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### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

#### WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUND.

As we have not yet received a copy of the award of the arbitrators deputed to settle the question of the division of the property between the two Dioceses; which will of course more or less affect every fund; and in all probability necessitate some alteration in the by-laws for their management, especially of this particular Fund; we have nothing further to add to the following extract from the last report. The Almighty has blessed the Country with a bountiful harvest, we trust therefore, that the contributions will be far more liberal than those which we have had to acknowledge as the proceeds of the two last collections.

The receipts to the credit of this fund during the past year—

Amounted to .....	£1,349	2	2
But from this must be deducted investments returned amounting to	431	7	8

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The sum of £417 14s. 4d. has been added to the investments, making the amount now invested for this object £3,546 15s. 9d.

Amount paid out in pensions .....	£430	0	0
“ “ for Taxe: on Lands...	11	12	9

The by-law for the administration of this fund provides that twenty-five shillings for every Clergyman duly recognised shall, on the first of January in each year, be transferred from the General Purpose Fund to this Fund, provided it bear such a charge upon it; and after the current and customary expenses of the Society are paid this charge shall be the first defrayed. This sum of twenty-five shillings represents the subscription of a Clergyman who is an Incorporated Member.

For the last few years it has been customary to place the clergyman's subscription at once to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, as the collection for the General Purpose Fund is only appointed to be taken up in the month of January, and the Parochial Branches seldom report before the end of March, and many of them not till just before the Society's books have to be closed. Your Committee recommend that the by-law of the Society be henceforth strictly adhered to, as for the last two years such transfer ought not to have been made, for by reference to the appendix of the last year's report, it will be seen that the General Purpose Fund at the close of the year had a balance to debit, and also this year, had the transfers not been made as above stated, there would have been £375 less to the credit of this Fund.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next General Ordination in the Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday, the ninth of October. Candidates for Holy Orders, whether of Deacon or Priest, are requested to communicate without delay to the Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., examining Chaplain, their intention to offer themselves, and to be present for examination in the Library of the Parochial School House, at Toronto, on the Wednesday previous to the day of Ordination, at nine o'clock, A.M. They are required to be furnished with the usual testimonials, and the *St. Quis* attested in the ordinary manner.

#### COLLECTIONS UP TO SEPT. 30TH, 1859.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels and missionary stations in the Diocese of Toronto, in the month of July, in behalf of the Mission Fund of the Church Society.

Previously announced .....	\$615.06
Fergus Chapel, per Rev. C. E. Thomson.	2.40
Trinity Church, West Hawkesbury	1.65
St. John's.....	2.20

Per Rev. J. G. Armstrong .....	3.85
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118 Collections, amounting to.....\$621.31

#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Rev. C. E. Thomson, Book & Tract Fund	2.50
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**GUELPH.**—A meeting was held in Guelph on Friday, last week, at which the Mayor presided, for the purpose of presenting an address to the Rev. Arthur Palmer, the rector of Guelph, on his return from the old country. The address which was presented by T. W. Saunders, Esq., was very numerously signed by members of Mr. Palmer's congregation, as well as others. It was as follows:—

*The Rev. Arthur Palmer, M.A., &c.*

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned, members of your congregation, and other inhabitants of the Town of Guelph and its vicinity, beg to avail ourselves of this, the earliest opportunity which presents itself, to welcome you on your return to this Province.

Those of us who are members of your congregation would here acknowledge the services which, during a ministry of six and twenty years, you have rendered to the Church of England in this Province, and particularly to St. George's Church in Guelph, and we heartily welcome you home as our pastor.

And we all beg to say, that the respect and esteem to which your character and conduct during your long previous residence in this community, has so well entitled you, have, we feel assured, remained undiminished in your absence, and we sincerely hope that during many future years you may be favoured with your presence among us as a neighbour and friend.

We beg at the same time to express our best wish for the health and happiness of Mrs. Palmer and your family.

Mr. Palmer replied in very appropriate terms.

### DIOCESE OF HURON.

The Secretary of the Church Society respectfully informs the Clergy of the Diocese of Huron, that the next Collection for the Church Society is appointed, by the Bishop, to be made during the month of October, and the proceeds to be applied to the Mission Fund of the Diocese.

Ingersoll, Sept. 12, 1859.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INCORPORATED CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF HURON, PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AT LONDON, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND, 1859.

In presenting their First Annual Report the Standing Committee would commence by taking a brief retrospective view of the circumstances which led to the formation of this Society.

It is well known that the subject of the division of the late Diocese of Toronto had been long anticipated; and to bring about this object steps were taken from time to time at the suggestion and with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese. Many difficulties were encountered, but by the zeal and energy of the persons actively engaged in the work, and by the liberality of Churchmen generally throughout the Western Division of the Diocese, these difficulties were surmounted, and the endowment for the new See so far completed during the spring of 1857 as to meet with the Governor-General's approval and permission to proceed to the election of a Bishop for the Western part of the Diocese of Toronto, now the Diocese of Huron.

This Diocese, then, having been fully organised, by the election of its Bishop in July, and his consecration by the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the 28th day of October, 1857, it was felt by Churchmen within the Diocese that a separate diocesan organisation was both expedient and necessary for the efficient working of the Church, and for interesting the people generally to contribute more liberally to the support and extension of the ministrations of religion in their particular Diocese.

Soon after his return to his Diocese the Lord Bishop summoned a meeting of the Clergy and Laity to meet in London, to form a Church Society.