

PRAYER I.

For an Increase of Laborers in the Lord's Vineyard.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst give commandment to the holy Apostles, that they should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; Grant to us whom Thou hast called into Thy Church, a ready will to obey Thy Word, and fill us with a hearty desire to make Thy way known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and on the multitudes that are scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd. O heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech Thee, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into Thine harvest. Fit and prepare them by Thy grace for the work of their ministry; give them the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind; strengthen them to endure hardness; and grant that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth Thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER II.

For a Blessing on Missionaries and their Labors.

O most merciful Saviour and Redeemer, who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; Fulfil Thy gracious promise to be present with those who are gone forth in Thy Name to preach the Gospel of Salvation in distant lands. Be with them in all perils by land or by water, in sickness and distress, in weariness and painfulness, in disappointment and persecution. Bless them, we beseech Thee, with Thy continual favor; and send Thy Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth. O Lord, let Thy ministers be clothed with Righteousness, and grant that Thy Word spoken by their mouths may never be spoken in vain. Endue them with power from on high; and so prosper Thy work in their hands, that the fulness of the Gentiles may be gathered in, and all Israel be saved. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake; and grant that all who are called by Thy Name may be one in Thee, and may abound more and more in prayers and in free will offerings for the extension of Thy kingdom throughout the world, to Thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

TESTIMONIAL TO THE REV. DR. HELLMUTH.

We have pleasure in publishing the following correspondence from the *Sherbrooke Gazette*.—The testimonial referred to was a service of plate procured in England, and presented to Dr. H. about a year since:—

To the Rev. I. Hellmuth, D.D.

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—We, the undersigned, churchwardens and members of your congregation of St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, cannot permit you, on the eve of your separation from us, to depart without expressing our deep regret that the state of your health has compelled you, after seven years' residence amongst us, to give up your charge, which it has pleased God, under your ministrations, so much to bless and prosper.

Nor can we allow the opportunity to pass, when taking a retrospect of your labors during the period of your sojourn amongst us, without gratefully acknowledging your readiness at all times to assist the poor, and to comfort and console the sick and distressed.

It must be highly gratifying to you, as it is to us, that the Church here, which was heavily in debt at the time of your advent amongst us, has

been, in a great measure, owing to your untiring energy and zeal, liquidated, and that on the recent visit of our beloved Diocesan, it was dedicated to the service of God.

Your exertions in bringing the Sunday-school into a flourishing state; your weekly Lectures, preparing the Sunday-school teachers for their Sunday-school work; your weekly Bible Class; but above all, your faithful preaching of the Gospel of Christ, which has been always the leading and great characteristic of your discourses, can never be forgotten by us, and we trust that according to God's own promise, they will not return void, but accomplish his purposes in us and produce fruit to life eternal.

We assure you that we all deeply sympathize with you in your present state of health, and greatly regret that we shall be deprived of your further ministrations amongst us, and it is our earnest prayer that the means you may employ for your recovery may be blessed to your speedy restoration.

We beg through you to convey to Mrs. Hellmuth the high appreciation in which she has always been held by the congregation for her truly amiable and Christian example to all around her, and her endeavors to promote the interests of the Church.

Praying that God Almighty may be with you and your family wherever your lot may be cast, Believe us, Rev. and dear Sir,

Your attached Friends,

Signed by P. C. ELKINS,
HOLLIS SMITH,
Churchwardens, and others.

REPLY.

Sherbrooke, May 2, 1854.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—I beg to assure you that I feel most sensibly the kindly feelings you are pleased to express towards Mrs. Hellmuth and myself in your address now presented to me, which I appreciate the more, following so soon the recent presentation of a substantial testimonial of affection and esteem.

If I have been an instrument in the hands of God of effecting any good amongst you, and of advancing your spiritual interests, to God alone be the praise and glory, for neither is he that planteth anything, nor he that watereth, but God who giveth the increase.

It is indeed gratifying to me that you bear me testimony that I have faithfully preached the Gospel of Christ;—that I have faithfully dispensed to you the Word of Life, is my great consolation, especially in my present state of health. In body I am going from you, but in heart and spirit I shall ever be with you, and God forbid that I should cease to pray for your welfare.

With grateful recollections will I think of you all wherever it may please God to cast my future lot. Often shall I think of you to whom I have administered the word and bread of life, and call to memory the living to whom it has pleased our Heavenly Father to give to my labors from among you, and the dead who have passed from under my ministry in this Parish to a better country, even an heavenly, where we all I pray may meet to part no more forever.

Finally, Brethren, farewell. Be perfect; be of good comfort; be of one mind; live in peace; and the God of love and peace be with you.

I remain, my Dear Friends,

Your attached friend and well-wisher,

(Signed) I. HELLMUTH.

To Messrs. C. P. Elkins, Hollis, Smith, and other members of the congregation.

THE SEE OF LYTTELTON.—It is expected that some appointment will be made to the newly-created See of Christ Church, Lyttelton, in the course of the present year.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE,
Montreal, June 7, 1851.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day in accordance with the Constitution. The Lord Bishop in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. Abbott, stating that Edward Jones Esq. had been elected as their Representative to the Central Board by the Subscribers to the Church Society in the Parish of St. Andrews.

The Secretary reported that a large supply of "Hymns for Public Worship," published by the Society for promoting Christian knowledge had been received.

The following report of the Lay Committee was read and adopted, on the motion of the Rev. C. Bancroft, seconded by the Rev. J. Ellegood.

"The Lay Committee respectfully beg leave to report that they have before them under consideration, applications for pecuniary aid from Parishes and Missions, towards endowments, Church Building, Glebes and Parsonages, all of which are deserving of assistance, but that they are unable to proceed thereon in consequence of the want of funds. The places most in need of aid are of course those in the remote parts in the Diocese, where the inhabitants are few in number, not wealthy, and laboring under all the difficulties incident to new settlements. Your Committee are the more grieved that they are unable to recommend any grants in their favour, because in almost every case, great and successful exertions have been made by the inhabitants themselves [in some instances to a truly generous extent] and have thus acquired a right to demand assistance from the Church Society. There is at this moment an active spirit of exertion abroad based on the hopes held out by this Society, that if the missions would tax themselves in a fair ratio to their means, they should be helped, and this pledge must be redeemed at any cost, or we shall relapse into that state of apathy from which we have so lately emerged. This Committee therefore respectfully urge on the Central Board the necessity of a great, united and immediate exertion to place the funds of the Society in that state of usefulness, which they believe the pecuniary means of the Churchmen of the Diocese will fully justify.

[Signed] J. McCord,
Chairman Lay Committee.

A memorial was presented from certain members of the former Richelieu District Association urging a revival of that association on its former footing.

It was moved by the Hon. Judge McCord, seconded by Dr. Holmes, and

Resolved, That the Lord Bishop be requested to nominate a Clergyman (whose travelling expenses shall be paid) to visit the different Districts of the Diocese, and having put himself in communication with the officiating clergy, to take such steps as may seem advisable in order to place before the inhabitants the wants and necessities of the Church Society, and appeal to their sympathies with a view of raising funds to be expended for the Missionary purposes and the erection of churches.

An abstract of the Treasurer's accounts was laid on the table, from which it appears that the following sums have been received since the last meeting:

By additional collection at Longueuil per the Rev. A. Lonsdale,	£0 5 0
By collection after sermon in Parish of West, per Rev. W. Jones,	1 10 1
By collection after sermon in Frost Village, per Rev. D. Lindsay	2 12 6
By Rev. Joseph O'Brien's Annual Subscriptions,	1 17 6