE UP AND DOING."

Rise sons of merry England, from mountain and from plain,
Let each light up his spirit, let none unmoved remain;
The morning is before you and glorious is the sun;
Rise up and do your blessed work before the day be done.

"Come help us come and help us,"—from the valley and the hill
To the ear of God in Heaven are the cries ascending still:
The soul that wanted knowledge, the flesh that wanted food;—
Arise ye sons of England, go about doing good.

Your hundreds and your thousands at usage and in purse,
Behold a safe investment, which shall bless and never curse!
Oh, who would spend for house or land, if he might from above
Draw down the sweet and holy dew of happiness and love!

Pour out upon the needy ones the soft and healing balm;
The storm has not risen yet—ye yet may keep the calm;
Already mounts the darkness,—the warning wind is loud;
But ye may seek your fathers' God and pray away the cloud.

Go, throng our ancient Churches, and on the holy floor
Kneel humbly in your penitence among the kneeling poor;
Cry out at morn and even, and amid the busy day,
"Spare, spare, O Lord, Thy people;—oh, cast us not away!"

Hush down the sounds of quarrel; let party-names alone;
Let brother join with brother, and England claim her own:
In battle with the mammon-host join peasant clerk and lord,
Sweet charity your banner-stag, and God for ALL your word.—*Rev. H. Alford.*

HOW TO WRITE WELL.

He that will write well in any tongue, says Roger Ascham, must follow this counsel of Aristotle: to speak as the common people do; to think as wise men do; as so should every man understand him, and the judgment of wise men allow him.

AN INFIDEL IN A STORM.

Volney, while prosecuting his philosophical discoveries in North America, had taken a passage with about twenty other persons, in vessel from one part to another of the extensive Lake Ontario. He was very communicative; let slip no opportunity of ridiculing Christianity, and behaved altogether in a very profane manner. In the course of the voyage a tremendous storm came on, the schooner struck upon a shoal or rock, at a considerable distance from an inaccessible shore, and continued to beat so violently that they expected every moment she would go to pieces; in which case their destruction would have been inevitable. In this awful situation, the vain philosopher literally lost his reason. One moment he was quite frantic, and raged like a madman; another in wild consternation, he looked into some of Voltaire's works, which he generally carried in his bosom; then despair took hold on him, and he uttered the most incoherent expressions, and offered a very incredible sum of money to the captain to prevail on him to attempt what was utterly impossible, namely, to put him ashore in a small boat. In all his misery, he had a companion in the cook, who lashed himself to the foremast, and then, in the greatest agony, uttered the most horrid imprecations. The vessel held together in that situation for above two hours, when the wind shifted about, and they providentially got off, and safely ar-

rived the next day at the place of their destination. After the storm, Volney showed himself no less weak, in requesting several of the passengers not to mention his behaviour on that awful occasion.—*Churchman's Monthly Penny Magazine.*

A SURE TEST.

The pursuit in which we cannot ask God's protection must be criminal; the pleasure for which we dare not thank him, cannot be innocent.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PALM SUNDAY—MISSION FUND.

Collections made in the several Churches and Chapels and Missionary Stations, in behalf of Missionary objects within the Diocese, appointed for Palm Sunday.

Previously announced in <i>Canadian Churchman</i> V. 1. No. 38.	£42 12 2
St. George's Ch. Grafton, including donation of £10 from Mr. J. D. Cameron	£11 14 2
Trinity Church, Colborne, per Rev. J. Wilson	1 10 10
St. George's Church, St. Catharines	13 5 0
Eight-Mile Creek, per Rev. A. F. Atkinson	7 2 10
Trinity Church, Streetsville, per Rev. R. J. McGeorge	0 17 2
18 Collections amounting to	8 0 0
	0 15 0
	£64 12 2

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Loughboro, per Rev. E. C. Bower	£1 17 6
Snoddy Subscriptions, per Rev. T. Bousfield	0 15 0
St. John's Church, York Mills, per J. Breckett, Esq.	10 9 11
Parochial Association, Mouo, in full, per Rev. J. Fletcher	3 5 0
	£16 6 71

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. J. Wilson	£1 5 0
Rev. T. Bousfield	1 5 0
Rev. H. Scadding	1 5 0
Rev. Professor Parry	1 5 0
H. W. Westmacott Esq.	1 5 0
	£6 5 0

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,
Sec. C. S. D. T.

