

preaching should be, if rightly directed, to produce not a listening but a praying people. From a forgetfulness of this, came the indolent and indolent and self-indulgent posture, which, contrary to the recorded practice of the Lord and his Apostles, and all humble applicants mentioned in the word of God, marked so many Congregations as hearers, and not as worshippers; and the no less unsuitable and unseemly arrangements which made so many of our churches places of hearing, and not sanctuaries for prayer. Such wholesome instructions are much needed, and call for gratitude, while they hold out a hope that as year after year calls for notice of the erection or rebuilding of other churches in this Diocese, the arrangements may be equally beautiful and equally suited to their holy purposes. After the sermon was ended the Offertory was read by the Bishop, and a collection of offerings made to the amount of £180, inclusive of the sums offered by the afternoon congregation, composed chiefly of the poor. After this the Holy Eucharist was administered to all the Clergy present, and to about an equal number of the Laity. The usual service was solemnised in the afternoon, the Archdeacon Lear preaching a Sermon. Such occasions are bright spots in the midst of a world which brings more or less trial to all, and are eminently calculated at once to spread an increased feeling of sacred religion amongst the Laity, to stir them up to go and do likewise, to lead the Clergy to more unanimous co-operation, to gather the affections of all around the Bishops of the Church, and to impress the reality of that, for the sake of which so many daily, and we must trust acceptable sacrifices are made.

**THE CHURCH.**

TORONTO, FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1843.

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The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his next General Ordination at the Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday, the 2nd July. Candidates for Holy Orders are required to obtain previously the Bishop's permission to offer themselves, and they will be expected to be furnished with the usual Letters Testimonial, and the *Si quis*, attended in the ordinary manner.

The Examination will commence on Wednesday, the 28th June, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

On Thursday the 8th June, the University of King's College, in this city, was publicly opened, (in the Parliament buildings, temporarily occupied for the purpose,) when twenty-seven students were matriculated.

The solemnities of the day commenced with the performance of Divine Service in the College Chapel, which, with its very appropriate black wall fittings, and sober decorations, presents a most seemly appearance. Addresses were delivered in the Hall by the President, the Lord Bishop of Toronto,—the Vice President, the Rev. Dr. McCaul,—and the Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Robinson, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Hagerman, two of the Official Visitors of the University. On the following day inaugural Lectures were read by four Professors, viz., the Rev. Dr. McCaul, Rev. Dr. Beaven, Professor Potter, and Professor Croft. The ability shown by the speakers and Lecturers on both days, is said, by those who were present, to have been of a very high order in every respect, and to have added fresh lustre to the theological, literary, and scientific character, of that instructor of Britons, the Church of the Empire. In a journal especially deemed invidious if we express our sincere delight at the unqualified, and in many cases involuntary, praise, bestowed upon the Lecture of the Rev. Dr. Beaven, the Professor of Divinity. It is considered by many of various opinions, religious and political, to have stamped him at once as a very learned and a very efficient man.

The arrangements of the day,—made under the direction of the accomplished Vice President,—are described as having been admirable. Such are minor matters: but every one conversant with the world, most feeling convinced that the varied talents and elegant classical learning of Dr. McCaul are rendered still more serviceable to the University by being united with a knowledge of men, and habits of practical and administrative utility.

The business of the University has commenced in good earnest, and the number of students now exceeds thirty. May the dark clouds which threaten to obscure the bright morning of its existence be averted by the interposition of the Almighty Ruler of Nations!

A Church is in the progress of erection near this city. The parties concerned in the building of it are most respectable individuals, and the parish in which it is being built contains several wealthy Churchmen. Some Methodists, with a craft by no means uncommon in that set, have been guilty of the unblushing wickedness of going to the men employed in making the bricks, and telling them that they will never get paid for their work. In other ways, equally unchristian, they have endeavoured to impede the erection of the Church.

Yet these men are shameless enough to solicit subscriptions from Churchmen; and Churchmen, in too many cases, are blind enough to assist such unprincipled and bitter enemies of their holy faith.

