

St. Peter's, Cobourg.....	29.12	
Church N. Stiles.....	2.68	
Bourne's School House.....	2.30	
Per Ven Archdeacon Bethune.....	31.00	
St. John's, Thorold.....	3.82	
St. Paul's, Port Robinson.....	3.68	
Per Rev. T. B. Read.....	7.50	
Barrie.....	12.80	
Shanty Bay.....	1.20	
Per Rev. S. B. Ardagh.....	14.00	

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T. S. KENNEDY, Secretary.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

TO THE CLERGY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND, IN THE DIOCESE OF HURON.

My Rev. Brethren,—His Excellency the Governor-General of British North America has issued a proclamation, calling upon Her Majesty's subjects in Canada to observe the 4th December as a day of thanksgiving for the blessings of peace which we have enjoyed during the past year, and for the abundant harvest with which it has pleased God to crown the labours of the husbandman. We have continually offered up this prayer to the Most High, "That it may please Thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them." When, therefore, the Lord has graciously heard and answered our prayer, it becomes us to render to him the grateful tribute of our praise and thanksgiving.

We, therefore, earnestly exhort all our clergy in this Diocese to use their best efforts to give effect to the pious purpose of Her Majesty's representative by assembling their several congregations on the above-named day, and by stirring them up to sincere thankfulness to Almighty God who has so graciously made "peace in our borders, and who filleth us with the flour of wheat."

It has heretofore been our custom, on the day of public thanksgiving, to make a collection at each service held in the Diocese. The collections on the 4th December will be devoted to the relief of the operatives in the cotton districts in Great Britain, who are suffering the extreme of want and destitution, because of the calamities from which we have been graciously preserved. An opportunity is now afforded us of evincing our devoted attachment to our brethren in England, not merely in words, but in deeds; of showing our sympathy with our suffering fellow-subjects; and of proving that we are grateful to them for the oft-repeated proofs which they have given of their good-will towards us. Let those who have much be exhorted to give plentifully, and those who have little gladly to give of that little. "Let every man do as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

We are aware that the calls upon the scanty resources of your flocks are many—more, sometimes, than they are able to meet: and we would not urge you to make this additional appeal to them but under circumstances which warrant us in asking our fellow-Christians to make sacrifices, and, if necessary, to endure privations in order that they may minister to the relief of their brethren who are suffering, not through any fault of their own, but under the chastening hand of Him who does not afflict willingly, or grieve the children of men.

Collections should be made at all the stations at which you can have Divine Service on the appointed day, and the amounts collected should be forwarded *without delay* to the Rev. J. W. Marsh, who has kindly undertaken to act as treasurer, and who will transmit them as the offering of the Church in this Diocese, towards the relief of our suffering brethren at home.

I remain, my reverend brethren,
Your affectionate brother in Christ,
BENJAMIN HURON.

London, C. W., Nov. 3rd, 1862.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

THE SYNOD.

The second Synod of the Diocese of Ontario was held in the city of Ottawa. The session lasted for three days, commencing on Wednesday the 6th instant.

Divine Service was held in Christ's Church, at 11 a.m. There was a full choral service.

The prayers were intoned by the Rev. E. Denroche, M.A., assistant minister of the cathedral, Kingston.

The Rev. R. L. Stephenson, M.A., rector of Perth, read the first lesson. The Rev. M. Baker, rector of Carleton Place, read the second lesson.

The litany was intoned by the Rev. T. B. Jones, M.A.

The anti-communion service and the gospel were read by the venerable H. Patton, D.C.L., Archdeacon of Ottawa.

The epistle and offertory sentences were read by the venerable W. B. Lauder, Archdeacon of Ontario.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. E. J. Boswell, D.C.L., of Prescott, from 1 Timothy, iv. chap. 16 v.

His Lordship, the Bishop, administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the distribution of the elements by his two archdeacons.

The offertory, amounting to \$31.95, was on behalf of the Diocesan Mission Board.

