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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

NOTICE TO THE CLERGY OF THE NIAGARA, AND GORE AND WELLINGTON DISTRICTS.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto is obliged to postpone his appointments for holding Confirmations in the above-named Districts. Due notice will be given so soon as he is able to re-arrange his plans.

IMPORTANT.

We have learnt that in some instances no Lay Delegates were appointed by the Vestry on Easter Monday. It is necessary in the western portion of the Diocese, at all events, to remedy the mistake at once, seeing that the election of the Bishop is appointed for the 13th of May.

We understand that on the 16th a deputation from the western portion of the diocese will wait upon the Bishop and submit a statement of the endowment fund for the proposed new diocese; and are prepared to show that the required amount is invested in good securities. We presume that in about a month the Bishop will convene a meeting of those entitled to elect a Bishop. May the Lord, in answer to the prayers of his faithful servants, grant them all grace to come to the work with unprejudiced and sanctified hearts, firmly persuaded that He is the same God who by his Holy Spirit guided the Apostles in their choice of Mathias. The steps to be taken by the church militant, is, humanly speaking, of such importance, that our vigilant adversary will doubtless leave no stone unturned to defeat it, by suggesting to the minds of the soldiers of the cross such thoughts as will lead to dissension in the army. Let each remember that if, in the use of the means, he resists the devil he cannot prevail, for greater is He that is for us than all the mighty hosts, which can be brought against us. If men will presumptuously contend for the purpose of their own aggrandize-

ment, or the attainment of their own preconceived notions of what is for the best, the Lord may leave them to carry on the war in their own way; but if he is not with them, the desired blessing will prove a curse. Believe in the alwise Providence of God and in the power of His might, prayerfully and submissively leave the result to Him, and all will be well.

Since writing the above, we have learnt that the election of the Bishop for the west is to take place on the 13th May.

CHURCH SOCIETY, TORONTO.

This number contains the report of the Midland and Victoria Districts Branch of the Church Society, forwarded to us for publication, with the exception of the page in which the returns of the population, and the numerical relation of the various religious denominations (taken some years since) are given: for this our columns cannot afford space. We must content ourselves with referring our readers to official government documents, which fully attest the correctness of the statement as to the number of those professing to belong to our church in the above-named districts.

We have been in the habit of printing reports sent from various quarters without note or comment, but with regard to this one we feel bound to make an exception, inasmuch as there are statements made in it, which, if not proved to be erroneous, and fallacious, may mislead the public with regard to the working of the only machinery which the church in Canada has for carrying out the noble objects, for the effecting of which it was originally constituted. It is easy to make excuses for the non-fulfilment of duties, but when those excuses are based upon charges against the body of which the accusers profess to be members, the "onus probandi," the burthen of proving the libel should rest with them, which, though we have but read over the proof of the Midland and Victoria Districts Association's report, we defy them to do. Every unprejudiced person can see on perusing the bye-laws that the Society has not confined its management to any particular locality, but invites every member of the Church through-

out this vast Diocese to assist in the distribution of the common fund.

Considering that if the report were to be disseminated without some animadversion, great mischief would accrue to a Society on which our hope for the success for the Church in Canada, under God, mainly depends, we have no hesitation in calling upon them to produce such proofs; and we beg the readers of the Gazette to make notes of the several complaints, by inference at least, made against the distribution of the funds by the Parent Society, then to look over the several reports which have emanated from the Parent Society showing the amount received and expended since the present Secretary was appointed in 1852, and to await the next annual report of the Parent Society, before they come to a decision, as we are ready to pledge our title to veracity, as a church journalist, to the fact that it can be proved that this very wealthy, and, if the report now published is to be believed, greatly injured and neglected district has received more than the share of the Society's funds, to which they were justly entitled. The Secretary of the Society, we are informed, being asked to second the adoption of the report, agreed to do so without having any knowledge of its contents; but when he heard it read, he stated that he had in courtesy agreed to second the adoption of the report of the District Association, but felt called upon to make such strictures upon it, in the course of his speech, as led an old resident of Kingston to get up and question whether he had seconded the report, or not; we wonder that after his remarks, some one did not move, in amendment, that the report be referred to a select committee of the district, to see whether the statements therein contained were based upon correct data, or whether the assertion of the Secretary of the Parent Society (who confessed that not having anticipated such charges, as the report he seconded, advanced, another resolution of a totally different character having been previously sent to him by the District Secretary, he had not closely examined the accounts), that during the last twelve months a larger sum had been expended by the Parent Society for the propagation of religion in this particular district, than had been received from it, though it boasted in the report of having sent hundreds of pounds, which had been expended elsewhere. Since his incumbency this was not the fact, and he was prepared, at any time, to prove that no

partiality had been shewn in the distribution of the Society's funds.

We will go one step further, and challenge any individual member professing to belong to our branch of Christ's Catholic Church to adduce any valid reason for not co-operating with the Church Society.

Our periodical merely assumes to be a monthly record of ecclesiastical events interesting to the members of our communion, but we are prepared to insert any communications sent to us (written by Churchmen in a Christian spirit) relative to the management of the Church Society, because we are persuaded that the more freely questions connected with the management of the only incorporated Society, which the Church in Canada at present possesses, are discussed, its success and prosperity, with the divine blessing, will be commensurate.

To receive notice, communications must be addressed to the publisher of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, as we have but few exchanges, and but little time to read them.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED TO THE 12TH INST.

COLLECTIONS APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO, IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, IN BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS' FUND OF THE SOCIETY.

Previously announced	£0 15 0
Cartwright, per Churchwarden	1 5 0
Brock (additional), per Rev. R. Garrett	0 5 0
St. James', Perth	1 5 0
St. Paul's, Lanark	0 8 6
Per Rev. A. Pyne.....	1 13 6
St. George's Church, Kingston, per Rev. A. Stewart	6 15 0
Fort Erie, per Churchwarden.....	0 17 6
6 collections, amounting to	£11 11 0

