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## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Toronto, 14th May, 1861.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

It is my intention to visit, for the purpose of holding confirmation, your several parishes, in the month of July next, in accordance with the following list.

I remain, &c.

JOHN TORONTO.

DAYS OF THE MONTH, 1861.	PLACE.	HOUR.
Monday..... 1,	Scarboro' St Paul's.....	11 a. m.
" " " "	St. Jude's.....	1 p. m.
" " " "	Christ Church.....	4 p. m.
Tuesday ... 2,	Duffin's Creek.....	10 a. m.
" " " "	Greenwood.....	1 p. m.
" " " "	Uxbridge.....	5 p. m.
Wednesday 3,	Brock, West Church...	11 a. m.
" " " "	Brock, East Church...	4 p. m.
Thursday ... 4,	Beavertown.....	11 a. m.
Friday ..... 5,	Port Perry.....	1 p. m.
" " " "	Whitby Harbour.....	5 p. m.
Saturday ... 6,	Oshawa.....	10 a. m.
" " " "	Bowmanville.....	3 p. m.
Sunday ..... 7,	Newcastle.....	11 a. m.
" " " "	Inniskillen.....	3 p. m.
Monday..... 8,	Cartwright.....	10 a. m.
" " " "	Manvers.....	2 p. m.
Tuesday ..... 9,	Cavan, St. John's N <sup>th</sup> Ch.	11 a. m.
" " " "	Omeme or Emily.....	3 p. m.
Wednesday 10,	Lindsay.....	11 a. m.
Thursday ... 11,	Peterboro'.....	11 a. m.
" " " "	Lakefield.....	3 p. m.
Friday ..... 12,	Millbrook.....	3 p. m.
Saturday ... 13,	Perrytown.....	11 a. m.
" " " "	Port Hope.....	3 p. m.
Sunday ..... 14,	Cobourg.....	11 a. m.
Monday..... 15,	Grafton.....	11 a. m.
" " " "	Colborne.....	3 p. m.
Tuesday ... 16,	Norwood.....	3 p. m.
Wednesday 17,	Seymour.....	3 p. m.

For the conveniences of the Clergy we re-publish the Prayer, to be read at Morning and Evening Service, so soon as notification of the meeting of the Synod shall have been received: Almighty and everlasting God, who, by Thy Holy Spirit, didst preside in the Councils of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world; we beseech Thee to be present with the Council of Thy Church now about to assemble [or now assembled\*] in Thy name and presence. Preserve them from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of Thy great mercy, vouchsafe so to direct, sanctify and govern them in their present work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, that the saving Gospel of Christ may be truly preached, and obediently followed, in all places, to the breaking down of the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till at length the whole of Thy dispersed sheep, being

gathered into one fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life, through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

\* The words in brackets to be used during the Session of the Synod.

### DIOCESAN SYNOD, TORONTO.

#### Official Notice.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates of parishes and missions within the boundaries of the proposed new Eastern Diocese, are hereby notified that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto requires their attendance in St. George's Church, in the City of Kingston, on Wednesday, the twelfth day June next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of selecting one godly and well learned man to be Bishop of said new Eastern Diocese, and also of proceeding to the consideration of such other business as may be submitted.

By order of the Bishop,

STEPHEN LETT,

Clerical Secretary.

JAMES BOVELL,

Lay Secretary.

Toronto, May 28th, 1861.

### DIOCESAN SYNOD, TORONTO.

#### NINTH SESSION.

25th Day of June, A.D. 1861.

May 21st, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to inform you that the Synod of the Diocese will meet in the City of Toronto, on Tuesday, the 25th day of June next, and we herewith transmit you the order of proceedings together with a list of the members, as far as they have been remitted to us.

We are,

Your obedient servants,

STEPHEN LETT,

Clerical Secretary.

JAMES BOVELL,

Lay Secretary.

#### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS,

As arranged by the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, and acceded to by the LORD BISHOP.

Divine Service and Holy Communion in the Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto, at ten o'clock; the Offertory Collection in aid of the Mission Fund. Adjournment to St. George's Church School House, for dispatch of business at 1 p.m.

N.B.—On each subsequent day of Session there will be Divine Service in St. George's Church, at nine o'clock in the forenoon. The Synod will meet for business immediately after Divine Service, and adjourn at one in the afternoon; re-assemble at two o'clock and adjourn at six.

1. Prayer.

2. Clerical Secretary calls over roll of Clergy.

3. Lay Secretary calls over roll of several parishes; certificates of Lay Delegates presented and examined by a Committee, previously named by the LORD BISHOP.

4. Election of a Clerical Secretary by the Clergy.

5. Election of a Lay Secretary by the Laity.

6. Election of a Treasurer and two Auditors.

7. Read, correct, and approve Minutes.

8. Read correspondence.

9. Appoint Committees.

10. Present, read, refer memorials and petitions.

11. Present report of Committees.

a. Committee on assessment of parishes, REV. DR. LETT.

b. Committee on Incorporation of Synod, ARCHDEACON OF YORK.

c. Committee on Church Music, REV. DR. BRAVEN.

12. Present reports of Treasurer and Auditors.

13. Give Notices of Motion.

14. Take up unfinished business.

a. Confirmation of Canons, see page 180 last report, ARCHDEACON OF YORK.

b. Confirmation of by-law, see page 180 last report, HON. J. H. CAMERON.

c. Adoption of report on building parsonages, see page 176 last report, REV. DR. PATTON.

d. Confirmation of By-law, see page 201 last report, ARCHDEACON OF YORK.

15. Consider Motions.

a. Amendment to Canon on Bishop's Court, HON. J. H. CAMERON.

b. A petition to the Legislature so to amend the University Act, as to render the system of University education acceptable to the members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to enable the Church to participate in a system of education which shall be generally applicable to the Province, and also to make such amendments as may enable the Colleges to participate in the public endowment for education, without sacrificing the principles on which Churchmen believe that education should be conducted; without interfering in any respect with the charter of Trinity College; without jeopardising the property belonging to the College, derived from private sources; and without lowering the standard of education now maintained in that Institution, REV. DR. FULLER.

c. Alteration of certain articles of the Constitution relating to the election of Lay Delegates, W. B. SIMPSON.

d. Parochial Reports, REV. DR. FULLER.

e. Alteration in law respecting Common Schools, REV. W. S. DARLING.

f. On Lay co-operation, REV. DR. FULLER.

g. Election of Delegates to Provincial Synod, REV. DR. LETT.

- A. Consolidation of Revenues and resources of the Church, J. BOVELL.
- i. Annual subscription for Sustentation of Clergy, J. W. GAMBLE.
- j. Committee on Church Endowments in Toronto, S. B. HARMAN.
- k. Committee on regulation of Rectorial and other Endowments, Rev. S. GIVENS.
- l. Systematic beneficence, Rev. Dr. FULLER.
- m. Enquiry as to Law and Medical Faculties in Trinity College, Rev. W. BLEASDELL.
- n. Committee of enquiry into the effect of the Commutation Covenants with the Clergy, Rev. W. BLEASDELL.
- o. Propriety of amending Rule for appointing Committees, E. J. Sisson.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,  
MONTREAL, May 23rd, 1861.

My Lord,—I have the honour to inform you that I have recently been empowered by the Board of Directors of this Company, to renew the privilege tickets formerly granted to Clergymen, enabling them to travel at half-fare.

If your Lordship will cause a list of the Clergy of your Diocese to be transmitted to me, I shall have much pleasure in forwarding them their cards.

I have the honour to be,  
Your Lordship's  
Most obedient servant,  
W. SHANLY,  
To the Right Rev. the Bishop of Toronto.

