

The Church.

"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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WEEKLY CALENDAR.			
Date.	Lesson.	1st Lesson.	2nd Lesson.
Jan. 26.	3RD SUN. AFT. EPIPH.	M. Isaiah 55.	Matt. 23.
Jan. 27.	E. " 56.	1 Cor. 7.
Jan. 28.	M. Gen. 50.	Matt. 24.
Jan. 29.	E. Exod. 1.	1 Cor. 8.
Jan. 30.	M. " 2.	Matt. 25.
Jan. 31.	E. " 3.	1 Cor. 9.
Feb. 1.	M. " 4.	Matt. 26.
Feb. 2.	E. " 5.	1 Cor. 10.
Feb. 3.	M. 2 Sam. 1.	Matt. 27.
Feb. 4.	E. Jere. 12.	Heb. 11.
Feb. 5.	M. Exod. 8.	Matt. 28.
Feb. 6.	E. " 9.	1 Cor. 12.
Feb. 7.	M. " 10.	Mark 1.
Feb. 8.	E. " 11.	1 Cor. 13.
Feb. 9.	M. Isaiah 57.	Mark 2.
Feb. 10.	E. " 58.	1 Cor. 14.

Proper Psalms—Matins—9, 10, 11; Evensong—79, 94, 85.
Or Dau. 9, to verse 22. † Verse 32, and 12 to verse 7.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.			
CHURCHES.	CLERGY.	Matins.	Even song.
St. James's	Rev. H. J. Grasett, M.A., Rector.	11 o'clock.	3 1/2 o'clock.
St. Paul's	Rev. E. Baldwin, M.A., Assist.	11 " "	4 " "
St. George's	Rev. J. G. D. McKenzie, B.A., Incumb.	11 " "	4 " "
St. John's	Rev. R. Mitchele, M.A., Incumbent.	11 " "	6 1/2 " "
St. Peter's	Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D., Incumb.	11 " "	7 " "
St. George's	Rev. H. Scadding, M.A., Incumb.	11 " "	6 1/2 " "
St. John's	Rev. W. Stennett, M.A., Assist.	11 " "	6 1/2 " "

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE.
RESIDENT SCHOOL HOUSE.
For the week ending Monday, January 27th, 1851.
VISITORS:
THE PRINCIPAL.
JOS. C. MORRISON, Esq., M. P. P.
CENSOR:
Rev. G. MAYNARD, M. A., Mathematical Master.
F. W. BARRON, M. A., Principal U. C. C.

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Poetry.

THE DECAY OF PIETY.
BY WORDSWORTH.
Oh have I seen, ere Time had plough'd my cheek,
Matrons and sires, who, punctual to the call
Of their loved Church, on Fast or Festival,
Through the long year, the house of prayer would seek;
By Christmas snows, by visitation bleak
Of Easter winds, unscared; from hut or hall
They come to lowly bench or sculptured stall,
But with one fervour of devotion meek.
I see the places where they once were known,
And ask, surrounded ev'n by kneeling crowds,
Is ancient piety for ever flown?
Alas! ev'n then they seem'd light fleecy clouds
That, struggling through the western sky, have won
Their pensive light from a departed sun!

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
JANUARY 26TH, 1851.

MORNING PRAYER—FIRST PROPER LESSON.—Isaiah lv.
Last Sunday the prophet's wonderfully particular description of the mysterious scheme of atonement, and reconciliation, shewed that he declared what flesh and blood could not possibly have invented or imagined, much less have revealed to him. Through the Spirit of grace, and truth, and love, he disclosed that fountain of mercy and salvation—that Rock, Jesus Christ, from which, in the present chapter, he proclaims the free invitation to all sinners to come and drink. Could the living waters that gushed from the rock, when touched by the rod of Moses, be a greater blessing to the fainting Israelites, in the wilderness, than the lively proclamation of the prophet to fallen man, wearied and wandering in sin, "Ho, every one that thirstest, come ye to the waters"—come to that fountain of salvation which has been opened—receive freely the milk of God's word, and the bread of life? Blessed indeed shall they be, as Jesus declared (Matt. v. 9.) that hunger and thirst after them. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." Ye that boast the enlightened spirit of the age—ye that vaunt the gift of reason—ye that glory in possessing an immortal soul—in having been made in the image of God—will ye toil and slave, and contend for that which perisheth and sa-

tisfeth not, and be deaf to the invitation of God's Holy Spirit, by the mouth of his prophet—by his Son Jesus—to come to the abundance of those living waters which spring up to everlasting life, (John iv. 10—14. vii. 38.) and that of "bread of life," of which, if a man eat, he shall live for ever? (John vi. 35 and 51.)