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

Previously announced	£177 8 4
Rockwood Church, per Rev. E. M. Stewart	0 10 0
Trinity Church, Howard.....	2 10 0
Clearville	0 15 0
Per Churchwarden	3 5 0
St. James', Penetanguishene, per Churchwarden	1 3 10
Robinson's School, Elizabeth-town	0 13 8
Newboro'	0 7 7
Newbyrne	0 5 0
Per Churchwarden	1 6 3
St. John's Church, Bath, per Rev. W. Harper.....	0 10 0
Christ Church, Emily	0 12 0
St. James' Emily	0 2 6
St. John's, "	0 2 6
Per Rev. R. Harding	0 17 0
Christ Church, Port Stanley, per Churchwarden	1 5 0
St. John's, South Cayuga ...	1 2 6
Dunnville	0 17 6
Per Rev. J. Flood	2 0 0
Christ Church, Hillier.....	1 18 9
St. Andrew's, Wellington ...	0 11 3
Per Rev. Charles Ruttan...	2 10 0
Rice Lake, per Rev. J. W. Beck.....	1 15 0
St. George's, Georgina.....	0 13 0
Sutton	0 10 0
Parks' School-house.....	0 8 8
Per Rev. W. Ritchie	1 6 3

Binbrook	0 4 0
Ontario	0 7 8
Stoney Creek.....	0 8 6
Per Rev. J. Alexander.....	1 0 2
Amherst Island, per Churchwarden ...	1 5 0
St. John's Mono, per Rev. J. Van Linge.	0 8 5
St. Paul's, London, per Churchwarden.	15 0 0

117 collections, amounting to £211 11 0

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Previously announced	£411 5 5
St. John's, Smith's Falls	0 15 6
St. James', Port Elmsley.....	0 4 0
Per Rev. J. B. Worrell ...	0 19 6
St. James' Church, Perth ...	2 17 6
St. Paul's, Lanark	0 8 4
Per Rev. A. Pyne.....	3 5 10

177 collections, amounting to £415 10 9

MISSION FUND.

Previously announced	£273 3 6
Cornwall Girl School Mis. Box	0 8 2
Fees from Rector	1 13 9
Per Rev. Henry Patton ...	2 1 11
St. John's Smith's Falls	0 7 9
St. James', Port Elmsley.....	0 4 0
Per Rev. J. B. Worrell ...	0 11 9

164 collections, amounting to £275 17 2

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Brock, per Rev. R. Garrett	£1 5 0
Cornwall, } subscription, per Rev. H. Patton	10 0 0
Smith's Falls, per Rev. J. B. Worrell	1 18 9
Morpeth, per Rev. C. C. Johnston ...	12 0 0
Prescott, } subscription, per Churchwarden	6 2 0
Penetanguishene, } subscription, per Churchwarden	2 15 2
Prescott (additional), per Churchwarden	1 5 0
Newmarket	3 17 6
Holland Landing	2 11 10
Per Rev. J. F. Ramsay ...	6 9 4
Perth, per Rev. A. Pyne.....	7 10 0
Mono, per Rev. J. Van Linge.....	17 15 8

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. J. Wilson's subscription	1 5 0
" W. Harper's "	1 5 0
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" R. Blakey's "	1 5 0
" W. Ritchie's "	1 5 0
" H. Hallen's "	1 5 0
" J. Ramsay's "	1 5 0
" C. C. Johnson's subscription for past and present year	2 10 0
T. B. Robarts, Esquire	1 5 0

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY, 1856-7.

At the close of another year in the history of this society, the Committee proceeds as usual to lay before its members, a statement of its exertions during the year, of the wants of the church within the field of its operations, of the encouragement which it has received, and of the prospects of usefulness which present themselves. In hastily glancing at these matters many things will probably appear of a discouraging character, if not as a just cause of self-reproach; while others again may justly be viewed as subjects of congratulation and hope, and as well calculated to revive the fainting heart, and stimulate to uncommon and untiring exertions in future in the cause of Christ.

The lesson which the Church of England in this Province has been very slow to learn—"not to put her

trust in princes"—she has at length mastered under the discipline of severe affliction, and the teaching of bitter experience. If, however, she, as a church, and her members, as individuals, in the midst of these trials, have also learned first to put their trust in the living God, and next in her scriptural truth and Divine principles, vitally believed and energetically practised, it is worth to her far more than her rich endowment, infinitely more than the thousands of acres, or the thousands of pounds sterling which she has lost.

The destitution which exists within the sphere of the operations of this branch is not only painful to contemplate, but it is actually increasing from year to year. Like an insidious foe it seems gradually approaching our centres of strength. This vast district is already divided into twenty-three townships, each about ten miles square, comprehending an area of 2,600 square miles. In the rear of these lies a large territory, now sparsely inhabited, but which, under arrangements already completed, will in a few years be filled with a busy population. Throughout this immense field, Kingston and its suburbs alone excepted, there are only four clergymen of the Church of England. Five of the townships in the district are thus partially supplied, while eighteen out of twenty-three townships, and all its unsurveyed lands, are now without a single missionary of the Church of England!

The population of this district amounts at the present time probably to nearly 60,000 souls. At the last census the members of the Church of England within its bounds numbered 13,756. From the *Table, Appendix "No. 7, shewing the state of religion in general in these united counties,"* two facts are evident; first, that the Church of England constitutes one-fourth of the entire population within their limits, and ought, therefore, to have greater vigour and ability for self-support and extension, than any other christian community. The next fact is of a painful and humiliating character. It is this, that notwithstanding the wealth of the church in this district, its respectability and intelligence, a very large proportion of the membership of the church is in a state of spiritual destitution, without churches, without the services of the church, without clergymen, in fine, except when brought to them by other denominations, without religious instruction. In the wilderness, amidst the struggles and trials incident to new settlers, when religion would have been to them a blessed consolation, they have been left in almost utter destitution. Their children in too many instances are growing up without christian baptism; their young people enter into that "estate which is honourable in all," without the blessing of their church; their old people die, without the ministrations of religion, and are buried without the voice of prayer.

This destitution exists in the very vicinity of this city. Wolfe Island has a church population of 972 souls, a good church erected, and a fund of upwards of £200 for building a parsonage, and yet it remains in a state of spiritual deprivation. The township of Kingston, with 1,274 adherents of the church, with the exception of a few families in and around the village of Portsmouth, is in the same state of destitution. The thriving township of Storrington, having within its bounds 612 members of the church, suffers the same affliction. Four other townships in this county, containing upwards of a thousand members, experience the same distressing destitution, while the remaining six townships in Frontenac, the population of which is unknown, have never yet been visited by a clergyman at all. Camden, with 1,187 members, and Sheffield with 384, are now also destitute. In short, there is more than one-half of the members of the Church of England in the Midland District, and eighteen whole townships especially, almost totally deprived of the services of their professed religion, and indebted for what religious instruction they may occasionally receive, to other societies than their own. It is not, therefore, sur-