TORONTO, 27th May, 1861.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of the 23rd inst., acquainting me that you have been empowered by the Board of Directors of Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, to renew the privilege tickets formerly granted to Clergymen, enabling them to travel at half-fare.

I beg you will convey the grateful acknowledgements of myself and Clergy to the Directors of the Company, for their kind consideration.

I have enclosed a list of the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto, as requested, and have much pleasure in thanking you for your acceptable communication.

I have the honour  
To be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,  
JOHN TORONTO.  
W. Shanly, Esq., Civil Engineer, Montreal.

COLLECTIONS UP TO MAY 28th, 1861.

STUDENT FUND FOR 19TH YEAR.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels, and missionary stations, in the Diocese of Toronto, on behalf of the Students' Fund, for 19th year, received between the 15th and 28th ult.

Previously announced .....	\$492.87
St. James' Church, Kingston, per Rev. A. Stewart .....	16.00
St. Mary's, Newboro .....	\$2.25
St. John's, Leeds .....	2 65
St. Peter's, Newboys .....	1.10
Per Rev. J. Davidson .....	6.00

Weiland .....	1.49
Marshville .....	1.20
Per Rev. J. Stannage .....	2.69
St. George's, St. Catharines, per Rev. Dr. Atkinson .....	24.08
St. John's Church, York Mills, per Rev. Dr. Michele .....	2.03
Renfrew, per Churchwardens .....	3.28
St. John's Church, Hamilton, per Rev. J. G. D. McKensie .....	5.00
Church of Ascension, Hamilton, per Rev. J. Hebden .....	3.47
Walpole, per Rev. S. Briggs .....	9.00
St. John's Church, Cayuga .....	4.50
" " Maitland .....	2.00
" " Dunnville .....	2.50
Per Rev. J. Flood .....	9.00
Ontario .....	2.27
Stoney Creek .....	0.47
Binbrook .....	0.58
Saltfleet .....	1.18
Per Rev. J. L. Alexander .....	4.45

120 Collections, amounting to.....\$590.04

MISSION FUND, JANUARY COLLECTION, 19TH YEAR.

Previously announced .....	\$714.82
St. James' Church, Kingston .....	2.10
Camden East, per Rev. G. W. White .....	4.00

151 Collections, amounting to ..... 720.42

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Carrying Place, additional, per Rev. H. E. Pless .....	5.00
Mahnitowahning, including Rev. P. Jacobs an. sub. ....	23.16
Newboro, including Rev. J. Davidson's an. sub. ....	31.27
Leeds .....	31.40

Per Rev. J. Davidson .....	62.67
St. John's Church, Peterboro' .....	26.74
Thornhill and Vaughan, per Rev. E. H. Dewar .....	73.10
Gore and Wellington District, sale of Western Permanent Building Stock, per F. W. Gates, Esq. ....	611.82

ERRATUM.

For Kemptville, per Rev. J. Harris, (under the head of "Mission Fund, July Collection," in the Gazette of the 1st ult.) read Franktown, per Rev. E. Morris.

MANITOWANING, LAKE HURON, May, 10.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in sending you a few more extracts from my journal, which I hope you will find interesting.

January, 3rd.—Our missionary meeting was held this evening. Three spoke besides myself, the speeches were heard with great attention, and they appeared to produce a good effect on the hearers. Twenty dollars and fifty cents were promised for the Church Society of the Diocese. As the Indians have no money, no collection was taken up. The Indians who have promised to give something are to bring me maple sugar in the spring.

Little Current, 10th.—A missionary meeting was held in the chapel school this evening. Only two spoke; all the people present appeared very willing to do something for the missionary cause. Twelve dollars and a quarter were promised for the Colonial Church and School Society.

Manitowaning, 22nd.—J. M. came to my house this evening, he had his Indian Prayer Book in his hand, J. wished me to hear him read some passages out of it. He is anxious that he should read well; after we had spent some time together in reading, we talked on serious subjects. How my heart was glad when I heard the words which fell from the lips of J. He mentioned that he had given up his body, soul, and spirit to God, that he had dedicated himself to His service, and that his aim was to reach heaven; he said that he was convinced not only about his own salvation, but also about that of his brethren in the village. He would pray for them, and he would speak to them from time to time in their own houses concerning things relating to time and eternity; he would endeavour to help me in my work, and he would all the time look to God for grace to enable him to do his duty. He asked me if it would be proper for him to offer up prayer in the Indians' houses in his visits to them. I at once replied in the affirmative. May a large portion of God's blessing rest on the inhabitants of this village, may many among them be as anxious to be saved as the one who spoke to me this evening.

28th.—The snow is so deep now, and there is so much water on the ice that it is impossible to go a great distance with a horse and sleigh; the snow is about 18 inches deep on the ice, and in the bush it is about 4 feet deep. Travelling is very difficult this winter, I was lately detained three days by stormy weather at a place thirty miles from this; I had gone to visit a sick woman.

March, 4th.—On the 22nd of last month, I went to the Little Current to visit the Indians who live there; and to hold some services among them. My horse had to walk all the way as the snow was very deep, I was obliged sometimes to get out of the sleigh and walk on snow-shoes. I found that the Chapel school, at the Little Current, had been repaired a short time before. The Indians gave their labour gratuitously; I spent two Sundays with them, the attendance at church was good, the singing was both loud and sweet. During the time that I was at the Current, I taught the children every day for two hours.

14th.—I closed my school to day, after having taught all the winter; to-morrow some of the Indians leave for their sugar camps, and others the day after. As they will be several miles away from the village, and as their children assist them in making sugar, the school could not be kept up. Of the children that I taught this winter, two can read the Indian Testament.

April, 3rd.—On the 30th ult., I went to the Little Current, I had mentioned to the people there a fortnight ago that I would spend Easter Sunday with them, and that I would administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to such as would desire to partake of it. I had also mentioned that if any wanted spiritual advice, or wished to be instructed, before coming to the sacrament; I would be only too glad to meet them at the house I stayed the evening before Easter, and to talk to them. In the evening a man and a woman came to me, they asked me to give them advice, and to speak to them about the Lord's Supper. I gladly did as they requested, they listened very attentively; after I had spoken some time to them, we knelt down, and I offered up a prayer. The following day, six (including the two who came to me) partook of the sacrament. I was pleased to find that our chapel school had now a reading desk; the desk was made by one of the Indians: most of the men subscribed for it.

May, 10th.—What has been collected here for the Church Society this spring, amounts to \$23.16. In this is included my annual subscrip-

tion \$5.00. The sum of \$4.00 was spent in the mission for church purposes; the balance I now send down to Toronto. A larger amount would have been raised for the Society, had the season just gone by been a favourable one for sugar making. Only half of the quantity of sugar that was made last year has been made this year; yet the amount of money raised this spring is nearly equal to that raised last year, there being a decrease of only \$1.54.

With sincere wishes for the prosperity of the Church Society's work in this Diocese,  
I am, Rev. and dear Sir,  
Your humble and obedient servant,  
PETER JACOBS.

The Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.

P.S.—The money that I am sending you, with the exception of my own subscription, is intended to aid the Mission Fund of the Church Society.

ROMAN CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE.

The following decree from Pope Pius IX. has been published in the Toronto Freeman, in compliance with the wishes of Bishop Lynch, the Romish prelate at Toronto:—

“PIUS P. P. IX.

“FOR A PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE.