Wednesday, the 7th of June, was the day fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting of THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO. At 11 o'clock Divine Service was performed in the Cathedral, and the Rev. A. F. Atkinson, Rector of St. Catharines, preached an impressive and very excellent sermon, in which he showed, from the past history of the Church, that her seasons of darkness and inactivity had been invariably succeeded by days of light and ardent zeal. A Mission was distinctly made to the Canadian Church; and the whole discourse,—strongly imbued with the hopeful and earnest feelings of the amiable preacher,—was calculated to awaken the members of our communion to a sense of their blessings and responsibilities, and of the necessity of individual holiness.

At 2 o'clock, the Lord Bishop of Toronto, accompanied by his Clergy, proceeded from the Cathedral to the City Hall. Among the reverend gentlemen present we observed, Doctors McCaul, Beaven, Phillips, and A. N. Bethune, and Messrs. G. Mortimer, C. Mathews, A. F. Atkinson, J. G. Geddes, T. B. Fuller, A. Palmer, T. Greene, W. Leeming, T. Green, G. M. Armstrong, A. Nelles, J. Short, H. J. Grasett, A. Sanson, R. J. Macgeorge, G. W. Warr, T. S. Kennedy, J. Pentland, G. C. Street, G. Maynard, V. P. Mayerhoffer, R. Flood, F. Evans, H. Scadding, M. Boomer, M. Harris, and A. Townley. The assemblage of the laity, especially of the ladies, was numerous and most respectable.

The Bishop having opened the meeting with the usual prayers, proceeded to make a few remarks. His Lordship briefly adverted to the cheering success which had attended the Society, and then observed that he would deliver his opinion on a matter which had of late excited no little controversy and attention. Churchmen, said his Lordship, may legitimately co-operate with persons of all denominations for the relief of distress; but it is decidedly wrong in Churchmen to contribute towards the religious purposes of those not belonging to the Church, and whom they must, conscientiously believe to be in error. These were not his Lordship's ex-

act words, but from a memorandum made at the time of their delivery, we can safely say that such were their substance and fair construction. We understood the Bishop to uphold, in the plainest manner, the position which we have so frequently enforced,—that it is a sin in Churchmen to contribute to the support of Dissent.

**REPORT.**

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO was established on the 28th April, 1842, in pursuance of a recommendation contained in the large edifice reserved to the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto by the Lord Bishop at his Primate's Visitation, held on the 9th September, 1841, and in imitation of a Society which has for some years existed in the Diocese of Nova Scotia.

The following is a statement, furnished by the Treasurer, of the Society's income and expenditure for the past year—

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| Dr. Home District Branch of the Diocesan Society. |            |
| To Thornhill Parochial Committee, grant thereto £ | 5 0 0      |
| To Vaughan do. do. do.                            | 7 0 0      |
| Payments.....                                     | 12 0 0     |
| To Church Society for this Balance.....           | 659 15 8½  |
|   | £671 15 8½ |

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| Dr. The Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.  |            |
| To Indian Missions for Salary of Interpreter.....  | 52 10 0    |
| To Books purchased for Depository.....   | 478 17 5   |
| To Remittances for Spring orders.....  | 667 11 10  |
| To Expenses including House-rent and fitting up of Salary of Depository, Stationary and recent Books, Printing, and other contingencies..... | £351 5 5½  |
| To Books, Stationary and Printing, 6 19 6  |            |
|  | 358 4 11½  |
| Payments.....  | 1557 4 2½  |
| To Balance in hand at this date.....   | 279 4 11   |
|  | £1836 9 1½ |

Cr. By Collections in Churches..... £87 16 1  
By the Funds of the Society for Converting and Civilizing the Indians, &c. transferred to the Depository..... 97 4 3  
By Contributions from District Branch Societies—Home District, £659 15 8½  
Niagara District, 67 0 7½  
Gore & Wellington District, 32 7 11  
England District, 10 0 0  
Eastern District, 34 10 0  
By Whitsuntide Offerings from the Church at Port Hope..... 3 10 0  
By Sales at the Depository..... 544 4 6½

Receipts..... £1836 9 1½

T. W. BIRCHALL, Treasurer.

Toronto, 7th June, 1843.

Among the first steps taken by the Society after its formation was the engaging of a suitable house, to serve at once for a place of business, a depository of books, and a residence for the Superintendent of the Depository. The house No. 144, King Street, was selected for this purpose, and has proved almost commodious and central.