prising that from year to year family after family leave the church of their fathers, and that a great proportion of those now in some other denominations, were once members—but it must be added, neglected members of our own communion. It is a source of deep humiliation before Almighty God, that the Church of England is thus yearly losing ground in this district, and that, too, while the country is rapidly rising in prosperity, and other denominations are growing stronger and stronger. But this painful condition of things, which should lead to sincere repentance for the past and greater activity for the future, must not be wholly ascribed to mere neglect. It has arisen in part from unavoidable circumstances. Death has called away some of our clergymen, and vacancies thus created remain unfilled. Notwithstanding the strenuous exertions of the Bishop, no clergymen could be sent to the destitute localities; and within a few years five clergymen have removed to other parts of the diocese; and although a considerable sum has been annually transmitted from this branch to the Parent Society, yet this branch has been left to support its own missionaries, while the funds of the Diocesan Society, and that portion of it raised in this district in particular, have been generally expended in other parts of the province. And although the expenditure of the Parent Society may in all cases have been judicious, yet it has had a prejudicial effect upon the church here, inasmuch as moneys raised amongst ourselves and which might have been applied in relief, or in preventing the existing destitution, were for the greater part expended elsewhere.

MISSIONARIES.

The Committee, in March last, resolved, if possible, to procure a missionary to relieve, in some degree, the great destitution in the District. With this object in view, correspondence was opened with the Colonial Church and School Society, but neither the proper man, nor the required means were available. Application was also made to the Bishop of Toronto for an experienced clergyman for this important field of duty. The answer to this application gives encouragement to hope that as soon as the services of a suitable clergyman can be secured, the Parent Society will unite with this Branch in giving him a liberal support. It may here be remarked, that the sub-associations in the country are so oppressed with the sense of the prevailing destitution, that they have resolved to apply the whole of their available funds for the support of one or more travelling missionaries. One missionary might, indeed, accomplish much good; but it will require the best exertions of many to extend the kingdom of Jesus crucified throughout this vast field of spiritual destitution.

THE DEPOSITORY.

The Depository has continued to furnish a supply of Bibles and Prayer Books, with other religious books and tracts, sufficient to meet all demands. At the commencement of the present year, the stock of books of all kinds was valued at about £47 currency. Books and tracts, to the value of about £50 sterling, selected by the Rev. W. H. Herchmer, from the list of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, have been added during the year. A valuable selection of tracts was also made by Mr. Herchmer, to the amount of £5 sterling, from the Bristol Tract Society. Hymn books of various kinds have also been procured, to the value of £6 8s. currency. The stock of books has, therefore, been increased by the addition of upwards of £70. The expense of its management, exclusive of per centage on sales, and including all charges on the books received, is less than £4 currency. The Depository has been carefully managed by Mrs. Ferns. The amount of sales since last March has been nearly £30. A large number of tracts and religious works have been sold, together with 233 Prayer Books, 33 Bibles, 254 vols. of other books, making a total of 524 vols. in all.

THE EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

As a report of the Special Committee appointed to look after this fund is added to this, it is unnecessary here to make particular reference to that matter, further than to express the hope that, in the Providence of God, all obstacles in the way of obtaining a Bishop may be speedily removed, and that He may send a man after His own heart to rule over us.

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

During the summer, and again during the winter, the Parochial Branches in the country were visited by a deputation. The meetings in the summer, with two or three exceptions, were failures; but at Bath, Napanec, and at Clarke's Mills, a fresh impetus was given to the branches, and good meetings were anticipated in the winter.

BATH.

The Parochial Branch in this place reports, through its chairman, that little for the purposes of the Church Society had been accomplished; that £25 had been raised in money and lands towards a sustentation fund; and that £15 above the annual subscription for the incumbent had been collected.

There was collected in the Parish—

For the Mission Fund	£1 0 0
Widows & Orphans' Fund	0 15 0
Total.....	£2 5 0

Two meetings were held in Bath in the course of the year, and at the meeting in the summer several pounds were subscribed, which probably were applied to Parochial purposes. A meeting was also held at the village of Odessa, or Mill Creek, in the same parish, and a society organized. Speaking of the spiritual destitution in that parish, the Rector says: "It is sad, indeed! Two additional clergymen would find ample employment therein, though I should be thankful, most thankful, could I see any prospect of procuring the assistance even of one." The parish contains 956 members of the Church of England.

FREDERICKSBURG AND ADOLPHUSTOWN.

This parish contains two townships; Fredericksburgh, having within it 694 members; and Adolphustown, having only 169 adherents of the Church. The Rev. J. A. Mulock has a large and laborious mission. He reports that in both his churches, the collections, amounting to £4 5s., were taken up and transmitted to the Parent Society. Mr. Mulock closes his report in the following words:—"The Church Society languishes here, in consequence of the apparent neglect of this part of the Diocese, there being five vacancies in this section within the last two years, none of which have been filled; and, until there is a better prospect of something being done for these destitute missions, an appeal to the people on behalf of the Church Society, from whose funds they receive no benefit, will be in vain."

ANNHST ISLAND.

There is no report from this mission; but the sum of £2 5s. was collected for the Widows & Orphans' Fund, and transmitted to Toronto. There are about 400 members of the Church in this parish.

TYENDENAGA.

This parish contains a prosperous branch. The whole amount raised for the Church Society during the year, is £33 6s. 9d., of which £15 17s. 8d. should have been sent to this District Branch, but was remitted to Toronto. There are 1640 adherents of the Church in Tyendenaga, and the Missionary, the Rev. J. A. Anderson, has very arduous duties to perform. It is certainly very much to his credit that the Parochial Branch is so effective and zealous; and that so large an amount has been collected.

NAPANEE.

There are 1019 members of the Church in this mission. It has two or three different stations, and a small but substantial church, built by the late Hon. John Cartwright. Two meetings of the Church Society were held here during the year. The Parochial Branch is well organized, and reports a sum raised for various purposes of £15 10s. 6d.

For General Purposes	£1 2 10
Theological Students	0 7 0
Mission Fund.....	1 7 0
Widows and Orphan's Fund.....	3 2 1½
Collections at Annual Meeting,	
Mission Fund	1 11 7
Subscription to the Church	
Society	6 14 0
Clergyman's Subscription	1 5 0
Total.....	£15 10 6½

The Church has been much improved, and the congregation considerably increased in the year. There is every reason to be satisfied with the exertions of the Society in this Parish. The whole report is worthy of insertion, but there is only space for a short extract:—"Your Committee have to complain, that considering our great spiritual destitution in this part of the diocese, that the whole of the mission fund should be expended west of Toronto; they think that inasmuch as this part of the diocese contributes its portion, it should have a share in its appropriations."

