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The Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette;

OR

MONTHLY CHURCH REGISTER FOR THE DIOCESES OF QUEBEC, TORONTO, AND MONTREAL.

VOLUME III.

TORONTO, SEPTEMBER, 1856.

No. 9.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of that excellent weekly, the *New York Church Journal*, with a request that we would exchange with it. We shall gladly accede to the proposal, and we trust that the time is not far distant when our chronicle of Canadian Ecclesiastical events will be published semi-monthly at least, if not weekly. If the members of our Church in the North American Dioceses evinced any *esprit de corps*, and forwarded brief notices of meetings, addresses, &c., which are continually occurring in the numerous parishes of this continent, a Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette could easily be published as a weekly. Some persons there are who will not aid us because we profess to belong to no party in the Church, and therefore admit no controversial letters; but, without evincing our own particular views, chronicle events of interest to any portion of our Zion to which our attention has been directed. We cannot afford the time, gratuitously given to the conducting of the *Gazette*, to the perusal of many exchanges, nor have we at any time contemplated in the small space to which we have been forced to confine ourselves, publishing the proceedings of societies not in immediate connection with the Church of England and Ireland. We took as our model the London *Ecclesiastical Gazette*; and we hoped, in a new country like this, to have been able to publish such missionary intelligence as would have not only made our exchange desirable to that most useful and well-conducted periodical, but also to have enlisted the sympathies of our brethren in England towards the Missionary work in the North American colonies.

We must confess, however, that we are becoming disheartened. Lists of the clergy and their cures have been yearly published, and no preference shewn for one Diocese over another; and yet we have not effected what we hoped for—namely, by a small beginning, to awaken the North American Church to the necessity of having an organ, which, irrespective of party feeling in any Diocese, would give an impartial view of what was being effected by the Church.

That such a paper, well-conducted (but then the Editor must devote his time almost

exclusively to it, and should be remunerated accordingly), all Churchmen will acknowledge is much required; and the several societies ought to contribute towards its support by ordering a number of copies annually for gratuitous distribution, as an advertising medium for the cause which they especially advocate.

In enunciating these views we cannot be accused of endeavoring to further our individual interests; though we would attain what we have sought for from the publication of the first number of the *Gazette*, the establishment of a non-party paper, "An Ecclesiastical Intelligencer." We do not hesitate to state that if we saw a prospect of the scheme ultimately succeeding, we would, for a short time, be ready to devote hours, which as hitherto, properly belong to sleep, to bringing it to maturity, having only some guarantee that the unselfish and spirited publisher of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, who at our solicitation undertook the work (for which he has at present been barely paid the expense), would be enabled shortly to remunerate competent persons to conduct it as it ought to be conducted. A certain portion of the paper, if issued weekly, might be devoted to advertisements, which, when circulated generally (as no party paper can be) would soon render it self-sustaining. By a united action the North American Dioceses might soon have an organ which would not only be a credit to them, but also of the greatest advantage to their missionary objects. Want of space has hitherto prevented us publishing in full many parochial reports, such, for instance, as we give in this number. Let any one attentively peruse these, and consider the amount of work performed by our Clergy, the extensive field in which they, under so many disadvantages, labour, and, under the circumstances, the great liberality of the people of this new country,—the inhabitants of which were, previous to their immigration, unaccustomed to be thus directly called on to support the Church,—and he will not only admit that such statistics must be beneficial to the Diocese at large, inasmuch as they tend to excite emulation in other portions of the vineyard, but that they are also calculated

to call forth the sympathies of those who look upon our Church as a Missionary Society, and to bring to our assistance many laborers imbued with a missionary spirit.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Clergy are reminded that the Quarterly Collection to be taken up in the month of October is for the increase of the Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Clergy of this Diocese. The Society has been incorporated since 1846, and yet all the funds invested by the Church, inclusive of 25s. annually from each of the Clergy, only amount (independent of life subscriptions and benefactions) to £7160 8s. 11d., which, at legal interest, will yield an income of about £435 per annum. The average income during the last twelve years derived from the annual collections for this fund amounts to about £405. Let what the Clergy and their families contribute towards these collections be added to their annual subscriptions, and their miserable incomes taken into consideration, then a comparison be drawn between what they give and what should be contributed by the numerous lay members of our communion—for whose benefit they labor; and it may with reason be asked, what inducement do the laity hold out to young men without private fortunes to devote themselves to the work of the ministry in a country like this, where by devoting themselves to other callings, (should their lives be spared) they can ensure a competence, if not wealth, instead of penury, for their wives and children?

The number of widows and orphans at present having claims on this fund are six widows and eighteen orphans, and the amount pledged by the Society, £380,—nearly the whole of the sum usually received as the proceeds of the annual collections. Every exertion should now be made to augment the fund for investment, for in a very few years, in the natural course of events, the applications from widows and orphans will be greatly multiplied; and there is not a man, woman or child, who would not be shocked at the idea that the pittance of £50 currency a year at present allowed to the widows and

orphans of their lamented pastors should be, through the parsimony of the laity, reduced to £30 or £20, or perhaps less, per annum. But such may be the case, as the Society justly pledges itself, to all, in proportion to its means.

Laymen there are in every parish, who, from the increased value of property and farm produce, have been unexpectedly raised to a state of opulence, and contemplate in consequence a very different position for their children than they could have, a few years ago, hoped for. Let them think of the position in which the widows and orphans of the Clergy (for the most part gentlemen by birth and education) ought to be maintained, and they will readily devote some portion of their substance towards the augmentation of this fund.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

NOTICE.

THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO will hold his next General Ordination in the Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday, the 12th of October.—Candidates for holy orders, whether of Deacon or Priest, are requested to communicate without delay to the Rev. H. J. Grasset, B. D., Examining Chaplain, their intention to offer themselves, and to be present for examination in the Library of the Parochial School House at Toronto, on the Wednesday previous to the day of Ordination, at 9 o'clock, A. M. They are required to be furnished with the usual testimonials, and *Si Quis* attested in the ordinary manner.

COLLECTIONS APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE, TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE MISSION FUND, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN JULY, 1856.