The principal good effected by the Parent Society in the course of its operations during the past year, has been the establishment of the Depository. It commenced with a small stock, consisting chiefly of the remainder of a grant of Prayer Books, Books, and Tracts, made to this Diocese by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and of some publications of the Bristol Church of England Tract Society, the Toronto branch of which became incorporated and merged in this Society. The following abstract of sales prepared by Mr. Thomas Champion, the Superintendent, whose exertions have been unwearied and valuable, will furnish an ample idea of the success of the Depository.

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| Bibles.....  | 304   |
| Testaments.....  | 254   |
| Prayer Books.....  | 1162  |
| Publications of this Society—                                  |       |
| Bound.....   | 205   |
| Tracts.....  | 1782  |
| Publications of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge— |       |
| Bound.....   | 810   |
| Tracts.....  | 6198  |
| Bristol Tract Society.....                                     | 3318  |
| Miscellaneous—   |       |
| Bound.....   | 679   |
| Tracts.....  | 2521  |
| Total.....   | 17233 |

The Society has issued a few publications of its own, of which the following is a list—

- 2000 copies of the "Constitution and Objects of the Church Society."
- 500 "History of a Pocket Prayer Book."
- 2000 "Sin of Drunkenness, from Bp. Beveridge."
- 1000 "Prayers for the Sick, from Rev. W. Grealey."
- 1500 "Prayers for Governor General and Provincial Parliament."
- 2000 "Manual for Youth after Confirmation, by the Rev. Dr. Hawkins, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford."
- 1000 "A Treatise on Confirmation, by the Lord Bishop of Toronto."

The Depository has not yet paid its own expenses, and it cannot be expected that it should do so, until a greater amount of capital has been invested in it. The attainment of this desirable end has been steadily kept in view, and a system of cash payments, and not giving credit in any case whatever, has been found to work in the most satisfactory manner, at once introducing a safe, punctual, and simple mode of dealing, and insuring a speedy return of the capital expended on books. Without the adoption of this system the Society, during the past year, would have been rendered almost unoperative and useless.

It was indispensably necessary that a place of business should be procured before the Society could effect any thing, and that such books and tracts should be placed within reach of the members of the Church, as would impart to a sense of their distinctive privileges and responsibilities, and the duty to support the Society to the utmost of their power. The Central Board, however, have not considered these objects, though first in order, as first in importance. Directly they had done all that they could to enlarge the stock of the Depository, and to diminish the burden of its expenses, they applied themselves to the task of providing means for the support of additional Missionaries. A sub-committee was appointed to inquire into the present resources and probable future income of the Society; and, on their recommendation, the sum of £1000 was placed at the disposal of the Bishop, to be appropriated in such manner as to his Lordship might seem judicious. Public intimation of this grant having been given, his Lordship has already received applications from the Prince Edward and the Gore and Wellington Branches, and has consented to allot the annual sum of £25, on a sum of £75 being contributed by each association.

These are but faint beginnings of the most important work which can engage the attention of the Society; but it was considered wiser to commence in a safe and cautious manner, and to make gradual but sure progress, than to launch out into expensive and unwarmed projects, warranted by the infant strength of the Society, and little justified by the pecuniary aspect of the times.

In connexion with the Parent Society the following branches have been formed—

1. The Newcastle and Colborne.
2. The Midland.
3. The Prince Edward.
4. The East.
5. The Niagara.
6. The Gore and Wellington.
7. The London, Brock, Talbot, and Huron.

From five of these Associations reports have been received, the substance of which may be thus stated:

**THE MIDLAND.**  
Annual Subscriptions, Life Subscriptions and Donations, £166 7s. 2d. Acres of Land, 2221.  
The report embraces little beyond what has been done in Kingston.

**THE EAST.**  
Annual Subscriptions, Life Subscriptions and Donations, £244 16s. 7d. Acres of Land, 800, and 4 Village Lots.

**THE NIAGARA.**  
The donations in money (including 8 shares in the Niagara Dock Company, valued at £100, and three Life Subscriptions at £12 each) amount to £201 14s. 9d.; Annual Subscriptions, £349 5s. 11½d.; making in all £551 0s. 8½d.

The donations in land amount to 2312 acres, 1 town lot and house in Hamilton, and 2 lots in Galt.

**THE GORE AND WELLINGTON.**  
720 persons had been enrolled as members of the Society; nearly £500 had been subscribed; and donations in land to the guaranteed value of £375.

