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EVENING REFLECTIONS. BY A POOR MAN. "O Lord God of Hosts, God of Israel, Thou that dwellest between the Cherubims, Thou art the God even Thou alone of all the kingdoms of the earth; Thou hast made heaven and earth."—Isaiah xxxyii. 16.

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, Like changing waves upon the azure ocean, When the sun flings his latest fires On distant mountain tops and consecrated spires.

O! then 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 is 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, And woo those scenes 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

To see the dewy star When day is o'er and twilight dubious lingers When halcyon stillness reigns O'er darkening hills and plains And night the curtain draws with holy fingers To feel there is a God indee

And with delighted soul His holy word to read. How blest the happy lot

That gilds a summer day With dazzling tints his brilliant sky-path streak-To feel there is a God indeed, And then in evening time His precious Word to

All men in summer hours

When nature decks her bowers Their great Creator in His works 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

O! listen to the song You branches green among On the hushed air its liquid music pouring; And think ye not with me That in that melody There speaks the placid tone of one adoring? Certes there is a God indeed,

And in His holy book with worship we will read. Ye men whose peaceful life Remote from popular strife
Is spent with nature in your own vocation, Who see her sylvan charms

Round villages of farms, And pay to God and her your admiration; As are the Father, Holy Spirit and Son, So are the Bible, God and Nature, three Then bless the Lord of Heaven For all that he hath given, Both rich and poor wherever ye are dwelling Let Christian charity

Your constant watchword be, And worship nature's God with bosoms swelling: All earth adores Him-fountain, flower, and

They speak of God to them that love His Holy Word.

POPERY AND THE LORD'S DAY. [From the Banner of the Cross.]

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 attentions; and among the earliest, were three successive invitations to a grand Bull-bait in the morning, an extraordinary Cockfight in the ofternoon, and a splendid Masquerade-ball in the evening, of the Society was held this day-the Lord Bishop in ture, one after another, was obliged to be accounted for; and it created some surprise, as we were told that no one there saw any impropriety in the ordinary attention.

The following are the representatives from the Central Board for the present year:

W. Lindsay, Esq., Bedford; B. Chamberlin, Esq., Farnham and Frelighsburg; G. Rogers, ensuing Sunday! Our respectful declina- the chair. saw any impropriety in the ordinary attendance of the priests on such scenes and on Laprairie; Major Jones, Sabrevois; J. Yule, Jr. that day-after mass was over. Apologies T. were made, with true Castilian politeness; and we were subsequently invited by some resident Spanish gentlemen to preach, in Capt. Maitland, Dr. Holmes, E. E. Shelton, Esq. case an American man of war should arrive St. George's, Montreal; S. C. Bagg, Esq., Dr in the harbour during our stay-as it is only on board foreign national vessels that Protestant worship is tolerated or connived at. We of course promised to do so, but | N. S. Tylee, St. Mary's Hochelaga; Rev. E. J. Rogers, J. B. Anderson, Esq., Philipsburg; C. L. Baker, Esq., Frelighsburg; Dr. Barrington, 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, shoemakers, &c., all hard at work; and every Lovel, Esq., E. E. Shelton, Esq., Hon. George kind of business being carried on as usual. In the churches, he might find on an average, about a dozen females, with a few beggars and negroes. It is only on rare D. D., Rev. W. T. Leach, D.C.L., Rev. E. J. occasions that more than two or three of Rogers, Rev. W. Bond, Rev. C. Bancroft, Rev. the male sex are to be seen there. Of the R. Lonsdell, Rev. J. Flanagan. gross practical idolatry which we witnessed, and the painful evidence forced upon priesthood, we forbear to speak.