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| Previously announced..... | £ 93 2 1 |
| St. Peter's, Osnabruck, per Rev. Matt. Kerr..... | 1 10 0 |
| St. Paul's, Perrytown ... | 1 6 6 |
| St. John's, Elizabethville.. | 0 9 6 |
| Per Rev. J. Hilton..... | 1 15 0 |
| St. George's, Toronto, per Churchwardens..... | 12 10 0 |
| Trinity, Cornwall..... | 4 7 10½ |
| Christ Church, Moulinette | 1 10 9 |
| Per Rev. H. Patton..... | 5 18 7½ |
| Christ Church, Hamilton, per G. S. Gilkinson..... | 11 11 1 |
| St. John's, Berkeley, per Rev. Dr. Deaven..... | 1 16 3 |
| St. George's, Etobicoke, per Churchwarden..... | 0 17 9 |
| Nelson and Wellington-Square, per Rev. T. Greene..... | 2 0 0 |
| Rice Lake, per Rev. J. W. Beck..... | 0 10 0 |
| Binbrook..... | 0 13 2 |
| Ontario..... | 0 13 11 |
| Stony Creek..... | 0 9 2 |
| Per Rev. J. L. Alexander..... | 1 10 3 |

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| Bath, per Rev. W. F. Harper..... | 0 15 0 |
| St. Catharines, additional, per Rev. A. Atkinson..... | 0 10 0 |
| Barrie, per Churchwarden..... | 1 12 4 |
| St. James, Kemptville..... | 1 12 0 |
| Christ Church, per Churchwarden.. | 1 0 0 |
| St. Paul's, Yorkville, per Churchwarden..... | 8 17 7½ |
| St. George's, Guelph..... | 3 11 10 |
| Puslinch..... | 0 14 8 |
| Per Churchwarden..... | 4 6 6 |
| St. Stephen's, Vaughan, additional, per Rev. Dr. Blake..... | 0 5 0 |
| St. Paul's, Cavan..... | 1 10 0 |
| St. John's, Cavan..... | 1 0 0 |
| Per Rev. J. W. Allen..... | 2 10 0 |
| Lansdowne, Ch. Rear..... | 0 7 0 |
| Newboro'..... | 0 5 3 |
| New Boyne..... | 0 2 3 |
| Robinson School-house, Elizabethtown..... | 0 10 2 |
| Per Rev. F. Tremayne..... | 1 5 2 |
| Goulbourne..... | 0 8 5 |
| Christ Church, Huntley... .. | 0 4 11 |
| Jas. Hodgins' school, do.. .. | 0 5 11 |
| Donation from Mrs. Wilson..... | 0 0 8 |
| Per Rev. J. Godfrey..... | 0 19 11 |
| Christ Church, Emily..... | 0 15 4 |
| St. James..... | 0 2 9 |
| St. John..... | 0 2 2 |
| Per Rev. R. Harding..... | 1 0 3 |
| Dunnville..... | 1 15 0 |
| St. John's Church..... | 1 10 0 |
| Port Maitland..... | 0 10 0 |
| Per Rev. J. Flood... .. | 3 15 0 |
| Colborne..... | 1 5 0 |
| Grafton..... | 1 6 0 |
| Per Mrs. Wilson..... | 2 11 0 |
| St. John's, Stamford..... | 3 2 10 |
| St. George's, Drummondville..... | 2 16 3 |
| Per Rev. C. L. Ingles..... | 5 19 1 |
| St. George's, Georgina... .. | 0 12 4 |
| Sutton..... | 0 10 0 |
| Parks' Schoolhouse..... | 0 7 0 |
| Per Rev. W. Ritchie..... | 1 9 4 |
| St. John's, Bowmanville.. | 2 10 0 |
| Enniskillen..... | 0 10 0 |
| Per Rev. A. MacNab..... | 3 0 0 |
| Grimsby, per Rector..... | 0 10 0 |
| St. James', Perth..... | 2 10 0 |
| St. Paul's, Lanark..... | 0 5 0 |
| Per Rev. A. Pyne... .. | 2 15 0 |
| St. John the Baptist's Church, Oakridge, per Rev. Dr. Beaven..... | 2 3 6 |

120 Collections, amounting to.....£180 4 3

STUDENT'S FUND.

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| Rice Lake, per Rev. J. W. Beck..... | £1 5 0 |
| St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee..... | 0 5 0 |
| St. John's..... | 0 2 6 |
| Per Rev. W. B. Lauder..... | 0 7 6 |
| One-fourth Parochial subscription, Napanee, per Rev. W. B. Lauder.. | 1 1 0 |
| Annual subscription, per Rev. W. B. Lauder, xiv year..... | 1 5 0 |
| Do. per Rev. F. Tremayne..... | 1 5 0 |

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

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| St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee, per Rev. W. B. Lauder..... | £1 4 0 |
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GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

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| St. John's Baker's Corners, per Rev. W. B. Lauder..... | £0 7 0 |
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T. S. KENNEDY, Secretary.

FOURTEENTH REPORT OF THE TECUMSETH PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

In presenting this, the Fourteenth Report of the Tecumseth Parochial Branch of the Church Society, your Committee would thank God for enabling them again to state that our progress has been onward; and that during the past year our subscriptions showed an increase over those of the preceding year by £19; and this increase is the more gratifying from the fact of the money having been contributed for the express purpose of spreading the knowledge of the Redeemer's name amongst those less favored than ourselves.

During the past year the Rev. J. Langtry has been diligently labouring in Nottawasaga, Essa and Cookstown. In the two former places before Mr. Langtry's appointment only occasional services were performed; whilst now throughout that extensive mission Divine Service is steadily and regularly held. This must be to us a cause of much thankfulness, that in a great measure, through our instrumentality, those heretofore so destitute, have now the regular ministration of God's word, and Sacraments; and also that your minister, thus relieved of a portion of the charge he voluntarily assumed, and which occupied much of his time, is now enabled to devote the whole of his attention to your wants and to do what before was out of his power,—that is, visit regularly from house to house, those who are entrusted to his pastoral charge.

It is with much pleasure that your Committee can now state that the transfer of the deed of the Glebe of this Township has been effected, it being now vested in the Incumbent and Churchwardens of St. John's Church, thus securing in perpetuity what will, after a few years, be a valuable endowment for the Parish. Also, the deed of a quarter of an acre of land in a most eligible situation has been given for Church purposes, about a mile west of Davis's station, on which, it is hoped, a church will be erected before the close of the year. A subscription is also now been entered into for the purpose of purchasing a superior melodeon for Trinity Church; the organ heretofore used, and which was kindly lent by Mr. T. Gaviller, being very much out of repair.

St. John's Church, during the past year, has been neatly painted insiao; and the expense of which was defrayed by the voluntary contributions of the congregation.

The general receipts and expenditure have been as follows, besides the regular collections transmitted to the Parent Society:

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| RECEIPTS. | |
| Church Society..... | 61 0 0 |
| Minister's Stipend..... | 48 5 6 |
| Trinity Church Offering..... | 11 10 0 |
| St. John's Church do..... | 5 10 0 |
| For Painting St. John's Church..... | 10 0 0 |
| | 136 5 6 |
| EXPENDITURE. | |
| Remitted to Parent Society..... | 18 0 0 |
| Expense transferring of Glebe..... | 1 5 6 |
| Printing..... | 0 15 0 |
| Books and Tracts for distribution..... | 5 0 4½ |
| Paid Mr. Bunton Catechist, (balance of salary) | 4 0 0 |
| R. J. Langtry..... | 27 10 0 |
| For Painting St. John's Church..... | 10 0 0 |
| | 66 10 4½ |
| Add to which Minister's stipend and incidental expenses..... | 65 5 6 |
| | 131 15 10½ |
| | 136 5 6 |
| Balance in hand..... | 4 9 8½ |

The regular services (besides several occasional ones in various places) attended by your minister are as follows:

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Trinity Church—Every Sunday, and Sacrament administered first Sunday of every month.
 St. John's—Every Sunday except the first of each month. Sacrament five times a-year.
 Davis's Station—First Sunday afternoon each month.
 Penville—First Sunday evening each month.
 Matchell's School house—Second Sunday evening each month.