**THE LONDON, BROCK, TALBOT, AND HURON.**  
Subscriptions in money, £225 17s. 6d.; Acres of land, 1877.

All the five preceding reports are confessedly more or less imperfect, from the very brief time which had elapsed between the formation of the Branch and Parochial Associations and the period fixed for the constitution for the making of a report.

In every report, the paramount importance of employing Missionaries is most fully recognised, and in two of three of them special appropriations for that purpose are mentioned to have been made.

**THE NEWCASTLE AND COLBORNE.**  
From this Association no report has been received; but from information on which reliance may be placed, it is ascertained that about £150 had been subscribed, a considerable portion of which has been expended in the support of a travelling missionary. Upwards of 1,000 acres of land have been contributed for special or general purposes.

**THE MIDLAND.**—This Association has been organized, and in the Parish of Picton alone the sum of £40 has been subscribed.

The sums raised by the Branch Associations are exclusive of the amount collected throughout the Diocese, after the sermon preached in aid of the funds of the Depository.

To the list of lands given to this society, already enumerated, are to be added 2,634 acres, the gift of members of the Parent Society.

In reviewing the labours of the Society during the past year, it is not to be denied that they have been strenuously prosecuted, and retarded by the very heavy depression which has weighed down the agriculture and commerce of the Province. In addition to what must be borne in mind that the Society, though nominally in existence for more than a year, did not enter upon its premises until the month of July, and received its first contributions from England until the latter end of October. When these drawbacks, and the usual difficulties of organizing a large and widely ramified association amongst the thinly scattered population of an immense diocese, are taken into consideration, the respectability of the past year will not be disparaging or unsatisfactory. The total amount of the first year's income is (may it not be said?) but an earnest of better and greater things; yet in the collection of it a spirit has been awakened, which, there can be little reasonable doubt, but for some such Society, would have long ago torn and uncoiled. The membership of the Church, from being brought to act in a body, begin to feel that it is their bounden duty to assist in bearing the burden which has so long rested upon two venerable and unimpeached Societies in England. They begin to feel that the moral and religious necessity devolving upon them of making a provision for the support of the Society, is a duty which they cannot avoid, and that, in ministering to them in spiritual things, of increasing the scanty incomes of the Clergy, and providing suitable houses for residence. Through this Society, Churchmen have been taught to regard the poor, in a more lively manner than heretofore, the nature of the Kingdom of Christ, and to understand how great a privilege it is to belong to it, to receive the holy sacraments and ordinances at the hands of a three-fold ministry, deriving authority through an uninterrupted Apostolical Succession, and to be seated at the table of the Lord's Supper, and to be instrumental, against the usurpations and forms of "false doctrine, heresy, and schism," so numerous and so monstrous in this present age.

It may be well to observe that the pecuniary means raised by this Society, constitute but a portion of the contributions of the Church throughout the Province, in the parish of Toronto alone, a sum perhaps nearly equal to the past year's income of the Parent Society (exclusive of the Branches) is raised for various religious purposes connected with the Church; and in every parish and mission, the aims and offerings of Churchmen are directed into a variety of channels other than, though similar to, those presented by this Society.

While thus briefly glancing at the occurrences of the past year, the Society are reminded that two of their most estimable members have been removed from them by the hand of God. ADRIAN VANDERKAM, and the Rev. ROBERT DAVID CARTWRIGHT, A.M. Each, in his sphere, was a faithful follower of the Saviour, and a zealous promoter of the well-being and unity of his body, the Church. The former was gathered to his rest in a ripe and honourable old age, and passed away gently in the humble confidence of his faith, and in the assurance of his love to his God. The latter was cut off in the prime of life, and in the midst of ministerial usefulness; but he lived long enough to exhibit the loveliness and the efficacy of the Gospel which he professed and taught, and to animate his hearers, as a work of "holiness," which will follow him, with its reward, to the life everlasting.

It is also due to the late Rev. WILLIAM PARKER, the Secretary of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge,—of which venerable body we desire to be considered as an offshoot,—to record the high sense of his long and meritorious services entertained throughout his life. To him, and to his instrument of carrying out the noble and pious designs of the Society, in which he was connected, the tribute of gratitude and respect is owing, and is here most sincerely rendered to his honoured memory.

