

THE 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 COMMON-PLACE BOOK.

"JESUS OF NAZARETH PASSETH BY."

WATCHER!—who walkest by the bed of pain,
While the stars sweep on in their midnight train
Stifling the tear for the loved one's sake,
Holding the breath lest his sleep should break!
In the lonely hours there's a helper by,
"Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

STRANGER!—far from the native land,
Whom no one takes with a brother's hand,
Table and earth-stone are glowing free,
Casements are sparkling, but not for thee;
There is one who can tell of a home on high,
"Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

SAD ONE, in secret bending low,
A dart in thy breast that the world may not know
Wrestling the favor of God to win,
His seal of pardon for days of sin:
In hope press on with thy prayerfull cry,
"Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

MOURNER!—who sit'st in the Churchyard lone,
Scanning the lines on the marble stone,
Plucking the weeds from the children's bed,
Planting the myrtle and the rose instead;
Look up from the tomb with thy tearful eye:
"Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

PINE ONE, with the hectic streak
In thy vein of fire and wasted cheek,
Fear'st thou the shade of the darkened vale?
Seek to the Guide who can never fail;
He that trod it himself, he will hear thy sigh,
"Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

—By Mrs. L. H. Sigourney.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIocese of Toronto.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIocese OF TORONTO.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS FUND.

Collections made in the several Churches, Chapels and Missionary Stations in behalf of this Fund, appointed for the Second Sunday in January.

Previously announced in *Canadian Churchman*, Vol. 1, No. 31.....£155 6 5½

Trinity Church, Galt.....	12	8	9
—per Rev. W. Boomer.....	0	5	0
St. Peter's, Cobourg, additional, per Rev. W. A. Johnson.....	0	12	6
Port Barwell, per Rev. F. B. Read.....	£2	5	6
Elizabeth Town.....	0	17	3
North Augusta.....	3	2	9
—per Rev. W. C. Clarke.....	1	7	6
St. Peter's, Credit.....	0	19	4
Sydenham.....	0	19	0
Port Credit.....	3	3	10
—per Rev. S. Givins.....	0	7	7
St. James's, Church Bidulph.....	0	7	5
St. Mary's Village.....	0	15	0
per Rev. A. Lampman.....			

108 Collections amounting to....£165 16 3½

MISSION FUND.

Additions for Mission Fund, collections appointed for Trinity Sunday:

Previously announced.....	£193	6	0
Essa, East.....	£1	14	7½
Essa, West.....	0	13	½
—per Rev. G. Nugent.....	2	7	9

133 collections, amounting to....£195 13 9

Additions for Widows and Orphan's Fund, collections appointed for the 16th Sunday after Trinity, June, 1852.

Previously announced.....	£305	10	4
St. James's Perth, per Churchwarden.....	3	15	0

171 collections, amounting to....£309 5 4

PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Brookville, proportion of collections, —per Rev. E. Denroche.....	£4	12	6
Ditto special appropriation for W. & O. Fund, per Rev. E. Denroche.....	£8	3	3
Rice Lake, ¼th of collections.....	£0	17	6
D. contribution by Mr. & Mrs. Ley, for the 1st & 5th objects of the Society.....	0	15	0
—per Rev. J. W. Beck.....	1	12	6
Prescott, Branch of Eastern District ¼th of collections, per Ch'warden.....	6	8	3
Barton, ¼th of collections, per Rev. B. N. Merritt.....	0	15	0
	£	21	11 6

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. Robert Blakey, his annual subscription.....	£1	5	0
Rev. W. C. Clarke, 11th year do. do.....	£1	5	0
Arrears of annual subscriptions due by the late Rev. R. J. C. Taylor, per J. G. Bowes, Esq.....	£5	0	0
Rev. R. N. Merritt.....	£1	5	0

THOMAS S. KENNEDY.

Sec. C. S. D. T.

March 10th, 1853.

BARRIE, CANADA WEST, }
March 26, 1852. }

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—I regret not having been able hitherto to comply with your request to report as to the state of my Mission of "Barrie, Shanty Bay, and parts adjacent," as defined in my license from the Bishop of Toronto. It is only reasonable that the venerable Society should desire to have an account of the progress made during upwards of nine years in which I have occupied this post of duty.