“Our Venerable Brother, John Joseph Lynch, the present Bishop of Toronto, set forth to Us, that it is his wish to establish a Sacred Pilgrimage at the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Peace, situated near the Falls of Niagara, in that Diocese.—Wherefore, he earnestly besought Us graciously to open the heavenly treasures of indulgences, by establishing for the faithful the above named Holy Pilgrimage. We, to increase the piety of the faithful, and to save souls by the heavenly treasures of the Church, favouring the prayers addressed to Us, grant through the Divine mercy, to all the faithful of both sexes, who are truly penitent, and have confessed their sins, and received Holy Communion, a plenary indulgence and remission of all their sins, on whatever day in any year they may choose to perform the Holy Pilgrimage at that Church, and there pray piously to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the concord of Christian Princes, the peace and triumph of Our Holy Mother the Church, the extirpation of heresies and the conversion of sinners. On whatever day the faithful shall perform the pilgrimage to the aforesaid Church, with contrite heart, and shall pray as above prescribed, We grant an indulgence of seven years and seven times forty days from canonical or otherwise enjoined penance, in the usual ecclesiastical form; all of which indulgences, absolutions of sin, and remissions of canonical penance, We make applicable to assist the souls who have departed this life in friendship with God. Notwithstanding all past acts to the contrary, this is to avail for all future time.

“Given at St. Peter's Rome, sealed with the Fisherman's Ring, March 1st, 1861, in the 18th year of our Pontificate.

J. CARD. ANTONELLI.

“PIUS IX., PONT. MAX.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BRANCH.

Cobourg Parochial Association.....	
50 Reports .....	\$ 5.00
Cash to balance.....	54.60
	\$ 59.60
Port Hope, balance .....	44.00
Cavan—	
Rev. T. W. Allen.....	\$5.00
Subscriptions added .....	4.00
	9.00

Perrytown—	
Rev. J. Hilton, W. and O.....	\$ 5.00
“ Missions.....	5.00
Collections .....	25.00
	85.00
Newcastle Parochial Association.....	83.28
	\$280.78
Previously remitted.	
From Port Hope.....	\$ 73.75
Per chairman District Branch .....	650.00
	723.75
	\$954.53

REPORT OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Important changes and amendments have been made in the frame-work of our Diocesan Church Society since the District Branch held its last annual meeting; and these alterations, your committee are of opinion, will prove highly beneficial in advancing the interests and increasing the usefulness of the Society.

The by-law regulating the management and distribution of the Widows and Orphans' Fund has been revised in accordance with the recommendations of a sub-committee specially appointed for that purpose; and a graduated scale of pensions adopted by which the amount granted is made to depend upon the resources of the applicants.

The permissive clauses allowing parochial committees to retain three-fourths of the moneys raised by them is abrogated. Wise and judicious as were the provisions made by the framers of the original Constitution, by which local improvements might be carried out, and local wants supplied through the various parochial organizations, yet what at one time was felt to be a praiseworthy consideration for the wants of individual parishes, soon came to be very generally acknowledged an objectionable feature in the character of the society, and a hindrance to its full success. Some from the beginning questioned the soundness of such an appropriation of funds raised in its name; but however this may be, it cannot be doubted that the energies as well as the resources of the society have in this way been sorely crippled. Now, under more favourable circumstances, and with an almost absolute certainty of largely increased funds, it may safely assume its proper position and claim the support of our people as the Church Missionary Society, having for its first and paramount care, Home Missions.

To carry out this main design with greater efficiency, a Board of Missions has been established, and in order the more effectually to enlist the sympathies of the whole diocese in the work, the constitution of the board has been framed on the most liberal basis, wisely composed in part of members of the society, and in part of members chosen by the Synod. This board is now actively employed in furthering the great work entrusted to it; and, depending on the hearty co-operation of the great body of the church, has incurred responsibilities to a large amount, but which the offerings of the faithful will no doubt enable it punctually to meet. Measures have already been taken by the board for the increase of both travelling and settled missions; the extent of that increase will depend solely on the means placed at its disposal.

Under this new and auspicious state of things, your committee have not been unmindful of the wants of our own district. There are many townships around us spiritually destitute as regards the ministrations of the church. To be

aware of this destitution without making an effort for its removal or alleviation, is criminal. It may be this sin now lies at our door. No special missionary effort has been put forth by our district branch for the last ten or twelve years. Previous to that period, by the aid it was enabled to afford, the partial services of a missionary were secured for the townships of Cartwright, Manvers, Alnwick, Asphodel, Seymour, and Percy; and to the effect produced by these visits, few and hurried as they were, may be attributed the appointment of the settled missionaries now labouring in two of these townships.

Similar, and it may be greater results would now follow the establishment of one or more travelling missions within this and the adjoining counties; nor could there be a more favourable time than the present to enter upon this enterprise. The secretary of this association, at the suggestion of its chairman, introduced and carried a resolution at the last meeting of the Board of Missions, providing for the payment of the stipend of a travelling missionary for this district, as soon as the requirements of the board are complied with.

From the returns made by the Parochial Committees, a few which are now about to be submitted, your committee are glad to learn that the promised stipend can at once be claimed, as the sum to be transmitted to Toronto will exceed the required amount.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Cobourg, Port Hope, Darlington, Clark, Cavan, Grafton, Colborne, Peterboro', Cartwright, Perrytown.

These statements are encouraging and full of hope. Enough has been done to shew that the duty of fostering the missionary cause is acknowledged amongst us, but not enough to prove the duty fully discharged. With the increase of a missionary spirit in this and kindred associations, we may hope to see the speedy occupation of every spiritually barren spot within the bounds of the diocese. And to effect this, it only needs that the energy of churchmen be put forth; that these offerings bear as true a proportion to their numbers and wealth as they must do to their piety, and the resources of the church will be increased so as to meet the spiritual needs of the people.

The following abstract of the treasurer's account shews the total amount raised by the several local committees during the current year:—

Cobourg Par. Ass.....	\$398.09
Port Hope “ .....	117.75
Grafton “ .....	\$76.00
Colborne “ .....	87.62
	163.02
Cavan, St. John's Par. Ass.....	48.57
“ St. Paul's “ .....	29.27
“ St. Thomas “ .....	40.45
“ Add subscribers.....	4.00
Rev. T. W. Allen.....	5.00
	128.29
Newcastle.....	83.28
Perrytown.....	25.00
Rev. J. Hilton .....	10.00
	85.00
Cartwright .....	58.60
Peterboro' .....	112.00
Bowmanville.....	45.20
	\$1186.78

REPORT OF COUNTY SIMCOE BRANCH OF CHURCH SOCIETY, FOR YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1861.

In viewing the working of the Church Society for the past year, and the extensions of its labours

in this county, your Committee find abundant cause supplied for gratitude to Almighty God, who alone ruleth the hearts of men, and renders them obedient instruments in the spread of his kingdom.

The alterations in the Constitution of the Society by more fully manifesting its missionary character will, it is hoped, produce an increased zeal on the part of churchmen to fill its treasury, and thus make it the medium of bringing the ministrations of the gospel to many places yet totally destitute.

Your Committee have learned with much satisfaction, the establishment of the Board of Missions, as supplying a central depository, from which to pay the salaries of the clergy; and involving a principle which, if faithfully carried out, will do much to remove an evil which has hitherto grossly hindered the extension of the Church, and its healthy progress in established missions, viz.—the direct connection of pastor and flock, as concerneth ministerial stipend, and it is most devoutly to be hoped that the board may rigidly adhere to the principle so happily laid down, and further, by degrees bring it into operation in all the unendowed missions of the Diocese. The tendency of this principle to augment the funds of the Society, and the number of the clergy will be obvious from the result of its application in this county, as doubtless in many others.

The crude working of the voluntary system, as hitherto applied to the maintenance of the parochial clergy, has been productive of the most crippling results, and it is confidently believed, that if the regulations of the Board of Missions could be applied to all the rural parishes, more regularity—more satisfaction, and more funds would be the effect, and many of the clergy would be relieved from a position, at once painful and injurious to their influence.

