

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.	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson
May 4, 2ND. SUN. AFT. EASTER.	M. Nu. 23, 21. E. " 25.	Matt. 2. Rom. 3.
" 5,	M. Kings 14. E. " 15.	Matt. 3. Rom. 4.
" 6,	M. " 16. E. " 17.	Mat. 4. Rom. 5.
" 7,	M. " 18. E. " 19.	Matt. 5. Rom. 6.
" 8,	M. " 20. E. " 21.	Matt. 6. Rom. 7.
" 9,	M. " 22. E. 2 Kings 1.	Matt. 7. Rom. 8.
" 10,	M. " 3. E. " 4.	Matt. 8. Rom. 9.
" 11, 3RD. SUN. AFT. EASTER.	M. Deut. 4. E. " 5.	Matt. 9. Rom. 10.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.

CHURCHES.	CLERGY.	Matins.	Even song.
St. James's	{ Rev. H. J. Grasett, M.A. Rector. Rev. E. Baldwin, M.A. Assist.	11 o'clock.	3 1/2 o'clock.
St. Paul's	{ Rev. J. G. D. McKenzie, B.A. Incumbent. Rev. R. Mitchele, M.A. Incumbent.	11 " 4 "	" 6 "
St. George's	{ Rev. Stephen Lett, L.L.D., Incumbent. Rev. H. Scadding, M.A., Incumbent.	11 " 7 "	" 9 "
Holy Trinity	{ Rev. W. Stennett, M.A. Assist.	11 " 6 "	" 8 "

The Morning Service is for the combined congregations of St. James's Church and the Church of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity, St. James's Church meet at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

The Holy Communion is administered on the first Sunday in every month at St. James's and St. Paul's; third Sunday, at Trinity Church, King-street; and last Sunday, at St. George's Church. In the last Church the Holy Communion is also administered at eight, A.M., on the last Sunday of each month.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

MAY 4, 1851.

MORNING PRAYER—FIRST PROPER LESSON.—(Numbers xxiii. and xxix.)—Our readers will bear in mind what we stated in our notice of the preceding chapter, that this history presents us with an evidence of the fact, that, as God preserved the record of his promise among the chosen people, so he did not leave himself without a witness among the heathen. He not only records the promise of the seed, but, as the Israelites achieved great victories, it was meet that the heathen, as well as they, should know to whose might and protection these were to be ascribed. Balak and his people are, therefore, to be taught that those whom God blesses are blessed, and that no enchantment or curse can prevail against those whom God has promised to protect. It encouraged the Israelites to persevere, and proclaimed to all mankind the true source of strength and safety. In their case it related only to temporal blessings and conquests; but to us, for whose sake those things were written, it was a pledge and type of spiritual blessings and conquests which should, through the seed, be attained by the partakers of the promise. Having made these remarks, we will now proceed, to give a brief sketch of the transaction.

Balaam, as we noticed in our remarks on the First Proper Lesson for Evening Service of last Sunday, was very anxious to please Balak, and greedy, as St. Jude tells us, to take his rewards. But he was constrained by an overruling power, which he neither dared, nor could, resist—to bless where he had been invited to curse. The very language in which the blessings burst from him, shows his struggling feelings, and the power of that inspiration under which he was impelled. (See verses 7, 8, 9, 10.) "How," says he, "shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied?" Then, as the visions of Israel's distinction and countless increase pass over his mind, he gives them enthusiastic utterance. He tells of their separation from all other nations, that they are to remain a peculiar people, or, as he terms it, to "dwell alone, and not be reckoned among the nations;" and, as he is permitted to view the increase of the spiritual seed of Abraham, the believers, even his corrupt heart is, for the moment, overborne by the beatific and glorious vision, and pours out its holy, but not lasting, desires in the impassioned exclamation—"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!"

