

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 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.

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| Previously announced in <i>Canadian Churchman</i> Vol. 1, No. 33..... | £17 9 0 |
| St. Mary Magdalen Church Picton, —per Churchwarden..... | 1 2 6 |
| St. George's Drummondville..... | £1 11 |
| St. John's Stamford, including a donation of 5s. from H. C. M..... | 1 10 0 |
| —per Rev. C. L. Ingles..... | 2 11 11 |
| St. Paul's, London, per W. W. Street Esq. Churchwarden..... | 9 10 0 |
| St. George's Church Goderich, —per Rev. E. L. Elwood..... | 3 0 0 |

8 collections amounting to.....

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FUND.

Additional collections in behalf of this fund, appointed for the Second Sunday in January.

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| Previously announced..... | £196 18 0 |
| Church of the Ascension, Hamilton | 2 5 0 |
| Christ's Church Binbrook, —per Rev. J. J. Alexander..... | 1 0 0 |
| Emily Collections at three stations..... | 0 18 9 |
| Cornell's School House... —per Rev. R. Harding..... | 0 4 2 |
| Rawdon..... | 0 16 6 |
| Hungerford..... | 0 2 6 |
| Roslyn..... | 0 5 8 |
| Huntingdon..... | 0 1 10 |
| Cook's School House..... | 0 4 8 |
| Farnsworth's..... | 0 2 6 |
| —per Rev. F. J. S. Groves..... | 1 13 8 |
| Wellington Square, —per Rev. T. Greene..... | 1 2 6 |

155 Collections amounting to.....

DISTRICT BRANCHES

Gore and Wellington, ¼ Collections, per H. C. Baker Esq. Troa.....

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Moore, for Widows and Orphans Fd.

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Vaughan ¼ of Collections, .. 2 5 10

Thorahill ¼ do. 6 4 0

Special Donation..... 3 15 0

—per Rev. D. E. Blake; .. 12 4 10

Georgina ¼ of collections, .. 2 0 0

—per Rev. W. Ritchie, .. 2 0 0

Picton additional on account of the £15 promised, .. 3 15 0

—per Rev. W. Macaulay, .. 3 15 0

St. Paul's Yorkville, per J. Henderson Esq. Churchwarden, .. 7 18 5

Essa, (East)..... 0 2 6

Junissil, (North)..... 1 6 3

Ovo, Lot 40 Concession 1, 0 13 9

Vespra..... 0 13 9

—per Rev. G. Nugent..... 2 16 3

—per Rev. R. Harding..... 7 17 0

St. Paul's Kingston ¼ of collection, .. 2 10 0

—per W. A. Geddes Esq..... 2 10 0

Tecumseth & West Gwillinbury, .. 12 2 6

£51 4 0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Received of J. L. Alexander..... 1 5 0

" J. Mockridge, 11th year. 1 5 0

" G. C. Street, 1851 & 1852 2 10 0

" E. L. Elwood for 11th year 1 5 0

£6 5 0

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,

Sec. C. S. D. T

Grimsby, 4th April, 1853.

Rev. T. S. Kennedy,

Sec. Ch. Soc.

Rev. Sir,—In the Report of the Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society published in the *Canadian Churchman* of the 31st ult., the following sentence occurs: "The Parish of Grimsby sent in no report to the Secretary."

From this it would appear that my Parish has done nothing this year for the Church Society, and in order to remove a false impression I write to you to state that the gross amount collected was £23 13s. 9d., of which £1 15s. was specially appropriated to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and one fourth of the balance (together with £1.

15s.) was remitted to the District Treasurer by me on the 25th day of February, to be carried to credit of the Parent Society, for General Purposes, the remaining three-fourths being retained for Parochial purposes.

I remain, Rev. Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
F. J. LUNDY, Rector.

(For the *Canadian Churchman*.)

Brockville, March 31, 1853.

The Rev. E. Denroche begs to acknowledge the receipt of £40 11 3d., towards the building of Churches in Ireland, as required for the worship of those who have been converted from the Romish or Papal schism, and are being now added daily to the only true Catholic Church in and of that ancient "Island of Saints."

The above sum was partly contributed as special gifts at the offertory, and partly handed to the Missionary for the same purpose. Among the latter sort it is a great gratification to him to have to say that the amount of £5 13 1½d; was collected by his Godson from the youth of the congregation, chiefly Sunday School children.

In making this acknowledgement, Mr. Denroche desires to return his sincere thanks to those of his people, who have given this practical proof of their protestantism, and thus lovingly responded to his appeal on behalf of the Church of his native country.

O Lord, tis' Thine arm can alone bring salvation.

Can sunder of error each rivvited chain,
Tis' Thy spirit alone that begins renovation,
Where life has long slumbered and seemed on the wane.

Through thee may all error from Erin be driven!

Through thee may a back-sliding land be forgiven,

Through thee, Lord, recover her title to Heaven.

Erin,—blest country—the "Island of Saints."