WEEKLY SERVICES.

Hammill's Stat'n—Third Wednesday each month.
 Davis's Station—Third Thursday each month.
 McCarthy's Station—Third Wednesday evening each month.

BIBLE AND CHURCH HISTORY CLASSES.

Hammill's School House—Third Wednesday afternoon each month.
 Davis's School House—Third Thursday afternoon each month.
 Trinity Church—Every alternate Friday afternoon.
 Church of England and Ireland Young Men's Society—Every Friday evening in the School House, Bond Head.

From these various classes, your minister hopes, after a little time, to obtain valuable assistance in conducting the Sunday Schools in various parts of the Township, which are not flourishing as they ought to do on account of the difficulty experienced in obtaining suitable teachers.

Your Committee in conclusion would express, in the name of the Society, their thanks to those young friends who so zealously exerted themselves as collectors, and trust that during the present year their labours of love will be crowned with equal or even greater success.

The accompanying Report was read at the annual meeting in February, after which subscriptions for the current year were asked for publicly at the meeting, which was very numerously attended; and also by the collectors. It was stated that whatever might be contributed would be expended in part towards the general funds of the Parent Society, and the remainder towards the support of missions in the destitute parts of the country. The result has been, that £84 4s. has been paid to the Treasurer, being an increase of £28 over last year's subscriptions, and 143 additional subscribers.

F. L. OSLER.

EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF THE WEST GWILLIMBURY PAROCHIAL BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, 1856.

In matters connected with the well being of the Church in this mission, the progress has been satisfactory. The calls for pecuniary assistance upon our members have been cheerfully responded to. The amount raised for Church objects during the past year was nearly £360 cy.

CHRIST'S CHURCH.

This Church having been greatly shattered by a storm which occurred some time ago, and rendered almost unfit for divine service, it has been determined to pull it down and to build on, or as near as possible to the present site, a brick Church. Plans and specifications have been supplied, the greater portion of the brick hauled to the spot, and the committee is only waiting the receipt of tenders for erecting the building before completing the other necessary arrangements. The estimated cost is £600, towards this £380 have been already subscribed.

TRINITY CHURCH, BRADFORD.

This congregation presents an encouraging aspect; the attendance upon divine service has been steady, and though we cannot boast of any large increase, there certainly has been no falling off. The offertory collections have slightly increased. A new Melodeon has been purchased at a cost of £26 6s. A bell has also been obtained and hung in the tower of the Church, at a cost of £54 10s. 0d. A stone foundation has been laid beneath the tower and part of the body of the Church. In carrying out these plans for the benefit of the congregation, much energy and praise-worthy zeal have been manifested by the Churchwardens, Messrs. Thompson & Swallow.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COULSON'S HILL.

The members of this congregation have to thank God that their long cherished wish has at length been attained in the erection of this Church, which was opened for divine service on the 27th of May last. The Rev. Prof. Irving of Trinity College, preached in the morning, and the Lord Bishop of Toronto in the afternoon, after which the Bishop administered the Holy rite of Confirmation to twenty-four young persons. Divine service is celebrated in this Church every Sunday in the year—the third Sunday of every month excepted. The members of the congregation have raised considerable sums in liquidation of the expenses incurred in the erection of this Church, but still there remains a debt of nearly £80, for which no provision has yet been made. The subscriptions in behalf of the Church Society, for the year ending April 30th, 1856, amount to £29 13s. 2d.; of this, £1 6s. 0d., the Rev. A. Hill's annual subscription, one-fourth of the balance, viz, £7 2s. 0d., and £3 in aid of the Indian mission, was transmitted to the Parent Society. Of the remaining sums £18 6s. 2d., £15 16s. 2d., has been paid in aid of the Nottawasaga mission, and £2 10s. 0d. for books for distribution.

ARTHUR HILL.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE NOTTAWASAGA MISSION, 1856.

This mission extends over about 400 square miles, and properly divides itself into two sections, there being twenty miles of unbroken woods running across the centre, while the northern and southern portions are thickly settled, and for the most part well cleared up.

The success which, by the blessing of God, has attended the efforts of your missionary is in a high degree satisfactory and encouraging. The congregations at almost every station have gradually increased—and your missionary trusts that the growing reverence and attention every where apparent—the more frequent joining, audibly, in the services of the Church, and the increased interest taken in her temporal affairs, afford reasons for believing that his labour has not been in vain in the Lord.

The six stations at which your missionary has performed regular service during the past year are as follows:

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

This church is situated in the village of Cookstown, on the concession of the four townships, West Gwillimbury, Tecumseth, Innisfil, and Essa. But little improvement has been made in the Church itself, though the money towards liquidating the old debt of £50 on the building of the church has for the most been collected. Steps are now in progress for fencing the burying ground, and subscriptions are

being raised to purchase a melodeon for the church. Service is performed in this church every second Sunday—the congregation is considerably increased—the responses much more generally read—and from sixty to seventy scholars attend the Sunday School when the roads are good.

MR. JOHN BANTING'S HOUSE.

Eight miles south of Cookstown, in the Township of Tecumseth. Here the congregation has almost doubled itself during the past year, and the same improvements are manifest as at Cookstown, though in an increased degree; service on the evening of the same Sunday as at Cookstown.

WILKINSON'S SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Ten miles west of Cookstown, in the Township of Essa. This congregation has of late very much increased, and proposals are made to build a church, if there were any prospect of regular Sunday service, which has generally been performed on Friday, though for the last few months, on the same Sunday as at Cookstown and Banting's. These stations form the southern portion of the mission, and would make a reasonable parish, which with faithful and constant visiting, might be made almost self-supporting in a year.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

In the village of Creemore, Township of Nottawasaga. The congregation, which was at first but twenty-five or thirty, is now regularly from eighty to one hundred. The Church has been finished with the exception of painting, and plastering, and efforts are being made to have that done in July. The people are for the most part but beginners in the back-woods, and have as yet received but little return for their labour, though they have manifested a most willing mind, and have contributed near two hundred pounds towards church purposes during the past year—service every second Sunday. There is a regular Sunday School kept in this Church, at which the average attendance, summer and winter, is sixty.

COLLINGWOOD.

Here the success of the Church has been most marked: for the first six months your missionary's congregation seldom exceeded fifteen or twenty, it is now at least one hundred and fifty regularly. An excellent choir has been formed, and the whole congregation join heartily in the services of the Church. Upwards of £500 have been subscribed for Church purposes—a frame building has been erected at a cost of £350, which is intended to be used as a church for two or three years, though ultimately as a school-house. A burying ground is about to be purchased; and a considerable sum has already been subscribed to buy a melodeon for the church. The Lord Bishop was petitioned to appoint your missionary to the northern portion of his present mission, and promised to do so, so soon as the necessary stipend was raised by the various congregations—£205 was at once subscribed for that purpose at Collingwood and Creemore—which is the greatest effort that has yet been made by any mission of but one year's standing towards the independent support of its clergyman. Collingwood is distant eighteen miles from Creemore, and service is performed on the same Sunday in both places.