The county of Simcoe has cause to rejoice with thankfulness, at the appointment of two missionaries within the past year, under the auspices of the Board of Missions; one labouring in the North Riding, and one in the South. The immediate marked effect of these appointments has been to make more evident the great destitution which still exists. An earnest desire has been created for the ministry of the gospel, and a corresponding willingness to contribute cheerfully to obtain it.

The Parochial Meetings took place in the month of January, and it is satisfactory to report a large increase, both in the number of meetings, and amount collected, which, as shewn in the Treasurer's account, is \$1043, nearly double that of last year.

Twenty-two meetings were held, viz.:—at Bradford, Coulsons, Cookstown, West Essa, St. Lukes, Mulmer, St. John, Mono, Trinity Church, Bond Head, St. Marks, Oro, St. James, Orillia, St. George's, Medonte, St. Luke's, North Orillia, St. John's, Crayhurst, Penotanguishene, Victoria Hill, Barrie, Thornton, Church Hill, St. Paul's, Inquisit, Harper's School House, Mulmer, Creemore, Nottawasaga Station and Collingwood, being nine more than the previous year. Several of the county clergy and laity attended, aided by Rev. Dr. Fuller, who kindly came from the Niagara District to afford his valuable assistance. Returns have been received from all but two of the places named above. The deputation was every where met with expressions of deep interest in the success of the Society, and urgent appeals for the appointment of more missionaries, especially in the places now travelled over, by the Rev. A. J. Fidler, who is well received, and doing all that one man can do in so vast a field; but it is utterly impossible that he can give anything like suitable attention to so many and distant congregations. The people throughout his Mission came forward with cheerfulness and liberality,

and offered to guarantee much larger sums, whenever the Mission can be so divided as to make both Cookstown and Creemore the headquarters of a clergyman.

Your Secretary has since received letters of thanks from several places in the North Riding, for the efforts which have been made to secure the present missionary, accompanied with earnest requests that the Lord Bishop should at once be applied to to appoint another.

The following extracts are from the report from Cookstown, and a letter from a gentleman at the other end of the Mission:—

“**REV. SIR,**—In making their returns, the collectors in and around Cookstown inform us, that the people have freely contributed over the amount you demanded of them, and that they are earnestly alive to the necessity of having at least one missionary's whole time to this locality, and they, with one accord, declare that they are prepared to make greater exertions, and to increase their subscriptions whenever that boon can be obtained: this statement we fully endorse, and most earnestly beg to draw your attention to the fact, that there are many parts to the south of Pine-forest wholly destitute of the ministrations of the Church, near many of which your missionary passes each week, on his way to and from Creemore, and which, from absolute want of time, cannot receive attention under the present arrangement—pardon us Rev. Sir, if we take the liberty of begging of you to bring this matter under the notice of the Board of Missions, in order to divide the Mission into at least two, at as early a date as possible.”

“**DEAR SIR,**—In addition, I would beg to state the great and earnest desire, expressed by all the people with whom we have conversed on our collecting tour, to have a resident minister of the gospel of Christ permanently stationed among us. Although Mr. Fidler makes all the exertions that is in the power of any good and faithful servant of Christ to make; still, what can one man do in the extensive field of labour which he has to travel over. My opinion is, that it is only arousing a religious feeling, which cannot be satisfied with the small cultivation that can be spared upon it.

I hope you will from your own knowledge, and what you obtained in your kind visit among us, in January, and the few imperfect observations I have made,—and which is the mind of all around—press the subject on the attention of his Lordship the Bishop, and the Church Society. I am afraid I have trespassed too long upon your valuable time; but it is hard to be without a professed servant of God among us, and to see so many young people growing up without a shepherd to watch over them.”

In the North Riding, the want is equally great, but without the same prospect of increased subscriptions, as the call for missionary help comes chiefly from the new township, now rapidly settling, and as these settlers are all poor and struggling; nothing for some time can be expected from them, and unless a missionary can be sent, supported by some public fund, they must remain destitute of Sunday ministrations, as the Rev. W. M. Ross.—The Society's missionary finds abundant employment in those places, which contribute to the Society's funds.

The review of the past is surely sufficient to encourage every soul who desires the extension of our ministrations, to put his hand with new vigour to the plough, and not turn back, until all the desolate places of our land are rendered vocal with the sweet strains of heavenly worship, through the instrumentality of our spiritual liturgy.

If any notice was required to impel the Church to put forth her strength to plant the truths of

the ever blessed gospel of Christ on a firm foundation in this vast colony, it would be found in the alarming spread of infidelity, in subtle forms, and appearing even in high places in our father land.—May God avert the evil, and increase devotion to his own most holy name in the hearts of all men!

T. BOLTON READ,  
Secretary C. S. B. C. S.

#### GORE AND WELLINGTON BRANCH ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

##### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1860.

The Managing Committee of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society present their Nineteenth Annual Report to the members of that association, and congratulate them as they do the diocese at large, upon the increased interest that appears to have been awakened in the cause of the Church Society during the twelve months which have recently expired. This interest has been manifested by the large attendance at parochial meetings, the formation of new parochial associations, the increase in the number of subscribers, and in the growing confidence which has been expressed by speakers both lay and clerical, at the public meetings of the society.

Your committee are disposed to attribute this promising state of things to the changes which have recently been effected in the constitution and working of the parent society—especially as regards the very important branch of their operations—establishing and maintaining missionaries in the most destitute parts of the country. This object has had assigned to it a greater prominence than it held before. It is entrusted to a board of missions so constituted as to command the confidence of the various district associations, and also to secure due attention and support to the wants of each locality. Of this board the chairman of the district association *ex officio* members, and two other members, one lay and one clerical, are elected annually from each of the several district associations.

The funds formerly expended for missions in these districts are still appropriated to the same—no deviation has been made from the practice of former years, except that the stipends are paid by the Board of Missions, instead of by the several local managing committees, and the very first rule for the government of the Mission Fund provides that no application for a stipend for a missionary shall be taken into consideration by the board, unless the same shall be recommended by the committee of the District Branch Association within the limits of which the mission, in whose behalf the application is made, is situated. The transmission of the whole of the collections to the treasurer of the parent society, instead of one-fourth as heretofore, does not in the slightest degree alter the appropriation of those funds as formerly made in this district—one fourth is as before applied to general purposes, and the remaining three-fourths to the destitute missions. In those districts when the three-fourths were retained for local expenditure, and not for missionary purposes, the change which claims additional support for missions cannot but commend itself to the approval of every reflecting christian mind.

The meetings of the parent society in Toronto are now held quarterly instead of monthly, and all business of importance intended to be transacted at these meetings must be published in the *Eccliaastical Gazette* a month previously, and a copy furnished to each member of the Standing Committee. The result of this change has proved

most beneficial; the members of the society residing in the country are now able to be present at all the meetings, the attendance has been greatly increased, and a much more lively interest taken in the prosperous working of the society at large, as well as in the various district associations.

Your committee cannot refrain from alluding to another change which likewise promises to be attended with the happiest results: arrangements have now been made by which the funds raised within the bounds of any district association, by collections in churches or otherwise, for founding exhibitions for students in divinity, may be regarded as the peculiar property of that district branch, the managing committee of which shall have the nomination of the exhibitions, and these shall be called after the districts so establishing them. The quarterly collections heretofore made are sufficient to endow one such, but it is hoped that a fresh stimulus may be given to this branch of the Church Society's operations, and that in each district branch two, three, or four exhibitions (according to the wealth and population of the district) may eventually be formed. The effect of this would be that young men of piety and promise resident in the district and desiring to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, would be looked out and recommended by the resident clergy in each locality. On such recommendation they would be adopted (as it were) by the district branch as its own peculiar charge. Their progress at college would be watched with more than ordinary interest, and when ripe for the ministry, they would be ordained and sent to minister in all probability among those who had been instrumental in preparing them for their work.

