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#### OFFICE-BEARERS, 1862.

President. JAMES BEACHELL.

#### Vice-Presidents.

1st-William Kingsford. 2nd-Joseph Hurd. 3RD-REV. H. B. HOPE.

#### Chaplains.

REV. JAS. BEAVEN, D. D., REV. JAS. BEAVEN, D. D.,
REV. HY, SCADDING, D. D.,
REV. E. HATCH, M. A.

REV. T. S. KENNEDY,

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DR. BERRYMAN,
DR. BOVELL,
DR. HALLOWELL,
DR. HODDER.

#### Treasurer, W. B. PHIPPS.

Secretary. W. H. WARNE.

#### Managing Committee.

Messrs. Fredk. Arculus, Messrs. Jas. Hurry, C. R. Cooper, R. S. Deniord, JULIAN SALE, JOHN SMITH. GEO. TREBILCOCK.

#### Auditors.

MESSRS. THOS. BROWN, and JOSEPH BURT. - 6.1

#### Stewards.

Messrs. Geo. Brooke, F. W. Cumberland, G. M. Häwke.

Messrs. E. Smith, W. G. Storm, Jas. Worthington.

#### Marshal. RICHARD PARKER.

#### Standard Bearers.

MESSRS. G. F. FRANKLAND, W. GRAINGER, and JNO. PARKER.

#### PAST PRESIDENTS.

1836—Hon. Col. Wells.

1836-CAPT. MACAULAY.

1837-Hon. Wm. H. Draper, C. B., C. J. C. P.

1838 HON. WM. H. DRAPER, C. B., C. J. C. P.

1839—Hon. R. S. Jamieson, Vice-Chancellor.

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1841-Hon. R. S. Jamieson, Vice-Chancellor.

1842-WILLIAM WAKEFIELD, Esq.

1843-WILLAM WAKEFIELD, Esq.

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1845-GEO. P. RIDOUT, Esq.

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1847—GEO. P. RIDOUT, Esq.

1848—Hon. R. S. Jamieson, Esq., Vice-Chancellor.

1849—FREDERICK WIDDER, Esq.

1850—Frederick Widder, Esq.

1851--JOSEPH D. RIDOUT, Esq.

1852--Joseph D. Ridout, Esq.

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1855-F. W. CUMBERLAND, Esq.

1856-F. W. CUMBERLAND, Esq.

1857—Geo. BILTON, Esq.

1858-J. B. Robinson, Esq., M. P. P.

1859—Thomas Brown, Esq.

1860—SAMUEL B. HARMAN, Esq., B. C. L.

1861-Robert Dodgson, Esq.

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THEREAS, John Beverley Robinson, Thomas Brown, George S. Jones, Robert Dodgson, F. W. Coate, George T. Walton, George Bilton, George Thomas, ·Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, Frank John Joseph, and others, have, by their petition to the Legislature, represented that the Association, of which they are members, known as the St. George's Society of Toronto, has for many years been formed for the benevolent purposes of affording pecuniary, medical, and other relief to such natives of England and Wales and their descendants, as may from sickness or other causes have fallen into distress, and have prayed that for the better attainment of the objects of the said Association, it may be invested with corporate powers, and by reason of the good effected by the Association, it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada enacts as follows:

1. The said John Beverley Robinson, M.P.P., Thomas Brown, George S, Jones, Robert Dodgson, F. W. Coate, George T. Walton, George Bilton, George Thomas,

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Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, Frank, John Joseph, and such other persons as are now members of the said Association, or shall hereafter become members thereof, under the provisions of this Act, and the By-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the St. George's Society of Toronto, and may by that name sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all Courts of Law and places whatsoever, and by that name they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and may have a common seal, and may break, change, alter, or renew the same at pleasure, and shall have power to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy such real estate, as may be required for the actual occupation of the said Corporation and to alienate, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same, or any part thereof, from time to time, and as occasion may require, and to acquire other instead thereof; Provided always, that the said Corporation may acquire any other real estate or any interest therein, by gift, devise or bequest, if made at least six months before the death of the party making the same, and the Corporation may hold such estate for a period for not more than three years, and the same or any part or portion thereof or interest therein which may not, within the said period have been alienated and disposed of, shall revert to the party from whom the same was acquired, his heirs or other representatives; And provided also that the proceeds of such property as shall have been disposed of during the said period, may be invested in the public securities of the Province, stocks of chartered banks, mortgages, or other approved securities for the use of the said Corporation.