The townships to which reference has now been made were originally settled by the United Empire Loyalists, who came here after the revolution, and it is a most mortifying reflection, that having left all, home, friends, lands, relations, and every earthly consideration, out of regard for the King and the Church, that their descendants to the third generation should have remained, comparatively speaking, and as far as their own communion is concerned, in a state of spiritual destitution.

CANDEN.

This township contains a Church population of 1187, and Sheffield, another township in the same Mission, 384 members of our communion. A very interesting meeting was held in this parish last summer, where a subscription was made, and the greater part paid at the time, of £7 10s. for the Church Society. A committee was appointed and a parochial branch organized, and it was hoped that in the winter the fair prospects then in view might be fully realized. At that meeting the Rev. Paul Shirley, the incumbent, presided and addressed the audience with much animation. But God's ways, however, are not our ways, and our hopes were painfully and unexpectedly disappointed. The Rev. Paul Shirley not long afterwards, while discharging his duty as superintendent of Schools, and while in the act of examining a class, suddenly dropt down dead. He had laboured long and was much beloved in that extensive mission. The funeral services were performed by the Rev. W. B. Ladar, and his mortal remains committed to the grave, until the great day of God Almighty. The vacancy which was thus created remains as yet unfilled.

LOBOROCOH AND STORRINGTON.

In these townships was once a flourishing Society, but the frequent changes of ministers in the mission, and of late the removal of the minister from the mission, have led to the disorganization of the Society, and now nothing is done. There are in this mission two churches, and about one thousand members.—This mission is much indebted to the Rev. Mr. Bower for occasional visits. The Secretary visited Storrington, and found a large and attentive congregation. A very active branch of the Church Society might be formed, with a little attention, in this place.

BARRIEFIELD AND PITTSBURG.

In this mission are two churches and one or two other stations; it contains 1036 members. The duties of the missionary are very laborious. The incumbent reports that the quarterly collections have been made and transmitted to the Society. A beautiful font, at a cost of £26, has been placed in St. Mark's Church. The Missionary has baptized in the year 56 children, 17 of which were baptized in other townships. He closes his report with the following very appropriate remark: "There are at the present time, the townships of Kingston, Storrington, Lohorough, Bedford, Oro, Olden, Kenebec, Sheffield, Camden, Portland, and other settled townships, where the voice of one of our missionaries is never heard. We hear of subscriptions being raised to send missionaries to all parts of the heathen world, but here, at our very doors, and among people of our own origin, are hundreds who never hear the sound of the Gospel, and does not this cry aloud for immediate relief?"

PORTSMOUTH.

The number of members of the Church of England in the township of Kingston, and beyond the limits of the city, is 1274. These members of the Church are scattered over an area of nearly 100 square miles, and with the exception of the congregation at Portsmouth, are wholly deprived of the services of the Church. At Portsmouth is a very active sub-association, which deserves much credit for its exertions this year. The quarterly collections were duly made in St. John's Church, and transmitted to Toronto. The amount thus raised was £9. Besides this, through the exertions of their minister, who has taken much interest in the Church Society in the course of the year, aided by the Sunday School children, it appears that ten pounds were collected for the Indian catechist and teacher among the Oneidas, under the Superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Flood.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

There is no report from the branch connected with the congregation of this church, for the very satisfactory reason that it has only this year become re-organized, after the scattering caused by the burning of their church. The new church was opened for Divine worship on the first Sunday in August, and the incumbent, the Rev. J. S. Clarke, from that time onward, has had the satisfaction of ministering to a large and attentive audience. But after the great exertions of this congregation in rebuilding their church, as a considerable debt still remains unpaid, and as their utmost exertions could only meet the current expenses, it was thought impossible this year to do anything for the Church Society. The Parochial Committee have not, however, forgotten this important institution, and propose at the Easter meeting to take steps for an efficient re-organization of the branch. The present church, when completed, will be a fine structure, vastly superior in beauty, capacity, and convenience to the old church of St. Paul's; and the congregation will long remember that for these improvements they are much indebted to the great efforts of their late indefatigable and much lamented minister, the Rev. William Greig.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

There is no report from this branch. But it is understood that in consequence of the efforts of the congregation to reduce the debts upon the church, and to make some indispensable repairs, it was considered unadvisable to impose for the present any greater burthens upon the congregation. The collection for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, amounting to £2 8s., was made, and transmitted to the Parent Society.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

This branch continues still in a flourishing condition. It has supplied for years the only funds available for missionary purposes, and other objects, in this district. To this branch are we indebted for ability year after year to assist the missionaries

in Barriefield and Portsmouth. The four quarterly collections have been made in this parish, and remitted to the Parent Society. The subscriptions for the present year amount to £50 17s. 6d. The amount raised in this branch is as follows:—

Theological Students' Fund	£4 2 6
Mission Fund	1 2 6
Widows' and Orphans' Fund	3 15 0
General Purposes Fund	5 0 0
Parochial Subscriptions	60 17 6
	£68 7 6

This sum is smaller than formerly, but this is owing, probably, in part, to the great demands which have been made on this congregation in various ways during the year; and, partly, to the fact that many subscribers are not perfectly satisfied with the application of their subscriptions for so many years to other parts of the diocese. This branch has transmitted some hundreds of pounds to the Diocesan Society, and it has had a very discouraging effect that the Parent Society has made no appropriation to relieve the destitution in this district. But as the chief portion of our funds will now be applied for this purpose, and as there is a fair prospect that the Diocesan Society will assist in this good work, it is hoped that perfect unity and confidence will be restored, and that the subscriptions the coming year will exceed those of any former time.

The Committee subjoin a statement of the Society's funds, together with a return, supplied by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Parent Society, of the quarterly collections and other moneys received during the year. The Committee have nothing further to add but the fervent prayer that the Great Head of the Church, in supplying us with a Bishop, and our destitute settlements with clergymen, may be graciously pleased to fulfil His promise, "I will give you Pastors according to mine own heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding"—Jer. III. 15.

All which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. OKILL STUART, *Chairman M. D. B. Ch. Soc.*
HANNIBAL MULKINS, *Sec. M. D. B. Ch. Soc.*

APPENDIX.