Your committee, in accordance with the resolutions of the Mission Board, transmitted a report of their funds and liabilities, a statement of the missionaries employed in the united districts, and of those places to which promises of a missionary had been made. The funds delivered over to them were in cash \$83, in Western Permanent Building Society Stock, 110 shares, valued at \$660. The missionaries formerly employed are still continued. They have been paid promptly by the Mission Board. One vacancy has been filled by them, Maryborough, Peel; and two others, (Beverley, Strabane, and Garafra, Erin,) it is hoped will very shortly be supplied.

Of the thirty-one parochial associations connected with this District Branch reports have only been received from seventeen, the aggregate of their subscriptions being \$1208.99 showing a diminution of \$90 as compared with the collections from the same parishes last year—fourteen have not been heard from. Should these have been as successful as last year, (and there is reason to believe that in some cases there will be an increase,) the total amount may not fall far short of the receipts of the previous year.

The committee would, therefore, recommend to the members of the Church Society in the Gore and Wellington Districts to co-operate with all zeal and cordiality with the Mission Board. They commend to their consideration the following resolution adopted by that board, and they trust that it will be responded to by increased efforts in every parish: "That the Board of Missions charged with the important duty of endeavouring to provide funds for the payment of the stipends of missionaries now so urgently required in the numerous townships of the diocese that continue destitute of the ministrations of the church, and being determined in dependence on the Divine blessing to do its utmost to fulfil the solemn obligations which have been laid upon them, very earnestly call on every member of the church to contribute according to his ability to the missionary objects of the Church Society, and thus

to place the board in a position to gladden the hearts of many members of our communion, who have urgently applied for clergymen to labour among them."

CHRIST CHURCH, HAMILTON.

The parochial collections for this association have not yet been completed. A good deal of difficulty has been experienced in making the collections, many subscribers having removed from the place, and others conceiving themselves obliged from various pressing claims to withdraw or to diminish their annual subscriptions. The financial difficulties in which their own church and congregation are involved have no doubt had their weight in lessening the amount formerly contributed to the funds of the Church Society. No dissatisfaction has been expressed towards the society, the same confidence is felt in its working under recent changes as formerly—indeed in many quarters those changes have tended to increase the confidence. The parochial difficulties it is hoped are temporary, and when surmounted, the Church Society will again obtain that consideration and support which it has from the first formation of the society enjoyed from Christ Church Parochial Association. It has been a source of regret, as well as of great pecuniary loss, that the ladies of the congregation were unable to undertake the collections this year, as they did last, owing to demands recently made upon their time for raising funds to pay off the debt upon the cemetery. Had the collections of this association been equal to those of the last year, there would have been an increase in the total amount from this district, a fact which renders the deficiency in Christ Church subscriptions the more to be lamented. The amount collected is \$131.

The treasurer presented the following statement of accounts:

*The Church Society of the Gore and Wellington District in account with the Treasurer.*

1861.	Dr.	
March 21.	To paid travelling expenses of speakers at meeting....	\$ 6.00
" 29.	To cash remitted to parent society.....	1000.00
April 26.	To cash remitted to parent society.....	280.00
	To balance retained by treasurer to cover incidental expenses.....	12.07
		\$1298.67

1861.	Cr.	
March 21.	By Collections from the following:	
	Beverley, \$43; less paid Mr. Higginson, \$30.....	\$ 13.00
	Rockwood.....	58.00
	Saltfleet.....	17.50
	Oakville.....	68.44
	Palermo.....	23.56
	Milton.....	100.00
	Hornby.....	56.50
	Christ Church, Hamilton... Church of Ascension, " ..	131.00 92.50
	Wellington Square & Nelson Guelph \$308.66; less adv'ng 1.50, and reports \$2.50...	264.66
	Waterdown.....	61.00
	Lowville.....	45.50
	Barton and Glanford.....	72.28
	Annual meeting at Hamilton	12.18
	Elora and Fergus.....	81.50
		\$1298.67

April 26. By balance in Treasurer's hands \$12.67

F. W. GATES, Treasurer.

Hamilton, April 26, 1861.

COBOURG.

The collections for the present year will be transmitted to the Parent Society without abatement.

There are several small amounts that can still be relied upon; and these when received will make the whole sum collected within this parish fully £100. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the ladies who, during very inclement weather, have undertaken and so very successfully prosecuted this duty.

PETERBOROUGH.

The local Committee of St. John's Church, Peterboro', beg leave to present the following report. A meeting of the Church Society was held upon the 21st day of January, 1861, which was very well attended, and as an increased desire to advance the interest of the Society was manifested last year, a difficulty was felt in getting collectors. This year no such difficulty has been experienced, on the contrary, the ladies of the parish have felt that it was a duty, and they have consequently endeavoured to discharge it. The effect of this is manifested in the subscription list of the Society, which will be at least £10 larger than it was last year. During the past year the collections taken up quarterly have very much improved; these in all amount to the sum of £24 10s. And as this is given in all cases from principle, and in the wish to discharge a high christian duty, the local Committee have every reason to hope that each year may be marked by increased exertion for the advance and prosperity of our Heavenly Master's Kingdom.

BOWMANVILLE.

The amount reported as having been collected in this parish is forty-five dollars.

PERRYTOWN.

The annual collection in this mission is not so large this year as usual. The following amount has been raised:

Perrytown .....	\$21.00
A Friend .....	4.00
Rev. J. Hilton .....	10.00
	<u>\$35.00</u>

FORT HOPE.

The subscription list for the present year, notwithstanding the local pressure of financial difficulties, exceeds the amount raised last year, the amount collected is \$117.75. This increase is no doubt owing to the very general satisfaction which is felt at the late changes made in the working of the Parent Society, by which it has become, more than heretofore, a Home Missionary Society.

NEWCASTLE.

The Newcastle Parochial Committee have to report the collection of eighty-three dollars. The recent changes made in the Constitution of the Society seem to have been generally considered necessary and salutary by the subscribers. The amount subscribed, it will be seen, is larger than last year; showing the good results at least in one instance of the abrogation of the permission heretofore extended to parishes of retaining the larger proportion of moneys raised by them for the furtherance of local purposes.

The Committee hail with pleasure the prospect held out of the appointment of Travelling Missionaries in the United Counties. They feel convinced that the contributions in this part of the country will be willingly increased when this mission work is begun.

CARTWRIGHT.

The Cartwright Committee report fifty-eight dollars as the amount subscribed in the mission for the present year. This rural parish is known

to be prompt in the performance of the duty of supporting the Society. Local improvements have been effected during the past year involving the outlay of one hundred and sixty dollars, in the erection of sheds, and the purchase of a melodeon. This affords another proof that neither the funds of the Society will suffer, nor the minor wants of parishes remain unsupplied by the alteration recently made in the Constitution of the Society.

## CAVAN.

The meetings in this parish were well attended, and the objects of the Society ably advocated by the Clergy present. Great prominence was given to the recent changes in the organisation of the Society; and all were delighted to know that the whole amount subscribed was to be sent to the Parent Society. The following returns have been made by the collectors:—

St. John's Church .....	\$ 43.57
St. Paul's Church .....	20.27
St. Thomas' Church.....	46.95
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	\$110.29
Rev. T. W. Allen .....	5.00
Additional subscribers .....	4 00
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	\$128.29

## GRAFTON &amp; COLBORNE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The customary annual meetings were held in both these parishes, in the month of January last. And the collectors' returns, though not yet quite complete, shew the following results, viz.:

Grafton Par. Ass. ....	£15 2 6
Colborne " " .....	21 17 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	£36 10 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

The whole of which will be sent to the Parent Society, in accordance with the change recently introduced in the Constitution.