Nor, in reading this merciful invitation, forget the words of St. Paul, in the Epistle for this day, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him, if he thirst, give him drink." What was man—what art thou whom the prophet called to the waters, and bade come for bread, without price? Were we not aliens and enemies to God, when Jesus was manifested to us, and for us, Gentiles, and left us an example that we should follow his steps? Reader, behold what God has done to thee, and, though thy fellow-servant may have offended or injured thee—look, what mercy and long-suffering thou hast experienced. "Go and do thou likewise." But we must not dwell on this subject. In the 3d, 4th, and 5th verses, God's covenant with David is mentioned, referring to the salvation which should be first offered to the Jews, and come in the line of their popular king; and then in one of those "bold" declarations for which St. Paul speaks of Isaiah with so much honour, the prophet foretells the calling of the Gentiles, at the manifestation of Jesus. The remainder of the chapter is employed in exhortation and promise. The exhortation enforces the line of conduct required of them who have been freely invited—that they should not lose a moment in repenting—"seeking the Lord while he may be found, and calling upon him while he is near."—Read, attentively, these exhortations, and the sweet and gracious promises which follow; and we think your heart, expanding with faith, hope, and love, will be glad to find utterance in the words of the Collect for the day.

EVENING PRAYER—FIRST PROPER LESSON.—Isaiah lvi.

The prophet, in the 1st and 2nd verses, describes God as proclaiming an approach of that salvation which was to be manifested unto the world; and he warns us, that not every one that saith unto him, Lord, Lord, shall profit by it. He teaches, that we must keep judgment, and do justice, and observe his sabbaths. His salvation hath appeared unto us; and may we embrace and hold fast the blessed hope, and obey the gracious call of our Lord, in righteousness and true holiness. Let us keep his sabbaths, and on them be found in the house of God, with prayer and praise.

In the six next verses, the prophet foretells that remarkable and merciful peculiarity of the Gospel, that it was not confined to the Jews, but embraced all mankind. Jesus' Gospel came from east and west; that, as St. Peter saith, "God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth God, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."—So God also had declared, by Isaiah, in speaking beforehand of that Saviour who should be manifested. He had told the poor outcast Gentile—the stranger, and the son of the stranger—not to despair; but that, if they joined themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, to keep his covenant, and his sabbaths, "Even them," said he, "will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

Now, brethren, when you have read these words of the prophet, turn to the Gospel for the day, and there read what took place between the Gentile centurion and our blessed Saviour. See how exactly they fulfil the words of Isaiah. See the centurion, the "son of a stranger," confessing that he is "a dry tree," and an outcast—saying, "Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof." Hear the gracious reply of the Saviour—"Verily, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel. And I say unto you that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The latter part is an awful condemnation of the pastors of Israel for neglect of their sacred duties. Let us pray that the ministers of Jesus, who has been manifested to us, be not guilty of similar neglect and wickedness; but may "so prepare, and make ready his way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at his second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in his sight."—(Collect for Third Sunday in Advent.)

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIocese OF TORONTO.
GENERAL PURPOSES' FUND.

Collections made in the several Churches, Chapels, and Missionary Stations in the Diocese of Toronto, towards the augmentation of the General Purposes' Fund of the Church Society, on the first Sunday after the Epiphany, January, 12, 1851:

St. James's, Toronto, per Churchwardens	18 13 9
Holy Trinity Church, Evening Collection	
—per Churchwardens	9 10 10
St. Paul's, Toronto, per Churchwardens	5 17 5 1/2
St. John's, York Mills, per Churchwardens	4 4 5 1/2
St. George's, Drummondville	£1 1 9
St. John's, Stamford	0 18 3
—per Rev. C. L. Inglis	2 0 0
St. George's, Grafton	£3 18 2 1/2
Trinity Church, Colborne	1 15 5 1/2
—per Rev. John Wilson	5 13 8
Trinity Church, Thornhill	
—per Rev. D. E. Blake	3 10 0
Queenston, per Rev. S. Givins	1 2 1 1/2
St. John's, Smith's Falls	
—per Rev. J. B. Worrell	0 6 5
Port Burwell, per Rev. T. B. Read	0 10 0
St. George's, Etobicoke	£1 2 0
Christ's Church, Mimico	0 7 3 1/2
—per Rev. H. C. Cooper	1 9 3 1/2
St. John's Church, Cavan	£0 15 0
St. Paul's do do	0 15 0
—per Rev. S. Armour	1 10 0
Richmond, per Rev. John Flood	0 11 6
St. Peter's, Church Brockville	
—per Rev. E. Denroche	5 2 10
Trinity Church, Cornwall	£4 4 10
Christ's Church, Moulinette	1 9 0
—per Rev. Henry Patton	5 13 0
Trinity Church, Chippawa, per C. W.	2 7 6
St. Paul's, Fort Erie, per Churchwardens	1 10 0
22 Collections, amounting to	69 12 10