On a second visit to Havana, about a year ago, our late excellent Consul, Judge Sharkey informed us that he had been officially invited 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 of the congregation at Point Clare.—Montreal

with a huge cross dangling from his neck! It is lamentable to observe that there is one city in our own country-New Orleans-where, under the influence of the Romish Church, an almost equal desecration of the Lord's-day is to be witnessed. when thy judgments are in the earth," Mitchele, M.A., Rector, presided. The meeting says the Prophet, "the inhabitants of the was numerously attended, not only by members world will learn righteousness," and it of the Church, but by many not belonging to might have been hoped such would be the her communion. effect of the recent terrible pestilence explained and enforced, most eloquently, the

guage 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-

New Orleans, Sunday, Dec. 4, 1853. "The fine weather has brought every-

body out of doors to day. The churches are no doubt well filled by those who feel disposed to attend. The Lousiana Greys we having a fine parade through our principal 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 authenticated facts that the edifice, in which we 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, fireworks, &c. The Company, as usual, attended 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 To see the sabbath sun through lattice breaking, of Sunday. The band at the Museum is discoursing music for the amusement of the million; 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."

Ecclesiastical Antelligence.

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.

As we have been reluctantly employed in finding fault with more than one modern aspirant to the divine art of hymn-writing, let us furnish an answer to the question, "How would you have us write?" by quoting Herbert's almost perfect version of the twenty-third

Here are words that go to the very depth of the heart, and melodies which stir the chords within:

The God of love my shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed:
While He is mine and I am His,
What can I want or need?

And bring my mind in frame And all this not for my desert, But for His Holy Name.

Yea, in death's shady black abode, Well may I walk, not fear: For Thou art with me, and Thy rod To guide, Thy staff to bear.

Nay, Thou dost make me sit and dine Ev'n in mine enemies' sight: My head with oil, my cup with wine Runs over day and night.

Surely thy sweet and wonderous love Shall measure all my days: And as it never shall remove, So neither shall thy praise.

COLONIAL. CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE.

February 1, 1854. A meeting of the Central Board of the Church

Austin, Chambly; C. Dorwin, Henryville Capt. Maitland, Brome and Sutton; Mr. Gilmour Granby; R. W. Shepherd, Esq., Vaudreuil; G Fraser, J. B. Gibb, Esq., A. Heward, Esq., Mussen, Esq., W. A. Townsend, Esq., Cathedral N. S. Tylee, St. Mary's Hochelaga; Rev. E. J

The following Committees were appointed,

Lay Committee :- Hon Judge McCord, Chair-Moffatt, Capt. Maitland, T. Mussen, Esq., N. Tylee, Esq., Colonel Wilgress, G. H. Monk, Esq. B. Anderson, Esq.

Book and Tract Committee :- Rev. J. Bethune,

It was resolved that the Clergy of the different us as to the state of morals among the subscriptions to the Church Society, in their respective congregations, and to make a monthly return of the amount collected, to be laid before the Central Board.

It was resolved, on the motion of Dr. Bethune, seconded by Colonel Wilgress:—That the sum of £270 be granted to the Lord Bishop, for Mis-

£25 were also granted to the Book and Tract A Bible and prayer book were granted, on the

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 average the Chiracter the Barr Branch on Monday evening the 6th inst., the Rev. R.

The following clergymen were present, and with which that city was visited. But it explained and enforced, most eloquently, the various objects of the Parent Society. The Rev. that another prophet's lan- James Beaven, D. D.; Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D.; there is no reason to fear for the future.

Rev. D. E. Blake, B. A., Rural Dean; Rev. J. D. McKenzie, B. A.; Rev. G. S. Hill; Dev. W. Belt, That which made the meeting most interesting was the part taken by the laity, who moved all the resolutions.

The following Report was read by the Rev. R. Mitchele, M. A., Rector, and the accompanying resolutions were adopted unanimously.

The absence of every kind of record connected with the interests of St. John's Church, anterior to the date of 1847, has rendered it a difficult task, at the present moment, to frame a reliable representation of the affairs of our church. For, although truthful and correct in its general purport, it will be found deficient in that precision detail, so essentially necessary in the reports of all matters of a public character. With this declaration of the disadvantage of drawing up a report, the following facts are respectively submitted to the implicant consideration of the The earliest record of the receipts and dis-