## DIOCESAN SYNOD, MONTREAL.

On Tuesday, 18th June, there will be Divine Service at the Cathedral with the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock, and the Synod will afterwards assemble in the Cathedral School-room for the transaction of business at 2 o'clock.

The collection for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Synod is arranged to be made on the 16th of June, and it is requested that a return of such collections may be sent to the Secretary previous to the opening of the present session.

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

The London *Prototype* of the 27th inst., contains the following:—

"We are happy to be able to announce that His Lordship the Bishop of Huron has appointed the Rev. C. C. Brough, A.M., rector of St. John's, and the Rev. J. Hellmuth, D.D., to the important office of Archdeacon in the Diocese of Huron.

"Dr. Hellmuth has for several years been favourably known as the active General Superintendent of the Colonial Church and School Society for British North America. We understand that he will shortly proceed to England as the Bishop's commissary, to forward the interests of the Diocese of Huron.

"We cannot refrain from congratulating the Lord Bishop of Huron on the choice which he has made for such important offices, and we confidently anticipate that those appointments will greatly advance the best interests of the young but prosperous Diocese of Huron."

## Foreign Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

## CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

In my last I sent you an account of the arrival of the Venerable Archdeacon Mackenzie and part of his band of missionaries, together with some account of the news from Dr. Livingston, and sad fate of the missionaries of the London Society, &c. I now proceed to give you a brief account of an event which has been looked forward to with deep interest by the Church of England in all parts of the world. After some little delay in consequence of the difficulty of bringing Suffragan Bishops together from their distant dioceses, the Feast of the Circumcision was decided upon as the day upon which the consecration of the first Missionary Bishop to the tribes of South Africa should take place. It was at first decided that the Feast of the Epiphany should be the day, as it was thought that would be about the time the Bishop of St. Helena might be expected to arrive, but the vessel made an unprecedented short passage, and so the arrangements were altered. The Bishop of Grahamstown was expected; he was waiting at Algoa bay when the mail left, having made his arrangements to come by the steamer, but he unfortunately lost his passage, and having had a fall from his horse was not able to stand the jolting involved by a ride some 600 miles in the post cart. The consecration, therefore, unavoidably took place without his presence. Although the first two or three days of the new year are exclusively devoted to holiday making, all business being suspended, and the panting inhabitants of Table valley being only too glad to escape from the boiling heat and dust to breathe the pure fresh air of the country, still the great interest taken in the forthcoming ceremony attracted a large congregation to the cathedral. At half-past ten the bells of the cathedral chimed out merrily, St. George's being the only church in the colony possessing a peal, and, though imperfect, sufficient to remind one of home. The regular attendants at the cathedral were admitted by the south door, and at a quarter to eleven the great doors were thrown open at the western porch, and the church was soon filled. The order of ceremony observed followed as closely as possible that of the use of Westminster Abbey. The Dean, Cannon and clergy met the Metropolitan and his assistants in the vestry at the right of the vestibule at the western entrance; the choristers and gentlemen of the choir in the baptistry on the opposite side. The procession formed in the following order, and proceeded down the church to the chancel:—

## A Verger.

The Choristers in surplices.

Gentlemen of the Choir.

Eighteen Parochial Clergy of Capetown and neighbourhood.

Cannons and Cathedral Clergy.

## A Verger.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Capetown.

The Registrar of the Diocese.

The Venerable F. C. Mackenzie, Bishop-elect and Chaplain.

Bishop of Natal. Bishop of St. Helena.  
The Metropolitan's Verger, bearing mitre-staff.  
Rev. Albert Wood, bearing the crozier.

The Right Rev. the Metropolitan Bishop.  
His Lordship's Chaplain, the Rev. E. Glover, bearing the pastoral staff.

Arrived at the chancel the procession opened right and left. The Metropolitan proceeded to his throne on the north side; the Bishops of St. Helena and Natal to seats on the other side. The Dean, Cannons Precentor, and Bishop's chaplain

also passed into their respective seats, and the other cathedral clergy to their stalls; the parochial clergy to the daily service chapel on the south side of the altar behind the parclose, the Bishop-elect, vested in surplice, kneeling at a faldstool at the entrance of the chancel, the Revs. A. Wood, W. F. H. Curtis, and the Bishop's-elect chaplain, occupying seats immediately behind. The voluntary being finished and the congregation provided with seats, a hymn was given out as introtit, during the singing of which the Metropolitan moved to his place at the altar, and the Bishops of Natal and St. Helena to their places, north and south below the footpace, as Epistoler and Gospeller. Morning prayer had been read at half-past eight.

The Nicene Creed ended, the Dean was conducted to the pulpit, and preached from Ephesians ii. 19—22. I shall not make extracts, but shall send you a copy of the sermon, as you will doubtless like to notice it in another column.

The Dean was suffering from a severe cold, but his earnestness soon overcame the physical weakness of his voice, and he was heard throughout with the deepest attention. His impressive concluding address awakened very deep emotions throughout the congregation.

After the sermon the Dean returned to his place, and whilst the hymn, "Christ is made the sure foundation," was being sung, the Bishop-designate, accompanied by the Revs. Albert Wood, W. Fitz-Harry Curtis, and his acting chaplain, F. Procter, retired to the vestry, where he put on his rochet. Returning down the central passage, he was met at the chancel steps, by the assistant Bishops, and each taking him by the hand led him towards the Metropolitan seated on the faldstool or seat placed in front of the altar, and the following words were spoken by the Bishop of Natal:—

The Right Reverend Father in God, we present unto you this godly and well-learned man to be ordained and consecrated Bishop.

The rubric demanding the Queen's mandate of course was not observed. The word *charge* was substituted for *diocese*. The oath of supremacy was administered by the Registrar, and then the oath following by the Metropolitan:—

*The Oath of Obedience to the Metropolitan Bishop.*

In the name of God, Amen. I, Charles Frederick Mackenzie, chosen Bishop of the Mission to the tribes dwelling in the neighbourhood of the Lake Nyassa and River Shire, do profess and promise all due reverence and obedience to the Metropolitan Bishop and the Metropolitan Church of Capetown, and to their successors. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

After the invitation to prayer, the Metropolitan knelt down at his seat, with the precentor on his right hand, chaplain on his left, the Bishop-elect and Bishops-assistant a few steps lower, and the Litany was sung; after which, and the interrogations being put, the Bishop-elect was conducted as before to the vestry, where he assumed the customary Episcopal vestments. During his absence, the anthem, "O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem," was sung; and on his return kneeling at the feet of the Metropolitan, Palmstrina's *Veni Creator Spiritus* was sung. The imposition of hands following, in which the three Bishops joined. A large and beautifully bound copy of the Holy Scriptures was then presented by the Metropolitan, which the new Bishop delivered to the care of his chaplain, and was then conducted to his seat next that of the junior Suffragan.

The Offertory was then collected. The clergy from the stalls and from the south chapel came forward and made their offerings, and remained at the altar-rails till they had communicated.

The Dean received the alms, and then brought the elements of bread and wine to the Metropolitan. The four Bishops administered the Communion. About 100 of the laity remained and communicated. The service concluded, the Dean preceded by the vergers, conducted the Metropolitan, and the rest, to the vestry, the procession following, returning in reverse order to that in which it entered the church.