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shall be managed by a Committee of Management, consisting of a President, a first, second, and third Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, or Secretaries, a Treasurer, two Chaplains, three Physicians, and seven other Members, to be elected annually at a General Meeting of the members of the Corporation held in conformity to the By-laws, thereof, and any five members of the said Committee shall be a quorum for the dispatch of business.

3. All deeds, sealed with the Common Seal of the Corporation, and signed by the President or Vice-Presidents and by some other member of the Committee of Management, and countersigned by the Treasurer, and none other, shall be held to be deeds of the Corporation: Provided always, that the Treasurer, for the time being, may receive all monies payable to the Corporation and

grant valid receipts therefor.

4. It shall be lawful for the said Corporation to make By-laws for the admission and expulsion of members, and for the proper administration of the property and affairs of the Corporation, and to repeal or amend the same from time to time; and such By-laws and amendments shall be proposed and seconded at a previous Quarterly Meeting. No number of members less than one-fifth of the Corporation (including the presiding Officer) shall form a meeting for the purpose of altering such By-laws, nor shall any alteration be made therein unless two-thirds of the members present agree to it.

5. The General Meetings of the said Corporation shall be held in such manner, after such notice, upon such requisition, and at such times in the City of Toronto, as shall be directed by the By-laws of the Corporation then

in force.

6. The usual place of meeting of the said Corporation shall be held to be the legal domicile thereof, and service at such place of any notice or process of any kind, addressed to the said Corporation, shall be held to be sufficient service of such notice or process on the Corporation.

7. The By-laws of the said Association, in so far as they may not be repugnant to this Act or the laws of this Province, shall be the By-laws of the Corporation, hereby constituted, until they shall be repealed or altered as aforesaid: Provided always, that no By-law shall impose a penalty or forfeiture exceeding two dollars.

8. Until others shall be elected according to the Bylaws of the Corporation, the present officers of the Association shall be those of the said Corporation, that is to say, the said John Beverley Robinson shall be the President, the said Thomas Brown shall be the first Vice-President, the said George S. Jones shall be the second Vice-President, the said Robert Dodgson the third Vice-President, the said F. W. Coate shall be the Treasurer, the said George T. Walton shall be the Secretary, the Reverend J. Beaven, D.D., and the Reverend H. Scadding, D.D., shall be the Chaplains; Edward Hodder, Francis Badgley, and William Hallowell shall be the Physicians, and the said George Bilton, George Thomas, Henry Godson, Julian Sale, Isaac Faulkner, B. Saunders, and Frank John Joseph, the other members of the Committee of Management.

9. No person otherwise competent to be a witness in any suit, action, or prosecution in which the said Corporation may be engaged, shall be deemed incompetent to be such witness by reason of his being or having been a member or officer of the said Corporation.

10. All subscriptions of members due to the Corporation under any By-law, all penalties incurred under any By-law by any person bound thereby, and all other sums of money due to the Corporation, shall be paid to the Treasurer thereof, and in default of payment may be

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11. The spid Committee of Management shall yearly in the month of January, insert in some newspaper published in the City of Toronto a statement of the amount of the funds and property, debts and liabilities of the said Corporation, certified by the Treasurer and two Auditors elected at any General Meeting of the Corporation.

12. Nothing in this Act shall affect any right of Her Majesty. Her Heirs or Successors, or any party or person whomsoever, such rights only excepted as are herein expressly mentioned and affected.

13. This Act shall be deemed a Public Act.



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By-Law I. The Society shall consist of such persons of English birth or descent, in the male line, as shall be elected members thereof, according to the regulations hereinafter made; and until a Sister Society of St. David's be organized, Welshmen and their descendants will be considered as eligible to become members of this Society, and to stand in the same position therein as Englishmen and their descendants.

II. The objects of the Society are to unite Englishmen and the descendants of Englishmen in a social compact, for the promotion of mutual and friendly intercourse; and for affording to such persons of English birth and descent as may stand in need of their advice and counsel, and such pecuniary assistance as the funds of the Society may enable it to give.

III. In addition to the officers named in the Act of Parliament Incorporating the Society, SIX STEWARDS shall be elected who shall arrange for the celebration of the Annual Festival on St. George's Day, and report such arrangements at the quarterly meeting next preceding for adoption. Also, a Marshal and Standard Bearers shall be appointed by the President.

IV. The officers of the Society shall be elected as follows: Any member may nominate a Candidate for each office, in succession; and in the event of more than one nomination for any one office, the decision shall be by ballot.

V. The President and Vice-Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election to the offices respectively filled by them for the next succeeding year.