ursements made on account of the church date aly from 1847. Previous to that time all is But it has been ascertained from well are now assembled, cost upwards of £800 in its erection in 1843. But what portion of that sum vas unprovided for, when the building was finshed, there is no document to shew. But it must have been considerable, as in April, 1848, the debt amounted to £280. For the ultimate ayment of £250 of this sum, bonds were given several responsible members of the congreation, leaving the remaining £30 as a floating To the well directed energies and liberal ontribution of gentlemen then living in the parish, the congregation is indebted for the ssession of the present substantially built

chief promoters of the good work now silently repose within the sacred precincts of that church, which their influence and liberality contributed to secure. Others again, to whom the congregation is indebted, are no longer registered within the limits of the parish, necessity or choice having caused their removal to other parts of the Province, again probably to lend a helping hand to the accomplishment of similar entitled to the generous and heartfelt thanks of those who are now enjoying the benefit of their | Society. contributed means and united labour.

We shall now show what the gross annual revenue of the church was at that time. It appears that the sum of £28 10s. 1½d. was the whole amount derived from pew rents, and £222 to make renewed exertions, to extend the minis-2s. 10 d. from the Sunday offertory collections, making together the sum of £50 13s. This limited income embraced all the resources that the churchwardens had at their disposal to provide or the ordinary expenses of the church as payment for the services of clerk and sexton -purchase of firewood and all other contingenes; besides providing for the interest of the lebt, and for the reduction of the principal.

The old pews amounted to 30 in number, and

The former were rented at 60s. each, and the atter at 30s., 25s., 20s. and 15s. each, accordng to their class and situation. Moderate as the Rev. Mr. Belt:hese rates were, still several remained unten-With resources so slender it was impossible for the churchwardens to effect any immediate reduction of the debt, or undertake any improvements worthy of notice in the then unseemly interior of the church.

Since that time, with the bi prospects have greatly changed for the better. The church has assumed its present decent aspect; the pews are uniform in appearance, painted and numbered, and increased by ddition of new pews from 30 to 47, in the body of the church, and the rents advanced in a similar proportion. The double pews rent at 100s.; warden, and seconded first class single ones at 60s., and the remaining B. A., Rural Dean: ones at 50s., 45s., 40s., 30s., 25s. and 15s., ac-

cording to situation. In the gallery also, there were erected 8 new pews, where none existed before. And to the exertions of a most worthy lady and her family we are indebted for the possession of a barrel organ, imported at the cost of about £80; an

of God, but ornamental to the church. Some improvements have also been made in the church and grave yards. In the former the ground has been levelled and unsightly objects emoved, the latter has been partially surveyed and divided into grave-plots of suitable dimensions. A substantial shed has also been erected to shelter the horses and carriages during divine

Much, however, yet remains to be done, and t will require the earnest attention and the liberal assistance of the congregation to enable the hurchwardens to effect the improvements still eded. The ground of the church-yard requires further levelling, foot-paths constructed and vergreens planted. The grave-yard also reuires the construction of path-ways and to be be substantially fenced in.

It may be urged, that to effect these various bjects will require a large expenditure. The fact is admitted, but not greater than the congregation is well able to bear, if they will only out their hands willingly to work, and each one contribute his mite in proportion to the means with which providence has blessed him. Nor will t approach in amount the sum expended since 1848, when the debt was large, and the income

rom all sources only £50.
In the face of means so disproportioned to the work accomplished, the improvements in the in-erior of the church were first conceived and ince carried into effect, involving an expendiure of more than £450. The debt, in the ean time, has been gradually reduced, and loes not at the present time exceed £120.

In addition to the cost of the improvements ticed, insurance on the church and property ppertaining thereto has been effected under policies, covering £1,000; and payment of ne Rector's stipend assumed and faithfully dis-

The fruits of our present favorable position | year. may fairly be ascribed to the judicious aug-mentation of the pews, and to the advanced ental, now yielding £89 4s. 41d. annually on n average, which with the Sunday offertory colctions £18 16s. 01d., amounts to the respect able sum of £108 0s. 5d., more than double he sum arising from the same sources in

We have every reason, therefore, to look back n the past, with a thankful acknowledgment f God's mercies, and to pursue the future, with the gratifying prospect, that at no very distant lay the church debt will be entirely removed, eaving the funds to be applied to such additional equirements as will render St. John's Church an honor to the congregation—an ornament to the parish—and a model of instruction to the bers of the Church throughout the Diocese, and make it, not in name but in reality, what t ought to be, a Temple of worship worthy the

acceptance of the living God, and the grave yard a meet resting place for the dead.