Thus concluded one of the most memorable services ever celebrated in South Africa. Thus ended the consecration of the first Missionary Bishop of England's Church since the Reformation. Let us hope it will be but the beginning of great and glorious things, that this "*little one may become a thousand*," till, in the words of the Bishop of Natal, a chain of Bishops, missionary and colonial, may extend from Cape Point to the Abyssinian Church in Northern Africa."—*Correspondent of the London Guardian.*

#### MISSIONARY BISHOPS—DEBATE IN CONVOCATION.

On Tuesday, February 26th, the Bishop of Oxford asked whether his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury had received any answer to the question he put to the law officers of the Crown, as to the consecration of Missionary Bishops?

The Archbishop of Canterbury said he had received the following opinion on this subject:—

"We are not aware of any statute or rule of common law by virtue of which the Archbishops or their suffragans would incur any penalty from consecrating in this country a Bishop among the heathen. But the person so consecrated must not assume the *status*, style, or dignity of a Bishop, while within her Majesty's dominions. We think that novel proceedings of this nature, which have no precedent in our constitutional usage, are much to be deprecated and discouraged.—J. D. Harding, R. Bethell, W. Atherton."

On Wednesday, February 27, the following debate took place. We are indebted to the *Guardian* for our report:—

**THE BISHOP OF OXFORD.**—I beg to propose to the house that they appoint a committee, and that your Grace be requested to desire the Lower House to appoint members of that house to sit with them as a joint committee, to consider a subject which has already been considered by a committee of both houses, but which is of such exceedingly grave importance, that I think it ought to receive the fullest possible consideration of the Clergy of this province. The subject to which I allude is the relation of Missionary Bishops to the Church at home, and to the Church of England in our colonies; and there are two matters which especially bring the matter under our notice at this moment. The first is a communication which I have received from the Bishop of Capetown, a Metropolitan of the South African branch of our Church, requesting me to bring the subject before your Grace, in consequence of the consecration of Bishop Mackenzie, in order that at a time when the Church is taking the new step of sending forth the complete elements of a new Church across the frontiers of the Queen's dominions, we may have every possible guarantee that the precedent which we are now creating shall be one which shall tend to the union of the Church, to the maintenance of our pure reformed faith in all the various branches of the Church, which may spread from us, and strengthen the great cause of truth which is committed to our guardianship. The second matter which brings the subject prominently before us is the answer which has been so courteously furnished by the head of Her Majesty's Government, to the request transmitted to him

that we might be placed in possession of the opinion of the law officers of the Crown, as to the freedom of the Bishops at home, to consecrate Bishops for missionary work external of Her Majesty's dominions. That opinion having set the legality of such action at rest, it is particularly desirable that we should consider the question very gravely, communicate with our brethren, and lay down a rule which may endure and maintain peace and truth for centuries to come. I feel that necessity the more strongly because I have a strong conviction that it is according to the providence of God that the Church of England is the great instrument of spreading His truth throughout the world, and of maintaining the apostolic truth which the Church of England sets forth in her formularies, and in her fixed and stereotyped discipline. There is another cause, of which your Grace is aware, which makes me wish the house at once to take action in this matter. I allude to the communications which are passing between the King of the Sandwich Islands and the English Government, and the English Church in a certain measure, requesting them to send a Bishop to organise a branch of the English Church, under the protection of the King of the Sandwich Islands, in his own dominions. As it is possible that some of my right rev. brethren may not know what has taken place, and the subject is one of deep interest, perhaps I may be excused for entering into a few details. The Consul of the King of the Sandwich Islands has received a communication from his Majesty, stating that he is most anxious to see a Bishop of the English Church established in his dominions; that, according to the constitution of his dominions, no established Church, in the proper sense of the term, can be formed there—that all creeds are left free, to be supported by voluntary contribution. He states that the Roman Catholics are making strong attempts to convert his subjects to their faith; that they have a Bishop, and Clergy, and nuns settled in the islands; that they are supported by the Emperor of the French, who certainly has spared no efforts to gain over the King himself, for he has presented the King with a magnificent service of plate, and is doing all he can to support the efforts of his co-religionists in those islands. The Protestant Dissenters have had a mission there for a long time, but it has not sufficient fixity of faith or discipline to make head against the Roman Catholics. The King further states that having observed on the Continent of Europe and in England, the working of the Church of Christ, he is convinced that the only body that can keep his people free from the errors of the Church of Rome, is the Church of England, and therefore it is his most earnest desire, that a branch of the Church of England should be settled in his dominions. He states that he is prepared to give a portion of the Crown lands as an endowment, and to make an annual allowance to the Bishop and Clergy. He also proposes to make the Bishop preceptor to the Crown Prince. He thought it best to communicate with the Queen, and wrote a letter in most excellent English, begging Her Majesty to give all the assistance she can in sending out a Bishop of the Church of which she is the temporal head. I believe he has also written to your Grace on the subject.

**THE ANCIENNAIS.**—I have not received a letter from the King, but one has been sent me by the Consul.

**THE BISHOP OF OXFORD.**—The present mail has brought me a letter from the Bishop of California, who points out the importance of making that a Missionary centre. Farther, the American Church is very anxious to unite with the Church of England in this work; and Bishop Potter states

that they will undertake to maintain one or possibly two missionary clergy and any Bishop which the Church of England may send out, and are ready to contribute their share of the expense of the mission. All this is matter of the deepest interest and the greatest promise, and I think it most important that we should at once consider the question. If God opens to us new fields, we ought to turn our attention to them, and to occupy them in a manner consistently with primitive practice, and follow out historical precedents in extending the kingdom of Christ. The various reasons which I have mentioned ought to induce us to come to some distinct conclusion on the matter, and in a spirit of brotherly love to communicate with the Bishops of different centres of missionary effort, and consider their suggestions. We all know that extension by itself necessarily tends to disunion; and that if union is to be maintained along with extension, it can only be through our wisely and with fore-thought using the different instruments for preserving unity which the Church of Christ has given us. It is, therefore, exceedingly desirable that zeal should be tempered with that caution and deliberation of action which will enable us to take such steps in the matter as will leave us nothing to retrace. Under these circumstances I propose to refer to a joint committee an address, of which I have drawn up a confidential draft, which will be laid before your lordships as a private document. They will be at liberty to adopt or alter that address, or substitute another, and present such report as they may think desirable. I beg to propose:—

"That a joint committee of the two houses be appointed to draw up a form of address to his Grace the Archbishop, praying his Grace further to communicate to the various Metropolitans of our Colonial Church the judgment of the Convocation of Canterbury as to the regulations which it may be expedient to recommend as fit to govern the relations of missionary Bishops to the mother and Colonial Church, and that the draft form of such address now laid on the table be referred to such committee for its consideration."

The resolution was seconded by the Bishop of London, and was carried. We regret that our space will not allow us to print the speech of the Bishop of London, and the debate.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

79, Pall Mall, March 8, 1861.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held on April 30th, at 2 p.m., at St. James's Hall Piccadilly. The Archbishop of Canterbury will preside. The Anniversary Festival will be celebrated on June 18th, when the sermon will be preached in St. Paul's Cathedral by the Bishop of Ripon.

At the meeting on Friday, Feb. 15th, (the Right Hon. J. R. Mowbray, M.P., in the chair), the President and Vice-Presidents of the last year were re-elected. The Archdeacon of Bath (Ven. R. W. Browne) was elected a Vice-President.

The Rev. James Jackson, the Rev. John P. Gell, A. J. B. Beresford Hope, Esq., and Charles Campbell, Esq., were elected members of the Standing Committee.

The Auditors, Treasurers, Finance Committee, Secretary, and Assistant Secretaries of last year were re-elected.

Philip Cazenove, Esq., presented the Treasurer's Report for 1860, showing a total amount of £85,059, under the head of subscriptions, donations, and collections, as against £61,455, in 1859, being an increase for the past year, notwithstanding the unfavourable season, and the dearth of provisions, of £24,604.