MR. JAMES SHIEL'S HOUSE.

On the eighth line of Nottawasaga. With one or two exceptions, service has been held at this station on a week day, and the congregation in consequence is small. Your missionary sometimes visited the east part of the township of

Osprey, where there are a good many Church people, though but few assemble for service. Your missionary has performed one hundred and sixty services in these various stations during the past year, and in the discharge of his various duties has ridden about 4000 miles; while he has only had sixty-one baptisms, five marriages, and eight funerals. The Lord Bishop of Toronto held confirmations at Cookstown, Creemore and Collingwood, in which places together seventy-one candidates were confirmed. Meetings of the society were held at the same three stations, and parochial branches organized in each. The sums collected at Cookstown and adjacent stations amounted to £27. This the Rev. F. L. Osler claimed to aid in making up the quota of your missionary's stipend furnished by the Tecumseh branch; and it accordingly appears among the contributions of his mission. At Creemore the sum of £8 ls. has been collected. At Collingwood £10 11s. 9d., and the whole amount from both these stations has been forwarded to the parent society: which, together with the subscription of the Rev. J. Langtry of £3 makes the sum £18 12s. 9d. from the northern portion of the mission, and £45 12s. 9d. from all the stations at which collections have been taken up.

JOHN LANGTRY.

April 28, 1856.

REPORT OF LLOYDTOWN AND ALBION PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

January 15, 1856.

The objects of the Annual Meetings of the Parochial branches of the Church Diocesan and Missionary Society is to gather together the friends of our holy cause to commune one with another; to look back on the past, and considering the mercies of a good and gracious God draw encouragement therefrom to trust and not be afraid for the future. Your Committee, in presenting this their eleventh Report, do it with feelings of gratitude to God for vouchsafing year after year his blessing not only on this particular parish but on the whole Diocese of Western Canada; nor would they forget those benefits which have been bestowed on the United Church of England and Ireland, wherein her faithful sons have put forth her high and scriptural claims on the sympathy and co-operation of the various congregations to whom they ministered, whether at home or abroad. True, storms and trials have assailed her,—the overflowing of ungodly men have sought to make her afraid; the spoilers, backed by those who should have been her friends, have entered her enclosures with the hope that they would rob her altogether of her worldly possessions, and that when they had so done, she would fall to the ground, and become weak even as they. But they forget mid their vain boasting, that while they trusted to an arm of flesh, our own loved Church had long since learned that it was better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man; yea, that it was better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. It has been permitted however, by an allwise God, that as far as Canada is concerned, the spoilers should in part have their desire, but he marked the line to which they should advance, and beyond it they could not go. He marked the portion which they should leave, and take it they could not, and though the residue may be small, even in comparison, but the handful of corn, yet if cast forth in faith, each grain thereof shall vegetate and bear fruit; yea, the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon.

Your Committee would take this opportunity to bring under your notice the financial state of the Parish of Lloydtown and Albion, in order to encourage those whose hands have not been idle, and to excite an interest in the minds of those who hitherto have forgotten the work they have to do.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS.

These are taken up at the three principal Sunday appointments, and which, including the quarterly collections required to be made on behalf of the Parent Society, amount to £33 17s. 3½d. viz.—St. Mary's, Mag. Lloydtown, £18; Christ's Church, Bolton, £11; St. James's £4 16s. 1½; these collections, after deducting the quarterly ones, are applied to meet the necessary expenses of the several Churches.

THE DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS, made after our last annual meeting, £17 11s. 10d.

LLOYDTOWN, including what was collected at Woodrow's station, £20, to which must be added a balance of 9s. 1½ from previous year; of this £6 5s. was forwarded to the Parent Society, and the balance applied to the Parsonage Fund.

ALBION, including Christ's Church at Bolton, from which the greater amount was collected, St. James's and Rudley's station, £27 11s. 10d., to which must be added £7 5s. 1d., balance from previous year. Of this amount £7 5s. was forwarded to Parent Society, £10 granted to aid in the erection of a new church on Lot No. 20, 2nd Con. Albion, £10 towards Lloydtown Parsonage Fund, £1 18s. in purchasing rewards &c. for Sunday School, leaving a balance in hand of £5 13s. 11d.

CLERGYMAN'S INCOME.

The total amount received towards this fund from several stations was £100 2s. 6d.; Lloydtown £41 1s. 3d.; Christ's Church, Bolton, £27 5s.; St. James's, £12 10s.; Sandhill, £13 1s. 3d.

PARSONAGE FUND.

Total amount on Subscription List, £227 3s. 7½d.; amount received, £160 13s. 7½d.; amount paid by Treasurer £171 14s. 3.

The Church to which reference was made in our last year's report has been completed and opened for divine service, while the parsonage has been covered in, and we hope the brick work secured from the severe frost.

Your Committee were grieved to learn that a few female friends connected with Christ's Church, Bolton, on Christmas day forwarded to the wife of their clergyman two pieces of plate "as a token of their Christian love and regard."

In conclusion, your Committee in submitting this their Annual Parochial Report to this meeting, cannot but hope that the same feelings which actuate themselves as they consider God's care over, and his mercy towards this parish may actuate others, viz.—gratitude for the past, personal action for the future, and a firm determination to uphold in her purity the United Church of England and Ireland, remembering ever that past experience confirms this truth, that the Lord is her rock, her fortress and deliverer.

REPORT OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BRANCH CHURCH SOCIETY, 1855-6.

From the Parochial Reports which have been forwarded to the Secretary, the following statement of subscriptions and donations is submitted.

CORNWALL AND MOULINETTE.

The Rector reports that he is gratified in being able to state that there is an increase in the

gross amount of the collections for the Church Society during the past year. This increase, though much smaller than it ought to be, he yet holds as a token that the good cause is at all events not losing ground in the Parish, and he hopes that by God's blessing he may be able to record a more gratifying increase another year.

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| Annual Subscriptions and donations | £35 0 0 |
| Donation of Fees by the Rector | 1 18 9 |
| Girl's Parochial School Missionary box | 0 13 1½ |
| Proceeds of Four Annual Sermons | 19 15 6 |
| | £57 7 4½ |

BROCKVILLE.

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| Annual Subscriptions | £5 0 0 |
| Quarterly Collections | 49 7 0 |
| | £54 7 0 |

This sum total is less than that contributed last year, which is owing to the fact that the Rector appropriated the offerings made on Thanksgiving day, August, 1854, amounting to £21 12s. 0d., to the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

ELIZABETHTOWN.

The Parochial Committee of this Branch of the Church Society have nothing of a special nature to report respecting their operations during the past year. The subscriptions for the past year amount to £13, being an increase of £3 over last year.

PRESCOTT AND MAITLAND.

The Annual Report of the United Branches of Prescott and Maitland is as follows:

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| Prescott | £20 10 0 |
| Maitland | 0 6 4 |
| Mission Fund | 0 19 1 |
| Widows and Orphans' Fund | 0 4 9 |
| Students' Fund | 8 7 3 |
| General Purpose Fund | 5 0 4 |
| | £36 0 6 |

Of the Annual Subscriptions, one-fourth has been forwarded to the Parent Society, and the balance expended on Parochial purposes.