It may not be out of place, here to remark, that when the pews were few in number, and the rates low, the rents could not be all collected.

Whereas since they were incomed in number. Whereas, since they were increased in number and advanced in rate—in some instances double -to the honor of the congregation be it recorded, the rents are punctually and faithfully

paid. Under these encouraging eircumstances

Church Society, was established, the more effectually to assist the Parent Society in carry-Church has in view. A retrospect of the affairs of our local branch, so far as collections may be ing out the various Christian objects which the taken as a test, is upon the whole very encouraging for the past year. The collections made, amounted to £20 18s, 1½d. of this sum £10 9s. 1½d. was transmitted to the Parent Society, and the remainder £10 9s. was hand-

ed 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

parishioners to Trinity College, Toronto, has with two or three exceptions, been all paid in luring the past year, amounting to upwards of

From these facts, we may very reason-

seen in the hearty good will and the real feeling of interest manifested by our people, last summer, in providing a festival for our Sunday School children.

Mission Fund of this District Branch, and the balance, amounting to £23 12s. 3½d. (received back by this Association), was applied towards the liquidation of the debt due on St. George's Cemetery.

May the same good, liberal Christian feeling ever continue amongst us, and establish that as a Within the short space of time of laying the oundation stone in 1843 and 1854, many of the festival of St. John, after whom our church is

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Mr. Watson, and seconded by Col.

That the Report now read be adopted and

Moved by Mr. John Van Nostrand, and conded by the Rev. J. Beaven, D.D. undertakings. However, with the mercy of God. there is still left amongst us a few of the members of the "building committee," who are condition of our Church, and for the success consecrated for ever for the interment of the that has attended this Branch of the Church dead.

> That, sensible of the blessings we enjoy in having a settled Ministery, we feel it our duty to make renewed exertions, to extend the ministration of the Church to our less fortunate destitute and less favored portions of the brethren, in the remote settlements of the Diocese

the Rev. S. Lett, LL.D.re due, and are now offered to the Building

That, as the debt on our Church is small and likely soon to be liquidated, it is the duty of the on this Association, that one means of procongregation to direct their attention to securour friends—from intrusion or desecration.

Your Committee Moved by Mr. Moor, seconded by the Rev. G.

That the thanks of this meeting are due, and are now presented to the collectors of the past of self-government on the basis of adherence to year, who are earnestly requested to renew their valuable exertions in support of the

Moved by Mr. J. C. Van Nostrand, Churchwarden, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Blake,

That this meeting respectfully offers its congratulations to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, on his success in founding the Church University of Toronto, and trusts that he will be ally successful in obtaining a Bishopric

Note: - Since the foregoing statement was organ, imported at the celebrating the praises object not only useful in celebrating the praises made to the meeting, accounts of the Church of God, but ornamental to the church. warden, detailing the transactions of 1845-46. But as they contain nothing of importance beyond confirming the statement made in the Report, it is not necessary to say more than to cord the circumstance.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

GUELPH PAROCHIAL BRANCH. 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, livided from the church-yard, and both require Rector of Guelph, supported by the Rev. R. Cronyn, Rector of London, the Rev. Wm. Bettridge, Rector of Woodstock, the Rev. F. Evans, Rector of Woodeouse; the Rev. J. G. Geddes, and J. Hebden of Hamilton, the Rev. T. Marsh f Norval, the Rev. Mr. Bloomer of Galt, the Rev. Thomas Green of Wellington Square, the Rev. John Smithurst of Elora, the Rev. E. M. Stewart of Guelph, the 'Rev. Francis Treymayne, and a number of influential laymen of the town and vicinity.