Toronto, April 20, 1853.

The secretary of the Church Society begs to acknowledge the receipt of a note post-marked St. Vincent and signed "a friend to the Jews," with an enclosure of ten shillings which he was requested to place to the credit of the Jewish Missionary Society. There being no such association in connection with the Church in Canada, the Secretary will in a few days have it remitted to England to be applied in accordance with the wishes of the Donor.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GORE AND WELLINGTON BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

(Concluded.)

GUELPH.

Before entering upon the matters of detail which more peculiarly form the subject of their Report, your Committee cannot pass over a topic of very general interest both to this branch of the Church Society, and to the members of the Church generally within its limits—the opening of St. George's Church in its enlarged and improved form—a subject, (your committee feel) of congratulation to all present here. And it is to be hoped that some scheme may be devised for forming a fund for the completion of the edifice within some definite time—even if remote.

The amount returned for the year 1852 to the Guelph Parochial Association as applicable to local objects, was £22 14s. 8d.,—which has been placed to the credit of St. George's cemetery, in accordance with the proposal to that effect made and approved at last year's meeting.

The amount of subscriptions actually collected is £33 14s. 9d., which falls short of the amount collected last year.—And the falling off, may probably be partly accounted for by the absence at this time of several parties who were subscribers to a considerable amount,—and perhaps may be not a little attributable also to the valuable services of Rev. Mr. Palmer and his family, who have hitherto been most assiduous and successful collectors. But it is hoped that the sub-

scriptions of these parties may not be ultimately lost to the society. The committee feel that they owe much to the zeal and efficiency of those ladies and gentlemen who have kindly undertaken the task of collecting this year.

GALT.

It is with much satisfaction that the Committee of this Association have to report an increase to the sum subscribed in the preceding year, towards the accomplishment of the important objects which the Church Society has in view. This they look upon as evidence not only of a deeper interest felt by the members of the church in this Mission, in the prosperity of this Society, but of a growing attachment to the Church and her ordinances.

They this year report the sum of £45, which includes the liberal donation of £10 from Wm. Dickson, Esq.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

Although the sum collected in connection with this Association is not large, there is indulgence to be extended towards it, and much ground for believing that by and by, it will reflect great credit upon the congregation.

Within the last nine months, the members of the Church have exerted themselves to secure the ministrations of a resident clergyman—they are now anxious to erect a Parsonage, and at the time the objects of the Church Society were successfully brought before them, the sum of £20 was handed in to liquidate their debt due on the beautiful Melodion recently purchased for their benefit. This, of course, has had its effect, in decreasing the amount raised for the Church Society.

A resolution was unanimously adopted, at their Parochial meeting, to give for the term of three years, one-half the amount raised here, to Trinity College endowment and Building Fund.

CAYUGA HEIGHTS.

The fourth collection for the Church Society in connection with St. Mary's Church, has now been taken up; and when the heavy liabilities, under which the congregation has been resting, are taken into consideration, great cause for encouragement and satisfaction is afforded. The sum raised this year exceeds that of any other.

With the members of this congregation alive to their own interests, it is discovered that they are not insensible to those of the Church generally; for with a spirit of liberality, it was resolved at their first Parochial meeting held this year, that two thirds of the sum returned to the Parish for local purposes, or one half of the amount raised in connection with this Branch, should be applied towards augmenting Trinity College endowment and building Fund.

DUNDAS.

The Dundas Parochial Branch of the Church Society have the gratification of reporting an increase of £4 over the amount of their last year's collection. This proof of continued interest in the operations of your valuable institution, the Committee find themselves warranted in believing, (and have no hesitation in holding out the hope,) will be repeated year by year, with slow, perhaps, but steady progress.

ANCASTER.

The Ancaster Report for this year, a second time shows a falling off. But several subscriptions, that have been hitherto included in its returns, are paid into the Parent Society through other channels, (as the neighbouring Parishes of Barton and Dundas,) and so are not lost. The Committee of this Branch have reason to believe, that when the benefits of frequent Pastoral intercourse and supervision are restored, (which circumstances, this year have greatly interrupted,) the result will be a large and gratifying increase to its funds. Remembering meanwhile that from the united Parishes of Dundas and Ancaster, the aggregate of subscriptions, both in number and amount is greater than of last year, they "thank God, and take courage."

NORVAL.