Such examples should stimulate the living to extend the influence of this Society, and, thereby, to the glory of the accredited handmaid of the Church, the infancy, and wider diffusion of the Saviour's kingdom. On the 8th March, 1838, the first meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge was held in London, when only five members were present. In two years after, that Society was divided into two branches, one of them, becoming the Society for Propagating the Gospel Foreign Parts; the other retaining its first name. They have since, from humble beginnings, become the two greatest blessings of the Christian world in modern times, the parents and nursing mothers of the Church in the United States and in the British Colonies, and the propagators of evangelical truth and apostolic order in the most distant regions of the world. Following in their footsteps,—taking their example for a guide,—like them, commencing every undertaking in faith and reliance on the Saviour, and in the assurance of his love, and of the kindness of the kindred associations in the Dioceses of Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and in the Archdiocese of New Brunswick, as well as by the wonderful prosperity of our beloved sister Church in the United States,—this Society may be said to have advanced in its Christian course, with every hope of receiving the continued protection and favour of Almighty God.

The following Resolutions were then adopted—

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Justice HAGERMAN, seconded by the Rev. Dr. BETHUNE, Diocesan Professor of Theology.

Resolved—That the Report just read be adopted, and that it be printed under the direction of the Managing Committee of the Central Board in such number and form as to them may seem proper.

On the motion of the Hon. W. H. DRAPER, seconded by the Rev. Dr. McCaul, Vice President of the University of King's College.

Resolved—That this meeting desires to record its thanks to Almighty God, for the success which he has been pleased to vouchsafe to this Society during the first year of its existence.

On the motion of J. H. CAMERON, Esq., seconded by LEWIS MOFFATT, Esq.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Society be tendered to those Clergymen who, in compliance with a Circular Letter from the Lord Bishop, have preached a Sermon in aid of the funds of the Depository.

On the motion of J. H. HAGARTY, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. BEAVEN, Professor of Divinity in the University of King's College.

On the motion of ROBERT STANTON, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Richard FLOOD, A.M.

Resolved—That the Central Board shall consist for the ensuing year (in addition to the members ex officio) of the following gentlemen:

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| 12 Clergymen.     | 12 Laymen.           |
| Rev. Dr. Beaven,  | Dr. Horne,           |
| Rev. G. Mortimer, | C. Gamble, Esq.,     |
| " A. N. Bethune,  | Dr. O'Brien,         |
| " H. J. Grasett,  | Dr. Buys,            |
| " H. Scadding,    | J. H. Cameron, Esq., |
| " J. G. Geddes,   | H. Rowsell, Esq.,    |
| " A. Towley,      | Mr. Alderman Dixon,  |
| " A. Sanson,      | J. H. Hagarty, Esq., |
| " J. Magrath,     | W. Atkinson, Esq.,   |
| " A. F. Atkinson, | G. Duggan, Esq.,     |
| " T. Green,       | G. Denison, Esq.,    |
| " T. S. Kennedy,  | Dr. Barnard.         |

On the motion of the Hon. CARTER J. S. MACAULAY, seconded by the Rev. A. F. ATKINSON.

Resolved—That John Kent, Esq., be Secretary, and T. W. Birchall, Esq., Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

At this stage of the proceedings the Chief Justice brought up and read the Report of the Lay Committee, for which valuable document we extremely regret that we cannot find room until next week. For the same reason we are also compelled to defer our remarks upon the important matters adverted to in the subjoined Resolution, respecting the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Chief Justice ROBINSON, seconded by Mr. Buys.

Resolved—That Thomas Baines, Esq., be appointed a Member of the Lay Committee, in the room of the late John S. Baldwin, Esq., deceased.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Chief Justice ROBINSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Vice-Chancellor JAMESON.

Resolved—That the members of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto have perceived with great regret the attempt lately made in England to disparage the character and impair the resources of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

That they have every reason to be satisfied with the discretion and impartiality exercised by the Venerable Society in the selection of its Clergy, and that, in addition, that fondness for novelty, so aptly designated by the apostle as "having itching ears," and the variety of evils arising from the voluntary system.

