

TORONTO, CANADA, FEBRUARY 23, 1854.

**"Our Foundations are upon the holy hills."**

**POETRY.**

Vol. XVII.]

When from the grey church tower  
At day's most solemn hour  
The sound of evening bells in tremulous motion  
Now sinks, now rises high,  
As float the breezes by,  
The changing waters upon the azure ocean,  
Like turning wings his latest fires  
On distant mountain tops and consecrated spires,  
Of them the mind of man  
Delights afar to scan  
The track of ages that have gone before him;  
And visions of the past  
Crowd on his memory fast,  
And throw a spell of dreamy rapture o'er him;  
Then in the moment, then the hour,  
To mark religion's course and feel her heavenly  
power:

To watch with eager eye  
The flood of time roll by,  
When those who seem to stay whose features  
win us;  
Until our lips exclaim,  
Breathing his sacred name,  
"Tis the divinity that stirs within us!  
And Thou, O Lord, who mad'st the sun  
And moon and stars and earth—Thy holy will  
be done."

All men in summer hours  
When nature decks her works  
Their great Creator in His bowers  
admiring,  
The life of man should trace  
In nature's varied face,  
From cradled infancy to age expiring;  
And feel there is a God indeed,  
And then with fervent joy His holy Word should  
read.

Only those who have passed a Sunday  
in Popish countries, as we have done, can  
credit the general profanation of it. On  
a visit to Havana three years ago we  
received many kind and hospitable atten-  
tions; and among the earliest, were three  
successive invitations to a grand *Bull-bait*  
in the morning, an extraordinary *Cock-  
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and we were subsequently invited by some  
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vived at. We of course promised to do so,  
but the opportunity did not occur.

A stranger, in walking the streets of  
Havana, would never infer that it was  
Sunday, on seeing the shops and stores  
wide open; cigar makers, tailors, shoe-  
makers, &c., all hard at work; and every  
kind of business being carried on as usual.  
In the churches, he might find on an av-  
erage, about a dozen females, with a few  
beggars and negroes. It is only on rare  
occasions that more than two or three of  
the male sex are to be seen there. Of the  
gross practical idolatry which we witness-  
ed, and the painful evidence forced upon  
us as to the state of morals among the  
priesthood, we forbear to speak.

On a second visit to Havana, about a year  
ago, our late excellent Consul, Judge Shar-  
key informed us that he had been officially  
prevailed to attend a great *Horse-race* the  
previous Sunday. He of course declined,  
but assured us that the Bishop of Havana,  
after officiating in the morning, occupied a  
prominent seat in the pavilion set apart for  
the judges; arrayed in his pontificals, and  
with a huge cross dangling from his neck!  
It is lamentable to observe that there is  
one city in our own country—New Or-  
leans—where, under the influence of the  
Romish Church, an almost equal desecra-  
tion of the Lord's-day is to be witnessed.  
"When thy judgments are in the earth,"  
says the Prophet, "the inhabitants of the  
world will learn righteousness;" and it  
might have been hoped such would be the  
effect of the recent terrible pestilence  
which that city was visited. But it  
seems that another prophet's lan-

gauge is too applicable to them; "Thou  
hast stricken them but they have not  
grieved: thou hast consumed them, but  
they have refused to receive correction;  
they have made their faces harder than a  
rock; they have refused to return." The  
annexed extract from the correspondence  
of the N. Y. Tribune will show the degree  
of heartlessness, worldliness, and contempt  
of God's holy day, which is there ex-  
hibited:

**"NEW ORLEANS, Sunday, Dec. 4, 1853.**  
"The fine weather has brought every-  
body out of doors-day. The churches are  
no doubt well filled by those who feel dis-  
posed to attend. The Louisiana Greys  
are having a fine parade through our prin-  
cipal streets, accompanied by Jordon's  
celebrated band of music. The battalion  
of Artillery under command of Major  
Gally, have turned out to the number of  
over two hundred muskets, and have just  
passed up St. Charles street, in procession,  
with two fine bands of music. They made  
a beautiful display; the muskets are all  
decorated with flowers.  
"After parading through the principal  
streets, they are to have a splendid dinner,  
in honour of their patron Saint Barbe, the  
inventor of gunpowder, whose anniversary  
they celebrate. The day was ushered  
in by a grand national salute, and will  
be closed by a salute of 100 guns, fire-  
works, &c. The Company, as usual, at-  
tended High Mass this morning at the  
Cathedral, and took up a collection for  
the poor orphans. Our streets look so  
lovely, that a stranger would think we  
were celebrating the Fourth of July instead  
of Sunday. The band at the Museum is  
discussing music for the amusement of  
the militia; at one o'clock there is a  
horse race—and at night the Museum,  
Dan Rice's Circus, and the Theatres, will  
all be crowded with visitors."

**RESOLUTIONS.**  
Moved by Mr. Watson, and seconded by Col. Thorne:—  
That the Report now read be adopted and printed for circulation.  
Moved by Mr. John Van Nostrand, and seconded by the Rev. J. G. McKenzie, D.D.:—  
That this meeting desire to express their  
thanks to Almighty God for the prosperous  
condition of our Church, and for the success  
that has attended this Branch of the Church  
Synod.

**ECCLIASTICAL INTELLIGENCE.**  
GEORGE HERBERT'S POEMS.  
A very neat, and elegant little edition of  
George Herbert's Poems and Country Parson,  
has been published by Mr. Washbourne. It  
is really a spiritual and intellectual feast to stray  
once more over the sweet strains of our dear old  
church minstrel; so full of rich meaning, of  
melody, of piety.

**POPERY AND THE LORD'S DAY.**  
From the Banner of the Cross.  
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**COLONIAL.**  
CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE.  
February 1, 1854.  
A meeting of the Central Board of the Church  
Society was held this day—the Lord Bishop in  
the chair.

**CHURCH SOCIETY.**  
The Eleventh Anniversary of the District  
Branch of the Church Society was held in the  
Court House on Tuesday evening, and was  
attended by a very large and respectable  
audience, the court room being literally crowded.  
The chair was occupied by the Rev. A. Palmer,  
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of the town and vicinity.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SOCIETY, YORK MILLS.**  
The annual meeting of this Branch of the  
Church Society was held in St. John's Church,  
on Monday evening the 6th inst., the Rev. R.  
Mitchell, M.A., Rector, presiding. The meeting  
was numerously attended, not only by members  
of the Church, but by many not belonging to  
her communion.  
The following clergymen were present, and  
explained and enforced, most eloquently, the  
various objects of the Parent Society. The Rev.  
James Beaven, D.D.; Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D.;

The St. John's Parochial Branch of the  
Church Society, was established as more  
effectively to assist the Parent Society in carry-  
ing out the various Christian objects which  
our local branch, so far as collections may be  
taken as a test, is upon the whole very encou-  
raging for the past year. The collections made  
amounted to £20 18s. 14d. of this sum the  
Parent Society, and the remainder £10 9s. was  
handed over to the Churchwardens.

Besides this collection, there were three  
special offertory collections made in the Church  
—one for the Mission fund, one for the  
Widows and Orphans' fund, and one for the  
General Purposes Fund, making together the  
sum of £9 9s. 7d. So that the total sum col-  
lected during the past year, for the diffusion of true religion  
in the poor and destitute settlements of the  
Diocese.

The remainder of the subscriptions of the  
parishioners to Trinity College, Toronto, has  
been paid, and the sum of £13 18s. 8d. is  
now in the hands of the College authorities.  
From these facts, we may very reason-  
ably infer, that were all the members of our  
congregation to devote but a small part of the  
title of their substance to the support of their  
religion, much good, both for the church at  
large, and for our own diocese, is under the  
blessing of God, might be effected.

