

canvass this year exhibits, including the Rector's Subscription, a sum total of £16 7s. 11½d; one fourth, according to the constitution of the Church Society, has been remitted to the Parent Society in Toronto, and three-fourths appropriated to local purposes.

For a Parish like Perth this appears but a small sum to contribute in one year to aid in supporting this, the Church Missionary and Charitable Society, but when it is taken into consideration that the members of the Church here have enjoyed her ministrations for over thirty years, without contributing anything towards her maintenance among them, it is plain that it will be a work of time before they come fully to realize the importance of sustaining her institutions, as also their own duties as baptized members of the fold to do all that in them lies, to set forward her operations and to aid her in fulfilling her Divine Mission.

Amidst the many discouragements incident to a Parish such as this, it is pleasing to perceive that there is a growing disposition among several of the members of the Church to give not only of their means, but of their time, and of their convenience, heartily as to the Lord, to aid in carrying out her work.

We cannot speak of the efforts of the Ladies of the Sewing Society but in terms of eulogy. During the past winter, by the sale of their work, they realised after payment of all expenses, a sum of £130, which they placed at the disposal of the Rector to be applied towards the erection of the New Church. During the preceding year the building committee received through Miss F. Matheson, the Treasurer of this Society, £116, besides providing at a cost of £5 "a fair linen cloth," having the sacred name on the front and top, and a napkin bordered with an appropriate ecclesiastical device, for the decent celebration of the Holy Communion. Through their exertions the amount contributed to the fund of the Church Society for the past two years exceeds the contributions of the two preceding years by the sum of £214s. 9d.

From the appropriation for local purposes, we have been enabled to add to our Sunday School Library over 250 volumes. The books are such as are acceptable to the youthful mind, and give clear and intelligible views of the doctrines of the Church. We have also been enabled to commence a Parochial Library.

It may be reasonably hoped that when the New Church can be occupied for the worship of God, and the liabilities occasioned by its erection defrayed, the members of the Church in this Parish will use increased efforts in the cause of Christ, and give with liberality for the time to come, for the extension of the Church, of that which God has given them.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD.

(Continued from our last.)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

His Lordship then named the following Committees:

Executive Committee.

The Ven. the Archd. of Kingston, The Ven. The Archd. of York, The Revs. James Beaven, D.D. D. E. Blake, A.B., T. B. Fuller, D.C.L., S. Givens, H. J. Grasett, B.D., Henry Patton, D.C.L., Jonathan Shortt, D.D., Stephen Lett, LL.D., J. T. Lewis, LL.D., W. McMurray, D.C.L., F. L. Osler, M.A.; The Hons. P. B. DeBlaquere, J. H. Cameron, J. Patton; J. W. Gamble, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Dr. Mowburn, W. B. Simpson, S. B. Harman, Col. Kingsmill, James Bovell, Robert B. Denison, Hon. G. W. Allan; Miles O'Reilly.

Committee for Sustentation Fund.

The Archdeacon of York, Revs. Dr. Patton, Dr.

Fuller, D. E. Blake; T. C. Street, J. W. Gamble, S. B. Harman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Clerical Secretary then read the following correspondence from the Bishops of Madras, Bombay, and Calcutta:—

TO THE REV. STEPHEN LETT, LL.D.,  
Clerical Secretary to the Diocesan Synod of Toronto.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—I beg to assure you of the great gratification with which I received your letter of September 10th, 1858, forwarding a copy of the address of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland of the Diocese of Toronto in Synod assembled, to the Bishops, Presbyters, Deacons and Laity of the same Church in India.

You are aware that in the Indian Presidencies our Church holds no Synodical assemblies, and we are unable, therefore, to reply by any Synodical act to this most Christian remembrance which our Brethren in Toronto have had of us during the troublous times through which we have been passing.

Nevertheless, I am confident that I have the cordial concurrence of the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese in writing to express the deep feelings of respect and affection with which we return to the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and to our Brethren, both Clerical and Lay, in communion with him, our grateful response to this token of their regard. We thank them for their sympathy—most of all, for their prayers. And we humbly trust that, through the meritorious intercession of our Glorified Lord, the mercies which those prayers have asked will be graciously bestowed upon us.

