

a few clergymen in Hampshire eight years ago, it has spread over the entire kingdom; and the Church of England Book-Hawking Union is now under the patronage of H. R. H. Prince Consort, and numbers among its presidents the two Archbishops, all the Bishops, and a number of the Laity, who are most distinguished for their zeal in promoting the moral and spiritual education of the people.

These facts having been taken into consideration at the regular meeting of the Home District Clerical Association, it was unanimously resolved:

1. That a Society be formed to be called the Church of England Book-Hawking Society, for the purpose of circulating through the Home District, by means of an authorised Hawker, literature of a good and wholesome character.

2. That every parish contributing not less than five dollars a-year be included in the operations of the Society; and the Incumbent of such parish be a member of this Society.

3. That every subscriber of not less than one Dollar a year be a member of the Society.

4. That a Meeting be held in the city of Toronto annually, in the second week in May, at which a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Managing Committee be elected.

5. That the Managing Committee, by whom all the business of the Society shall be managed, consist of the Officers and six members of the Society, at least one half of whom shall be laymen.

6. That the Hawker be not permitted to sell any article or works of any kind but such as have been sanctioned by the Committee.

7. That before commencing operations in any parish, the Hawker shall call upon the Clergyman, who shall have the power to prohibit his offering for sale in that parish any books to which he may object.

8. That a meeting be held in the Board room of the Church Society at Toronto, so soon as may be found convenient, for the purpose of making further arrangements for carrying the above resolutions into effect.

We are authorised to state that the foregoing having been submitted to the Bishop of the Diocese, his lordship has expressed himself favourable to the enterprise—and that a meeting will be held at an early date in the Board-room of the Church Society, for making the necessary arrangements to carry it into effect.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

[The following communication we gladly insert That the Poor (?) Western Diocese has not had more notice taken of it in our periodical ought not to be attributed as a fault to us. In consequence of a resolution passed at the first Huron Diocesan Synod, we determined on publishing the Gazette twice a month, and have in consequence sustained much loss. Very little information (comparatively speaking) has been since received from that Diocese. The quarterly collections and other Diocesan notices have been published, the latter even by extras, whenever received; our wish is to chronicle all matters of interest occurring in our North American Dioceses for the information of the Church at large; if such matter is not communicated to us, we have to fill up our space from other sources; and we have been especially indebted to the New York Church Journal for much interesting Church intelligence. The speeches of the Laymen delivered at the last convention might be studied with great benefit, by every churchman. The missionary sermon delivered on that occasion gave a most interesting and encouraging account of the success which has attended the missionary work of the Church.

If we had regular correspondents in each North American Diocese, as we think, considering our gratuitous labours for six years we deserve to have, papers at home would gladly exchange with us, and we would then be enabled to give intelligence more interesting, perhaps, to the majority of our Canadian Churchmen. But again, we say the fault is not ours, we have never urged the necessity of enlarging our subscription list, but we have often called upon the Clergy and Laity to aid us by forwarding an account from time to time of the progress of the work in their neighbourhoods.]

(To the Editor of the Ecclesiastical Gazette.)