VI. The General Annual Meeting o the Society shall be holden on the third Friday in January each year. In each year there shall be holden four Quarterly General Meetings, viz.: 1st. The Annual General Meeting, and one each on the first Friday of the months of April, July, and October. Monthly Ordinary meetings shall be held on the first Friday of each month throughout the year, excepting in January, April, July and October, as otherwise provided.

VII. Any gentleman desirous of joining the Society shall, at a General or Ordinary Meeting, be proposed and seconded by members, and may be elected by a majority of such meeting, on payment of the first year's subscription, and not otherwise.

VIII. The Annual Subscription of members shall be Two Dollars. The Subscription year shall be from 1st January to 31st December. Any new member elected between the 1st of January and 30th of September shall pay the full subscription for the current year; any elected on or after 1st October, may be admitted on paying for the current quarter only.

IX. A Subscription of Ten Dollars shall be a Life Subscription, and the same shall be invested at interest and form a portion of the permanent fund, the yearly interest on which only shall be applied to the Charitable Fund of the Society. Life Members shall have all the privileges of ordinary members.

X. The Annual Meeting shall order the investment of such proportion of the surplus funds (if any) as may appear desirable, and in such manner as may be then determined, and the annual subscriptions, with the interest of investment, shall constitute the ordinary funds applicable to the charitable purposes of the Society.

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XII. The Managing Committee shall meet weekly, and any five members thereof shall form a quorum. It shall be their business to direct the affairs of the Society, generally, under this Constitution; to determine all matters referred to them by the Society, and to prepare for each annual meeting a Report of the proceedings of the Society for the year, to be submitted previous to the Election of Officers.

XIII. The Managing Committee may make loans (not exceeding twenty dollars to one person or family,) from the ordinary funds of the Society, to persons in temperary distress or trouble, upon receiving such reasonable security as they may deem expedient, provided the period of such loans do not exceed six months. It shall have power to grant extended relief in particular cases at discretion, the orders upon the Treasurer being in all such cases signed by two or more of the Members of the Committee.

XIV. The anniversary of St. George shall be celebrated by a dinner, or otherwise, as may be determined at the General Quarterly Meeting in April. No expenses of any Anniversary Festival, or of any social entertainment whatever, shall be charged against the funds of the Society.

XV. The President (or in his absence, the senior Vice President,) shall direct the Secretary to convene a special General Meeting of the Society, upon requisition (stating the purpose thereof) from any five members, and the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the Managing Committee, either by direction of the President, (or, in his absence, the Senior Vice President,) or upon the requisition of any two members of the Committee.

XVI. The Chair shall be taken thirty minutes, precisely, after the hour appointed for meeting, and if there be not then a quorum of at least ten members present, the meeting shall be forthwith adjourned.

XVII. Any member in arrears of subscription for two years shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Society, and his name shall be erased from the list of members without further notice, and it shall be the duty of the Managing Committee, to sue and recover the amount due, in any Court having competent jurisdiction. No member shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers, or at any subsequent meeting, who shall not have paid his previous year's subscription.

XVIII. The annual subscription shall be considered due and payable in advance, on or before the 23rd day of April in every year.

XIX. Any member elected to fill any office, refusing to serve, shall be fined one dollar—and any member of the Managing Committee absent from the regular Committee Meeting three times in succession, (unless absent from home, or in consequence of sickness,) shall be fined One Dollar, and it shall be the duty of the Managing Committee in all cases to see the fines collected.

XX. The duty of the President will be to preside and preserve order at all the meetings of the Society, and generally to watch over and superintend its concerns to the best of his ability. In his absence, the senior Vice President present shall exercise the authority and duty of the President. In case of the absence of the first

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XXI. The Secretary shall have charge of the Seal, Banners, and other insignia of the Society. He shall keep a fair register of all proceedings, orders, rules, and regulations, and manage the correspondence. He shall issue certificates of admission to each member on his having signed the Constitution, to which he shall affix the Seal of the Society. He shall, when necessary, summon the Society to its various meetings, and shall sign such cards of invitation to the Annivers ry Celebration as may be required of him by the Stewards. He shall also, at all meetings of the Society, and of the Managing Committee, enter into the respective minute books the names of the members present at such meetings.

XXII. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds. He shall countersign such certificates of admission as may be issued by the Secretary. His accounts shall be fairly kept and exhibited to the President and the Managing Committee, whenever called for, and shall also be laid before the Society at its January meeting.

XXIII. In case of the death, resignation or removal of any of the officers during the year for which they were elected, the Society shall, at the next meeting, choose others in their places to serve for the remainder of the year.