HAWKESBURY AND YANKLEEK HILL.

The Missionary, in forwarding the Report says, "Upon reviewing the operations of this Parochial Branch, we see much cause for gratitude to Almighty God for the measure of success accorded to it. Feeling the pressure of their own local wants, the people of this Mission are determined to use their best exertions to increase the Funds of the Church Society, knowing the more they raise for this purpose so much the more proportionably will they be able to appropriate to Parochial purposes."

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| Annual Subscription | £25 5 0 |
| Quarterly Collections | 14 12 0 |
| | £39 17 0 |

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| Quarterly Collections | £4 14 0 |
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SOUTH MOUNTAIN.

In transmitting his report, the Missionary says, the Quarterly Collections for the different objects of the Church Society, have been remitted together with my own subscription, amounting to £4 13s. 9d.

I have been unable, I regret to say, to keep up a Parochial Branch of the Church Society, from the fact that the committee that was appointed two years ago, met with so many discouragements among a people who are striving to pay for land, that they gave up the hope of success for the present. During the year 1855 I travelled on duty 2,038 miles, and I have reason to believe that my labours were blessed.

The sum total of contributions in this district amount to £280 Gs. 0½d., being less than that of last year by £71 13s. 11½d. This deficiency

however, may be accounted for by the fact that the secretary received no report from five parishes.

J. HARVEY LEWIS, *Secretary.*

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PENETANGUISHENE BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO, PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. JAMES'S CHURCH PENETANGUISHENE, ON FRIDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1860.

In our Annual Reports on former occasions, we have reminded the members of the Church Society that the time would soon arrive when the liberal assistance which we in this Province have so long received from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, towards the support of our branch of Christ's Holy Catholic Church would cease; and that its future maintenance would devolve on the members of the Church resident in this Province.

The exact time when this assistance would be discontinued was not precisely known, but has at length been declared by the Venerable Society in its report for the year 1855. From this we learn that our aged but indefatigable bishop had made an urgent appeal to the society, and though, through the increasing claims on its funds, and the withdrawal of the Queen's letter in their favor, the Society was not able wholly to comply with his request, yet, considering the great loss we had sustained by the spoliation of the Church through the taking away the Clergy Reserves, its undoubted property, they have in part complied with our zealous Bishop's request, and will give some assistance this year and the two following, when all liabilities for the Diocese of Toronto will cease. We know now that we have only ourselves to depend upon, and this should encourage us to increased efforts to support the Church Society, as it will be mainly by its instrumentality that the growing wants of Christ's Church in the newly settled parts of the Province can be supplied. As we have long looked forward to this time, so we have been endeavoring to prepare for it as far as the limited means furnished by the subscriptions to our branch of the Church Society will allow. In our last report we mentioned that the Churchwardens, being desirous to expend the Church endowment fund in the purchase of town lots, had petitioned the Government to be allowed to purchase a block of five acres at the upset prices, and though their petition was not granted in the way desired, yet their object was partially effected, as the letters to the Churchwardens in answer to the petition will shew: it is as follows:—

LETTER READ.

We have therefore now the block of two acres, and we have still in hand the sum of between £14 and £15 for the purchase of more land. The Committee would suggest that the three-fourths at our disposal this year be added to the Endowment Fund, and that a purchase of town lots be made in the neighborhood of the lot granted to us as soon as an opportunity offers.

By a resolution of last year a small sum was voted to be expended in Bibles and Prayer-books to be kept ready for sale at this place: a few Bibles and Prayer-books to the amount of £4 19s. 9d. have been procured, and a part of them have been sold. Your committee, however, having learnt that a member of our society (who has frequent opportunities of taking books to the neighborhood of the settlers to some distance around us) has purchased some Bibles and Prayer-books, and also other books of a religious, moral and entertaining character,

which he sells without making any profit himself, they think that it will be advisable to close that account, as their object will be effectually attained by this plan.

Since our last meeting a neat bell-turret has been erected for the bell so kindly given by Mrs. Mitchell. The sum actually raised for that purpose was about eleven or twelve pounds, a sum which amounted to about half the estimated cost. Owing we believe to the great press of business or from some other cause, no regular mechanic could be found to erect it at the time required. In this difficulty the work was undertaken by two young men members of the Church, who completed it in the course of last summer. As they undertook the work without any idea of profit, half the sum they received was expended in Bibles, Prayer-books, and other books for the purposes of sale in the manner which has just before been mentioned in this report.

Your Committee are happy to learn that the settlers at Victoria Hill have begun their Church, and hope to finish it ready for service by next summer or fall. The Parent Church Society in Toronto has voted the sum of £7 10s., which will be paid to them as soon as the Church is enclosed. The collection at Victoria Hill was larger last year than it has been before, and it is hoped that this liberality of the parent society will be repaid a hundred-fold as the settlers gradually clear away the woods and improve their property. As to ourselves, though we only hand over one-fourth of our subscriptions to the general society, yet we trust that we indirectly benefit it in another way, to the extent at least in which we are gradually advancing in the necessary work of the endowment of our Church. Could we once accomplish this object, we should then be more able to assist the more destitute parts of the country around us, and by this means help to lighten the burdens of the general society.

Our offertory collections, including the four annual sermons, amount to about £22, being the same as the year before. It is natural to expect an increase year by year; but it should be remembered that we have lost several of the members of the Church by their leaving this part of the country. Our list of subscribers to the Church Society is not yet made up, and though we may expect to experience some diminution from the same cause as affects our offertory collections, still we hope, that when the subscriptions at a distance from our clergyman's monthly stations are received, the whole amount will be equal to that of former years: it is most gratifying to your committee to observe that two of our last year's subscribers, though they have left this part of the country and are gone to a distance, have sent their subscriptions for this year also.

In concluding their report the committee would again remind the members of the Church that as we can no longer expect assistance from our long tried and liberal friends, the members of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, so we must use our endeavors to increase the subscriptions to this branch of the Church Society: only let us use the same earnestness in supporting the cause of the Church of Christ as we do in conducting our worldly affairs, and then we need not fear but that God will enable us not only to accomplish the objects of the Church Society as far as regards ourselves, but also to assist in extending the same advantages to those beyond us who may still be contending with the difficulties which we then shall have so happily overcome.

GEO. HALLEN, *Chairman.*
W. SIMPSON, *Sec. & Treasurer.*

To the Editor of the Echo.

DEATH OF THE REV. T. W. MARSH.

