

DIocese OF TORONTO.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIocese OF TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN OCTOBER, 1854.

Previously announced .....	£402	5	6
Brock, per Rev. R. Garrett, .....	0	17	6
Hillier .....	£0	16	0
Wellington .....	0	5	0
Per Rev. R. J. Cox .....	1	0	0
Ancaster (additional), per Rev. J. Butler .....	0	15	0
Enniskillen Church (additional), per Rev. Dr. McNab, .....	1	3	3
St. Peter's, Thorold, .....	£2	19	4
St. Paul's, Port Robinson, .....	1	8	9
Per Rev. J. B. Fuller, .....	4	8	1
St. James', Perth, .....	£3	6	3
St. Paul's, Lunenburg, .....	0	10	0
St. John's, Baldersons, .....	0	10	0
Per Rev. Alex. Pyne, .....	4	6	3
<b>175 collections, amounting to</b>	<b>£414</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIocese, TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES FUND OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN JANUARY, 1855.

Elizabethtown, per Rev. W. C. Clarke	2	13	10
St. John's, Berkeley, per Rev. Dr. Heaven, .....	1	11	9
St. Paul's, New Market, .....	£1	1	10
Christ's Church, St. Albans, .....	0	14	2
Trinity Church, Aurora, .....	9	13	2
per Rev. S. F. Ramsay, .....	2	9	2
St. John's Peterboro', per Churchwarden .....	3	15	0
St. John's Portsmouth, per Churchwarden .....	1	5	0
St. Phillip's, Weston, per Rev. T. S. Kennedy, .....	2	4	3
Etobicoke .....	£0	11	6
Christ Church, Mimico, .....	0	6	0
Per Rev. H. Cooper .....	0	17	6
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis, .....	1	0	7
St. Peter's Church, Osnabruck, per Rev. Matt. Ker .....	1	5	0
St. Paul's, Adolphustown, .....	0	10	0
St. Paul's, Fredericksburg, .....	0	10	0
Per Rev. J. A. Muloch .....	1	0	0
St. Mary Magdalen's, Picton, per Churchwarden .....	1	12	6
St. George's, Drumville, .....	2	1	3
St. John's, Stamford, .....	0	15	5
Per Rev. C. L. Ingles .....	2	16	8
Lloydtown, .....	1	2	7
Bolton .....	0	10	3
Sandhill .....	0	5	8
English Wilson, .....	0	6	6
Per Rev. H. B. Osler .....	2	6	0
Amherstburg, per Rev. F. Mack, .....	0	15	0
Trinity Church, Thornhill, .....	£1	0	0
Oakridge's, .....	0	9	7
St. Stephen's, Vaughan, .....	0	12	7
per Rev. D. E. Blake .....	2	2	2
St. Mary's, Warwick, .....	0	11	5
Brooke, .....	0	6	1
per Rev. J. Smyth, .....	0	17	6
St. George's, Kingston, per Rev. Wm. David .....	5	0	0
Additional, Etobicoke, .....	0	0	7
Do, Mimico, .....	0	2	6
per Rev. H. C. Cooper .....	0	3	1
St. George's, Toronto, per Churchwarden .....	7	12	6
Trinity Church, Chippawa, per Rev. W. Leeming, .....	4	10	3

St. Mark's, Niagara, per Churchwarden .....	3	17	6
<b>31 collections, amounting to</b>	<b>£40</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>

MISSION FUND.

South Cayuga, per Rev. A. Townley	£1	5	0
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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Henry DeBlaquiere, Esq. ....	1	5	0
Rev. R. Garret, .....	1	5	0
Rev. R. V. Rogers, XIII year, .....	1	5	0
Sir John B. Robinson, XIII year, .....	12	10	0
Lewis B. Marsh, Esq., donation to W. O. Fund, .....	5	0	0
Lewis R. Marsh, Esq., donation to Mission Fund, .....	5	0	0
Rev. J. B. Worrell, .....	£1	5	0
Rev. J. A. Muloch, .....	1	5	0

From the Port Hope Ensign.

PRESENTATION.

We are informed that a handsome and costly Silk Gown and Scarf have been presented to the Revd. Jonathan Shortt, Rector of St. John's Church in this town, by a number of his Parishioners, as a Christmas Gift; together with several other liberal and seasonable donations — The following is a copy of the numerous signed Address which was presented on the occasion, and the Reply of the Rector:

ADDRESS.