Balak, (verses 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17,) confounded at this turn, at first reproaches him with acting in opposition to him; but, on Balaam's reminding him that he had forewarned him of the possibility of this, he suppresses his indignation, and, with foolish notions of the changeableness of God, such as he was taught by his own blind and wretched superstition, removes Balaam to a spot where he can see only a part of the people, and many not be so struck with their numbers. But the same ill success attends this experiment (verses 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.) For Balaam is compelled to proclaim his own disgrace, and Balak's rebuke, (verse 19,) for acting upon the supposition that God's purpose could be changed. And then, having in the former prophecy spoken of Israel's increase, under God's blessing, he now predicts his safety, under the same protection, his defiance of every enemy, and every artifice, and his irresistible prowess and might. Balak, in a burst of rage, attempts to silence the prophet, and tells him neither to curse nor to bless. But then, in despair, he entreats him to make one more trial. Balaam (chapter xxiv. verses 1—9,) complies, and is compelled to add a third blessing. In the two former, he had foretold his increase and his conquests. In this case he predicts, in most beautiful and expressive language, his happiness and prosperity, and finishes by putting a terrible ban upon Balak's attempts to curse the people of the Lord. "Blessed," he cries, "is he who bleaseth thee, and curseth is he who curseth thee."

Balak, no longer able to contain his rage and disappointment, the spite of all Balaam's explanations and remonstrances, orders him to quit his presence. But, ere he departs, the spirit of the Lord again possesses him, and compels him to advance another step, and to declare to the wrathful heathen, the spiritual dominion and glories of Israel—the fulfilment of the often renewed promise, that, in Abraham's seed, all the nations of the earth should be blessed, and the victor who should bring the heathen under his dominion, bruise the serpent's head, should come. He declared that Saviour, who came as the day-star, and to whom the star of Bethlehem afterwards directed the first fruits of the Gentiles.

The latter part of the chapter consists of predictions of the fate of some of the neighbouring nations.

EVENING PRAYER—FIRST PROPER LESSON.—(Numbers xxv.)—As God had given witness, to both Jews and Gentiles, of the truth of his promises, and also of the safety and blessings enjoyed by those admitted to his covenant, the former might be lifted up by the contemplation of their privileges, and forgetful of the duties they owed to him to whom they were indebted for their safety and happiness; so, in this chapter, (which is a most suitable caution to those who trust in their being called Christians, or God's people), he gives them both a proof, that this safety and blessing depended upon the safety and continuance of his people in faith and obedience in him. Of this Balaam was fully aware, and, in order to regain the favour of the offended Balak, he counselled him (see Numbers xxxi. 16) to seduce the people, by means of Midianitish women, unto wickedness and disobedience to that God in whom they were so invincibly strong. His advice was followed, and, as we read in this Lesson, succeeded too well. And an awful pestilence visited that very people whom, but a short time before, the fear of the Lord had protected from the attempts of Balak and Balaam. They forsook the Lord—and the Lord, who had blessed, now afflicted them. The zeal of Phinehas, however, made an example of one of the chief offenders, and brought the rest to repentance. But the history of this visitation, following immediately the account of the security of those who are the Lord's, most powerfully impresses upon us the truth brought before us in the Collect—that though saved from the destroyer by the blood of Jesus, and safe, under His protection, from all enemies—it is not enough that we be thankful for "that his inestimable benefit," but we must "also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the steps of his most holy life." For if we do not, the same God who blesses, can punish—and certainly will.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

At a vestry meeting, held in St. Paul's Church, in the city of Toronto, the 21st of April, 1851, being Easter Monday; the Rev. J. G. D. MCKENZIE, the Incumbent in the chair.

The Churchwardens' Accounts for the past year having been presented by Mr. HENDERSON, with a Report thereon, it was proposed by Mr. MURRAY, and seconded by Mr. BACON, and

Resolved,—That the said Accounts were most satisfactory, and that the Report should be received. Carried. Proposed by Mr. MURRAY, seconded by Mr. BILLINGS, and

Resolved,—That the Pastor of St. Paul's Church hath hitherto not been paid such a stipend as the congregation would desire; but that the same has been limited by the pecuniary resources of the Church not having been sufficient to allow more: By the very favourable Report, however, of the Churchwardens, just presented, it appearing that a further addition may with safety be added to the stipend of our worthy Pastor, *be it therefore Resolved*,—That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds per annum be accordingly added to his stipend, and that the same commence from the first day of October now last past.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. BACON, seconded by Mr. MURRAY, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this congregation are due to the Churchwardens, for their zealous and efficient services during the past year.—Carried.

Moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. MURRAY, and

Resolved,—That the congregation, having been greatly profited in many respects, and more particularly in a pecuniary point of view, by the voluntary services of Mrs. HENDERSON, as Organist, feel themselves bound to acknowledge their sense of indebtedness to that Lady; and that their thanks are also due to the other Ladies of the Choir, for their services rendered in a like voluntary manner.—Carried.

A. M. CLARK, Esq., was nominated by the Incumbent, and ROBERT COOPER, Esq., elected by the Congregation, as Churchwardens for the ensuing year.

Churchwardens' Statement for the year ending on the 31st of March, 1851.

The Churchwardens of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, on resigning the office which they have held for the last two years, think they may reasonably congratulate the Congregation of this Church on the satisfactory state of its funds. When they assumed office there was a debt due to the former Treasurer of £80 13s. 1d., besides some other liabilities, amounting to £16 15s. 1d. This debt, and these liabilities have been discharged, and a small sum of £4 18s. 3d. remains at this date in the hands of the Treasurer; and a sum of £55 0s. 9d. is also due for Pew Rents. Of this sum, however, probably not more than £25 to £30 can be reckoned; and this will shortly be in the hands of the succeeding Churchwardens. If steps be not taken to compel payment of the remainder, probably the greater part of it will be lost. There are no outstanding liabilities against the Church.

There is also in the hands of the Treasurer a fund towards the erection of a new Church, the sum of £84 7s. 11d.; and a further sum of £18 15s. 0d., remains due for subscriptions to the fund for the year 1850; all of which there is reason to suppose will be paid with the exception of £1 5s.

A member of the Congregation has also generously given to the Church 50 acres of valuable Land in the Township of Zorra, worth from £62 10s. to £75; which will be available for general purposes whenever it may be required.

The Churchwardens return their grateful thanks to Almighty God for the success which has so far attended their labours, and for the blessings He has vouchsafed to bestow; and they express a confident hope that a continued and extended liberality on the part of their fellow-worshippers, as well as on their own part, will in the course of a short time accumulate a fund sufficient to warrant the Congregation in commencing the erection of a building more commodious, and in every respect more fitted for the worship of Almighty God, than that in which they now assemble.

JAMES HENDERSON, Churchwarden.
Saint Paul's Church,
Toronto, 21st April, 1851.

DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, COBOURG.

COURSE OF STUDIES for the Term commencing Tuesday, May 6, and ending Friday, August 8, 1851:
TUESDAYS.—Greek Testament, Gospels, Continued.
Old Testament History.—From the death of Abraham to the death of Moses.

WEDNESDAYS.—Greek Testament, Acts, Chapter xiii. to the end.
Thirty Nine Articles, Articles xxv. to xxviii. inclusive.

THURSDAYS.—Patres Apostolici, Continued.
Church Government, Part ii. Testimonies of the Fathers.

FRIDAYS.—Tertullian, Lib. Apologeti, Continued.
Ecclesiastical History, From the time of Charlemagne to the rise of the Reformation.

SATURDAYS.—Composition of Sermons, &c.
ANNUAL EXAMINATION—Tuesday, August 12, to Friday, August 15, inclusive.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COBOURG.

At a meeting of the parishioners of this Church held, pursuant to notice, on Easter Monday, April 21, the accounts of the Church for the past year, duly audited, were presented, and an abstract read and certified by the auditors to be correct.

1. Preserving the rule of rotation now so generally recommended, the following gentlemen were elected Churchwardens for the ensuing year, viz:—William Grayley, Esq., on the part of the Rector; and Wm. Corrigal, Esq., on the part of the congregation.

2. On motion of James Calcutt, Esq., the following gentlemen were nominated Sides-men, to assist the

Churchwardens in such duties as pertain to the ordinary celebration of Divine Service, viz:—Jas. Calcutt, J. V. Boswell, William VanIngen, Hon. G. S. Boulton, and B. Clarke, Esqs.