T. W. BIRCHALL, Treasurer.
Toronto, January 22, 1851.

* £5 3s. only received, a \$10 bill and a \$10 debenture and 3s., the difference 10s. is charged to the Rev. H. Patton, in his account at the Depository.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Previously announced	£307 3 4
St. Philip's, Markham	£0 8 4
Grace Church	0 1 10
—per Rev. G. S. J. Hill	0 10 2
Christ Church, west Gwillimbury, per Rev. F. L. Osler	1 5 0
Elora	£1 11 5 1/2
School-house, Woolwich	0 2 9
Peel Con., xiii	0 6 11
do xv	0 3 10 1/2
—per Rev. J. W. Marsh	2 5 0
Trinity Church, Galt	2 16 3
Church at Beverly	0 13 10
—per Churchwardens	3 10 1
St. Peter's Church, Danwich	1 17 6
Trinity Church, Howard	0 17 6
—per Rev. H. Holland	2 15 0
St. James's Church, Carleton Place, per Rev. J. A. Mulloch	0 15 10 1/2
St. George's Church, Guelph	4 10 0
Church at Puslinch	0 9 0
Station at Erasmus	0 5 0
—per Churchwarden	5 4 0
St. George's Church, Georgina, per Rev. John Gibson	1 1 3
St. John's, Smith's Falls	0 5 0
School House, Kitley	0 2 6
—per Rev. J. B. Worrell	0 7 6
St. John's Church, Mono	0 5 8 1/2
St. Mark's	0 1 8 1/2
St. Luke's	0 1 10 1/2
—per Rev. John Fletcher	0 9 3 1/2
St. James's, Penetanguishene, per Rev. George Hallen	1 10 7 1/2
St. John's Church, Bath, per Rev. W. F. S. Harper	0 15 0
Richmond, per Rev. John Flood	0 8 6
184 Collections, amounting to	£328 0 7 1/2

T. W. BIRCHALL, Treasurer.
January 22, 1851.

The Treasurer has also to acknowledge the following

Louth, P. A., per Rev. A. Dixon	£1 5 0
Brock, P. A., per Rev. R. Garrett	1 5 0
York Mills, P. A. per Rev. A. Sauson	2 10 0
Mohawk, P. A. per Rev. G. A. Anderson	1 5 0
Amherst Island, P. A., per Rev. J. Rothwell	1 5 0
Rev. A. Palmer, collection on behalf of Mission fund	0 6 0
Georgina, P. A., per Rev. John Gibson	7 7 6
Rev. F. Tremayne, sub. 7th and 8th yr.	2 10 0
Rev. J. A. Muloch, do	2 10 0
Rev. T. B. Read, sub.	1 5 0
Kingston, P. A., per Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett	19 4 9
Do. special don., W. O. fund	2 0 0
Rev. W. G. Tucker, sub.	1 5 0
Rev. A. H. R. Mulholland, sub.	1 5 0
P. A., St. Paul's Church, Toronto, per James Henderson, Esq.	30 0 4

Parochial Branch of the Church Society in connection with St. Paul's Church, Toronto.
ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORT.
The Annual Meeting of this Parochial Branch took place on Thursday last, at 4 P.M. The weather, unfortunately, was extremely unpropitious, and the at-

tendance in consequence was small. In the absence of the Secretary, G. W. Allan, Esq., Robert Cooper, Esq., read the following

REPORT:

In laying before the Society a statement of its transactions during the past year, the Committee have it in their power to point, with satisfaction, to a fair measure of success. It will be recollected, that the balance of the funds of the Society in hand, at the end of the year 1849, being the sum of £23 7s. 11 1/2d., was, by a vote of the Committee, at the last annual meeting, appropriated towards the liquidation of the debt then due for the organ belonging to the church. That sum has been paid accordingly, and there still remains only the small balance of £16 4s. 3d. due on account of that debt.