The chairman having opened the meeting with prayer, called on the Secretary, Mr. J. Frank, to read the following

The Committee of the Guelph Parochial Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, in presenting the Eleventh Annual Report, are happy to be enabled to state that the operations of the Society continue to be marked by steady and progressive success, and the receipts of this Parochial Association, as well as of the Church Society in general, have been larger during the past than any preceding Clergy Reserve question in 1840.

Moved by the Reverend M. Boomer, A.

This is a result which calls for gratitude to Him whose cause it is the design of the Society M.A to promote; and whether we consider the excelence of the objects to which the labors of the Society are devoted, or the dependence of the United Church of England and Ireland, under God, on the efforts of this Society, to aid her in diffusing and establishing pure and undefiled religion in this land, we cannot but feel called to praise God for the blessing that He has hitherto bestowed on the Society, and also to give it our still more earnest and zealous co-

By referring to the Report of the Parent Society for the year ending the 31st of March, 1853 (when the accounts of the Society were ast made up), we find that the receipts of the Society for the eleventh year were £6,246 4s.4d. being an increase of £807 8s. 5d. over the preceding year; and your Committee have much gratification in reporting that the amount already received by this Parochial Association, for the year ending this month, is £55 0s. 0d., being a larger sum than that collected by this Association during any former year of its existence, and your Committee have reason to believe that the amount just named will be still further increased before it will be necessary to trans mit it to the Treasurer of the District Branch in

Your Committee need not on this occasion enu

TORONTO, CANADA, FEBRUARY 23, 1854. The St. John's Parochial Branch of the merate the special objects embraced in the constitution of the Church Society, as they must already be fimiliar to the members of Association; but it will be satisfactory to them the Society continues to employ travelling Missionaries in the various destitute tracts of this vast Diocese, two of whom are zealously laboring in the northern townships comprised in the late District of Wellington; that twenty-two candidates are preparing for the Ministry in Trinity College (an institution which will ever be a monument of the zeal and indomitable energy of the present Bishop of the Diocese) that four widows and fifteen orphans-left in destitution by those who had died in their General Purposes Fund, making together the sum of £9 9s. 7d. So that the sum of £19 18s. 8d. was contributed by this congregation during the past year, for the diffusion of true religion the Society; and that the building of churches in the poor and destitute settlements of the and parsonages, and the maintenance of Scripiocese.

The remainder of the subscriptions of the 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.

congregation to devote but a small part of the tithe of their substance to the support of their religion, much good, both for the church at large, and for own division of it, under the blessing of God, might be effected.

In conclusion, we have received to the parent society, a further sum was applied to the parent society, a further sum was applied to the parent society, a further sum was applied to the parent society, a further sum was applied to the parent society.

who will not do all that in him lies to enable the

Society to become the instrument of still greater

the great importance of the Church Society in reference to its beneficial effects on Parochial

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 most important operations; and your Committee will be borne out by the Rector when they say that were it not for the certainty of having something from this source to begin with, the hopeful commencement that has been made of a handsome and commodious church would never have been attempted; neither would the mem-

But there is much to be done before the Moved by Mr. J. D. Finch, and seconded by Church in Guelph can be said to be effectually established and organized, so as to prepare for

Before this parish can be said to be effectually Moved by Mr. Wm. Marsh, and seconded by organized, its Church must be completed, a good school in connection with it must be established That the sincere thanks of the Congregation and maintained, a parsonage-house must be built to receive, at all events the successor to Committee, to the lady by whose exertions the organ was obtained, and to all the friends of the rangements must be completed—all being paid The old pews amounted to 30 in number, and unsisted of two double and 28 single ones. In the erection or improvement of this sacred he former were rented at 60s. each, and the edifice.

Moved bo Mr. Robert James, and seconded by but an ordinary measure of that self-denial and liberality which as Christians we are called to exhibit; and your Committee would impress moting them, is by being zealous in the cause of

Your Committee cannot close without congratulating this Association on the important step taken by the Church in this D claiming for both Clergy and Laity the powers the Articles and Liturgy of the United Church of England and Ireland, and of the action of Synod, being at all times in unison with the laws of this Province. And they would also advert to the Pastoral Letter of the Lord Bishop reference to the division of this Diocesesubject to which the attention of the members of the Church here and throughout the Province will soon be formally called. This, as well as the subject of free Synodical action, your committee regard as of the deepest interest to the welfare of our Church, and they would pray that at the present eventful crisis the Lord Himself would be specially present with His Church in his Country, that He would defend her from evil, quite her to wise counsels, and enable her to promote the salvation of the souls of men

and the glory of her adorable Head. All which is respectfully submitted.