E. D.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, HAMILTON.

At the annual Meeting of the Vestry of this Church, holden on Easter Monday, an address, of which a copy is subjoined, was presented to the Incumbent, the Rev. John Hebden, A. M. A purse containing fifty sovereigns accompanied the address.

To those at a distance who are not familiar with the fact, it may be well to mention that the reverend gentleman on his voyage to America, a few years ago, had the misfortune to be shipwrecked, when he sustained a serious loss, and amongst other things that of the whole of a valuable library. This circumstance renders the present donation the more appropriate, and the whole is a gratifying proof of the respect and affection which his congregation entertain for him.

To the Rev. John Hebden A.M., Incumbent, &c.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—The Congregation of the Church of the Ascension, desirous of publicly testifying their regard for you individually, as well as their appreciation of your labours amongst them during the period that they have been privileged to sit under your ministry, respectfully request your acceptance of the accompanying slight token of their esteem.

They are aware of the responsible nature of your duties, and of the necessity under which every faithful minister of the Gospel must lie, for diligent study and examination of that Holy Word whose saving truths and life-giving doctrines it is his privilege to set forth to those over whom the Providence of God has placed him; and while fully persuaded that the Divine blessing alone can give success to his efforts, they are of opinion that it is right to make use of all proper means which may be within his reach for the better understanding of the Word of God.

Among those means a well selected library is usually deemed one of the most efficacious; and knowing the unfortunate circumstance which deprived you of your own valuable collection, and thus materially increased your labour in the preparation of your important duties, they take the liberty of requesting you to devote the amount which they now have the pleasure of presenting, towards the purchase of such additions to your library as will be useful to you in your ministerial labours.

They avail themselves of the opportunity to express the hope that you may long be spared to continue those labours amongst them, and they pray that the great Head of the Church may own and abundantly bless your ministrations.

On behalf of the Congregation of the Church of the Ascension,
C. HORATIO GATES,
Vestry Clerk.

Hamilton,
Easter Monday, 1853 }

To which Mr. Hebden made the following reply:—

Church of the Ascension,
Hamilton, 29th March, 1853.

C. Horatio Gates, Esq.,
Vestry Clerk.

My Dear Sir,—I beg to present to the Congregation of the Church of the Ascension my grateful sense of their kindness in the expressions of their regard which they have conveyed to me through you; and my best thanks for the valuable token of their esteem with which those expressions are accompanied.

They rightly judge that the labours of a Minister of the Gospel of Christ are of most responsible nature: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." I dare not assert that I have fully acted up to my responsibility; "Who is sufficient for these things." Yet I hope that I can conscientiously say that I have not compromised, in my ministrations, any of the great doctrines of the Gospel of the grace of God, nor have I shrunk from enforcing the observance of its precepts. Wherein I have been found faithful the praise is alone belonging to the Lord; and wherein I have failed the fault is mine.

If the assurance that you convey to me that my ministrations are acceptable does not lessen my sense of the responsible nature of my office, it tends largely to lighten its duties and to relieve me of anxiety. It is where our ministrations, yielded "as of the ability which God giveth," seem to be uncared for and unproductive, that the spirits of a minister become depressed, and his physical and mental energies impaired. We sow the seed, and are impatient if the fruit does not soon appear. May we have a larger measure of faith and patience. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

The sympathy expressed for the loss which I sustained in coming out to this country, is warmly appreciated by me: and the substantial proof of it which the Congregation of the Church of the Ascension have afforded, shall be applied in the manner requested; and may its results be to me a better knowledge of those inspired Scriptures which alone "are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus," and an increased capability to feed the flock over which it is my high privilege and weighty responsibility to be placed in charge.

I would again assure the Congregation of the Church of the Ascension of the gratitude with which I receive the expressions of their good will towards me personally. Most unaffectedly and cordially do I reciprocate it to all and each individually. "May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon pastor and flock. May we be a united people, bearing and forbearing with each other," united in the bonds of that everlasting covenant which is "ordered in all things and sure."

Your faithful friend and pastor,
(Signed,) JOHN HEBDEN.

NIAGARA DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE DIocese OF TORONTO.

(Continued)

The parish of Thorold reports,—

Annual Subscriptions for General Purposes.....

Annual Subscriptions for Travelling Missions.....

Special Donation for Travelling Missions in both Townships.....

£34 17 0

£0 15 0

£2 10 0

£38 2 0

The Special Donation is that of a young member of the Church, now deceased, who having kept school during the winter months in order to enable him to pursue his studies during the Summer months, preparatory to commencing the study of Medicine, found himself in the possession on his death bed of the above sum, and requested his heart-broken mother (also since deceased) to devote it to some Holy Missionary object.

The parish of Fort Erie reports that owing to extensive repairs upon the Church at Fort Erie the amount raised in the parish has been only

For General Purposes, .. £11 5 0

Donations for W. & O F., .. 0 15 0

£12 0 0

While at the same time its efforts on behalf of its own Clergyman have been far larger than in any previous year; still its Church Society subscriptions are much more than any previous year, with the exception of the last,—being £7 8s. 9.—and its quarterly collections for the same Society have been, it is believed, larger than at any former period.

