

CANADIAN CHURCHMAN.

"Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

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THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

PALM SUNDAY—MISSION FUND. Collections made in the several Churches and Chapels and Missionary Stations, in behalf of Missionary objects within the Diocese, appointed for Palm Sunday. St. Paul's Church, Toronto, per Churchwarden.....£6 11 0

133 collections, amounting to...£189 11 3 Additions for Widows and Orphans' Fund, collections appointed for the 16th Sunday after Trinity, June 1852. Previously announced...£312 4 0

178 collections, amounting to...£312 19 0 PAROCHIAL BRANCHES. Penetanguishine, 1/4th of collections, per W. Simpson, Esq.,.....£ 1 17 2

GENERAL PURPOSES. Singleton's Corners,.....£0 2 11 St. John's Leeds.....0 2 1 per Rev. N. Watkins.....£0 5 0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Rev. W. Bettridge,.....£1 5 0 Rev. J. B. Worrell, 2 years 2 10 0 Rev. F. Tremayne,.....1 5 0 H. Mortimer, Esq.,.....1 5 0 £6 5 0

Wednesday the 30th being the last Wednesday in the month, there will be a meeting of the Standing Committee at the Society's Board Room, at 3 p. m.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY, Sec. C. S. D. T. March 23, 1853.

EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY REPORT

The Secretary of this Branch of the Church Society, begs leave to read to its members the following Report;—and upon its being read it will appear to be no ways different from other matters connected with this world. It will contain some things to be regretted, and some cheering, and for which we may all be thankful to him through and from whom all good things do come.

What may be cheering in our Report will take more words to relate. When people are called upon for money, they very naturally, like to know whether their contributing it, has availed to any good purpose. The following facts will show how far some of the money contributed, to the purposes of this Society has had this effect.

ment of Travelling Missionaries. To ascertain whether our contributions to them have been effectually good, we may state what they have accomplished in that time. To do this, a letter of the Rev. Mr. Pattin to the Bishop of Toronto, may be quoted with some trifling alterations. Our Travelling Missionaries are doing their work well, and laboring zealously in their arduous, but useful vocation. Nothing can more forcibly illustrate the propriety of employing Travelling Missionaries than a glance at what those in this Rural Deanery have done and are now doing.

With regard to our contributions, in consequence of the withdrawal of the above named congregations, they will appear to be but small in amount. Cornwall, as usual, contributes by far the most. There does not seem, however, to be anything in the Parochial Report which calls for remark. Nor indeed in any of those which have been sent, with the exception, perhaps, of Kemptville. This parish, during the last year, has contributed towards the salary of its minister about £60; yet it will be seen, when we read over the parochial contributions, that the subscriptions of this congregation to the Church Society are very good.

Table with financial data: Cornwall annual subscriptions £42 18 6, Baptismal registration fees given by the Rector 1 18 6, Girls' Missionary Box 0 6 0, Collection for Missions Cornwall £2 18 4, Moulinette 1 0 7 1/2, etc.

After the reading of the Report, the following resolutions were proposed and adopted. Moved by Rev. J. Harris, seconded by Mr. Mulhern,

- 1st. That the Report just read be adopted. Moved by Rev. Mr. Kerr, seconded by Rev. H. Patton. 2nd. That the advancement of Christ's Church is an object in which every sincere Christian must feel a deep interest—that it is our duty to pray for God's blessing, not only on the Church generally, but especially on that branch of it which has been planted in this land.

REPORT OF THE MIDLAND AND VICTORIA DISTRICT BRANCH ASSOCIATION.—Concluded.

The Parochial Association of Bath report that, the amount of subscriptions to the general purposes of the Association during the past year, have considerably exceeded that of any previous year since its formation; still it falls short of what of what it ought and what it might be, if Churchmen generally were only more feelingly alive to their duty in this respect, and to the importance of the objects for which their contributions are solicited.

The Committee of the Napanee Branch, state that they have nothing to report, further than, that the Collections in aid of the Society's objects have been regularly made, and that this is owing in a great measure to the internal demands of their newly organized Parish, but they hope for the future to be able to do better.

The Committee of the Wolf Island Branch which has not been long established, state the amount of money contributed to the Parent Society to be six pounds, and ten pence. It now remains that we speak of the Parochial Association of St. George's Church in this city; and first we shall detail its income.

The subscriptions for general purposes amount to £73. 19. 4, and for special purposes to £15. 13. Of this sum after deducting the one fourth to be transmitted to Toronto, we have left for meeting our liabilities £65 14 6 And now for its liabilities. Grants to Portsmouth, } £92 10 0 to Wolf Island, } to Barriefield, }

Leaving a deficiency of £26 16 6, which your Committee were enabled to supply from the balance remaining in hand from the previous year. The quarterly collections have been regularly made, the amount of £35 10 remitted to Toronto.