As the Gazette does not generally pay much attention to our poor western Diocese, probably a scrap or two of news touching our proceedings would not be unacceptable. Deputations appointed by the Lord Bishop have lately been engaged in visiting the various parishes and stations, for the purpose of advocating the claims of the Church Society. One of these, consisting of the Rev. R. Flood, Dr. Townley, and G. Salter, visited some parts of the counties of Oxford and Brant, and here are a few jottings of the proceedings of this Deputation. The first meeting was held at Woodstock, the attendance was but small, the parish seems to feel the absence of their respected Rector; marked attention was paid to the several addresses delivered by the clergy present, and at the close a large collection, large at least when the numbers present are considered, attested the interest felt in the missionary operations of the Church. The next meeting was held at Eastwood, which, like all the morning meetings, was but thinly attended; here the deputation was much aided by the few fitly spoken remarks of Mr. Vansittart, which seemed to kindle in all present a determination warmly to support the Society; at the time a very fair collection for the number present was made. On the evening of the same day there was a large gathering in the Church at Huntingford, which might almost be called the model parish of the Diocese. The Church was densely crowded, some coming a distance of 10 miles on a night when the thermometer was 8 degrees below zero, shewing that nothing would keep them from listening to the invitation of that faithful servant of Christ, who ministered among them. A warmth of holy zeal seemed to pervade all, and a delightful evening was passed, truly refreshing to the strangers present, and it is to be trusted, a means of benefit and blessing to those who have the privilege of dwelling in such a parish. Owing to the unfortunate omission in Mr. Marsh's notice there was no collection, a matter of regret to us all, though if we are not really mistaken in the character of these worthy people, ample amends will be made in the amount of their subscriptions. On the afternoon of Wednesday there was a gathering at Weir's school house, in the mission of the Rev. J. Padfield; on the way the deputation were hospitably entertained at the house of Mr. Mills, one of the fine yeomen of that part, which may well be considered as the gardens of Western Canada. At the meeting an observation having been made as to the ignorance too often displayed by the members of the Church as to her distinctive doctrines, one of the Laity replied, that the fault rested with the Clergy, for though they faithfully preached Christ to the people, they neglected to tell them of the privileges and blessings which were theirs as members of his Church. This formed a text for many a speech afterwards. On the same evening the meeting at Burford was very well attended. The Rev. J. Padfield introduced the deputation with a few feeling and appropriate remarks, shewing his hearty concurrence with the objects of the meeting; and thus

strongly recommended by their respected Pastor, the advice of the several speakers was well received by the people, as evinced by a liberal contribution to the funds of the Society to be followed as we hope by a large subscription list. On Thursday afternoon the village of St. George was visited, a few of the principal inhabitants assembled in the School House, whose warm expressions and contributions shewed that they had the interest of the Church at heart. At an evening meeting held on the same day at Paris, the deputation was aided by several of the Clergy. The Rev. D. Armstrong, of Galt, recently ordained, moved the first resolution in a short and animated address; the Rev. F. W. Grant, of Onondaga, spoke at some length with well considered and fluent earnestness; the Rev. C. E. Thomson of the Diocese of Toronto was also present and made a very excellent speech on the necessity of unity of faith, unity of purpose, and unity of prayer in the Church in carrying on her missionary operations. The meeting was preceded by the usual evening service, at which the psalms and hymns were chanted by a most efficient choir, and though it was extended to rather a late hour, yet the large assembly seemed to give marked attention to the facts, which were brought forward; as usual there was a respectable collection, though this parish always manifests its home missionary zeal chiefly in the successful efforts of those gentlemen who collect the annual subscriptions from house to house. Friday, there was a meeting at the Church at Cainsville, this is one of the most ecclesiastical buildings in this section of the country, though unfortunately situated at some distance from the village. The evening meeting was held at Onondaga, here there is also a large handsome Church, though as yet its interior fittings are incomplete; a large and attentive congregation met the deputation, and seemed resolved to establish amongst them an efficient branch of the Society, the fruits of which are witnessed in a creditable collection. On Saturday there was a very small meeting at Mount Pleasant, but a handsome Church, adorned and kept in a manner too rarely seen in the west, evinces that the people are somewhat alive and ready to devote of their substance to the service of God. The last meeting of this deputation was held at Brantford, where the church-people have shewn their zeal by erecting a Church and parochial school house well suited to the beautiful town in which they reside. The latter, holding about 200, was well filled, when the claims of the Society were fully advocated by the deputation and other Clergymen present, while some of the Laity ably seconded the resolutions proposed; but again we were disappointed that no collection had been announced. It is to be hoped that these meetings will not be without their fruit; but will tend to kindle in the hearts of the people an earnest desire to promote the missionary efforts of the Church, while they certainly have the great collateral advantage of making both clergy and people better known to one another, and causing them by courteous interchange of views and those kindly hospitalities of which this deputation experienced a large share, to do each other good.

EAST ZORRA PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the East Zorra Parochial Association of the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron, was held in Christ's Church, Huntingford, on Tuesday, 31st January; when notwithstanding the intense cold, (the thermometer many degrees below zero.) upwards of 150 members and friends of the Church were present, who evinced a lively interest in the proceedings. The Deputation, (consisting of the Revs. R.