By the same good, liberal Christian feeling  
and benevolence that animated our young people on the  
festival of St. John, after whom our church is  
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The special objects embraced in the con-  
stitution of the Church Society, as they must  
already be familiar to the members of this  
Association; but it will be satisfactory to them  
to be informed that, in prosecuting those objects,  
the Society continues to employ devoted  
Missionaries in the various destitute tracts of  
the Diocese: two of whom are zealously  
and laboring in the northern townships comprised  
in the District of Wellington; that twenty-two  
candidates are preparing for the Ministry in  
Trinity College (an institution which will  
be a monument of the zeal and indefatigable  
energy of the present Bishop of the Diocese);  
that four widows and fifteen orphans—left in  
distress by those who had died in their  
Master's service, and whose scanty stipends did  
not enable them to make provisions for those  
who were dear to them—have been assisted by  
the Society; and that the building of churches  
and parsonages, and the maintenance of Scrip-  
tural "schools," have been encouraged and  
aided according to the Society's ability. Your  
Committee feel that they may well ask, after  
enumerating these results of the Society's labors,  
What faithful member of our Church is here,  
who will not do all in his power to enable the  
Society to become the instrument of still greater  
good from year to year?

Your Committee beg to report, that of the  
sum reported by this Association at the annual  
meeting of 1853, amounting to £33 14s. 9d., one-  
fourth was forwarded to the Parent Society, and  
the remainder was applied towards the Travelling  
Mission Fund of this District Branch, and the  
balance, amounting to £23 12s. 34d. (received  
back by this Association), was applied towards  
the liquidation of the debt due to St. George's  
Cemetery.  
And here your Committee desire to express  
the great importance of the Church Society in  
reference to its beneficial effects on Parochial  
operations.

True it is that the amount received back by  
this Association from year to year has been  
small, nevertheless it has served as the basis  
of general operations, and your Committee  
will be borne out by the Report when they  
say that were it not for the certainty of having  
something from this source to begin with, a  
hopeful commencement that has been made of a  
handsome and commodious church would never  
have been attempted; neither would the men-  
tioned church be in possession, which, if they  
were not, it is probable that they are now  
of a Cemetery which will ere long be  
consecrated for ever for the interment of the  
dead.

But there is much to be done before the  
Church in Guelpch can be said to be effectually  
established and organized, so as to prepare for  
any change that may take place in the  
personnel of the Parochial Committee, which, if  
unhappily made, must press so cruelly on the  
desitute and less favored portions of the  
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the year ensuing, and that John Frank, Esq.,  
be Secretary, and F. W. Stone, Esq., be Treas-  
urer.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PAROCHIAL  
BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, PRESENTED AT THE  
ANNUAL MEETING, AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH,  
PENTAGONUE, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 25TH  
OF JANUARY, 1854.**

In presenting this Report, your Committee  
would express the hope that as the necessity for  
supporting our Church Society is now clearly  
generally, and a greater interest will be  
shown, not only in the proceedings of the  
Annual Meeting, but in the preparatory or other  
meetings held in connection with it. It cannot,  
indeed, be too forcibly impressed on the minds  
of Churchmen that sooner or later, perhaps  
sooner than we expect, our Church will be  
vulnerable to an invasion from its own members  
who will have to depend on its own members  
for support: for it cannot be supposed (indeed  
we have been plainly told) that the venerable  
Societies at home, who have for so long a time  
liberally assisted us, will think it right to con-  
tinue that assistance to a country like this,  
which is rapidly increasing in wealth, and whose  
inhabitants, with few exceptions, are much  
better off than their own subscribers. It is  
therefore more necessary that we should be reminded  
of this, because the members of our Church,  
particularly those who have emigrated from  
England and Ireland, have not been accustomed  
to contribute to the support of their Church,  
and having been bred in the habits of their  
parishes, and of their parishes, and of their  
ancestors. Such emigrants, too,  
when they arrive in this country and hear of  
the Clergy Reserves, naturally enough conclude  
that the Clergy must be sufficiently provided for  
—being ignorant of the fact that a large portion  
of these Reserves has been alienated from most  
Churches, that the remainder which it brings us, is  
little benefit, and that it is the avowed purpose  
of some of the leading statesmen of this Province  
to deprive the Church of the miserable pittance  
which is left.