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1856.		<i>Receipts.</i>	
March 7.	Balance in the Treasurer's hands	£101	12 8
April —	Hon. J. Macaulay's subscription	10	0 0
1857.		Sales at Depository, 1856...	
Mar. 14.	Subscriptions, 1856, less commission	28	15 7
		48	6 8
	Total receipts	£188	14 11
1856.		<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Mar. 20.	Paid one Quarter's subscription, 1856, to the Parent Society	£22	5 0
June 7.	Bill on England for Books...	61	13 4
1857.		March 7. Paid Rev. F. W. Dobbs, Missionary at Portsmouth	
		20	0 0
	" Paid Rev. E. C. Bower, Barriefield	20	0 0
	" Special grant to Rev. J. S. Clarke, Minister, St. Paul's	12	10 0
	" Paid Mrs. Ferns per centage 1855 & 1856	3	14 8
	" Expense Depository, freights, postages, &c.	3	18 5
	Expense of the M. D. B. Church Soc., including freights, deputations, postages	7	15 8½
	Total Disbursements	151	16 9½
	Balance in the Treasurer's hands	36	18 1½
		£188	14 11

Kingston, March 17, 1857.

Audited and approved,

T. KIRKPATRICK, }
A. H. CAMPBELL, } *Auditors.*

Statement of money received by the Secretary of the Parent Society, as reported by him to the Secretary of this branch.

CHURCHES.	MISSION FUND.	WIDOWS' & ORPHANS' FUND.	GENERAL PURPOSES.	THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FUND.	STUDENTS' FUND.	INCUMBENT'S SUP.
St. George's	£ 4 2 6	£ 3 15 0	£ 5 0 0	£ 3 15 0	£ 1 5 0	£ 1 5 0
St. James	1 11 3	2 8 0	3 0 0	8 0 0	1 5 0	1 5 0
St. Mark's Barriefield	2 0 0	0 15 0	3 0 0	14 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
St. John's, Portsmouth	1 0 0	1 17 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Hath.	0 0 0	2 5 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Adolphusown & Frederickburgh						
Amherst Island						
Camden						
Tyendenege, P. Br. £14 12s. 8d.	0 14 6			1 6 0		
St. Paul's, Kingston						
Theological Students						
General Purposes						
Widows' and Orphans						
Mission Fund						
Tyendenege Parochial Br.						
	9 8 2	14 0 6	8 0 0	3 15 0	1 5 0	1 5 0
Total remitted to Parent Society				£49	16 4	

The following Clergy have paid their yearly subscription to the Parent Society.

The Venerable the Archdeacon	£1 5 0
Rev. T. M. Bartlett	1 5 0
" W. H. Herchmer	1 5 0
" H. Mulkins	1 5 0
" J. S. Clarke	1 5 0
" F. W. Dobbs	1 5 0
" R. V. Rogers	1 5 0
" W. B. Lander	1 5 0

Incorporated Members in the Midland District Branch.

The Hon. J. Macaulay	1 5 0
Ven. the Archdeacon	1 5 0
Rev. W. H. Herchmer	1 5 0
T. Kirkpatrick, Esq.	1 5 0
J. Durnford, Esq.	1 5 0

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The clergy in the district; Samuel Taylor, Thomas Kirkpatrick, John McPherson, John Durnford, Hon. J. Macaulay, J. Forsyth, J. Watkins, W. Bowen, W. J. Grasett, W. Wilson, J. Crookshanks, W. Rudstone, J. Hope, R. Sellars, A. Foster, J. Wright, T. Wilson,

sometime since addressed to you in your capacity of President of the Canadian Wesleyan Conference, and Superintendent of the Missions of that body, from the fact of your having forwarded these productions for publication in the *Christian Guardian*, thus putting the stamp of your official approval to every statement they contain.

As soon as I saw the two first letters of the series, I lost no time in forwarding my replies to the editor of that journal; but having been refused the use of his columns, though the letters contain a distinct challenge to reply, I sent them to the editor of the *Echo*, in which journal they appeared.

Some of the statements made in the third letter of the series to which I refer (of which, with great difficulty, I have at last obtained a copy) being personal to myself, I beg to call your attention to the following observations on them, that I consider it my duty to trouble you with.

The passage to which I particularly refer is as follows:—"By the appeal we are taught that the New Testament, the Psalms, and the Book of Common Prayer have been translated into the Indian language by the agents of the Church Mission. This is well: we rejoice to learn this, and feel thankful that Divine Providence has raised up so efficient a translator as Mr. Johnson, an intelligent half blood, to enable our brethren to accomplish this work. At the same time we cannot forget that translations now used in private and public worship, were previously made by the Wesleyan Missionaries. In this respect both parties have done the same work." Now, sir, this passage contains two distinct assertions—1st, That the translations claimed in my letter to the Church Society, published in the appeal to be my work, are not mine at all, but the work of a Mr. Johnson, an intelligent half-blood. 2ndly, That they were a work of supererogation, the same having been previously done by the Methodist Missionaries—both of which are *false*.

With reference to the first of these assertions, I have only to call on you as the party who have assumed the responsibility of publishing it, to state on what grounds you did so. It is well known, sir, that I claim to be the sole author of the translations in question; a glance at the Appeal, which appears to have been carefully conned over by your correspondent, or a call at the office of the Secretary of the Upper Canada Bible Society, would at once have satisfied you of that; as from the former you would have seen that in two places, at least, of my letter I claim that honor for myself, and by the latter you would have been informed that that gentleman's authority for advertising those translations as mine, is my own statement that they are the result of my labours. If you neglected making these inquiries before making yourself responsible for the statement referred to, I do not see how you can clear yourself of the charge of a degree of carelessness as to what you attach your seal of your official approval to, which would go far towards proving you to be utterly unfit for the office you hold; and if, on the other hand, you made these inquiries, you have then knowingly published what amounts to an accusation against me, of falsehood and fraud of the very worst description, which, duty to me, to the Christian public, to that body at whose head you are placed, unite in requiring you to substantiate. It is but justice to Mr. Johnson, the gentleman referred to, to state that I am in possession of documents under his hand, which show that no such claim could have originated with him; the burden of proof lies, therefore, with you and your missionaries on Lake Huron, and it matters not to me or the church of which I am a minister, in what portions you distribute it among you.

The incorrectness, Sir, of the second assertion, you need not have gone beyond the precincts of your own office to have ascertained: you had but to call one of the clerks of your book room to show you what portions of Holy Scripture had been translated by Wesleyan Missionaries, and he would have brought

you three very thin volumes, which, on examination, you would have found to contain respectively—The Gospel of St. Matthew, by Rev. Peter Jones, a half-blood, published at York, 1831. The Gospel of St. John, by the same, London, 1831, and the book of Genesis, by the same, Toronto, 1835!