LIVERPOOL, August 15th, 1856.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Allow me to make known, through the medium of your paper, the sad bereavement which the Church in Canada has sustained by the melancholy death of one of its most faithful and beloved ministers, the Rev. T. W. Marsh of Norval. Having been kindly permitted by the Lord Bishop of Toronto to spend a few months with some relatives in England for the recruiting of his strength, he embarked with Mrs. Marsh on board the Montreal and Liverpool Ocean Steamship *Canadian*, which left Quebec on Saturday, the 2nd inst. Nothing in particular occurred on board to distinguish the passage from any other up to the following Saturday, when a most deplorable mistake was committed by our bedroom steward, which resulted in the death of our much esteemed brother. Having been a fellow-passenger of his, I am fully acquainted with the sad details of the accident, a summary of which I will subjoin, as they will doubtless be read with the most painful interest by Church people in Canada. A little before 8 o'clock on the morning referred to, Mr. Marsh, being then in his state-room, asked the steward if there was any Plantagenet water on board; the latter replied that he did not think there was: he then asked the steward if there were any mineral water on board, who replied that there was. Mr. Marsh then requested him to go and procure him some. The steward presently returned with a basin of about a quart in measure, full of some fluid, which he placed into Mr. Marsh's hands observing that he might keep the basin in the washstand. Mr. Marsh thereupon drank a mouthful of it, but finding it burned his mouth and throat so severely, he at once withdrew the basin from his lips, and exclaimed, "You have half killed me." It would appear, however, that the steward had by this time left and accordingly did not hear the remark. Mr. Marsh then went on deck, and finding himself getting very ill, he told the steward that the water which he had given him had not agreed with him. The steward answered, "Did you drink it? I did not give it to you to drink, but to sprinkle the floor with." Alas! alas!—being totally ignorant of the use of Plantagenet or other mineral water, and having mistaken Mr. Marsh's object in applying to him for some, he had brought him a disinfecting fluid of a deadly poisonous nature—viz., a concentrated solution of chloride of lime, which was kept in a large jar on board for deodorizing purposes. The mistake was no sooner discovered than the doctor was applied to, who immediately sent for poor Mr. Marsh into his surgery, and by the administration of emetics and antidotes exerted his utmost skill to counteract the virulent properties of the fluid. It would seem, however, that too much of the poison had been absorbed into the system before any remedy was applied, and that the fatal work had been already done; for although at intervals he experienced some relief, he endured the greatest sufferings, and gradually grew weaker until the following Tuesday evening, when he expired at nine o'clock.

As there is some discrepancy between the foregoing account and the evidence given by the steward at a Coroner's Inquest, which was held on the body when we arrived in port, I may mention that I have given Mr. Marsh's own account of the conversation which took place between himself and the steward upon his first applying to him for Plantagenet water.

It is needless to describe the universal gloom which the dreadful event cast upon all on board,

more particularly the after-cabin passengers, whose more immediate intercourse with Mr. Marsh had enabled them to learn and appreciate his most estimable and truly christian-like character. The deep affliction into which his poor widow was thus suddenly plunged, was shared in by all, and as many as could, strove to alleviate her distress by surrounding her with their warmest sympathies.

In order to show how thoroughly imbued his mind was with that precious spirit which Christ came to breathe on all who would truly follow Him, I may state that, when praying shortly before his death, at his bedside he made me the parting request, that I would assure his flock he died in the full faith of our Saviour, relying for his everlasting salvation on the great sacrifice which had once been made for the sins of the whole world, and that he earnestly exhorted each one and all of them so to live that so also they might come to die. As evidencing likewise one of the many graces of which his character was composed, I may further add, that with the view of sparing the unhappy steward as much as possible the pain of self-condemnation for having occasioned his death, in his last conversation with his beloved wife he desired her to assure him that he considered it was altogether an accident, and that he did not reproach him in the least.

The funeral is to take place to-morrow, and the remains of our departed brother are to be interred in the beautiful cemetery of St. James's, in this town.

I am, Rev. and dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
WM. DAVID.

Miscellaneous.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

79 Pall Mall, August 9th, 1856.

The monthly meeting of the society was held July 18, 1856. The Bishop of Gibraltar in the chair.

The Rev. Silas Crosse, late missionary at Herring Neck, Newfoundland, was, after full communication with the Bishop of Quebec, appointed to the vacant mission of Cape-Cove, on the bay of Gaspé.

The sanction of the society was granted to the transfer of the Rev. H. Hamilton, from the mission of Ferryland, in Newfoundland, to some mission in Nova Scotia, to be determined by the Bishop of that diocese.

A letter was read from the Bishop of Newfoundland, dated June 25th, announcing the melancholy intelligence of the death of the Rev. Thomas Boland, in a snowdrift, near his own mission of Sandy Point, St. George's Bay, on the west coast, in the beginning of March. The society resolved that his missionary stipend should be continued to Midsummer, and that a grant of £100 should be made to his widow.

In the same letter, the Bishop announced the death of Kallihirus, the native Esquimaux student of St. John's Theological Institution. He died on the 14th of June,

and is much missed; for his kind, gentle, and submissive ways had endeared him to all.

It was further resolved, that two clergymen be sent to Newfoundland to fill the places left vacant by the removal of Mr. Hamilton and the death of Mr. Boland, as soon as well qualified men can be found.

It is with sincere sorrow that the society records the death of the exemplary and devoted Bishop of Grahamstown. He has been called away from the midst of a most laborious, yet most hopeful missionary work. The sad intelligence was first conveyed to the society by the Rev. John Hardie, the Bishop's chaplain, in the following letter addressed to the secretary:—

"Grahamstown, May 24, 1856.

"Rev. and dear Sir,—It is my painful duty to announce, through you to the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the death of our beloved Bishop, which took place, after a short illness, on the 16th of this month. His strength had been on the decline for some months, but his zeal would allow him no rest; and I have reason to believe that the fatigues and anxieties of a visit to the missions in Caffraria, from which he had just returned, had so reduced his vital powers, that they were unable to cope with the disease (*purpura hæmorrhagica*) which, after a short interval, attacked him. He may be truly said to have died in the harness of a Christian soldier. It was my privilege to minister to him in his last days on earth; and in the midst of sorrow for his loss, it is a comfort to be able to bear witness to his friends at home, that, as his life had been, such was his end—full of faith, and hope, and love. After he had made his peace with God, and sealed it by the reception of the Holy Communion, he blessed his wife and children with much emotion. From that moment nothing disturbed him more. A few hours, entirely free from pain and troubled thoughts, during which he frequently joined in prayer, were yet vouchsafed to him; and at last he fell asleep, almost without a pang.

"To us, who have watched the course, short, yet already fruitful, of his apostolic labours in South Africa, the loss seems irreparable; but our sight is too short to reach the issues of God's counsels. Faith teaches us that His work has not been begun by His servant in vain, but that other labourers will be raised up in succession to carry it on.

"May they be as gentle, and pure, and wise as he who has been thus early called to his reward; and may they walk in his footsteps, who himself strove humbly to follow his blessed Lord's!"

A letter on the same mournful subject has since been received from the Bishop of Capetown, and has arrived only just in time for insertion:—

"It is with the deepest grief that I write to announce to you that last night's post brought the news of the death of my dear brother, the Bishop of Grahamstown, after a short illness. He died in the evening of Friday, the 16th, and was to be buried on Monday. I inclose his chaplain's short and hurried note to me on this sad occasion, and also Sir G. Grey's kind note. With him I think the Bishop's death not only

one of the greatest calamities that could have befallen the Church here, but a heavy loss to all South Africa. During the short time that he has been amongst us, he had endeared himself to very many, and won the respect and confidence of his diocese. His many gifts, his deep and fervent piety, were producing a great impression around him. Over-work and over-anxiety have, I believe, been the chief causes of his death, which, from all I gather from those around him at the time, was hastened by the misrepresentations of certain persons, not in his diocese, but, alas! in mine.