Thus it appears that the whole burden of maintaining the grants made to the missions of Portsmouth, Wolf Island and Barriefield, has hitherto been borne by this Association. Your Committee hesitate not to say, that each Branch should, according to its ability, contribute something to these objects, and by their co-operation encourage the efforts of their Brethren. As the support of these missions tends to the good of the Church at large, it only seems reasonable that all affiliated Branches should set apart something from their funds, and thus prove themselves alive to the Apostle's injunction, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

Your Committee would regard it as a serious evil if the want of co-operation on the part of their brethren and the members of the Church, should compel them either to suspend their grants to these missions, or at all to diminish their amount, they would rather hope that the efforts of this year will not only enable them to maintain their present engagements, but also undertake additional ones; especially enable them to place the Depository on a much more efficient footing. And your Committee would earnestly invite attention to this important object of the Church Society; and would recommend that a special Fund be raised to provide such a constant supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, and religious books and Tracts, explanatory of the doctrines and discipline of the Church, as the wants of its

members demand. To this Depository our Clerical Brethren from country Parishes look for their supplies.

Up to the present period, the sales for the present year amounted to £68. 6s. During the year there have been sold 76 Bibles, 246 Prayer-Books and upwards of 900 books and Tracts.

Your Committee feeling the great importance of imparting to the young, sound principles of truth, rejoice that contracts have been entered into for the immediate erection of a Parochial School; which they have reason to believe will be ready for occupation during this summer. And though the funds, collected by the agency of the Sunday School children, and through the efforts of the Ladies of St. George's congregation, to whom we are deeply indebted, will not cover the whole amount of contract, yet your Committee painfully sensible of the attempts that are made, and with success too, to entrap the poor children of Protestant parents into Popish Schools, resolved upon the undertaking, in the confident expectation that a helping hand will be extended to complete the work which the circumstances of the day render so necessary. And such is the aspect of things in this City that the members of the Church must exert themselves to the utmost, not only in the erection of the School House, but also in bringing it into immediate operation.

Your Committee have touched upon several subjects of importance and interest, which they respectfully submit to the subscribers of this association, and to the members of the Church, with the earnest prayer, that He, who puts into the hearts of his people good desires, will bring the same to good effect—will establish, strengthen, and settle them,—will animate them with greater zeal in their masters' service—will teach them to adorn their profession by a meek and quiet spirit—by piety towards God, and charity towards all men, but especially to the Household of Faith."

RESOLUTIONS. Moved by Thos. Askew Esq., Seconded by Rev. H. Mulkins.

1. That the report now read be adopted and published.

Moved by D. Yates, Seconded by Rev. Henry Brent.

2. That this meeting sensible of the obligation under which Churchmen be to Him in whom they live and move and have their being, desires to express as well its thankfulness for the benefits both temporal and spiritual received during the past year; as the hope that during the present year the professed members of the Church will be more diligent in their efforts to promote the important objects of the Church Society in general and of this Branch in particular.

Moved by the Rev. W. Greig, Seconded by Mr. H. Olliver.

3. That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the office bearers, and that S. Taylor Esq. be Treasurer in the place of Thomas Askew Esq., resigned, the Rev. W. M. Herchermer and Rev. Henry Brent be Secretaries, and the following gentleman the standing Committee, viz. Hon. John Maccauley, Thomas Askew, John R. Forsyth, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Jno. Macpherson, Thos Dykes, Wm. Wilson, John Watkins, Sam. Muckelson Esq., Drs. Robinson & Baker, Colin Miller, Neil Macleod, Wm. Rudstone Esq. Cap. Wright, K. Sellars, Allen Geddes Esq. Dr. Douse, J. B. Marks, Wm. Ferguson, P. V. Dorland, Parker Allen, Thos. Nelson, Duncan MacKenzie, John Crookshank, John Durnsford Esson Esq. Dr. Cary, Hooper, Sprole, Donnelly, Sutherland, Holdetch Esqrs., and Messrs Malone Charles and Brent.

Moved by Rev. R. G. Cox, Seconded by Thos. Kirkpatrick Esq., Supported by Rev. J. A. Mulock

4. That among the many important objects which the Church Society seeks to accomplish—the establishment of a Depository well stored with the Bible, the sole rule of our faith,—with the Prayer book, the expositor of sound doctrine, the cherisher of sober and fervent devotion,—with tracts and religious books calculated to instruct and interest the man of God, is one which demands our attention, and is entitled to the undivided support of every lover of the Church.

Moved by Rev. T. Bousfield, Seconded by Samuel Maclester Esq.

5. That this meeting fully impressed with the conviction that the capabilities of the Church as the pillar and ground of the truth, and the herald of glad tidings of salvation, cannot fully be developed without a proper infusion of the lay element, rejoice at the prospect of synodical action in the Church

Moved by Rev. R. V. Rogers, Seconded by Rev. T. W. Allen,

6. That this meeting convinced that the happiness of a nation depends in a very great measure upon the principles distilled into the minds of the young, regards the establishment of Parochial Schools in which a religious as well as a secular education is imparted, as conducive to the peace and prosperity of a community.

Moved by E. Palmer Esq., Seconded by Thos. Kirkpatrick Esq.