A unanimous vote of thanks was then passed to the bishops, clergy, and laity, who had so zealously contributed to bring about this satisfactory result, by preaching sermons, attending meetings, or otherwise promoting the interests of the Society during the past year.

A letter was read from the Bishop of Huron, urging the Society to maintain a Missionary on Walpole Island, Lake St. Clair, for the instruction and pastoral care of the native Indians there congregated, and it was resolved to appropriate the sum of £100 per annum for three years towards the support of a clergyman fully competent to minister to the Indians on that island in the native language.

A grant of £60 was made towards a new church of brick, fifty feet long, by twenty-four wide, to accommodate an increasing population, at Marshville, Diocese of Toronto.

A letter was read from Thomas Turner, Esq., forwarding a memorial from Manley Hopkins, Esq., His Hawaiian Majesty's Consul-General, on behalf of the effort now being made to establish a branch of the English Episcopal Church in the Hawaiian (Sandwich) Islands. Mr. Turner stated that if the consideration of the appeal were reserved to a future day, Mr. Hopkins would be enabled to make further communication to the Standing Committee on this subject.

The following is the memorial:—

"TO THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS AND COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

"My Lords and Gentlemen,

"I am desirous of making an earnest appeal to the venerable Society, of which I have been a member twenty years, on behalf of the effort now being exerted to establish a branch of the English Episcopal Church in the Hawaiian (Sandwich) Islands.

"His Hawaiian Majesty communicated to me last year the heartfelt wish of himself and his Queen, that an English Church should be built at Honolulu, the capital of his kingdom, and that English Clergy should be sent out to conduct the services of the Church in their integrity, and with all the rites and externals customary here. The King has since then written autographically to Her Majesty, our Queen, on the same subject; and I have also transmitted to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and to Lord John Russell, letters from the King's Minister of Foreign Relations, asking the sympathy and aid of the Church and State, to promote this object. Communications having been made to the members of the Episcopal Church in America, through the Bishops of California and New York, when they were in England last summer, and, by writing, to other members of that Church, a warm response has been given, and expressions have been made, of the happiness it gives our transatlantic brethren, that the two churches should find a common object in which to unite their labours. Two or three clergymen have already been designated to proceed to the Sandwich Islands, in co-operation with those from this country, and under the leadership of an English Missionary Bishop.

"In this country a Committee has been formed of influential members of the Church, who are zealously giving their counsel and assistance to establish a branch of Christ's Church in the Islands of the Pacific.

"The following circumstances relative to the intended mission will create interest:

"Firstly,—This is the only invitation ever given by an independent Sovereign to our Church to establish itself in his dominions.

"Secondly,—This invitation is the repetition, or continuation, of that made to Vancouver in 1793 or 1794, by the King and Chiefs, when he visited

the Islands, that English Clergymen should be sent out to instruct the Hawaiian people in religion. Vancouver faithfully pressed the advantage and necessity of such a step on Mr. Pitt, then Prime Minister, but in those troublous times of revolution no action was taken on the request.

"Thirdly,—This is almost the first opportunity found, in which the Churches of England and America could work together in the promotion of the common cause.

"Fourthly,—The Hawaiian Islands, having a singularly central position in respect to the old and new worlds, and becoming the calling point for the growing traffic between Asia and the Western coasts of America, and being also the stepping stone to other, larger, and more southern groups, are rendered eminently fit to be the advanced post selected by our Church to extend itself in the Pacific, and the circle of its influence meets that of Bishop Selwyn, approaching in the upward direction.

"Fifthly,—The Roman Catholic Church has gained a footing in the Islands, and possesses already, in the capital, a Bishop, Clergy, a Sisterhood, and a Cathedral. It is to be observed, that the Church will not be a State Religion in Hawaii, because the constitution forbids any form of christianity being so united with the secular government. The support, therefore, given by the King, his native subjects, and the residents on the Islands from Europe and America, is private and voluntary. The country is poor; and the King can only promise, on his part, an income of £200 a year, a site for a church, mission-house, and schools; and possibly hereafter a donation of some of his own lands for the support of the mission.

"A Hospital, open to sufferers of every nation, has been founded at Honolulu, and named after the Queen. And the causes of civilization and religion are being promoted throughout the Islands with much success; but the King and people now appeal for the stimulus of external assistance.

"By direction of the Committee for Promoting the English Church in Polynesia, I therefore ask the Society to give such aids as are in its power.

And remain,

Your very humble, faithful servant,

MANLEY HOPKINS,

His Hawaiian Majesty's Consul-General, &c.

A letter was received from the Bishop of Rupert's Land, dated Bishop's Court, Red River, Feb. 2nd, 1861. After adverting to the great loss sustained by the death of the late Secretary, Mr. Murray, the Bishop asked permission to be allowed to draw at once for £250, being half the sum of £500, voted by the Board in 1857 towards the erection of the Cathedral at Red River. The building, he said, was commenced last summer, —the foundation dug, and the walls carried up a few feet above the ground. The stone was now on the spot, the necessary timber was being prepared in the woods, and during the months of their short summer the Bishop hoped to have it all roofed in, and if possible ready for service before winter. He asked for £250 at once, and the remaining £250 when the building is really consecrated.

The Board willingly acceded to the Bishop's request.

The Bishop asked also for a supply of service books, four sets of which were granted; and for £60 towards a church at Mapleton on the Red River.

A clergyman (a personal friend of the Bishop) had given him, when in England in 1856—57, £100 to be devoted to the erection of a church, on condition that the inhabitants of the district contributed the same amount. The inhabitants of Mapleton had given in money and labour £113.

The Rev. Henry Cochrane, an excellent native minister, officiated at present in a shell school-room in Indian and English.

"The people," the Bishop said, "have done what they could," and if the society would grant the sum asked for, the church would be consecrated during the following winter.

£50 were granted accordingly.

THE CHURCH AT NAPLES.—The following is an extract from a private letter, received by a lady from an English gentleman, who has resided at Naples for the last thirty years.

"... Thank you very much for the interest which you take in our Church. The Government has not actually given us the ground yet, but we have been positively promised it, and in the course of a week or ten days you may see a notice in the Times respecting it. The Church alone will cost about £4,000, it will accommodate upwards of 600 persons, without galleries, and of these 100 will be free. We must throw ourselves on the generosity of the English public for funds, for it is but a small sum that we can raise here; but we hear from many quarters, how glad they will be to contribute towards it. When the thing is more mature I will send you a plan."

Lord Lyttelton has introduced into the House of Lords a measure for the subdivision of dioceses, but as the second reading was carried on the 14th by a very narrow majority, it is hardly to be expected that it will pass this session. The claim advanced is, however, so moderate and reasonable, that the need for an extension of the Episcopate is so pressing, that ultimate success is certain if the promoters of the bill are only persevering and judicious.

The second reading of the Church-rates Abolition Bill was carried by a majority of fifteen in the fullest house which ever divided upon the question. The third reading stands for the fifth of June. There is little fear of its passing the House of Lords; and the various other attacks by the political dissenters upon the Church cannot be said to have fared well this session. A new measure, produced under the auspices of Sir Morton Peto, claims burial in churchyards for the unbaptised, and proposes to allow dissenting ministers to perform burial services therein.

NEWMARKET—PRESENTATION.—The Rev. Septimus F. Ramsay, M.A., Incumbent of St. Paul's Church, Newmarket, was, on Monday week last, presented with an address from the Churchwardens and congregation of Trinity Church, Aurora, upon the occasion of his withdrawal from Aurora Station, after a lengthened service of nearly eleven years. The address was accompanied by a purse of \$100, with the request that the amount be laid out in books; and that, in order to perpetuate the remembrance of the connexion which so long existed between pastor and people, they be labelled setting forth the manner of their purchase.

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