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### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The annual meeting of the Niagara District Branch of the Church Society, will (D V) be held in St George's Church, St. Catharines, on Tuesday, March 6th. Meeting of the committee at 12 o'clock, at which matters of importance will be brought forward for consideration. Evening meeting at 6½ p.m.

The several Parochial Branches are requested to send in their reports by March 1st.

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Drummondville, Feb. 1860.

### HOME DISTRICT BOOK-HAWKING SOCIETY.

We are requested to give notice that a meeting of the Clergy and Laity desirous of promoting the objects of the above Society, will be held in the Board Room of the Church Society, on Thursday, the 8th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.

### CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Church Society was held in Bradford, on Thursday, the 26th ult., the Rev. John Fletcher, A.M. in the chair, and the following report was presented to the Association.

Report of the Bradford and West Gwillimbury Parochial Association of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto for the year 1859.

The season of the year having now arrived at which the Committee of the Parochial Association present a statement of their proceedings, they now beg to submit to the meeting the following report:—

The amount of subscriptions towards the object of the Society during the year was \$108.27, being an increase over the preceding year of \$33.90. The amount thus raised has been remitted to Edmund Lally, Esq., Treasurer of the County Association, to be placed at the credit of the Travelling Mission Fund.

During the year the collections required by the Parent Society were regularly taken up and are as follows:—

General Purpose Fund .....	\$ 0 00
Students' Fund .....	5 00
Mission " .....	4 50
Widows' " .....	2 50

\$18.50

There were two special collections during the year one for Indian Missions \$4, the other for the Sustentation Fund of the Diocese \$7,—\$11, making a total from this source, of \$29 50. These several amounts have been remitted to the Secretary of the Parent Society to the credit of the various accounts, with the exception of the Indian Mission collection, which was presented at the offertory, on the first day of the session of the Synod, in June, as directed by the Synod.

In accordance with the usual practice on these occasions, the committee proceed to present the Associations with the particulars of such monetary proceedings which are connected more immediately with Parochial affairs.

**DEBTS ON CHURCHES.**—During the year the congregation of Christ Church raised within themselves the sum of \$300.53, which was due upon that Church and liquidated all out-standing debts. The debt on Trinity Church has been reduced through the offertory collections and other sources to the sum of \$60, but no effort has as yet been made to reduce the amount still due on St. Paul's Church.

**MINISTERS' STIPEND.**—There has been paid during the year for ministerial services the sum of \$213, as follows, from Trinity Church \$120, Christ Church \$50, and St. Paul's \$43. In consequence of the non-payment by the country sections of the parish of the full quota of their ministerial assessment there has been a gradually increasing deficit in the stipend of the ministers which now reaches the sum of \$299.75, of which \$160.50 are due by Christ Church, and \$139 25 by St. Paul's, of this sum of \$299 75 there remains due to your late minister, (the Rev. Arthur Hill) the sum of \$67.75, and the balance of \$232 (£58) to your present incumbent. Your minister cannot avoid referring at this time to the manifestations of christian liberality which the congregation of Trinity Church through their Churchwardens, lately evinced in not only paying more than the full quota of their clerical assessment, but also in contributing to the increase of his comforts, far beyond their ordinary subscriptions.

It is very much to be regretted that notwithstanding the unceasing exertions of the Secretary of the County Associations, the travelling mission still continues vacant, every effort has been made on his part to procure a missionary but without success. There is not a sufficient number of candidates for ordination offering themselves to supply actual vacancies, much less to enter upon a new field of labour, and until churchmen individually and collectively consider it their duty to treat their ministers as ministers of Christ and the stewards of the mysteries of God, and to afford them at the least such a moderate competency as shall keep them above the cravings of actual want, it need not be expected that the Church can prosper in the degree that God designs she should do, and that notwithstanding opposing obstacles she yet shall do, but that for a time at least she must submit to see her ministers sparsely scattered and worn out before their time, and their numbers instead of increasing as they should do becoming gradually less.

This is a matter which cannot be put too plainly to the laity, as on their shoulders rests the responsibility of the increase or decrease of ministerial operations in the Church, and when churchmen know that Roman Catholic priests have increased during the last six years at the rate of 95 per cent., that dissenting teachers have increased during the same period at the rate of from 40 to 65 per cent., while the ministers of that Church which they consider approaches nearest to the

standard of Scriptural truth and Apostolic Order, of any Christian denomination has increased only at the rate of 8 per cent., they cannot but feel it an imperative duty to increase their exertions so that the Church of their martyred forefathers may stand not only not second to any other denomination, but as the leader in all Christian operations and as the glory of all lands.

Proposed by the Rev. S. B. ARDAON, seconded by DAVID THOMPSON, Esq., that the report now read be received and adopted.

Proposed by the Rev. T. B. READ, seconded by B. BARNARD, Esq., that the Church Society from its numerous and varied objects presents itself to the several churchmen as the most proper medium for the bestowal of his religious contributions.

Proposed by the Rev. EDW. MORGAN, seconded by the Hon. J. H. CAMERON, that it is the duty as well as the privilege of christians to use every exertion to aid in the promoting of the glorious work, for which God sent his Son into the world, and that this meeting pledges itself thereto.

Proposed by J. W. H. WILSON, Esq., seconded by the Rev. T. B. READ, that the thanks of this Association be presented to the young ladies who acted so efficiently as collectors, and that they be requested to continue their services during the present year.

JOHN FLETCHER.

Chairman.

**MILTON, C. W.**—The Milton Branch of the Gore and Wellington District Church Society, held their meeting in Grace Church, Milton, on the evening of the 7th inst., which was numerously attended by the Clergy, and members of the Church, and also, by members of the several other Christian denominations, of the town and vicinity. The Committee presented the Report, showing the affairs of the Church to be in a very satisfactory condition. The number of Communicants and Sundry school scholars have considerably increased. There is prospect of a Parsonage being erected, the ground having been secured. Improvements have been made in the Church at a cost of \$74 raised by voluntary subscriptions. The parochial collections for the past year amount to \$61. The quarterly to \$33.87. Taking therefore all things into consideration, the committee believe that solid grounds for congratulation and thankfulness do exist, and fervently do they hope, that by God's blessing, they shall, as a parish, advance in prosperity, both morally and materially. The following resolutions were then moved and adopted:—

Moved by the Rev. Mr. MCKENZIE, seconded by JAMES KEON, Esq., Resolved—That the report just read be adopted.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. GREEN, seconded by Dr. JONES, Resolved.—That the marked extension and prosperity of the Church throughout the world, as well as the success which has hitherto attended the operations of the Church Society, in extending her influence amongst us, call for our deep thankfulness to the Giver of all blessings, and allow us to look forward with confidence to