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| Sam. Baird | 2 10 0 | " |
| Wm. Story | 2 10 0 | " |
| Dav. Story | 2 10 0 | " |
| Wm. Grango | 2 10 0 | " |
| A. Holmes | 2 10 0 | " |
| Thos. Ellis | 2 10 0 | " |
| Saml. Blackwood, M.D. | 2 10 0 | " |
| Chas. Dunlop | 2 10 0 | " |
| Wm. Latimer | 2 10 0 | " |
| Math. Serson | 2 10 0 | Promise. |
| Dennis Cavanagh | 2 5 0 | Note. |
| John Frazer | 2 0 0 | " |
| Wm. Boyle | 2 0 0 | " |
| Wm. Low | 2 5 0 | " |
| Wm. Clarke | 2 0 0 | " |
| Wm. Shannon | 2 0 0 | " |
| Fras. Cockburne | 2 0 0 | " |
| Jas. Craig | 1 10 0 | " |
| Wm. Gourley | 1 10 0 | " |
| Sarah Hodgins | 1 10 0 | " |
| Jas. King | 1 10 0 | " |
| Andw. Low | 1 10 0 | " |
| Wm. Scott | 1 10 0 | Cash. |
| Jao. Smith | 1 10 0 | Note. |
| Hy. Meredith | 1 10 0 | " |
| Andw. Scott | 1 10 0 | " |
| Chas. Curtis | 1 5 0 | " |
| Noble Dean | 1 5 0 | " |
| Jas McVeety | 1 5 0 | Cash. |
| Thos. Hodgins | 1 0 0 | " |
| Benj. Hodgins | 1 0 0 | " |
| Jno. Frazer | 1 0 0 | Promise. |
| Dav. Low | 1 0 0 | Note. |
| Thos. Bradley | 1 0 0 | Cash. |
| Jno. Timmins | 1 0 0 | Promise. |
| Jno. Ayres | 1 0 0 | Note. |
| Owon McCarthy | 1 0 0 | " |
| Michl. Son | 0 10 0 | " |

RICHMOND (Continued.)

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| John Vaughan | 2 10 0 | Note. |
| Robert Craig | 2 10 0 | Cash. |
| Robert Cowan | 1 5 0 | Note. |
| Robert Cowan | 1 5 0 | Cash. |

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| Col. Ruttan | 1 5 0 | Cash. |
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PAROCHIAL MEETINGS

Of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, will be held as follows:—

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| Cayuga | Tuesday, January 18th, | 7 p.m. |
| York | Wed'sday, " 19th, | 2 p.m. |
| Caledonia | " " " 19th, | 7 p.m. |
| Glanford | Thursday, " 20th, | 11 a.m. |
| Saltfleet | " " " 20th, | 3 p.m. |
| Stoney Creek | " " " 20th, | 7 p.m. |
| Ancaster | Tuesday, February 15th, | 3 p.m. |
| Dundas | " " " 15th, | 7 p.m. |
| Elora | Wed'sday, " 16th, | 7 p.m. |
| Guelph | Thursday, " 17th, | 7 p.m. |
| Georgetown | Friday, " 18th, | " |

Annual Meeting at Hamilton, Wednesday, March 16th, 7 p.m.

J. GAMBLE GEDDES, Secretary.

REPORT

Of the Committee of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, appointed to report on the best means to be adopted for raising contributions towards the Stipends of the Clergy in the various Parishes and Missions of this Diocese. Read at the Monthly Meeting of the Society, held on the 3rd of April, 1850, and ordered to be printed.

1. Until the members of the Church at large are induced, from a principle of faith in God's promises, and love to his holy cause, to look upon it as a privilege to be permitted to honour

the Lord with their substance, and with the first fruits of all their increase, the manifold evils of the voluntary system, in its ordinary development, must surely be acknowledged by every reflecting member of our communion.

2. The Church in this Diocese being, to a certain extent, under this system, must, to a similar extent, be exposed to these evils,—evils which will ultimately be more fully developed unless guarded against by timely precaution.

3. In addition to that unholy and palpable tendency of the voluntary principle to tempt the pastor to deal unfaithfully by his flock, it is a system which from the peculiar organization of the Church, appears calculated to exert a more injurious influence over her than over religious communities of merely human origin.

4. While unity is an essential feature of the Church at large, unity of feeling and of action is absolutely necessary to the progress and prosperity of every Diocese within her pale; but the principle under consideration has a direct tendency to injure, if it cannot destroy that unity, because every Clergyman who is absolutely and directly dependent upon his flock for maintenance, and who can by any means make himself popular among them may—if he be so inclined—be tempted to exhibit in his own flock a defiance of Episcopal authority which must ever be regarded as the great element of Diocesan unity.