That the Blessed cause of Christian Missions is reviving in our Church, we join with you in recognizing as a special ground for praise to Him from Whom all holy desires and all good counsels do proceed.

And, although we cannot be insensible to the way in which recent events have raised in many minds a prejudice against the endeavour to Christianize the people of this land, we are sanguine that this will prove but a temporary hindrance, if a hindrance at all, and that the awful disclosures which have taken place of the condition of the Heathen and Mahomedan races of India will rather provoke the charity of all true Christians to redoubled efforts for their conversion. We devoutly rejoice in the assurance which we receive from your own Branch of the Church, of a determination to aid, to the utmost extent of its ability, the great enterprise of evangelizing the British Empire in India.

May the God of all grace, the Lover of Concord, be pleased to have respect to this act of the Diocesan Synod of Toronto toward their Brethren here, and pour down, for His dear Son's sake, the increase of His Holy Spirit on your venerable Bishop, on yourself and brother Clergy, and on all the congregations committed to their charge.

So praying, allow me to subscribe myself, Reverend and Dear Sir,

Your grateful brother and Servant,  
J. BOMBAY.

P. S.—It is proper, perhaps, to add, that having laid the address from your Synod before a full assembly of my Brethren in the Presidency town, I then circulated copies of it to all the clergy of the Diocese, and caused it to appear in the Government Gazette for the information of the Laity, reading it also in the course of my sermon from the pulpit of our Cathedral Church on the morning of Christmas day.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND  
THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.

My Lord,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to express the grateful feeling

with which both myself and the Clergy and Laity of our church in Madras receive the expression of the deep sympathy of their brethren in the far West, and especially for their continued remembrance of them in their prayers: of their affectionate and earnest desire that the trials through which our Church has passed may be the means of calling forth new life and nobler triumphs of the Gospel, and of their determination to aid practically in the promotion of the evangelization of the British Empire in India.

Whilst the members of the Church of England in this Presidency feel grateful for this assurance of fraternal regard and prayer from their brethren in Toronto, they are at the same time sensible how well it is calculated to strengthen them under their trials, to stimulate them in their endeavours for the advancement of the Gospel; and to promote unity, peace, and concord, amongst the widely scattered children of our common parent, the Church of our Fathers.

The immense distance of the Bishops in India from each other, and the absence of Synodical action here, prevent our meeting together to reciprocate the warm language of your address in proper form. But I feel assured that throughout this Diocese but one feeling has been created among the brethren, and that is a feeling of mutual affection. The address and the letter which accompanied it have been inserted in the local Journals, and so widely circulated as to come under the observation of all who felt concerned.

I remain, My Lord,  
Your faithful and affectionate  
Brother in Christ,  
Madras, 25th March, 1859 T. MADRAS

To the Right Reverend the Bishop of Toronto, and the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese in Synod assembled.

MY LORD, REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

I have received with much gratitude the kind address which you presented to myself and to my brethren, the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity within the metropolitan jurisdiction of Calcutta, expressing your sympathy on behalf of your Christian brethren, who, in the trials which they have been called upon to endure in this country, have been counted worthy to suffer in the cause of our common Lord and Master. I thankfully rejoice in the assurance of your prayer to God for us, that we may be delivered from all present peril, and that the trial of our faith may be turned unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

I regret that in the particular circumstances of this country it is impossible to assemble the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, so that your address might be read to them, and all might join in our common expression of thanks to you for it.

I must therefore take upon myself to answer in their name, and I rejoice to be able to assure you that the Rebellion which has been fraught with so much peril, and disgraced by such cruelties, is almost, if not entirely, suppressed, and that we are all, in our several spheres, considering how we may best use this warning and opportunity which God has sent to promote the spiritual and eternal welfare of the multitudes whom His Providence has here committed to our Queen.

You will, I am sure, not fail to pray that, as the Indian Church was faithful to our Lord in the hour of danger and affliction, so we may receive from on high the spirit of wisdom, and ghostly strength, and true godliness, in the time of our deliverance, and that we may have grace to work with one heart and one spirit for our Redeemer's glory.

I will take measures to let your address be circulated as far as possible among the Clergy and