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CHURCH SOCIETY NOTICE.

The Clergy are respectfully reminded that a collection is to be taken up during the present menth in aid of the DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND. They will please remit the proceeds to the undersigned, prior to the close of the menth.

The Parochial Collections should be sent in to the several District Treasurers in time to enable them to remit the same to the undersigned before the 30th inst., on

which day the books will be closed.

WM. P. ATKINSON, Secretary,

Church Society's Office, Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

PLAN FOR THE SUPPORT OF INDIAN MISSIONS.

RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

Although the conversion and civilization of the Indians of this continent is one of the important objects recognized by the Church Society of this Diocese it is admitted on all sides, that too little has, hitherto, been done for this poor people. Their claims on the Christian consideration of the Church and the country are of the strongest character. Many favourable opportunities for benefitting them have been lost for the want of means. Others fortunately are still open, and as the *Indians* earnestly desire they should be taken advantage of by the Church, the Committee appointed by the Synod and Church Society to watch over their interests—feel called on to make an earnest effort to provide funds to succour our existing Missions and open new ones in Lakes Huron and Superior.

Fears have been entertained that efforts in behalf of Indian Missions would seriously interfere with the support of Missionaries among the destitute white settlers. To obviate this objection, the Committee respectfully beg to submit to the consideration of the Church the following plan for raising funds for these Missions, viz:

That the children in every Sunday School throughout the Diocese, who may be able to subscribe 20 cents annually, be invited to enrol their names, as Volunteers in the "Missionary Army of Christ"—engaging to pay, through their Teachers on the first Sundays in January, April, July, and October, the sum of five cents per quarter, and that the Teachers and others connected with the Schools (the office bearers in the army,) be expected to subscribe at least 10 cents per quarter. Cards, Registers, and the necessary appliances for carrying out this plan systematically, will be furnished the Incumbent of each Parish or Mission.

To enable the children of the Church generally to take part in the good work, it is recommended that Collecting boxes be entrusted to those whose conduct entitles them to such a mark of confidence.

These boxes are to be handed in, at the above specified quarterly periods, to the Superintendent of the Sunday School—who shall, with the aid of at least two Teachers, carefully record the amount in each box—and forward a report of the same, with the amount collected during the quarter (prepaid and registered) to the Secretary of the Church Society, in order that it may be placed to the credit of the Indian Mission Fund.

Such an organization it is hoped will prove highly beneficial to the interests of the Church generally. It will not only create an interest in mission work generally, but will supply a want from which the Church in Canada is suffering seriously, owing to the system of endowments in the mother Church in which the large majority of our members have been trained. The proposed organization will doubtless prove a nursery in which the rising generation from their carliest years, will be taught the important duty of "honouring the Lord with their substance," and doing what in them lies to "make God's ways known upon earth: his saving health among all nations."

It is but due to the excellent Editor of The Spirit of Missions—(an interesting Church periodical, published under the auspices of the General Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, 19 Bible House, New York,)—to acknowledge that the above suggestion is taken from his noble enterprise of embodying the Church Sunday School Children of the Union in an army of young soldiers of Christ. In the largeness of his heart he has called for 100,000 recruits. The organization has only been a year in existence, and he has already enlisted upwards of 28,000, and reports that the work is "going on bravely."

The receipts, during the year, amounted to upwards of \$8.000, and are applied to the support of Missionaries labouring in the hopeful fields of the far west under the auspices of Bishops of the American Church.

WENTWORTH AND HALTON RURAL DEANERY.

The Clerical members of the deputation, appointed to attend Parochial Church Society meetings in the Wentworth and Haldimand Rural Deanery, met at St. George's Church, East Barton, on Tuesday, January 28th, at 11, A.M. In place of the meeting appointed for Monday evening, a sermon had been preached on the previous Sunday. The meeting at East Barton was thinly attended, as indeed were all except evening meetings, during the tour. From the incumbent, Mr. Bull, the deputation learned that, during his incumbency, property to the amount of \$13,000 has been acquired for the Church in that parish. In reply to the question, "How has this result been accomplished?" he said, "Entirely by honest subscription: neither bazaar, nor concert, nor any thing else of the kind has been resorted to." An example one would be glad to see followed by every parish in the diocese.

The party were conveyed to Glanford Church, for the evening meeting, by Mr. Gage, a worthy farmer of the neighbourhood, who kindly places his horses and a large sleigh at the disposal of Mr. Bull, on such occasions. The Church at Glanford was well filled. A layman of the congregation was one of the speakers, this being the only instance of the kind met with on the tour. The remaining appointments for the week were all duly kept. The evening meetings at Woodburn, Ontario, and Waterdown, being well attended. At Stony Creek, resolutions were passed in favour of immediately proceeding with the erection of a Church, which appears to be much needed in that locality, in order to fill up the long interval between Hamilton and Grimsby. On Monday, February 3rd, the same members of the deputation met at Hamilton, and proceeded together to Caledonia, where they were met by the incumbent, the Rev. Mr. Hill. On their way they were hospitably entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Gage. The meeting at Caledonia was enlivened by an address from Rev. D. W. Duane, of the Tuscarora Indian Mission, in the Diocese of Huron. The meeting at Hagarsville, next morning, was very thinly attended: that at Jarvis, in the evening, was in pleasing contrast, as also was that at Nanticoke, on the following evening. None of the other meetings were largely attended. Everywhere the deputation were received with the warmest and most generous hospitality, and conveyed from meeting to meeting, by lay members of the various congregations visited, who, notwithstanding the severity of the weather, cheerfully gave their services for this purpose. They were impressed by the numbers, intelligence, and general prosperity of the members of the Church of England, in this part of the diocese; and are convinced that more than one of the missions visited might, with great advantage, be divided, and that in the event of division a largely increased liberality would be drawn forth.

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND DONATIONS, RECEIVED FROM 1st TO 31st MARCII, 1868, INCLUSIVE.

MISSION FUND.	Scarborough, Christ's Church	4 50
January Collection.	" St. Paul's	2 50
Cobourg, Bourne's School-house	St. Jude's	2 00
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Port Maitland 50		
Albion, St. James's 2 33		
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Albion, St. James's 2 7		2 57
" St. John's 4	0 Niagara	12 00
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HOME DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

Collections and Subscriptions received faom 1st to 81st March inclusive.

Woodbridge Vanghan	\$55 90 53 54		
		169	24
St. Peter's, Credit, per O. Hammond, Esq		84	45
King, per G L. Garden, Esq		21	29
St. Mary's, Lloydtown	\$117 44		
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Christ Church, Bolton	47 88		
Nobleton			
Roley's Station,	5 44		
Per Rev. II. B. Osler.		198	86
Etobicoko, per Rev. H. C. Cooper		24	00
Chester, per — Playter, Esq		2	00

INDIAN MISSIONARY BOXES.



We have been requested to inform those Clergymen who have applied for Collecting Boxes that they are in course of preparation, and will be ready for delivery in a few days. It is very desirable that the number required should be ascertained as soon as possible, as they can be made at a greatly reduced rate in large quantities. Those ordering a supply will please specify how they wish them forwarded.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

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