The Clergyman, instead of running for himself, or selfishly choosing for himself an appropriate field of duty, takes the yoke upon him and is sent by his Diocese, as a faithful sentinel, dare not leave his post till he is relieved by his superior. He comes among his people, not as a hirer of their own, but as a servant of God, and delivers his message without fear or favour. Our provision is limited indeed, but we feel it a privilege to be permitted to be grateful for, in this captious and insubordinate age. The advantages of our Church system in this particular are apparent in numerous instances. How many parishes are there, like the Carrying Place, where the Clergyman's diligent discharge of his duty, and his long residence among them, has served to attach his parishioners to his person, and enlarge his sphere of usefulness; and when the time for his removal comes, whether it be to some more advantageous post on earth, or as is more generally the case, to the Kingdom of glory, his faithful discharge of his duty is witnessed by the affection and respect of the people, and their faithful pastor and long tried friend. These remarks may appear irrelevant to this notice; but they were caused by observing the respect shown by the parishioners towards their former Minister, (the Rev. John Grier, now Rector of Belleville, and a very distinguished Clergyman,) and the feelings and affections which had been strengthened during a ministry among them of sixteen years.

The present Incumbent of the Carrying Place, the Rev. P. G. Bartlett, has succeeded to a very extensive and laborious charge; but he has much to encourage him. His character appears to be of a most amiable and unpretending nature, and he is surrounded by the most respectable families by which he is surrounded.

A notice of this parish would be incomplete without alluding to the interest evinced in all Church matters by the members of society and his lady's gentleman, the Hon. Mr. Wilkies, and his Lady's lady, the Church at the Carrying Place are indebted for many liberal benefactions. It is gratifying to see individuals of wealth and influence like Mr. Wilkies answering the responsibilities they are under to Providence in virtue of the station which they hold, and in which they are engaged, and upholding the institutions of their heavenly and their earthly Sovereigns.

**SECRETARY MIDLAND CLERICAL ASSOCIATION.**

June 9th, 1843.

On Tuesday the 30th May, the new and handsome Church of the Holy Trinity, in the City of Toronto, was solemnly consecrated to the service of Almighty God, by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. M. Willoughby, of Trinity Church, Montreal; the Rev. N. Gueon, of River du Loup, and the Rev. W. Anderson, Rector of the Parish in the presence of His Excellency Sir B. D. Johnson, Commander in Chief, and of a numerous congregation, comprising nearly all the respectable and influential families in Sorel and its vicinity. The Bishop having taken his seat within the chancel rails, the petition to consecrate was presented and read by Doctor E. W. Carter, one of the Clergy, accompanied by the Rev. E. A. Antrobus, Mr. McNie and others, representing the congregation. His Lordship having intimated his acquiescence in the prayer of the petition, proceeded according to the usual solemnities, with the Clergy present, to set apart for ever the new edifice to the service of Almighty God, and solemnly to dedicate it under the name of "Holy Trinity Church," to the service and worship of Almighty God, according to the ritual of the Church of England. The deed of consecration was read by the Rev. Mr. Willoughby, and the morning prayer by the Rector, when a solemn Te Deum and a hymn were sung, and a sermon was preached by the Bishop, from the 1st chapter of St. John's Gospel, latter part of the 26th verse. "But there standeth one among you, whom ye know not." Immediately after the sermon, the apostolic rite of confirmation was administered to forty candidates, who were addressed by the Bishop in a charge of some length, and of a most impressive nature, likely to be long remembered, and well by the candidates themselves, as by all who had the privilege of listening to it. Indeed, the services of the day throughout were of the most gratifying and satisfactory character.

The church is a Gothic building, built of brick, on a stone foundation, of great simplicity of character, as well in the general design as in the interior finishing. It presents a remarkably neat and chaste appearance, and will probably rank as one of the best county churches in the Province. The work was executed under the general superintendance of the Royal Engineer Department, and reflects great credit upon Mr. James Sheppard, of Sorel, the builder, as well as upon Mr. T. Wells, of Montreal, the architect, who furnished the plans, &c. The new edifice stands upon the site of the old church—memorable as being the first Protestant church ever erected in Canada. The present incumbent is the Rev. Mr. Willoughby, who has the satisfaction of witnessing a steady increase to the numbers of his congregation and communicants during the few years of his appointment. The Bishop and Clergy present were most hospitably entertained at Government Cottage by His Excellency the Commander of the Forces, who has taken great interest in the undertaking throughout, besides being a liberal contributor to its funds.