Is this, Sir, the same work that has been done by the Church of England? Two Gospels and Genesis the same as the whole New Testament and the book of Psalms? Surely, Sir, you must have been somewhat oblivious when you sent such an assertion to the press. I cannot avoid asking you, Sir, where is your much vaunted faithfulness to Scriptural teaching, of which we have such a pompous and gratuitous display in the communication on which I am commenting? Were two Gospels and the Book of Genesis all that your Missionaries could afford of scriptural teaching to their converts for over thirty years? Have they in this all important respect followed the example of St. Paul, in giving their hearers the opportunity of applying the Berean text to their teachings? or is it not, to say the least, passing strange, that those missionaries, who your correspondent would have us believe are so devoted to the inculcation of sound doctrine and holy practice, should have been so indifferent about furnishing to their converts what in that case would have been so all powerful an auxiliary to them, while whom he so often and so loudly accuses of unsoundness and laxity on those points have laboured to put into the hands of their converts, and the Indian tribes in general, the whole testimony, which supposing your correspondent's assertion true, is from beginning to end a testimony against themselves and their teaching.

But that your missionaries did not always think my labours in this particular so uncalled for, is evidenced by application for copies of my translation of the New Testament from two of your missions on this Lake, which lie on my table while I write, containing acknowledgments of the indebtedness of Indian missions in general to me in that behalf—The letters referred to are dated respectively, Owen Sound, July 23rd, 1851; Saugeen, February 21th, 1852, and August 11th, 1852, and are signed David Sawyer! Their perusal would convince, I do not say you, Sir, nor yet Mr. Sawyer, who gave your correspondent so unfavorable an account of the results of his great experience of Church missions, nor his co-missionaries on Lake Huron, but any fair and honest opponent of the Church of England, that the Rev. David Sawyer, so quoted, was not always of the same opinion (as that head—namely, that he had never known one person brought from sin to holiness through the instrumentality of Church missions. At all events he could not surely have had the same experience of the inefficiency of the Church missions, when a considerable time after the date of his last letter to me, he applied first, to the Rev. Mr. Mulholland to be admitted to our communion, and afterwards to me for employment in our missionary work. On receiving this application through a third person, I, of course, made some inquiries, and was informed that he was at that time under ban of your conference on a charge of adultery; it not being any part of my duty or that of the Rev. Mr. Mulholland to examine into the grounds of that charge, we sent him word that he might be received into our Church on producing a clean bill of moral health from his former employers. Hence, Sir, the new light that has shone on Mr. Sawyer's past experience of the moral tendencies of the Church of England Missionary teaching; and this, doubtless, is the secret of his being transferred from the scene of his disgrace to one where the vindictive feeling thus engendered might be made useful in carrying out the views of his employers on one of our Church missions. I am grieved, Sir, to be obliged to drag such things to the light of day, but you and your friends have left me no choice. I am bound in justice to the subject I have in hand to show on what a rotten peg you hang your charges against the Church of England of laxity both with regard to principles and practice, when

you make them depend on the testimony of such men as the Rev. David Sawyer, sometime missionary at Saugeen and Owen Sound, and now assistant at Garden River, in correcting the principles and purifying the practice of the Church Indians there.

It would be quite superfluous for me to pursue the communications published by you to which I have been referring through all their tortuous course of folly and falsehood, inasmuch as I am quite satisfied that the whole issue should be left to depend on the determination of the two questions, the one contained in my second letter to the *Christian Guardian*, published in the *Echo*—viz., were the Methodists or the missionaries of the Church of England the baptizers of the Indians at Garden River, and that now brought before you—viz., am I, a clergyman of the Church of England in Canada, or Mr. Johnson, a half-blood native and resident American of, I believe, the American Presbyterian denomination, the author of the only translations of the New Testament and Psalms ever made in British North America, for the benefit of its Indian tribes. I now renew my challenge to you, to establish the Methodist side of these questions, if you can: the first by the application of the test which I have suggested; and the second by proving my claim to the authorship to be false and fraudulent. The manifest advantage that would accrue to the denomination over which you preside, should you succeed, and the disgrace inseparable from failure are so manifest, that you cannot escape the conclusion that will be drawn from your silence, should you decline being put on your trial before the Christian public.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant.

FREDK O'MEARA.

REVEREND ENOCH WOOD, President of the Canadian Wesleyan Conference, and Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions.

(From the *Harris Herald*.)

We have much pleasure in publishing to-day the Address presented to the Rev. F. L. Osler, M. A., Rural Dean, by his congregation and parishioners, on the occasion of his leaving for Dundas, near Hamilton.

During the lengthened period of Mr. Osler's residence at Bond Head, in the early part of which his duties were most harassing and arduous, he has been most zealous and energetic amongst his parishioners, and has been the means, we believe, not only of procuring the erection of two or three other churches, but of obtaining an additional Missionary to Cookstown and Nottawasaga, and has indeed proved in every particular that he has had the interest and welfare of the Church truly at heart. His departure is much regretted, and will deprive many of his neighbours of a kind friend, as well as pastor.

As a testimony of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members of his congregation, a beautiful chased massive pair of candlesticks was presented on Tuesday last to Mrs. Osler, from the ladies of Tecumseth, and an elegant tea service and salver from his congregation to himself, accompanied with the following Address:

TOWNSHIP OF TECUMSETH,
February 17, 1857.

REV. AND DEAR SIR—We have learned with unfeigned regret that circumstances have arisen causing you to remove from this District, of which you have been Minister for upwards of nineteen years, and to resign the charge of an attached flock, among whom there is not perhaps a single family, some of whose members you did not during that period, either admit into the Christian Church, or marry, or consign to their last resting place.

You have not only been ever prompt to seek and visit your parishioners in time of sickness, but untiring in your pastoral duties at all seasons, visiting

from house to house with kindly words of encouragement, warning or advice. It rarely occurs that a people, in parting with their minister, can bear such willing and truthful testimony to the energy and steady perseverance with which he devoted himself to their welfare.

Nor is it only, Sir, in matters immediately connected with your sacred office that you have been anxious for the welfare of your people; by every means in your power you have sought to extend the advantages of education, and to diffuse a desire for sound instruction among all classes, and have uniformly endeavoured to promote the temporal as well as spiritual interests of your people.

By punctuality in keeping your appointments, by steady consistency of conduct, and by zeal in your Master's cause, you commanded their respect, while by courtesy and hospitality you secured their affections.

With all these recollections before us, we cannot forget the gentleness, kindness, and sincere desire to do good on the part of Mrs. Osler, who has been all that could be wished for in a clergyman's wife. This adds to our regret in parting with you both.

