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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

It will be seen on reference to our Advertising Sheet, that parties desirous of procuring, for distribution, copies of the Lord Bishop of Toronto's Pastoral Letter, which was published in our last No., can be supplied by our publisher Mr. Rowsell.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Midland District Branch was held in the City Hall, Kingston, on 7th March, 1861, the Archdeacon of Kingston in the chair.

The report giving an account of the transactions of this Branch, was read by the Secretary, Rev. A. Stewart, as also a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year. This will be published as soon as the sums subscribed have been all paid.

The first resolution was moved by CAPT. INNES, R. C. R., and seconded by Mr. O'LOUGHLIN,—That the report now read be adopted, and printed for circulation.

The second resolution was moved by Rev. R. V. ROGERS, Rural Dean, and seconded by R. C. CARTWRIGHT, Esq.—That there are new settlements being continually formed in the large District to the north of this city, where the settlers are beyond the reach of the Clergyman now labouring in this part of the Diocese. This calls for renewed effort and increased liberality on the part of the members of our beloved Church, to supply the spiritual destitution existing in those parts.

The third resolution was moved by Rev. DR. PATTON, Rector of Cornwall, and seconded by Rev. C. JETTAN of Sydenham, *Resolved*.—That the subject of missions is one of the utmost importance in connexion with the advancement of Christ's Church; and as, by the alterations recently made in the constitution of the Church Society, attention is specially directed to the subject of domestic missions, this Society commends itself to the prayers and cordial support of all who sincerely desire the extension of our beloved Church in this Province.

The above resolutions were ably advocated by the different speakers, and it is gratifying to find that in this part of the Diocese there is a growing interest in favour of the Church Society, notwithstanding the recent alterations made in the constitution, requiring that the whole of the subscriptions should be forwarded to the Parent Society. A statement of the sums collected this year will be published as soon as the collections are completed.

ADOLPHUSTOWN BRANCH CHURCH SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, held on Tuesday, the 19th February, in Adolphustown Church, Rev. Robert Harding, Incumbent, the following resolutions were passed:

Moved by Rev. A. STEWART, seconded by Rev. T. STANTON, *Resolved*.—That, by the altered constitution of the Church Society the subject of domestic missions is specially introduced to the attention of the members of the Church, and therefore this Society commends itself to the prayers and liberality of those who sincerely desire her extension.

Moved by Rev. R. V. ROGERS, seconded by Rev. T. BOUSFIELD, *Resolved*.—That, if every member of our truly Apostolic Church would as God hath prospered him, contribute on each Lord's day to the treasury of the Lord, it would enable the Church to meet the claims of this Society as well as all objects connected with her best interests.

Moved by Rev. F. W. DOBUS, seconded by PARKER ALLEN, Esq., *Resolved*.—That the Church Society, the great instrumentality in this Diocese, of building up the Church, demands the hearty support of all who are sensible of the honour of being employed in the Lord's work.

HOME DISTRICT CLERICAL ASSOCIATION.

The next meeting of the above Association will be held on Tuesday, the 19th March, at the residence of the Rev. Dr. Lett, Toronto.

The Holy Communion at St. George's Church, at 10 a.m.

Portion of Scripture for consideration, Revelation xx.

Subject of Essay, Parochial Visiting.
H. B. OSLER, Secretary.

THE PAROCHIAL BRANCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, TORONTO, SECOND YEAR.

This Parochial Branch met on Tuesday, the 26th February, in the evening—the Incumbent in the chair. Several clergymen were present, and addressed the meeting, as also Dr. Bovell.

The Secretary, Rev. A. J. Broughall read the following report, for the year ending 30th April, 1860.

The Secretary of St. John's Parochial Branch of the Church Society, in presenting his second Annual Report, has to congratulate this young parish on the very considerable success which under God has attended its exertions during the past year. Immediately after the annual meeting in February, the collectors engaged in their appointed task with commendable zeal and energy—and as the result of their labours the sum of \$125.50 was collected in a short time. The amount of subscriptions paid in to the Secretary was apportioned in the following manner: \$58 including the subscription of six Incorporated members were remitted to the Parent Society; \$48.75 to the Secretary of the Home District Branch, for missionary purposes within the District, and the balance \$18.75 was reserved for the payment for reports and Sunday School purposes. The four quarterly collections amounted to \$65 25, which with the collection for the Sustentation Fund appointed by the Lord Bishop to be taken up annually, and amounting to \$20.00 gives in all \$210 75 as the sum collected for Church Society purposes during the past year.

The Secretary would take this opportunity of directing the attention of the members of the congregation to the change which has been made within the past year respecting the future disposal of all moneys collected by Parochial Branches. In compliance with the by-law establishing a Mission Board in connexion with the Church Society, the whole amount of subscriptions must henceforth be sent in to the Treasurer of the Society at Toronto, to be exclusively devoted (with the exception of one-fourth reserved for the general purposes of the Society,) to missionary work within the Diocese. This change which it is hoped will give greater unity and effect to the mission work, may be thankfully accepted as indicating a determination on the part of the Church at large, to rouse herself to more self-denying exertions for the benefit of the whole body, and to exhibit that genuine missionary spirit which in a peculiar manner points to a healthy condition of the Church's vitality and activity. For the future then, it will be necessary to provide for defraying purely local expenses of an incidental description in some other way than the appropriation of missionary or Church Society moneys to that purpose—but the amount thus required being comparatively small, will doubtless be easily secured by private subscription or otherwise. And here it may not be out of place to refer to a few incidents of a more private nature in connexion with the Branch itself. While the members of the church in this part of the city may congratulate themselves that they have a neat and comfortable edifice, that too out of debt, in which they may worship God after the manner of their forefathers, there is ground also for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for the success which he has been pleased to extend to the humble efforts which have been made to accomplish His work in this portion of the vineyard. St. John's Church has now been opened for nearly three years, the (incipient) congregation having been obliged, previously to the 1st Sunday after Trinity, 1858, to assemble in a large room over St. Andrew's Market. During this period three services have been performed on each Sunday; the High Festivals and the seasons of the ecclesiastical year have been observed, and during the greater portion of the time week day services have been regularly held, bodily illness on the part of the Incumbent requiring their temporary discontinuance.

A Sunday School has likewise been in successful operation from the commencement in which 46 teachers have been employed for periods of longer or shorter continuance, 21 of whom are at present occupied in the pleasing and important task, the rest having been obliged in consequence of removal and other causes to discontinue their labours in connexion with St. John's. Let us hope that the majority of them are successfully employed in some other portion of the Church. Looking at the list of scholars, we find that there have been entered on the books of the school 230 boys' names, and 279 girls,—making in all 509 scholars who have received instruction in this parish; out of this number, however, there are