5. The unmutated Gospel has ever excited the opposition of the human heart, and, consequently, he who determines to speak fully and faithfully concerning "Christ and the Church," will frequently, in spite of all the discretion he can use, have to encounter much opposition; and should it be, that he is either partially or wholly dependent for his maintenance upon the voluntary system, he may be reduced to straits, and perhaps to poverty, because though diligent and conscientious, his faithfulness may destroy his popularity.

6. The Clergy are men of like feelings with others, and it is often difficult even for duty to silence the dictates of delicacy. This, however, must to a considerable extent be done by every Clergyman who would teach his flock the scriptural doctrine, that the labourer in spiritual things is worthy of his hire, for the bulk of his congregation will generally regard him when addressing to them such admonitions as more anxious for the augmentation of his means than for the welfare of his flock. It may be said that the Clergy are bound to teach the whole truth, whether it bring upon them good report or evil report, and that this misapprehension or misrepresentation is a part of that cross, which, as the messengers of their Master, they are called to bear. But, though this may be true, it is to be feared that it is a truth which is not acted upon, for there is reason to think that the duty alluded to, is neither taught by the Clergy nor practised by the laity as it ought to be, to the great loss and detriment of both parties.

7. Seriously impressed with the gravity of these disadvantages, your Committee would respectfully suggest that contributions from the various parishes and missions in this Diocese, to the general mission fund of the Church Society, seems to them a plan, the apparent tendency of which would be to remedy these evils. That it appears to have been a principle acted upon in the primitive Church, in which, up to the fifth century, the whole contributions of the people, destined to the maintenance of the Clergy, were paid into a common fund.

8. It is a system which, if it could be adopted, would manifestly tend to promote unity in the Church, and to combine the advantages of greater actual independence in the Clergy, with a salutary control in the proper quarter.

9. The adoption of the system suggested would

also tend to save the Clergy from any strong temptation to keep back from the people committed to their charge wholesome but unpalatable truth, by rendering them, to a reasonable extent, independent of their people, while at the same time any decided falling off in the contributions of the parish or mission, or any positive refusal to fulfil the pecuniary obligations under which they had voluntarily come to the Church Society, would, in many cases, afford a test by which to form some judgment of indiscretion, incapacity or neglect of duty on the part of the Clergyman officiating therein.

10. There is little reason to doubt that one great cause why the members of our communion are so backward in contributing to the support of the Church, is to be found in the fact that they are not sufficiently taught their duty in this respect by their legitimate instructors: and, unquestionably, the motive which induces so many of the Clergy to fail in admonishing them on this subject is the natural feeling of delicacy before alluded to, and which many among them acknowledge their inability to overcome. The adoption, however, of the system which your Committee respectfully suggest would tend, in a great degree, to remove this obstacle, and many, it is believed, would zealously exert themselves in procuring contributions to a general fund, who could not be induced to make a similar effort in order to urge their people to effect a direct augmentation of their individual stipend.

11. Your Committee are strongly inclined to think that the duty of the laity, in contributing of their earthly things, to those who minister to them in spiritual things, would under the system suggested, be much more generally and emphatically taught and much more effectively performed than it is at present.

12. Your Committee having thus adverted to some of the most prominent disadvantages of the present mode of raising contributions, towards the stipends of the clergy in the parishes of this Diocese, and having pointed out the benefits which they are inclined to think, would flow from the adoption of the system which they have now suggested, would proceed to the consideration of some of the details, which would be necessary in carrying the plan into operation.

13. (1) The first point to be considered is the amount, which any parish or mission applying to the Bishop for the services of a Clergyman shall be required to raise.

The recent regulations of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, (to devise the best mode of complying with, which, is the object of your Committee) require that in addition to a parsonage house, every parish or mission shall raise at least the sum of £50 currency per annum, towards the stipend of the clergyman, which sum, or any further sum, up the extent of £100, that Society agrees to double, giving pound for pound.

Your Committee would therefore suggest that the Bishop of the Diocese, judging from such information as he shall possess, of the resources or ability of any parish or mission, making application for the services of a clergyman, shall frame the amount between these two extremes which such parish shall pay into the General Mission Fund of the Church Society, on which the Society shall undertake to pay to the clergyman such a stipend (not exceeding the sum guaranteed by the parish) as the Bishop shall appoint.

(2.) With reference to the mode in which such contributions shall be raised within the several missions of the Diocese, whether by direct subscriptions, pew rents, or otherwise; your Committee feel that this is a subject which must to a great extent be left to the discretion of the various parishes, merely suggesting that in the older settled townships, or in neighbourhoods having easy