Reverend and Dear Sir:

The undersigned members of your congregation, beg your acceptance of the accompanying trilling mark of their esteem and affection.

To one who, while he labors to set before the flock committed to his charge, in all the prominence which our Great Head allotted to them, the essential saving truths of our Holy Religion, desires to see all things done "decently and in order;" and who, giving no undue importance to the external observances of public worship, yields a willing conformity to usages sanctioned by age, admired for their seamliness, yet never misdirecting devotion, nor lowering his tone: the gift of the Gown presented herewith will appear, as it is intended, the mere performance of a prescribed duty.

And yet we cannot forbear seizing the occasion to express the ardent hope, that this mark of our desire to provide suitable accompaniments to the due administration of God's Holy Word and Sacraments, will often remind you of the less exalted home sympathies which exist between you and us; the bonds of mutual domestic pleasures, hopes, and anxieties, and the personal reciprocation of good offices, which the tie between Pastor and People so emphatically represents.

That you may be long spared to continue faithfully to admonish your flock of duty, fearlessly to reprove sin, patiently and lovingly to encourage the weak, and win the wayward; and that closer and more endearing relationships may spring up between us—each in our own little sphere of trouble or of joy—and that your labors may be abundantly blessed of Him who alone can inspire right motives, and command success, is the fervent prayer of your affectionate people.

Port Hope, Dec. 25th, 1854.

REPLY.

My Dear Friends:

Accept my warmest, most affectionate and most grateful thanks for the very handsome and costly silk Gown and Scarf which you have given me; and for the kind and encouraging Address which you have presented with it.

I trust that, in wearing these beautiful Robes

of office, I shall ever be reminded, not only of the duty of preaching the Gospel fully, "as the truth is in Jesus," and faithfully declaring "the whole counsel of God;" but also (as you so well express it) "of the sympathies which exist between us, the bonds of mutual domestic pleasures, hopes, and anxieties, and the personal reciprocation of good offices, which the tie between Pastor and people so emphatically represents."

These words, and the circumstance which occasions them, recall to me the years gone by, when the well-worn but valued Gown, which your gift replaces, was made and presented to me by dear friends; some of whose names are appended to the present Address, but many of whom have been called away from this world, to realize the hope in Christ which sustained them in their earthly pilgrimage. As perpetually reminding me of those dear friends, and the pleasure and profit which I derived from their society, I shall ever value the Gown which I have worn so many years. And I trust that the new Gown, which replaces it, will be, for years to come, a token and a pledge of similar affectionate and profitable intercourse.

Gratefully do I thank my kind Parishioners, not only for this Christmas Gift but also for several other liberal and considerate donations by which they have marked this season of rejoicing.

Without the prayers of his people, no Minister can expect to succeed. The assurance which you give me of yours is encouragement, to make greater efforts for your welfare. And while I thank you for them accordingly, I trust that mine will ever be offered on your behalf, that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may rest upon you and yours for ever.

JONATHAN SHORTT.

Christmas, 1854.

To the Editor of The Church.

REV. SIR,—Knowing the deep and lively interest you take in all matters connected with the progress and welfare of the Church in the Diocese, and particularly in every indication of awakening zeal and interest on the part of the Laity: it is with feelings of unmingled pleasure and satisfaction that I now give you a most gratifying instance of our brightening prospects in this parish.

The ladies of my congregation have just presented me with a very handsome and most acceptable *New Year's Gift*—the fruit of their zealous efforts among the parishioners generally—namely, a *Paruse*; the contents of which, together with other donations, amounted in all to about eighteen pounds.

This token of care and regard on the part of my people is rendered doubly valuable as well as most gratifying to my feelings, from the fact of its being most unanymous and also a perfectly *free-will* offering.

Considering, moreover, that my people generally have hitherto been not very prompt in matters of this nature—indeed, have contributed little or nothing to my income—it argues favorably and encouragingly of their growing improvement.

With regard to my own feelings on the occasion, I know not how to give them adequate expression; but one thing I do feel, that it seems to bid me—and that emphatically—to emulate the example of St. Paul and his companions in travel, "to thank God and take courage."

However, I have not called your attention to this subject merely for the purpose of publicly expressing my grateful thanks to those who