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CHURCH SOCIETY NOTICE.

The Clergy are respectfully reminded that a collection is to be taken up during the present month in aid of the DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND. They will please remit the proceeds to the undersigned, prior to the close of the month.

The Parochial Collections should be sent in to the several District Treasurers in time to enable them to remit the same to the undersigned before the 30th inst., on which day the books will be closed.

WM. P. ATKINSON, *Secretary.*

Church Society's Office, Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT OF INDIAN MISSIONS.

RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

Although the conversion and civilization of the Indians of this continent is one of the important objects recognized by the Church Society of this Diocese it is admitted on all sides, that too little has, hitherto, been done for this poor people. Their claims on the Christian consideration of the Church and the country are of the strongest character. Many favourable opportunities for benefitting them have been lost for the want of means. Others fortunately are still open, and as the *Indians* earnestly desire they should be taken advantage of by the Church, the Committee appointed by the Synod and Church Society to watch over their interests—feel called on to make an earnest effort to provide funds to succour our existing Missions and open new ones in Lakes Huron and Superior.

Fears have been entertained that efforts in behalf of Indian Missions would seriously interfere with the support of Missionaries among the destitute white settlers. To obviate this objection, the Committee respectfully beg to submit to the consideration of the Church the following plan for raising funds for these Missions, viz :

That the children in every Sunday School throughout the Diocese, who may be able to subscribe 20 cents annually, be invited to enrol their names, as Volunteers in the "Missionary Army of Christ"—engaging to pay, through their Teachers on the first Sundays in January, April, July, and October, the sum of five cents per quarter, and that the Teachers and others connected with the Schools (the office-bearers in the army,) be expected to subscribe at least 10 cents per quarter. Cards, Registers, and the necessary appliances for carrying out this plan systematically, will be furnished the Incumbent of each Parish or Mission.

To enable the children of the Church generally to take part in the good work, it is recommended that Collecting-boxes be entrusted to those whose conduct entitles them to such a mark of confidence.

These boxes are to be handed in, at the above specified quarterly periods, to the Superintendent of the Sunday School—who shall, with the aid of at least two Teachers, carefully record the amount in each box—and forward a report of the same, with the amount collected during the quarter (prepaid and registered) to the Secretary of the Church Society, in order that it may be placed to the credit of the Indian Mission Fund.

Such an organization it is hoped will prove highly beneficial to the interests of the Church generally. It will not only create an interest in mission work