Moved by the Rev. J. G. Geddes, M.A., of Hamilton, seconded by the Rev. J. Hebden, Hamilton That the Report just read be adopted; and that the meeting desires to record its thankfulness to Almighty God for the success which He has been pleased to vouchsafe to this Society

luring the past year. Moved by the Rev. B. Cronyn, M.A., Rector of London, seconded by the Rev. T. W. Marsh, A.

That the objects for the promotion of which the Church Society is incorporated are such as must commend themselves to the cordial approval of every member of the Church, seeing that they may all be comprehended under the one head—the diffusion and establishment in this province of pure and undefiled religion, as taught by our reformed Church—and therefore that it is the duty of all the members of our Communion to give the Society their zealous co-operation and support.

Moved by the Rev. W. Bettridge, B.D., Rector of Woodstock, and seconded by W. Reynolds,

That the duty incumbeat on the members of the Church to support the Church Society is now becoming more imperative, inasmuch as the Church of England in Canada is, under God, almost wholly dependent on the voluntary contributions of her people, and inasmuch as contrary to every principle of justice and sound policy, it is proposed to deprive her of the small endowment secured to her by the solemn settlement of the

B., Galt, seconded by the Reverend B. Cronyn,

That this meeting desires to express the deep feeling of interest and satisfaction with which it contemplates the course taken by the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese, under the Presidency of their venerable Bishop, in resolving themselves into a Diocesan Synod, convinced as the meeting is that it is essential to the welfare of the Colonial Church that both Clergy and Laity should have a full participation in the management of her affairs.

Moved by the Rev. Francis Evans, Rector of Woodhouse, seconded by W. D. P. Jarvis, Esq.,

That the proposal of the Bishop of this Diocese, in his recent Pastoral Letter, with a view to the subdivision of the Diocese into four, and the raising an episcopal fund for the endowment of the proposed new Dioceses, is one which this meeting believes will, if carried out, greatly conduce to the welfare of the Church; and that it awaits with much interest the further action which may be taken in relation to the same. Moved by the Rev. E. M. Stewart, A. M., seconded by the Rev. Thomas Green, B.A. Wel-

That the thanks of this meeting are hereby given to the Committee and Officers of the Society for the past year,—that the same committee be requested to continue their services for were empowered to expend it in the purchase of which has thus been effected in the Constitution

the year ensuing, and that John Frank, Esq., be Secretary, and F. W. Stone, Esq., be Treas-

The different resolutions were prefaced by able and eloquent addresses, the Revds. Messrs Evans, Bettridge, Cronyn, and other gentlemen advocating the principles of the Church and the interests of the Association with much zeal and any unappropriated part of the three-fourths ability, and with telling effect on the audience.

The members of the Church Society have much cause of congratulation in the proceedings of the meeting, and the result, we doubt not, will prove levels be the first three constants. It is a superior to the three first three collection for this year, amounting to £10 13s. 2d., inprove largely beneficial to the interests of the Association, and of the Church with which it is onnected .- Guelph Herald.

The Report of the Committee of the Parochial Branch of the Church Society, presented at the Annual Meeting, at St. James's Church, Penetanguishene, held on Wednesday, the 25th of January, 1854.