The Synod assembled at 3 p.m., in the new chapel, lower town. The session opened in the usual form, after which the names of the clergy and lay delegates were called by the secretaries, the Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, and D. F. Jones, Esq. The various parishes, with a few exceptions, were represented.

His Lordship then delivered his charge, which will be read with much interest, as it contains an account of his mission to the mother country.

Rev. Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity:

"According to the intention expressed at the last Synod we have assembled together in consequence of the Act incorporating the Synod of this diocese having received the royal assent, that we may now fully organize and complete the details necessary for the carrying out, by the machinery of committees of synod the various objects hitherto devolving on the Church Society of Toronto. The best course for us to adopt, seems to me to be the appointing of a committee, to report during this present session a system of rules, by which parochial committees may be formed, consisting of the clergymen, lay delegates, and churchwardens, in communication with the executive committee of the Synod, and entrusted with the work of collecting subscriptions, preparing for annual parochial missionary meetings, and with power to associate with themselves such zealous parishioners as may wish to aid in this good cause.

"I recommend that there be, also, a committee of Synod, to be called the Mission Board of the diocese, and that it consist of twelve clergymen,

and twelve laymen, with the Bishop as chairman; and I shall endeavour to select the members as fairly as possible, so as to represent each former district of the Church Society; or, should it appear to the Synod as a wiser course, the clergy may elect eight members of such board, and the laity eight; while the Bishop nominates the remainder. On the efficiency of this board will the prosperity of the church, in a great degree, depend. We have at present fourteen missionaries who look to this committee for their annual grant of \$200; while several missionary stations are now vacant, which cannot be filled up till we are in a position to aid them with a similar grant.

"On the 7th of last May I sailed for England, in order to make application, in person, to the two great Church Societies which have hitherto fostered the colonial church, for such aid as they could afford to give the new Diocese of Ontario. On arriving in England I found that the period when the S.P.G. makes its annual grants had passed, so that my prospect of receiving assistance this year was at first very slight; but I remained in London, and on the next monthly meeting of the Standing Committee, I made my statement at some length. The committee finally recommended that a grant of £500 stg. be made to me for Missionary purposes for three years. At the following meeting of the society there was a strong wish expressed to raise the grant to £750 per annum, and it was referred back to the Standing Committee who, however, adhered to their original recommendation, but very kindly expressed their willingness to entertain any future application for further assistance.

"The S.P.C.K. received my application in a most generous spirit, and on the first day of July voted me £450 stg., £300 for general purposes, and £150 for building churches. A grant of £20 stg. worth of books for a diocesan library, and twelve full sets of service books for churches were also added, with a kind assurance of the willingness of the society to entertain favourably any future application for assistance.

"I had intended to have visited various parts of England and Ireland, and bring the cause of missions in this diocese before the church at home, but the great distress prevailing in the north of England compelled me to abandon my intention,—indeed, so much of my time was necessarily spent in London, while urging my applications on the two societies, that I could not have done much in the short time allowed me before returning to Canada for my confirmation tour, and the holding of the present Synod. While in London I employed myself on Sundays in advocating the cause of our diocesan missions in such churches as were offered me for this purpose; and although the time of year was that in which the various local charities of the city are usually advocated in sermons, and aided by collections, and thus inopportune for my object, yet I obtained donations sent in to me after a few sermons, amounting to about £250 stg., the various items of which will be presented in our report. Before leaving England, the S.P.G. recommended to me for the missionary work of the diocese four clergymen, (one of whom, the Rev. T. B. Jones, has arrived) and three candidates for holy orders, whom I hope to admit to the holy order of deacon, at my ordination, at the next Ember season.

"I have nothing to add, but to express my hope that you may give to the grave subjects which will occupy your time during this session your most earnest and undivided attention. On the machinery, and its honest working, which we shall establish, will greatly depend the success of our missions, and the advancement of true religion and virtue. We possess, by the favour of the legislature, what I believe to be the best