It is difficult to give even a short report without bringing the instrument into too prominent a position. On my arrival here in October 1842, I found matters in an exceedingly discouraging state. In this district, comprising 21 townships, each containing an area of 12 miles square, there were but three clergymen, two of them 26 miles south and east, and the third 40 miles north, while to the west all was a spiritual desert. The prospect in every point of view would have been disheartening if I depended upon my own strength. There were two churches in an unfinished state, Shanty Bay and Barrie. I commenced service in them every Sunday, and selected seven stations throughout, from 6 to 10 miles apart, where I had service once a month or fortnight.—I selected them generally at a cross road, or path and in the centre of a scattered settlement. I had previously visited the people around, and inquired whether I might expect a congregation. The reply I generally received was, that if I had reference to the members of the Church, it would not be worth while to come so far, but that people would assemble to hear any one who came as a preacher. Indeed they were satisfied if he took his text from the Bible, and was a "smart" man; they were not particular about the doctrine.—However I continued regular services and the congregations steadily increased until, by degrees, many came back to the Church who had left it, and expressed a wish for more frequent ministrations. In conjunction with Rev. F. Osler, I had a resolution passed at our Annual Meeting of the Church Society, that our subscription should be applied towards the support of a travelling Missionary, who labored for a few years, and gave an additional monthly service to each of my stations. The desire still increased, and in 1848 the people of my own Mission offered to subscribe towards an assistant minister, to be confined within the bounds of the Mission. After many disappointments by Rev. Mr. Shaw, at length Rev. G. Nugent, sent out by you, arrived here in last May. He labors most diligently, and is most acceptable to the people.

I refrain in this brief report to give an account of the difficulties, trials, and hardships inseparable from a new and bush Mission. I have few instances of real conversion to relate, but the outward conformity is as great as could be expected, and God alone can in His own time give the increase.

I shall, in conclusion, merely draw the comparison between the state of the Mission as I found it and as it is at present. There are now five churches in the Mission, in which Divine Service is regularly performed, besides five stations. There are three more new churches in course of erection, which I expect will be ready for opening before next winter. All the churches opened are furnished with books, communion plate, surplices, printed registry books, &c. In three of them there is an average congregation of from 90 to 100. The communicants are near 100, and increasing. A large and commodious school-house has been erected in Barrie, which cost about £200, but upon which there is a debt of £70. A bell, which cost near £50, has been put up in Barrie Church. When I first came I found it difficult to raise a few pounds for Church purposes; for instance, it took three years to pay for the painting of the outside of Barrie Church. In the last year a sum of £133 was raised in that village alone for church purposes. The Mission subscribes \$75 per annum for the assistant minister, besides what is sent to the Church Society. The £100 generously granted to my Mission, and the £16 which came through your Society, I have

divided between four churches and the school-house in Barrie. This school-house has been used for Divine Service, by the Bishop's permission, on Sunday night during the winter, as the Church being situated on the top of a steep hill, it was impracticable for old persons and children to go up there after night by reason of snow and ice. This evening service in Barrie makes five full services in the Mission every Sunday. Besides the stations I have mentioned, the Travelling Missionary and I held an occasional service in the township of St. Vincent's, 80 miles from this, for the more particular purpose of baptizing the children of the new settlers, and keeping our people from straying; and on one occasion I went as far as Owen Sound, 120 miles distant. A clergyman having been settled in this latter place in 1849, he has taken that distant part of the Mission off my hands.—Another station to the east has by the Bishop's arrangement been handed over to the clergyman at Orillia, so that this Mission is now reduced to about 30 miles square. I should observe that the few Churches are only externally completed, but they present a neat ecclesiastical appearance, with Gothic windows, &c.—Some English gentlemen in travelling through my Mission expressed their agreeable surprise in meeting such in so remote and wild a country. They still want pulpit, reading desk, and sittings. At present we are satisfied with a table borrowed from a neighboring house as a substitute for the former, and are contented with planks set on blocks of wood for the latter. We were forced to occupy them thus early, as the school-houses had become too small for the congregations, and we were occasionally interfered with by others who had an equal right to their use.

The resources of the people have been well-nigh exhausted in getting the churches thus far; and being now obliged to subscribe towards a minister's stipend, they require a little breathing time. If those friends at home, who may read this imperfect sketch, would contribute something to their completion, it would be most gratefully accepted. I should like to have them all completed before I remove to a more settled place, as it is probable that I shall have to apply to the Bishop before long for this favor. I find my physical powers failing, and am unable any longer to take those long rides on horseback which I have hitherto. My health broke down in 1849, and I had to go to England to seek for a renewal, as well as to transact some private affairs. I suffered from rheumatism in the head, contracted from sleeping in shanties imperfectly protected from the weather. My visit home has considerably restored me, but I yet feel the increase of years by stiffness of the limbs, &c.

I hope that this imperfect outline will satisfy the venerable society that some progress has been made. I have reason to think that my venerable and energetic Bishop is satisfied with me. All I can say is, that I have endeavored to set forth Christian truth before the people, as it is contained in the Articles, Homilies, and Offices of our beloved Church. I have not turned aside to attack dissenters, as I have ever believed that the best method in which to meet error, is to inculcate truth.