Ha presenting this Report, your Committee would express the hope that as the necessity for supporting our Church Society is now clearly seen, and the benefits arising from it are more generally appreciated, a greater interest will be taken, not only in the proceedings of the Annual Meeting, but in the preparatory or other meetings, held in connection with it. It cannot, ndeed, be too forcibly impressed on the minds of Churchmen that sooner or later, perhaps sooner than we expect, our Church in this Province 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 continue that assistance to a country like this, which is rapidly increasing in wealth, and whose inhabitants, with few exceptions, are much better off than many of their own subscribers. It is the more necessary that we should be reminded of this, because the members of our Church, articularly those who have emigrated from ngland and Ireland, have not been accustomed to contribute to the support of their Church or their Clergyman; that having been provided for by the piety and liberality of their forefathers rom time immemorial. 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 our Church, that the remainder is being sold in most cases at such low prices that it brings us but ittle 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

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

privilege of unrestricted religious instruction by means of separate schools; and they yet hope to see the day when the precious word of God will be read in our schools without let or hindrance, and the Clergyman of the parish will be welcome at all times as a friend and instructor.

In convention with this brough of the Scaleton. In connection with this branch of the Society's labors, your Committee has much pleasure in stating that through the zealous exertions of Sunday School has been added to the one already n operation at the Garrison, and that collectively they number on their books between 40 and 50

With respect to the third object promoted by the Church Society,—namely, That of assisting, when necessary, those who are preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel,—your Committee regret that the contributions for that purpose are so small; acknowledging, however, the great importance of this object, they pray that God's dessing may descend on all our schools and eminaries of sound religious instruction, and specially on that noble monument of our ected Bishop's zeal and perseverance under culiar difficulties, Trinity College,-to which astitution we must in future mainly look for a lue supply of persons qualified for the sacred

With respect to the fourth object of the Church Society,—namely, That of circulating the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer, and other books and tracts, in conformity with the eaching of our Church-your Committee rejoice o find that the subject was pressed upon the consideration of the Society at their last annual meeting in Toronto. The Report there read states that "Several applications had been made by parties at a distance, setting forth that the want of Bibles, Prayer-books, Church Catechisms and other religious works, is much felt; that the people are both willing and able to purchase m, and asking whether the Society could no supply a respectable store-keeper with a few opies of the works referred to, to be disposed of on consignment." Your Committee, being fully aware of the importance of this suggestion, and of the other suggestions made at the same time, offer their assistance in devising some plan in accordance with them.

With respect to the fifth object of the Church Society,—namely, That of obtaining and granting aid towards the erection and endowment of Churches, and the erection and maintenance of Parsonage houses, -In looking to that part of the 5th object, which mentions the granting aid towards the erection of Churches, your Committee cannot but call to mind the assistance the nhabitants of the place have themselves received in the erection of their church, when they were unable to raise the funds requisite for that purose. Bearing this in mind, and remembe the motto of our Society, "Freely ye have received; freely give," they would support the propriety of giving some portion of the three-fourths of the collection at their disposal, to

assist their poorer brethren at Victoria Hill, who are now ready and willing to give their labour in erecting a church (having no fit place for the performance of Divine worship) but stand in need of some pecuniary assistance. As the building will be of logs, they cannot get any assistance from the General Purpose Fund of the Incorporated Church Society, as they only afford help in case of the building being of stone or brick or frame. Your Committee lament that such is the rule, and entertain the hope that the Society will yet see fit to take such cases as the present into consideration, and afford some With respect to the erection little assistance. of Parsonage houses, your Committee have to state that a share was taken in the Barrie Build ing Society more than six years since, in order to form the beginning of a fund for the erection of a Parsonage house, and that the instalment have been regularly paid in Mr. Simpson's been rectified, and that it is now provided by name. As the Building Society has now been the 8th Rule of the Constitution that the Secrein existence for more than six years, we have tary shall furnish security to the satisfaction of reason to expect that in the course of a year or the solicitor to the amount of £1000. two it will be in a condition to fulfil its engagements with the share-holders.

Your Committee would now observe that, in conformity with the 3rd resolution of our Paro chial branch of the Church Society at the las annual meeting, relative to the disposal of the three-fourths of our collection; the subject there mentioned was taken into consideration at our last Easter meeting, when the churchwardens

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 Committee (acknowledging that the endowment of the Church is an object that should never be lost sight of till accomplished) recommend that

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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 came to £4 14s, 6d., namely, 30th May 1853, £1 17s, 6d.; 3rd October 1853, £1 7s, 6d., and 20th January 1854, £1 9s.