3. The situation of Clerk having become vacant, it was unanimously agreed that it should not be filled up, from a persuasion that the responses would, without such an officer, be more generally and audibly made by the congregation; and that the Rector be empowered to make such arrangements as will secure the performance of the other duties usually discharged by that officer.

4. The attention of the parishioners present having been called by the Rector to the notification of the preceding day, that two Lay Representatives should be appointed to attend at Toronto at the ensuing Visitation of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on the 1st of May next, the Hon. G. S. Boulton and Asa A. Burnham, Esq., were nominated to and requested to accept that office.

Abstract of Accounts from April 1st, 1850, to April 20, 1851, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand April 1, 1850	£ 12 6 10
Collections ordinary, fifty-four occasions	137 15 3
Collections special, four	33 15 0
Pew rents and revenue from all other sources	171 4 2
Money borrowed from Commercial Bank	98 6 10
	£453 8 1

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries paid Rector, Organist, Clerk, and Sexton	£142 5 0
Special collections paid over to Church Society	33 15 0
Borrowed money repaid	65 15 5
Paid on Church debts	139 0 5
Contingencies—insurance, lighting, repairs, expenses of collecting, &c.	42 0 6
Advanced to the poor	34 1 7
	£456 17 11

Balance due by Church..... £3 9 10

Baptisms in 1850	83
Burials	33
Marriages	21
Communicants " total	315
Greatest number at one celebration	158
Average of monthly communicants	89

AMHERSTBURG PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

On Monday, the 7th April, 1851, the anniversary meeting of the Amherstburg Parochial Branch of the Church Society was held after Divine Service, at Christ's Church: the Rev. F. Mack, the Rector, Chairman. The following is a brief abstract of the

REPORT.

"We have been spared by a merciful Providence to assemble and hold another anniversary meeting of this Parochial Branch of the Church Society. During the past year we have had nothing striking, new, or interesting to communicate. We have noiselessly pursued the even tenor of our way. The Parent Society is advancing in its career of usefulness, and extending its ramifications throughout the Province. The various benevolent objects which it embraces are better understood and more duly estimated by the great mass of our people; and, as a natural consequence, a corresponding measure of liberality is extended for its support.

"We have derived great benefit in this parish from the quota of the funds appropriated to our own use, by applying them to the gratuitous supply of Prayer Books, or the sale of them at reduced prices; by improvements to the Church, and the procuring things necessary for the due and solemn celebration of Divine Service, in accordance with the Apostolic injunction—'Let all things be done decently and in order.'"

After the reading of the Report, the following Resolutions were moved and unanimously adopted:—

Moved by Mr. J. Moore, Churchwarden, seconded by Mr. W. Taylor.

Resolved, 1.—That we congratulate this meeting upon the continued prosperity of this Branch of the Diocesan Church Society; and we trust that each revolving anniversary will witness its increased usefulness, progress, and stability.

Moved by D. Doherty, Esquire, seconded by Mr. A. Pattypiece, and

Resolved, 2.—That the pious and benevolent objects embraced by the Church Society are so multifarious as to give scope each for a different institution; but as the Church of the living God is the ground and pillar of the truth, every pious and benevolent design, whether to promote the glory of God, or the welfare of our fellow-men, are necessarily connected with its progress and extension, and come within its provisions.

Moved by L. G. Gordon, Esq., seconded by Mr. Lavery, and

Resolved, 3.—That by our active and energetic support of the Church Society, we are repaying a debt of gratitude which we owe to the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; for their "debtors verily we are," under whose fostering care the United Church of England and Ireland was planted and nurtured without any expense to the people for so many years; but, by our zealous co-operation with the members of our holy communion in the Mother Country, we prove that they have not bestowed labour upon us in vain.

Moved by the Rev. William Ritchie, seconded by Thomas Paxton, Esquire, and

Resolved, 3.—That the cordial thanks of this meeting be presented to the office-bearers of the past year; and that the following gentlemen be elected for the ensuing year as a Committee of Management; viz:—The Rector, Chairman; the Churchwardens, L. G. Gordon, Esq., Thomas Paxton, Esq., Dr. Dewson, Mr. A. Pattypiece.