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"No one will succeed or give satisfaction, in the very arduous post now vacant, but one of like mind with the late Bishop, and willing to walk in his steps. He must be a sound and zealous Churchman, filled with a missionary spirit, not easily daunted by difficulties, bold and prompt in his plans, yet with sober and matured judgment, not afraid of incurring responsibility, a thorough man of business, and one who will work cordially with the devoted set of men already in the field."

Governor Sir George Grey says: "I cannot tell you what a loss I consider him to the whole of South Africa, and how deeply I personally lament his death."

A private letter says: "The whole town is in mourning. The funeral was at the public expense, but all done with the most delicate consideration."

The Rev. J. Wilson, from Grafton, Canada West, arrived in England on June 9th.

FROM THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PESHAWUR.

A LETTER has been received from Colonel Herbert Edwardes, Commissioner at Peshawur, dated Nov. 21, 1855, in which he says—

"Mr. Clark's exertions during the last hot weather, in the discouraging task of beginning a school on Missionary principles in a Mahomedan city, have been very great indeed, and have been rewarded with more success than could reasonably have been expected. Both teaching and preaching, by Mr. Pfänder, have now been introduced into this ultra-Mahomedan city, without exciting violence, which alone is a victory. Every day accustoms the people to innovation; and soon it will seem no more strange to them, than that Hindoos are worshipping idols and no true Moslem breaking them. The first step is the difficulty in these matters. After that it is impossible that the presence of really good men, Europeans without European pride, and with all European knowledge, mixing with the natives on kindly terms, teaching their children better than they could be taught elsewhere, and radiating generally the genial influence of Christian good-will towards all men, should not succeed in softening angry feeling, dispersing prejudice, attracting curiosity and inquiry, and winning a large amount of humanity and respect.

FUH-CHAU FUH.

We regret to state that Mrs. McCaw, the wife of the Rev. F. McCaw, died at Fuh-chau fuh on the 9th of October: her infant has survived. Mr. McCaw has suffered severely by this bereavement, but has been enabled to rise above it, and pursue his work vigorously. In his letter of the 12th of October he says—

"There is no impediment whatever to the spread of the Gospel here; and, unless the authorities disturb our plans, there is every prospect of a blessing for this city. If our application for chapels and schools in the city succeed, of which you have seen in our journals and reports, we shall then be more highly favoured than any of the Missions in China. It is pleasing to see that the books are not only gladly received, but that they are eagerly read, and with delight. I have seen literary graduates remain a quarter of an hour at my gate reading, and seemingly explaining to others the subjects they had read."

ABYSSINIA.—PALESTINE.

Extract of a Letter from the Bishop of Jerusalem, dated Jerusalem, December 10, 1855.

"Last Friday evening, the 7th, we had a very full meeting at the schoolhouse, when I delivered the Instructions to the four Missionaries for Abyssinia; and I think the reply of one of them, in the name of all, could not have been heard without emotion and edification by the Committee of the Church Missionary Society, chiefly for its humility, good sense, and faith. They have left us this morning to embark to-morrow at Jaffa (God willing); and they will tarry in Egypt till they get the Bibles and New Testaments from England, which I have asked from the British and Foreign Bible Society; unless, indeed, this supply should be retarded on the one hand, and, on the other hand, unless there is a good number of Bibles at Cairo, in which case they will start, at the latest, in the middle of January 1856.

"In the middle of my troubles I have been much encouraged by the interest which by far the larger number of our community take in this Mission. They have already contributed about £20 for it, and I understand there is another collection going on, which will bring about £14 more. Is not this much for poor Jerusalem, when it is remembered that the Consul and the richest members gave nothing?"

"Yesterday before service we had a violent storm, with thunder and lightning, and much rain. I thought this would prevent our people from attending, but they all came in due time: even the Protestants of the Anglo-Turkish Contingent attended. These men seem anxious to use the means of grace as long as they can. They will soon be sent to the Crimea."

"The poor soldiers came to take leave. I gave them an exhortation to act faithfully, not as worldly soldiers of the cross. During their stay here two Mahomedan soldiers were convinced of the truth through their instrumentality; they wished to be baptized, but the time was too short to prepare them. However, they are determined to embrace the opportunity to enter into the fold of Christ's flock. I gave them a general letter of recommendation to the chaplains of the army, and other pious soldiers in the Crimea."

"Our Mission seems to have a more encouraging aspect. After the boys had been dismissed from school to-day, two of them were walking home together with their books under their arms. A Catholic priest met them. He stopped, and took hold of one of their books: it was the New Testament. Then looking at the boy, he said, 'But are you a Christian?' The boy replied, 'No, I am a Jew.' Then, turning to the other he asked, 'And what are you?' 'A Mahomedon,' was the answer. By this time the teacher had come up, and the priest said to him, 'If I had not seen this with my own eyes, I could not have believed that Jews and Mahomedons would read the gospel.' Yes,' said the teacher, 'it may well appear marvellous in your eyes; in our school they all read the gospel.' 'This is God's work,'"

WEST-AFRICA MISSION.

Bishop Weeks arrived in Sierra Leone on the 14th of November. The event is thus noticed in the "New Era," a Sierra Leone paper—

"The 'Ethiophe' brought us our long-looked-for Bishop, the Right Rev. J. W. Weeks, D. D., with a number of Missionary clergymen for this coast. The arrival of Dr. Weeks among us, as may have been expected from the familiar acquaintance with him of the many who had, in days long past, experienced the benefits of his earlier ministry, created an almost indescribable excitement. One and all rushed to the wharf to greet him who, though as a new bishop, was still their same old friend.

"The demonstration on the part of the native people was pleasing in the extreme. All eager to shake hands with their old father, and their beloved matron, Mrs. Weeks, they seemed for a moment to forget all decorum; and, hugging as closely as possible to the beloved pair, a little timidity alone restrained them from giving vent to their natural warmth: of African gratitude and affection.

"The appointment of a bishop to this colony could not have been more happy. The people seem to feel at home with him and to regard him with affection; the demon-

strations could not fail to be pleasurable even to the most disinterested observer."

OUR MISSIONARY FORCE.

The establishment of our Mission at present, in Sierra Leone, is

7 Ordained Missionaries, 3 Ordained Native Missionaries, 1 European Catechist, 3 European Male Teachers, 3 European Female Teachers, 1 Country-born Catechist, 6 Native Male Teachers, 8 Native Christian Visitors, 66 Native Teachers and Schoolmasters, 7 Native Schoolmistresses, at home sick 6 Ordained Missionaries.

FREETOWN.

Pademba-Road District is under the charge of the Rev. James Beale, who has also taken the villages of Goderich and Lunley. We present an extract from his journal.