The Committee of this Association are thankful that they are enabled to report a very gratifying increase in the amount of their collections. They have remitted £9 to the Treasurer,—a sum considerably more than double the amount raised last year. They are also happy to state as an evidence of increased interest in the objects of the Society, that the number of contributors has this year increased fourfold.

NELSON AND WELLINGTON SQUARE.

Your Committee duly appreciating the scriptural character of the Church to which they belong, whether they regard its confessions of faith on the one hand, or its constitution and form of government on the other, would desire to impress upon all their fellow churchmen the imperative duty devolving upon them to aid to their utmost the efforts now made to carry out the high and holy objects which the Society contemplates. The collections amounted to £32.

OAKVILLE.

Your Committee feel that it must give rise to some degree of regret that they are unable at

present to give a full and complete report of their proceedings. The various collectors have been actively employed in their several localities; but owing to the extent of country over which their operations extend, and to the limited period which the early notice of the meetings has given them, it has been found impossible to secure that statement of the aggregate results which they should feel much pleasure in imparting to the meeting. They are happy, however, in being able to state, that the contributions for this year have not fallen short, but, on the contrary, there is good reason for supposing they have exceeded those of the previous year; and that so far as they can ascertain, the claims of your society still continue to be readily and promptly acknowledged by churchmen in this neighbourhood. The onerous task of collecting has been cheerfully undertaken, and your committee cannot refrain from specially noticing the labors of those upon whose exertions the success of our operations in such a great degree depends.

WOOLWICH.

The Rev. Mr. Tremayne, travelling Missionary, writes:—"I beg to enclose you £3, together with the list of names for the Church Society. This money was raised by members of the Church in Woolwich for the general purposes of the Society, in order to show their willingness, and to do what was in their power for the support of Missions."

"I think the Woolwich people deserve a good deal of credit for suggesting the propriety of doing something as well as doing it, without any urging or suggestion on my part."

THE PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF THE ASSONATION.

Have the pleasure of reporting that there has been a small increase during the year, both in the amount collected and in the number of contributors; the total amount received being £87, 10s. representing 289 members, exclusive of £87 15s. in special donations towards a particular object as explained hereafter, which together make the sum of £155 5s., while the collections last year were £71 3s. 9d., representing 191 members.

The Committee would draw attention to the fact that the Church with which they are connected is *entirely self-sustained*, (and as they have reason to believe, the *only one* in the Diocese so sustained.) They wish to impress upon the minds of the members a conviction of the necessity which this creates for its receiving their hearty and individual support; and while acknowledging with gratitude the liberal contributions thus far received, for which they would ascribe all the praise to God who puts it into the hearts of His people to give, they trust the knowledge of this circumstance will induce every member to continue and even augment those exertions the necessity for which is so apparent.

These causes have chiefly induced the contributors this year to make their subscriptions special, but subject in every instance, to the assessment which the District Committee may find requisite for the support of the travelling Missionaries.

THE PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH CHRIST'S CHURCH,

Report their collections as £107 4s. 10d., which shows a slight increase over those of the previous year—and they regard this as a satisfactory result of their labors when they take into consideration the very heavy demands which have been and still are being made upon the members of that congregation.—One thousand pounds have already been paid towards the enlargement of Christ's Church, and six hundred pounds more are in course of collection, and still further demands may be necessary before the building is completed.

The funds available for local purposes of the Church Society's collection, for the previous year, were disposed of chiefly in maintaining the Parochial School, an institution which is now in active operation and the results of which have thus far proved highly satisfactory.

An average of 70 girls and 60 boys have received tuition at this school during the past year—at a mere nominal expense of one penny per week for each pupil.—The Master, Mr. Wade, has had long experience in the management of such schools—and his daughter who conducts the female department with great credit to herself and benefit to her pupils has the advantage of his supervision and assistance. The school is under the general superintendence of the Rector of the Parish and the Churchwardens of Christ's Church, and is conducted strictly on the principles of the Church of England.—It is visited regularly in rotation by the Ladies of the District Visiting Society, who examine the classes; see that the Rules and Regulations are strictly complied with, and endeavour by every means in their power to encourage habits of cleanliness, and piety, and to promote the usefulness and efficiency of the School. The Holy Scriptures are read in the School daily—and the work of instruction is commenced and ended, as becomes Christians, with prayer and praise, and the whole system of train-