In your capacity of Rural Dean, we, however, hope to receive an occasional visit from you, and we rejoice that you can enter upon your new sphere of duty (in which may God bless you, and make you generally useful) with the happy consciousness of possessing the affections and hearty good will of your former Parishioners.

In testimony of the kindly feelings we entertain towards you, wishing you health and happiness to all your family, we conclude with requesting your acceptance of the accompanying present plate.

JOSEPH MCGINN, } Churchwardens of
 GEORGE HANNA, } St. John's Church.
 J. R. WILLIAMS, } Churchwardens of
 R. BAYCROFT, } Trinity Church.

To the Rev. F. L. OSLER, M.A., &c.

REPLY.

MY VERY DEAR FRIENDS—Deeply as I participate in the feelings of regret expressed in your kind Address that any circumstances should arise to cause a separation between us, and were I only to consult my own inclinations, I should gladly live and die amongst you, for wherever my future lot may be cast, never can I find a more kind, a more affectionate people than those amongst whom for more than nineteen years I have laboured.

To the utmost of my power I have endeavoured to promote your spiritual and temporal interests, and the unbounded confidence you have reposed in me, and the glad welcome with which you have received me into your houses, proved that at least my motives were appreciated, and that that unity of feeling which should exist between a minister and his people has ever subsisted between us.

With the older members of the Church there is the remembrance of difficulties which together we have struggled against and overcome: the younger are like my own children. Dear friends, you cannot realize how hard is the trial for me to part with you. You regret the partial separation from one friend—I from hundreds—and when our good Bishop, knowing my circumstances, kindly offered me the Rectory of Ancaster and Dundas, for many weeks I could not decide to accept. Then why leave? The reason is, God has given me a large family, and it is required at my hands that the children be educated and fitted for their future well being in this world as well as the world to come. Here the former cannot be done—necessity, not choice, compels me to go where advantages for my children—not attainable in a rural parish, may be had.

You very kindly allude to my visiting you—would that I could have done so far more, for in nothing have I felt more deeply how little has been done in this respect compared with what was required. The rule I laid down, and invariably followed in the arrangement of my time has been, first, that every

public appointment for Divine Service must be kept, and when it is considered that for a long time past I have performed Divine Service regularly in this Parish alone, (besides occasional services in other townships), in eight different places every month, it will be seen that a large portion of my time was thus occupied.

The sick and afflicted next claimed my attention, and most of the residue of my time was devoted to visiting from house to house through the parish, but the latter appropriation of my time was often interfered with, for each neighbouring Parish, not supplied with the ministrations of the Church, looked to me for help, which I afforded to the utmost of my power. Various public duties also occupied portions of my time. Thus it will be readily seen, that in a large parish like this more ought to have been done than was in my power to accomplish.

In years that are past, I have to claim your forbearance, when in twenty surrounding townships there was no resident clergyman of the Church of England, I used to ride from 100 to 150 miles each week between the Sundays, to endeavour, in a small degree, to relieve the spiritual destitution of the people, the time thus spent might have been claimed by you, but you were willing that it should be given to the more destitute. And now we may rejoice together that many clergymen are settled where once your minister labored alone, and while the Church has progressed in the neighboring townships, in our own she has prospered and is prospering. Our Churches are good; a commodious Parsonage House secured for the residence of the Clergyman; a new church is being erected, and another is required; the want of which being temporarily supplied by the kindness and liberality of the Orangemen of Clarksville, who have freely given the use of their new Lodge for the performance of Divine Service.

Your kind consideration of the manner in which I performed my duties, I receive as expressing the feelings of parting friends; I trust my heart has been in my work, remembering the strict and solemn account I must soon give at the judgment seat of Christ.

I thank you for your kind notice of Mrs. Osler, and well she has deserved your commendation.—Much of a clergyman's usefulness depends upon his wife—mine has been to me a help and a comfort—to you a blessing. The elegant and valuable present from the Ladies of Tecumseth to the Clergyman's wife will be retained by her as a lasting memorial of years of kindly and affectionate intercourse.

For your very handsome and costly present to myself, also accept my best thanks. I needed it not to bring you often to my remembrance. Yet it is pleasant to receive from those we love tokens of approbation and esteem.

When a minister leaves a parish, it is customary for him to preach a farewell sermon. I could not speak it; I could not from the pulpit bid you farewell, nor can I regard our separation as any more than partial. About once in three months I hope, D. V., to visit you, and my office of Rural Dean of the County will necessarily connect me still with this Parish, in the prosperity of which I shall ever feel the deepest interest.

In conclusion let me add, I have longed and prayed for your salvation. My public ministry was commenced amongst you with the words of the Apostles, "We preach Christ crucified," and were I to close it now with my dying breath should proclaim there is salvation in no other. Faith in Christ, working by love, this great doctrine, is pointed out in all the formularies of our Church, which sends forth her ministers with the Bible in their hands, and she calls upon her members to take that Bible as their rule of faith. Love, then, that church which honours God's word—whoe discipline and orders are Apostolic—which amidst the many discordant sects assailing her on every side, rests securely upon the Rock of Ages, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Proph-

ets, Jesus himself being the chief corner stone. My much loved friends, may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace—that peace which passeth all understanding. Ever faithfully and most affectionately yours. F. L. OSLER.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE, April 1st, 1857.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day; the Lord Bishop in the chair.

The following sums were voted on the recommendation of the Lay Committee:

£60 as a loan to the Rev. E. DuVemet for the completion of parsonage,
 £50 to the Rev. J. S. Sykes for the completion of church and parsonage at Clarendon.
 £50 to Polten Mission, towards the payment of debt and erection of parsonage.
 £50 towards the erection of a new church in the Mission of Brome.

The following sums have been received since the last meeting:

Subscription of Rev. J. Sykes.....	£1	17	6
Collection at Clarenceville.....	3	0	0
Subscription of Rev. Canon Bancroft.....	1	17	6
From Montreal Parochial Association Boxes.....	£18	2	11
Subscriptions.....	64	15	11
	102	18	10

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Cash from a Friend, per Rev. Canon Leech.....	1	0	0
Cash from Mrs. Smith.....	1	0	0
“ “ Mr. G. Smith.....	0	5	0

Reported for the Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette.

CLARENDON MISSION, OTTAWA, C. E.

REPORT OF A MEETING HELD IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 1857.

The Rev. James Samuel Sykes, Incumbent, in the chair.