Your Committee, in looking forward to the future, express the earnest hope that as this part of the country generally increases in prosperi (as we have reason to expect it will) we shall shew, by increasing liberality towards 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

(Signed,) GEO. HALLEN, Ch rirman. W. Simpson,) Secretary.

Report of the Thornhill and Vaughan Parochial Associations in connection with the Church Society Diocese of Toronto.

In presenting this their Annual Report, your committee rejoice in being enabled to congratu-late the subscribers to these parochial associations upon the present prosperous condition of the parent society; and as it has been truly 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 soniety with disastrous consequences; for it afforded the nominal friends of the society, who had been attracted to the support of a good cause merely by its existing popularity, a plausi-ble 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-It must be evident to all who pay attention to the present working of our Township Schools, that any sound religious teaching by the master is out of the question; your Committee, therefore, cordially wish success to our Church Synod in their endeavours to obtain for our children the minutes of the subscribers to this parochial branch, who have all along stood firmly by the society and supported her, as well in her prosperity as in the hour of her distress, will be gratified to learn, that the ominous cloud which seemed pregnant with missions of unvestigated religious instruction. with mischief and for a while to threaten the society's ruin, has burst and passed away, des-

says the Society's last Annual Report, page 12,

too little interest was taken in the ope the Society, too many of our members were satisome of the inhabitants of the village another fied with having contributed a certain sum towards an object, which, as Churchmen, they felt bound to support, and with seeing their names printed in the lists appended to the Annual Report, who, because they had not considered the ermanent good which they had been called upon o aid in accomplishing, cared but little about cifully to permit good to spring out of evil, for all at once a spirit of enquiry became manifest, and an interest in the operations and welfare of the Society exhibited which has happily survived the cause which aroused it. The minute books of the Society show that at no previous period of its existence have the Monthly Meetings been so numerously attended, or the subjects brought forward so fully discussed, as during the past year; and it will also be found recorded that from this date several of the Laity as well as of the Clergy, have been found ready to sacriice their valuable time in attending committees appointed for special objects, to instance only he special committee from which emanated a Report, the result of frequent and earnest deliberations, the great utility of which has been acknowledged by all the branches, without ex-That the troubles which in God's good providence were permitted to befall the Society, have thus resulted in imparting to her increased ability to carry forward with renewed energy the benevolent designs for which she was incorporated, must be a source of unmingled satisfaction to all her members.

The origin of the reverses alluded to has been indeed much canvassed and variously ascribed to different, if not conflicting causes. Your ommittee are however happy in thinking, that however blameable the late assistant Secretary may have been in not disbursing the Society's funds strictly in accordance with specific order manating from the Board, his culpability arose rather from error in judgment than criminal interest; and your committee have been led to form this favorable opinion from the following bservation which will be found on page 14 of the Society's last Report. "In justice to this gentleman, your committee

would record the fact asserted by the Secretary, that he has ever found him ready cheerfully respond to any queries he found it necessary to put to him upon the matters connected with the past management of the Society. This well attested fact, in the estimation of

our committee speaks much in the late assistant Secretary's favor, and they feel that it is in justice due and charity requires, that it should be as widely disseminated as possible. The disaster has been equally ascribed to ne-

gligence on the part of the late Treasurer and auditors, gentlemen who gave their services gratuitously and undertook their respective offices merely out of good will to the Society but your committee are deeply impressed with the conviction, that the disaster, under circumstances might have been expected to have occurred and actually did originate from an in-herent defect in the Society's original Constitution, which by some oversight omitted to provide that security should be given by the salaried officers of the Society, to ensure as well the safe keeping, as the faithful application to their proper objects, of its monies.

Your committee mainly advert to these circumstances now, to point out to the subscribers the fact that the defect just alluded to has been rectified, and that it is now provided by oped, of imparting increased confidence in the nanagement of the Society's affairs and of timulating its friends to make more decided of greater efficiency than she has hitherto been nabled to attain.

That the Society has already experienced much benefit by reason of the salutary change