June 4—I spent this day, in a distant part of the town, in pastoral visits. I visited every house, whether heathen or Christian. Was sorry to find, from personal observation, that many were again setting up idols in their houses. I, however, found a much better feeling among them towards myself. I sat down in the houses of several heathens who never attended any place of worship. Some of these were formerly very violent, but now kind, especially one that struck my visitor, and was a terror to the neighbourhood. He now allowed me to sit down in his house and converse freely on eternal things. In two such families, the reception, as contrasted with former days, was very striking. The shipwreck we suffered I found was still the subject of their conversation, and even yet seems to be the Lord's way of opening their hearts. Many promised to come to God's house, some in such a way that I feel satisfied they will ere long fulfil their promise. Though there is much Christianity in this colony, yet it appals one, when looking closely into the masses, to see how many are yet living in the grossest ignorance and superstition.

KISSEY-ROAD CHURCH.

The Rev. T. Maxwell, our native Missionary in charge of the congregation of this church, has forwarded his journal up to the 30th of Sept. 1855.

Feb. 7—About two o'clock on Tuesday morning I was awoken by a great cry at no great distance from my house: it was a mournful announcement that death had come among us, and had ushered an immortal being into eternity; yet who the unhappy victim was I could not guess, not being aware of any of my neighbours being dangerously ill. At day-break I inquired and received the intelligence that J. W., one of my best communicants, was dead. I was the more surprised by the information, as twenty-four hours had scarcely elapsed since I last saw him, most laboriously occupied in blasting stones. I was

informed, that on the Monday I saw him, in the evening, he complained of a sore throat, and ate no supper, when he appears to have had a strong presentiment that death was not far distant. His conversation abruptly took a solemn turn: he at once gave charges to his family, and told them that his earthly career was ended. They, on the other hand, not dreaming of so mournful an event, seemed not to have entered into his feelings, mildly rebuked his apprehensions; upon which he said, "I have done." He then took himself to his sofa, and the family soon after retired. About two at night, one of his daughters calling and not receiving an answer, went to awake him, when he was found to be a corpse. How fleeting is human life! as a vapour so soon passeth it away, and we are gone. J. W. is a loss both to his family and to the congregation. To the former he was always kind and affectionate: to the latter he was useful by his steady, persevering example. He was active in business, "sergent in spirit, serving the Lord;" and thus he gave testimony that diligence in lawful callings is no hindrance to attention to religious duties. In this point of view I endeavour to improve his death to the congregation. He was punctual at morning prayers, was generally known and sought after as an industrious mason and stone-cutter; above all, he was an humble Christian. He used often to say, "I can't do any thing by myself, but I look to the mercy of Christ to help me." Thus passed this humble follower of Christ from a world of toil and sorrow to a world of rest and peace.

KISSEY VILLAGE.

under the charge of the Rev. W. Young. His journal, up to the 29th Sept. 1855, has been received, and we give the following extracts from it.

CONGREGATION—COMMUNICANTS.

The regular and attentive congregations attending divine worship twice on the Lord's-day, for the past six months, have been encouraging. The average attendance is 780 in the morning, and 450 in the evening, including children. The Wednesday-evening service has not been so well attended throughout the rainy season. Although it is gratifying to the servant of Jesus Christ to see, from Sabbath to Sabbath a constant, attentive, and orderly congregation assembled before him in a country like this, yet when he attempts to reckon up the success which has attended his labours, there is much cause for humiliation and prayer; for humiliation, because of his defective ministrations; for humble prayer for a larger measure of the quickening, the life-giving Spirit, to bring home the preached gospel of Christ to the hearts of the hearers.

The constant and regular Sabbath-day ministrations, the stated religious instruction of the number of classes into which 731 converts at my station are divided, visiting the schools, pastoral visitation from house to house, special visitations of the sick, cases of church discipline and government, secular and ministerial duties, all partaking much of monotony, seem to circumscribe the bounds of the Missionary within his own immediate station. He cannot well leave his people, even for a little while for rest and quietness; and there is danger of settling down in a routine of business in such a debilitating climate as Sierra Leone. He must go habitually to the throne of divine grace, and derive fresh and constant supplies of the spirit of Christ, to resist the temptation and feeling of disaffection to his work as an every-day matter of course, and of esteeming the glory of Christ in the salvation of the souls of his people of less importance. The Missionary, as well as others, needs time to refresh his own mind with reading and meditation, that he may teach the divine truths of Christ he himself experiences, in the meekness of wisdom, and with humbleness of mind, to his people.

The number of communicants is 424. Of some of them I must confess I stand in doubt of their Christian sincerity; for, looking at them in the light our blessed Lord gives us, "by their fruits ye shall know them," one of the distinguishing marks is absence from the public means of grace, and also from our religious meetings. A large majority, however, are an example to the flock in constancy of obedience to the word of the Lord, and endeavour to glorify Him in sincerity of love.

ENDOWMENT OF NATIVE CHURCHES IN INDIA.

The Tinnevely Mission has long been the receiver of the overflowing bounty of English Christians. It has been in existence, more or less completely, for a century, during which it has experienced ever increasing support. Some forty years since the Mission was divided into districts, over which European clergymen were sent to preside. Nazareth was one of these districts. In it were baptized the most early Christians, and it has enjoyed longer almost than any other district the care and expensive support of the mother Church, and so the English societies are now justly beginning to look to the native Christians to support their own Church; and self-sustentation is the idea on which every Missionary in the province must, more or less, keep his eye fixed. As the spirit of religion is to be kept alive by the Christians themselves in their hearts (by a diligent use of the means of grace), so it

is but right that all the external appliances of that religion should be supported by themselves. Some societies have already been obliged to withdraw that support which for years they have been in the habit of giving to the Indian Church, and which is more imperatively called for in other neglected vineyards. The time will come when this help will necessarily be taken from all our Missions. Aaron and Hur cannot always support the arms of Moses. To prepare for this time, which is surely coming, and to give the Christians of Nazareth a helping hand at starting, it is proposed to found the "Nazareth Endowment Fund."

For six years past it has been the custom to hold annual collections in every village of the district, during the joy of the Easter week. The natives themselves give liberally, and their donations have been largely increased by the benefactions of a few European friends to the Mission. So that latterly, these collections have realized annually a sum somewhat exceeding Rs. 800.

Hitherto the money thus collected has been spent in supplying the wants of the district, in building substantial churches and school-rooms, in purchasing gongs and bells, and consolidating the material part of Christianity. Henceforward it is proposed to make the money that may be realized from time to time the basis of a sinking fund, which will go on gradually accumulating till the interest alone shall maintain the future Catechist, and supply the other wants of the Nazareth Mission, rendering it in a few years independent of continued aid from its Mother English Church.

The Nazareth district comprises seventeen villages, and in them there are in connexion with the Mission 4,147 persons, of whom 2,793 have been baptized. During the past year 83 adults and 129 children were baptized. The number of communicants is above 400: 791 children are receiving Christian instruction, boys 426, and girls 365. Sunday schools are kept in all the villages, and are satisfactorily attended.

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