The united Mission of Christ's Church, Lake Shore, with St. John's Church, Cayuga, and Dunnville reports:—"That the continued re-

movals of influential members of the Church and their families from the Lake Shore has of necessity had a painful effect upon that portion of the parish, but it is yet gratifying to find that its branch of the Church Society has not suffered in its finances, as might have been so justly feared; its subscriptions being £12 18s. 2½d., which is more than £1. 15s. above those of the preceding year.

Of Dunnville, it reports,—"That though rapidly rising into commercial importance, it has also, during the past year had to lament the loss, by removal, of a large number of its most regular Church people.

Statement of Amounts received by the Treasurer of the Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society, for the year ending Feb. 21 1853.

| What Parish. | Total Rec. | One feth. Pa. So. | One feth. Trav. Mis. | One half each Par. |
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| Niagara. | £ 39 5 0 | £ 9 16 3 | £ 9 16 3 | £ 19 12 6 |
| St. Catharines | 55 3 3 | 13 16 10 | 13 16 10 | 37 11 8 |
| Thorold. | 34 17 0 | 8 14 3 | 8 14 3 | 17 8 6 |
| To Trav. Mis. | 3 5 0 | 0 0 0 | 3 5 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Sub. Rev. B. C. Hill. | 1 5 0 | 1 5 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Stamford and Drumville. | 14 0 0 | 3 10 0 | 3 10 0 | 7 0 0 |
| N.F. Toronto | 0 13 10 | 0 13 10 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| W. & O. Fund | 2 15 0 | 2 15 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Div. Stu. Fund | 0 5 0 | 0 5 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Fort Erie. | 11 5 0 | 2 16 3 | 2 16 3 | 5 12 6 |
| W. & O. Fund | 0 15 0 | 0 15 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Louth, Rev. A. Dixon's Sub. | 1 5 0 | 1 5 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Grimsby. | 21 18 9 | 5 9 8 | 0 0 0 | 16 9 7 |
| W. & O. Fund | 1 15 0 | 1 15 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Chippewa. | 25 17 6 | 7 9 4 | 7 9 4 | 14 18 9 |
| W. & O. Fund | 12 10 0 | 12 10 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Dunnville. | 7 18 9 | 1 19 8 | 1 19 8 | 3 19 4 |
| Port Maitland | 8 13 10 | 2 3 2 | 2 3 2 | 4 6 11 |
| W. & O. Fund | 1 0 0 | 1 0 0 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| South Cayuga. | 3 4 4 | 3 4 4 | 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 |
| Int. on Debent. belonging to Trav. Mis. fund of Dis. Association | 5 2 2 | 0 0 0 | 5 2 2 | 0 0 0 |
| Total | 256 14 6 | 18 3 0 | 58 12 3 | 116 19 5 |

St. Catharines March 19, 1853.

Geo. HERRT,
Treasurer.

This statement shows that the Society has lost the confidence of the members of the Church, and it is to be hoped that the measures adopted by the Parent Society for giving greater efficiency to its operations by having a Secretary, who can devote all his time and energies to the promotion of its interests and the extension of its limits—for securing all monies paid over by its friends for its benefit in its adopting the Bank of Upper Canada, as its Treasurer; and for enabling its members generally, throughout the Diocese, by means of deputations from the several District Branch Associations, to take part in its proceedings, will tend to extend its influence and increase its means. At the present time the Church Society appears to be the hope of the Church; and until it pleases Almighty God to grant the members of the Church the privilege of meeting together in Convocation, it behoves all to do their utmost to render it as efficient as possible for the great work entrusted to it; and your Committee desire to raise their humble voice in expressing an earnest desire and wish, that the time may not long be delayed, when the boon will be granted to us of Bishops, Presbyters and Laity taking counsel together for the extension, permanence and efficient support of the Church in this rapidly rising country.

Your Managing Committee have stated the inability of the venerable indefatigable Bishop of this Diocese to supply us with a travelling Missionary on account of the small number of gentlemen offering themselves for Holy Orders. To the young men educated in the country can we alone look for the supply of our vacant parishes and Missions; for such are the demands for Clergymen, both in England and Ireland, owing in the former country to the great increase of Churches and sub-division of parishes, and in the latter to the glorious Reformation, with which it has graciously pleased Almighty God, to bless the labours of His faithful servants, who have devoted themselves to the extension of His Kingdom, amongst the most ignorant and deluded of their fellow countrymen, that the supply from those quarters has been utterly cut off. While this fact calls for our gratitude to Him, who has thus graciously revived his glorious work in our parent lands, it at the same time reminds the members of the Church in this highly-favoured country that for the future they must both supply the candidates for our Ministry, and, when necessary, assist in supporting them during their preparation for the duties of their high and holy office.

It is to be exceedingly lamented that, at a time, when so many clergymen could be so profitably employed in this diocese, so few candidates for the ministry, compared with the demand for them, should be pursuing their Theological studies. Your Committee humbly conceive that the lay members of the Church in the older and abler