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TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO, Feb. 29, 1868.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,

At a meeting of the Committee on Indian Missions held in this city on the 13th February, instant, the following Resolution was passed and transmitted to me:—

“Whereas the necessity exists for making immediate arrangements for raising funds to meet the exigencies of our Indian Missions, Be it Resolved,—

That the Lord Bishop be requested to commend this subject to the attention of the Church generally, and to invite the Clergy to take up a Collection in their several Churches in aid of this object, on Sunday, the 15th March next, or on such succeeding Sunday as to them may be convenient during the ensuing season of Lent.”

It is to be feared that the duty of making suitable provision for the spiritual wants of our Indian brethren, has not presented itself to the minds of the members of the Church generally with the force which the subject imperatively demands. We have but two Missionaries labouring amongst the Indians in this Diocese, and towards the support of them a very small sum is contributed from local sources. A visit to the north-western portions of the Diocese during the preceding summer, has convinced me that two more at least should be employed, and as many additional Schoolmasters who would be competent to act as Catechists.

The method proposed of augmenting the funds for this object is a simple one; and if a small amount,—which would hardly be missed,—should be contributed annually by each Parish, enough might be collected to support at least one Missionary and a Schoolmaster. We have hopes of obtaining from a Society in the Mother Country as much as would support another.

I feel, therefore, that I may confidently urge this claim upon the members of the Church in this Diocese; and make the request, with every assurance of a successful result, that during the present season of Lent,—on Sunday, the 15th March, or as soon after as may be convenient,—a Collection be made in the several Churches of the Diocese in aid of our Indian Missions, and the amount transmitted to the Secretary of the Church Society.

I remain, Rev. and dear brethren, yours most faithfully,

A. N. TORONTO.

MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Church Society was held in the Society's Board Room, on Wednesday, the 12th February, 1868, at 11, A.M.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto in the chair. *Present.*—Ven. Archdeacon Palmer, Ven. Archdeacon Fuller, Rev. Canon Baldwin, Rev. Dr. McMurray, Rev. F. L. Osler, Rev. F. Tremayne, Rev. S. B. Ardagh, Rev. R. Harrison, Rev. Canon Brent, Rev. Dr. Lett, Rev. W. Grant, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. W. S.