In fine, I trust it is my highest object to look forward to the time when, through Divine grace, I may be permitted to hear from the lips of the chief Shepherd, "Well done, thou faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Yours, in the best bonds,

S. B. ARDAGH.

CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.—On Monday evening, 21st ult., a meeting of the Middlesex and Elgin, and Huron Branch of the Church Society was held in St. Thomas Church. We were glad to observe the large attendance of members of the Church of England, although the notice was so very short, in fact too short, to admit of its being made generally known. Still the meeting was very numerously attended; and we rejoice in the fact, as an evidence that the members of the Church of England in this vicinity, are determined to lay aside the passive spirit which has for a long time theretofore been a prominent feature in their character, and assume a more active and vigorous course in matters which are of the greatest importance to their Church, and to the spread of christianity generally. The objects of the Society were well explained at the meeting, and resolutions passed in approval thereof, and expressing a determination on the part of the members of the Church in this vicinity to do their utmost to assist in forwarding the prosperity of the Society. The resolutions were all moved by lay members, and seconded by various Reverend gentlemen present. Amongst those who addressed the meeting were the Rev. B. Cronyn, of London, the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary of the Society, Toronto; the

Rev. C. C. Brough, Township of London; Rev. G. C. Street, Port Stanley.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT BRANCH ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The annual General Meeting of the Prince Edward District Branch Association of the Church Society was held in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene at Picton, on Wednesday the 23rd. Feb., 1853.

The Venerable the Archdeacon in the Chair.

THE REPORT.

In presenting another annual Report of this Association, we have to speak of the mercy of God, which by the continued lengthening of our days, still leaves us precious opportunities of seeking to sustain the aims for which the Church Society and its various Branches were established. But while our hearts are impressed with a sense of the Divine goodness, they are also affected (and we lament that it should be with so much reason) by the remembrance of the little that has been done in this way, by us the Clergy and Laity of this District of Prince Edward for the growth of the Kingdom of Christ our Lord. We have cause to confess our evident supineness in this good work, and to mourn because of the resulting guilt, that lies burdening upon our souls. To hesitate in making this acknowledgement would simply be to deceive ourselves, and serve to continue the lethargy in which we seem to be sinking. Let us arise at once to a more resolute and persevering performance of our duty. This is no season for Churchmen to be unmindful of the sublime interests of the Gospel and the Church, or to fold their arms in listless indifference, and permit the bulwarks of Divine truth to be battered to pieces, with no arm uplifted, no voice raised to stay the wild work of awful desolation. May God forbid!

The Reports of the several Parochial Associations are now in substance submitted with earnest application to Almighty God for that grace by which alone we can be fitted and prepared so meet in a more fervent and faithful manner the duties of the year now before us.

The Picton Association through its Chairman reports, that the following sums have been gathered during the past year:

viz. Collections.....	£	5	14	1
" Subscriptions.....	14	9	44	
" Proceeds of young ladies Penny Society.....	7	2	10	
" Ladies sewing Society.....	14	15	1	

£41 15 1.

The Hillier Association reports that the objects for this association have not been altogether forgotten, inasmuch as the Desk, Pulpit and Communion table have received the necessary covering, and the Chancel, carpentering and chairs.

The Subscriptions amount to... £ 6 0 0

The Collections " " 2 0 0

The amount paid to the Clergyman of the Parish.

Collections £ 8 0 0 } £81 17 6

Offerings 8 17 6

Subscriptions 65 0 0 } £89 17 6

In Wellington, the work of building a Church is progressing, and it is believed that it will be nearly completed in the present year.

The Committee of the Marysburgh Parochial Association say, that they are happy to report, that the £30 guaranteed by the Parochial Association for the last half year has all been collected and paid over to the minister, together with an extra donation of £20.

Their Parochial expenses, although amounting nearly to £100 are all met by voluntary contributions.

The Report having been, on motion of Mr. James Jones, seconded by Mr. Hugh Leach, adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Bleasdale, rose to move the first resolution and said.—

"Venerable Sir, I rise to move a resolution with which so far as regards the mercy shown to ourselves, these good Christian people will doubtless fully accord; but as to the latter part of it—the part to which I would draw special attention, there may not be the same unanimity of feeling. The resolution is as follows:—

Resolved.—That this meeting is deeply impressed with a sense of God's mercy, both as concerns their own welfare and also the protection and countenance evinced in the preservation of this Society.

The Church Society is in my view Sir, defective, and therefore needs improvement. The great Societies of England, such as the Propagation Society, and the Church Missionary Society, have for their field of action, the whole world.—They embrace within their benevolent designs heathen, heretic, and Jew: while this Church Society, confining itself to this Province, is exceedingly contracted in its sphere of usefulness, and consequently fails to enlist as it should do, the sympathies of Churchmen in this Province.