After prayers, the Rev gentleman addressed the meeting as follows:

My Christian Friends,—This meeting is one of great importance to all who attend the Divine services within these sacred walls; here is the grand centre of this wide field of Missionary labour; here you have a church with all its high and holy privileges; a clergyman residing within five minutes' walk of this place, ready at all times to visit you in sickness and in health; here we have a crowded church, not a single seat vacant; a large congregation that would do credit to a city church. Now the object of this meeting is to secure all these blessings which God has so freely given us, that we may be able to hand them down to our children in all their fulness.

When I first took charge of this extensive mission, a little more than two years ago, I formed my plans, and I am happy to say they have received God's blessing. Besides the sundry improvements in the church and the too long neglected grave-yard, two new churches are now in course of erection, and a clergyman sent by the "Church Society" to take charge of the townships of Litchfield, Mansfield, Calmet Island, and other parts on the banks of the Ottawa, Lower Canada side; and soon Bristol and Onslow will form part of another mission. Clarendon, Thorn, and all the back country will, by this division, enjoy more of the blessings of the church than they have hitherto done, provided the business of this meeting be carried into effect, viz., the putting in operation a well-organized system for developing our

energies, that the church may not be taken by surprise when the aid now received from "the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel" shall be reduced according to the statement given in the bishop's charge, January 7th, 1856, to which I must again call your attention. The bishop says:

"According to the engagements which the Society entered into with me on behalf of this Diocese, when I was in England, in July 1853 (and I did my best, as you will, I am sure, well believe, to obtain as favourable an arrangement as possible) they are to give us a grant of £3,600 sterling per annum, which is to be apportioned for the payment of present and new missionaries, strict regard being had to the observance of good faith with all those to whom the society is already pledged; no new engagements are to be entered into on behalf of the society for a longer period than five years, when the grants will be subject to revision; and that, from and after the 1st of July, 1858, the said grants shall be reduced by not less than ten per cent. In order, therefore, to be prepared to meet this reduction in 1858,—a reduction which will amount at least to £360 sterling per annum, besides any losses that may arise on the Clergy Reserves list.—it must be evident that we must leave several vacancies, as they occur in our present missions, without fresh appointments, unless much larger contributions are raised for missionary purposes within the Diocese. It is well, then, that these things should be clearly understood, that we may not be building on false foundations; and though, as I have already stated, I am fully persuaded that it is utterly impossible for the church in this Diocese, at present, to be self-supporting,—indeed, if she were at once reduced to such a strait, one-half at least of her cures must be abandoned—yet I certainly do think that more may and ought to be done for this object than has hitherto been accomplished, and that more will be done when we have fairly placed this matter before our people, and explained the state and prospects of our church to them, and brought into operation a well-organized system for developing their resources and energies.

Our "Incorporated Diocesan Church Society" naturally presents us with fitting machinery for assisting us to meet these our difficulties; but if the society is really to be made an efficient engine, it must, notwithstanding the increase that appears in its funds for the past year, meet with much greater and more general support than has hitherto been accorded to it. The whole matter, however, will really resolve itself into this simple question: Whether the members of the Church of England in this Diocese are now, indeed, in earnest in their work: do they feel it to be their duty and privilege to further the spread of the gospel, according to that pure and reformed faith which our church teaches: and are they willing, for God's glory, and the salvation of souls, to allow the church to "reap of their worldly things, while she sows to them of her spiritual things?" I certainly think it very probable that some of our present missions will have to be abandoned as permanent stations for clergymen; and perhaps it has given a wrong impression of their position, to have allowed clergymen to occupy a settled location, with an apparent permanency given to their ministrations approaching rather to that of a parochial character, while they still retain the name of missionaries, and continue to receive the whole, or nearly the whole, of their support from missionary funds raised without the Diocese. If we are to look to the permanent establishment of the church in this Diocese, with a hope of its ever being self-supporting, I think that, for the future, it is very questionable whether, on vacancies occurring, any parish or district should be considered as entitled to the permanent and regular services of a clergyman, until the congregation is prepared to supply a very much larger proportion of his maintenance than is now generally the case,—even if we cannot as yet require (which would be

impossible, except in a few instances), the whole to be raised within the cure."

After that I have read, it will be clear to all present, that the "Incorporated Diocesan Church Society" claims at our hands more support than it has at present received. We shall soon have to ask for help, but how can we make out a case, when we have no rules, no order, no plan systematically laid down, by which the great and effective machinery of the church can be set in motion. We have no fund, nor any means by which to create one. All the seats in the church are free, and most of them still without backs and kneeling boards. We have two churchwardens, but we have no means of knowing who are real members and supporters of the church. We may have a list of subscribers towards the purchase of glebe and erection of parsonage, &c., but people are too apt to consider when they give a donation of a few dollars, they have done all, and think they have a share in the building for ever. We hope to find a remedy to-day by letting the seats in the church, let us begin the new year with a single eye to God's glory, form our plans in his strength, and pray for a blessing on our nifty-work and all will be well.

The following resolutions were then put to the meeting:

Moved by Mr. James Hodgins, seconded by Mr. Henry Argue,—That the seats in St. Paul's Church, Clarendon, be numbered from one upwards, and let at once, at an annual rec., and finished in a uniform and workmanlike manner when the funds are sufficient to pay for the same—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. Alexander Sonart, seconded by Thomas Corrigan, churchwarden,—That the pew rents form part of the fund for the liquidation of the debt on the glebe and parsonage, and after the erection of the new parsonage house, and all things necessary for the completion of the same, to be applied to such other purposes as shall be thought most needed from time to time, the application of such sums to be determined on at the annual meeting on Easter Monday in each year—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. James Hodgins, seconded by Mr. Henry Argue,—That this meeting pledges itself to use all the means in its power to raise as much money as possible by subscription lists during the present year. Farmers sending in grain to forward it to Mr. James Hodgins, Mr. James Shaw, or to Mr. Mathewson—*Carried.*

The meeting adjourned till Monday, March 2nd, 1857.

Two o'clock, Monday, March 2nd.

The members of the congregation came forward willingly to pay for their seats, the sum of twenty-three pounds was raised before the close of the meeting.

THOMAS CORRIGAN, } Churchwardens.
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A letter from the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Missionary among the Indians at Lake Huron, Canada West, addressed to the Lord Bishop of Toronto, was laid before the meeting. This letter, dated Malnetoonh-neng, August 6, 1856, was forward by the Bishop with his full recommendation. It appeared that Dr. O'Meara had translated the Prayer Book and New Testament into the Ojibwa language. These works having been attended with greater expense than Dr. O'Meara had expected, he requested, with the approval of his Diocesan, some addition to the £25 which had been voted.

It was agreed that an additional sum of £25 be granted.

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