Your Committee, having made these remarks  
in connection with one of the first objects of the  
Church Society, namely, The encouragement  
of the Clergyman, and the support of the  
parishioners, would now beg to make a few observations  
on the subject of Education, which is the next  
object of the Society's care.

It must be evident to all who pay attention to  
the present working of our Township Schools,  
that any sound religious teaching by the  
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land for the endowment of our church at this  
place. As the churchwardens have not been  
able to meet with any land which came within  
the small means at their disposal, your Com-  
mittee (acknowledging that the endowment of  
the Church is an object that should never be  
lost sight of till accomplished) recommend that  
any appropriation of land which the three-fourths  
of our disposal be applied to that purpose.

Your Committee, in concluding their Report,  
have the pleasure of stating that the collection  
for this year, amounting to £10 18s. 2d., in-  
cluding Clergyman's subscription, exceeds the  
collection of last; and they also are gratified to  
perceive that there is an increase in the number  
of subscribers. In this part of the Report, it  
will be most convenient to mention, that the  
Sunday collections (exclusive of the annual  
Sermon collections) during the year past, from  
Easter Monday 1853, to the 15th January 1854,  
amounted to £11 19s. 4d., and that the proceeds  
of the annual Sermons, amounting to £4 18s. 6d.,  
of the annual Sermons, amounting to £1 17s. 6d., 3rd October  
1853, £1 7s. 6d., and 23rd January 1854, £1 9s.  
6d.

Your Committee, in looking forward to the  
future, express the earnest hope that as this part  
of the country generally increases in prosperity  
(as we have reason to expect) that the support of  
the good and pious objects of this Society,  
that we are not remiss or negligent in fulfilling  
the commands, and obeying the will of that  
Almighty Being from whom all good things do  
come.

(Signed) GEO. HALLEN,  
Chairman.  
W. Simpson,  
Secretary.)

**REPORT OF THE THORNHILL AND VAUGHAN PAROCHIAL  
ASSOCIATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH  
SOCIETY DIOCESE OF TORONTO.**

In presenting their Annual Report, your  
committee rejoice in being enabled to congre-  
gulate the subscribers to the support of a good  
and well remarked by the society's venerable  
and respected President, in his Pastoral address  
upon the formation of the society: "that the  
parochial associations are the foundation of all."  
It may reasonably be inferred, your committee  
think, that they also are, in a general point of  
view, progressing favourably.

It is true, that some time since, the society's  
financial affairs were through the error or mis-  
management of one of its subordinate officers,  
involved in much perplexity and confusion,  
which for a while seemed to threaten the  
society with disastrous consequences; for it af-  
forded the nominal friends of the society, who  
had been attracted to its support, a plausible  
pretext for withdrawing their aid; while it  
seemed to justify the suspicions entertained by  
some of the society's most zealous and active  
friends, that the Board generally were negli-  
gent in the management of its affairs. But the  
subscribers to this parochial association, who  
all along stood firm, and supported her, as well  
in her prosperity as in her distress, will be gratified  
to learn, that the ominous cloud which seemed  
menace to her, has burst and passed away, and  
leaving behind it a brighter and more abundant  
fruit.

"Previous to the trouble above alluded to,"  
says the Society's last Annual Report, page 12,  
"little interest was taken in the operations of  
the Society, too many of our members were sat-  
isfied with having contributed a certain sum to-  
wards an object, which, as Churchmen, they were  
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the list appended to the Annual Report, who,  
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