The amount of subscriptions during the past year, is £35 6s. 1d., of which there has been collected £30 0s 4d. Of this last mentioned sum, in accordance with the rule of the Parent Society, one-fourth, namely, £7 10s 1d., is payable to the general fund; leaving at the disposal of the Committee, the sum of £22 10s. 3d.

If it be thought, that the sum thus realised, is small in proportion to the number and means of the members of this branch of the Society—and truly enough, the amount, if divided by the number of parishioners would not give a large result for each—it should, at the same time, be remembered, that the contribution to the funds of the Society, has not, by any means, formed the only call upon the resources of the members,—that for the good purpose of forming the commencement of a building fund, with a view to the erection, in course of time, of a new Church in the Parish, there has been collected, the respectable sum of £74 15s.; and further, that within the past year, the congregation has subscribed upwards of £500 towards the establishment of the Church University—an undertaking rendered necessary by untoward circumstances, which need not be here particularized.

Considering these circumstances, it may be fairly admitted, that we have no cause for complaint, but much reason for encouragement, in the present position and prospects of the Society; and it may be hoped, that at the end of another year, there will be still further evidence to present to the annual meeting of the increasing zeal of the people of this Parish, in furtherance of that good cause which all should have so sincerely at heart.

In venturing to suggest a proper application of the funds in hand, the Committee would refer to the circumstance, that the balance already mentioned, as still due for the organ, forms the only debt due on account of the Church; and it is apprehended, that a better course can hardly be adopted, than at once to remove this encumbrance; and any balance then remaining, may with propriety, it is believed, be added to the building fund.

The Committee feel warranted in expecting, that in view of the absolute necessity which exists, for increased exertions on the part of all Church people in this Diocese, and the strong probability, that although our difficulties with respect to the temporalities may increase, there is but little prospect of their being diminished—that remembering this, the members of this Society, will be induced to make the best use of the present time, by endeavouring to provide for the necessities of a future day, when our requirements may be greater, and the means of provision from other sources, for the support of the Church, smaller, than they are at present. And, when we enjoy, as we certainly do, in this Parish, a freedom from difficulties which are felt in some others, our time might be well employed, in making preparations for the erection of a more suitable place of worship. With a view to this, and other like objects, it may be hoped, that we shall all become more practically sensible than we have as yet appeared to be, of the fact, that of all we possess, be it little or much, we are merely stewards—at best holding but for the short term of life—and that to Him who giveth and who taketh away, we are accountable for the use of all which He thus temporarily entrusts to our care.

R. COOPER, pro Secretary.

After the reading of the Report, the following Resolutions were passed:—

Moved by the Hon. P. B. deBlaquiére, seconded by Dr. Melville, and Resolved, 1.—That the Report just read be adopted.
Moved by Dr. Melville, seconded by W. Telfer, Esq., and

Resolved, 2.—That the recommendation made in the Report, in regard to the liquidation of what remains of the Organ debt, be adopted; and that the thanks of the Meeting be offered to the Churchwardens for incurring, as they have done, personal inconvenience in order to the prompt payment of the debt.

Moved by Dr. Melville, seconded by Dr. Grant, and Resolved, 3.—That the recommendation made in the Report in regard to the application of the balance of the funds in hand, after the payment of the debt on the organ, be adopted.
Moved by W. Telfer, Esq., seconded by Dr. Bovell, and

Resolved, 4.—That the thanks of this Meeting are due to the Officers of the Association for their faithful and successful exertions during the past year; that the Treasurer be requested to retain his office, and that R. Cooper, Esq., to whom we are indebted for the present Report, be requested to act as Secretary until the return of our Secretary from a foreign land, whither he has gone—we are rejoiced to hear with favourable results—in the hope of promoting his wife's recovery from the consequences of long and severe illness. Resolved also, that the Chairman be requested to convey this Resolution to our absent Secretary.

Moved by Dr. Bovell, seconded by Dr. Grant, and Resolved, 5.—That the Incumbent, the Churchwardens, the Hon. P. B. deBlaquiére, Mr. Sheriff Jarvis, A. M. Clark, Esq., Dr. Melville, and Robert Cooper, Esq., be a Committee to prepare matters for the next Easter Vestry Meeting with a view to the erection of the projected new church.