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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND, IN
THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The undersigned in entering on their official duties as the Secretaries to the Church Society, beg to acknowledge the honour conferred on them by their election; and to assure the members of the Church, that it will be their aim to prove worthy of the confidence reposed in them. It is their determination to conduct the business of the Society with the strictest regard to economy and punctuality; this rule they lay down for themselves and will exact it from those with whom they may have to transact business, and, if seconded in their endeavours, they hope to make the Society what its framers designed, an instrument in God's hands for advancing the interests of Christ's Church in this Diocese.

A medium for diffusing information respecting its operations being essential to the success of the Society, they have availed themselves of the offer made by the publishers of the late Ecclesiastical Gazette, to issue a specimen number of a small monthly paper, in Magazine form, under the name of *The Church Chronicle*, with a view to its becoming its organ. Though commenced in an humble way, it is intended, as its patronage increases, to make the *Chronicle* more worthy of the acceptance of churchmen, and of the great cause which it aims to further.

Believing the aim of the Society to be the extension of the Kingdom of Christ through the instrumentality of the Church, they will devote their humble, but earnest efforts to the furtherance of that grand object; and while maintaining the sound and sober views for which the Church of England is distinguished, they will strive to avoid every thing of a party character, and disseminate such information only as may unite and edify the body in love.

Convinced that a missionary spirit is the best proof of the vitality of the church; they are gratified to find the desire to make the Society more missionary in its character greatly on the increase. If suitable missionaries can be found and adequately sustained, every other aim of the Society will speedily be accomplished.

It is hoped "the Chronicle" may conduce to this, by acquainting the wealthier members of our communion with the wants of their destitute brethren in the new settlements—with the efforts made to supply them—of the success attending the labours of our missionaries,—their discouragements—and trials, and also by reports of the manner in which they are supported. For they are aware that these devoted labourers have suffered serious inconvenience, from the church at large not being aware of their wants.

With a view to this they propose, with the sanction of the Mission Board, to publish a quarterly report of all payments made to them by the Society, whether from its own funds, or from those supplied by the missions in which they labour; and if the object aimed at by the Mission Board namely, of paying the whole stipend of Missionaries, through the agency of the Society—can be ensured, an important benefit will be conferred on them.