(In addition to the preceding account, we have to state that the Government General, Sir Charles Metcalfe, has contributed the handsome subscription of £25 towards this church. The Commander of the Forces subscribed £50; that truly royal lady, whose charity is unbounded, the Queen Dowager, £25 sterling. The church is nearly ready for use, and will cost, including the purchase of the site, and the cost of a parsonage adjacent to the church, as soon as possible, and the whole, and fully completed, (church and parsonage together) will cost very little if anything less than £2,000. The ladies of the congregation furnished the church with a handsome set of hangings, &c., and the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (to whom the parish was previously largely indebted) with a splendid set of Church books. Ed. Ct.]

**SEVERAL MATTERS ARE UNAVOIDABLY POSTPONED.**

**Canadian Ecclesiastical Intelligence.**

**MIDLAND CLERICAL ASSOCIATION.**

The Meeting of this Association, as lately notified in *The Church*, took place on the 31st May last and 1st June (instant) according to appointment, at the Residence of the Rev. P. G. Bartlett, of the Carrying Place.

The attendance was not so numerous as was expected, in consequence of the clerical arrangements incident to the late melancholy vacancy at Kingston,—others were prevented by parochial engagements. The Rev. Paul Shirley was unable to attend, by reason of an injury sustained on the night of the Sunday previous, while endeavouring to make his way from a distant appointment to Kingston, to pay the last mark of respect to the remains of the lamented Rev. R. D. Cartwright. There were present, Messrs. Grier, Armstrong, Givins, Shortt, Harper, Kennedy, Shaw and Bartlett,—and various subjects of interest and edification were discussed during the meeting, and the intercourse of the brethren was attended with pleasure, and (it is hoped,) with spiritual profit. There was only one subject of a solemn and painful nature which seemed to make no ordinary impression on the meeting. Since our last assembling, Providence in its wise but mysterious dealings, had removed from us and from the Society, a most efficient Minister and highly valued member,—and a most successful reflection that our Meetings should no more be edited by the saintly influence of his

exalted Christian attainments, had its effect upon all.—Our sorrow for his loss, however, was greatly relieved by the "full assurance" that "he is not dead," but only removed to the Sanctuary above, where his holy benefactions are admitted to a nearer and more intimate communion with that Lord and Saviour he was permitted to love so truly and serve so faithfully during his short ministry on earth.

The remembrance of his lovely example,—his sincere devotion both of soul and substance to his Master, and of his condescension, tenderness and love to his fellow men, is a legacy we will all most highly prize. The Association availed themselves of the opportunity of this Meeting, to communicate to his bereaved family and relatives, an expression of their sympathy and heart-felt condolences.

They were also called upon to sympathize with the Rev. T. Fidler, who had recently been visited with a most painful domestic bereavement.

The benefits of the Association not being selfishly confined to the Clergy, the congregation of St. John's Church met the brethren on both days at 3 o'clock, in that commodious edifice for public worship. On Wednesday the desk service was performed by the Rev. J. Shortt, and an edifying discourse was delivered by the Rev. S. Armstrong, the venerable Rector of Cayuga, who took for his text the 133rd Psalm. The subject of his discourse may be learned from the tenor of that beautiful song of praise—"O come the day when divisions (schisms) shall cease, and enmity be done away, when the tribes of spiritual Israel shall be united in a bond of eternal charity under the true Day Star, the Shepherd and Guide of the flock, in the Jerusalem which is above, and saints and angels shall sing this lovely Psalm together."—*Bp. Horne.*

On Thursday, the Evening Prayer was read by Rev. T. S. Kennedy, the Lessons by the Rev. W. M. Shaw, and an instructive discourse on Baptism was delivered by the Rev. J. J. Rees, of Port Hope, from Matt. 28: 19. The parish or mission of the Carrying Place is a proof among many others in the Diocese, of the wise system adopted by the Church, in empowering the Bishop to nominate labourers to stations, and continue them therein as long as the best for the interests of the Church.

On the one hand it teaches him, the Clergyman, to be like the Lord's servant, a spirit of humility, order, and obedience, otherwise hard to be attained,—and whilst it is a pleasing proof of the Clergyman's singleness of purpose in submitting to be placed in a station, it is a proof, on the other, that fondness for novelty, so aptly designated by the apostle as "having itching ears," and the variety of evils arising from the voluntary system.

The Clergyman, instead of running for himself, or selfishly choosing for himself an appropriate field of duty, takes the yoke upon him and is sent by his Diocese, as a