XXIV. To preserve order, and to expedite the business of the Society, any member who may have proposals to make, or observations to offer upon any proposition, shall rise and address the President; and no person shall interrupt another when speaking, if the speaker be in order

XXV. The introduction of political or religious subjects, or their discussion, shall never be allowed at any meeting of the Society, and in the event of any member

introducing or speaking on such subjects he shall pay a fine of one dollar.

XXVI. The members of this Society shall faithfully observe and conform to all the rules and regulations that shall be made by the Society, and entered in the Books thereof, on pain of being dismissed from it and having their names erased from the list of members.

XXVII. If the majority of all the members present at any general meeting shall vote for the expulsion of a member, his name shall be erased, and he shall never afterwards be admitted to any meeting of the Society, unless again elected by ballot, as in the first instance: provided always, that no proposition for the expulsion of a member shall be in order, unless one clear month's notice has been given of an intention to submit it at the then next ensuing quarterly meeting.

XXVIII. The Banners and Flags of the Society shall not be used except on occasions where the Society, as a body takes part in the proceedings, or where the Society is represented by its Officers

XXIX. That at any Quarterly or Annual Meeting the members present may, on one month's notice previously given, elect any one of its members an Honorary Life Member, in consideration of services rendered the Society, and also may elect any distinguished person eligible to become a member, in like manner for services rendered either the Society or the Country, and such honorary member shall be entitled to all the privileges of an ordinary member.

XXX. An Obituary Record shall be kept by the Secretary of any member of this Society who may hereafter die; stating his birth and parentage, if known, date of admission as a member, his position, general character, and such other facts in regard to him as may be interesting to chronicle. Such Record to be published with the Annual Reports.

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# Managing Committee of the St. George's Society FOR 1861.

THE Committee of the St. George's Society, in presenting their Annual Report for 1861, feel much pleasure in offering to the Society their sincere congratulations on so successful a termination of another year of its existence; and they do so, not so much upon the large increase of new members enrolled on the lists, or the good that has attended their labours in the distribution of charity (though both these would afford them ample scope), as upon the general recognition which the steady efforts of its members in a good cause have received from the citizens of Toronto.

It is with no ordinary feelings of satisfaction that they review the incidents of the past year. Although succeeding one unparelleled in interest in the Society's history, owing to the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to our shores, the progress of the Society in 1861 offers reasons for much gratification—the "good work" has been well carried on, the bond of connection between Englishmen has heen strengthened, and the Society's reputation for liberality and kindness to the poor so well sustained that it now stands out as a prominent exponent of the chief cardinal virtue.

Before proceeding to narrate in detail the principal incidents in the history of the Society during 1861, the

Committee may state that, owing to a variety of causesincluding the distracted condition of affairs in the neighbouring republic, the applications for relief have been far more numerous than during any preceding year, and have consequently largely taxed the Charitable Fund: 487 individuals in distress have been relieved with temporary assistance or loans to the amount of \$862.62; 107 persons have been sent at the Society's cost to their relatives, or to localities in which they had a prospect of work: Through the Society's influence and exertions many persons have been provided with situations. About 25 cords of wood have also been distributed to fifty deserving families resident in the city. The burial of the dead has also formed part of the duty of your Committee, and on the several occasions that the assistance of the Society during the year has been sought, heartfelt has been the gratitude of many a sorrowing relative for the means by which a last resting-place for some departed friend has been found in St. George's Burying Ground. Occasionally the Committee have been obliged to refuse relief in consequence of the manifest unworthiness of the applicant, but these cases have happily been so rare that they call for no especial remark. The Committee in connection with this subject have pleasure in adding, that in no single case has a worthy object of charity been sent "empty away" by reason of a lack of funds. The Charitable Committee have met every Friday evening to attend to these cases of distress and their relief-the President, in the interim between the Meetings, with whatever assistance could be procured at the time from members of the Committee, disposing of such cases as required prompt and immediate attention. It is gratifying to state that the weekly meetings have been regularly kept up during the year, and have on each occasion been attended by more or less of the

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Committee, The entire amount expended, as will be seen in the balance sheet, is \$1,764.34, including outlays for bread, wood, temporary relief, clothing, and loans.

While the Committee have to congratulate the Society on its total freedom from debt, they would call the attention of the members to the fact that though a balance of \$234.72 is still in the Treasurer's hands, there is yet needed the constant exertions of our countrymen to enable their successors in office to act the "good Samaritan" in the future, for the destitute in Toronto are always numerous, the city being resorted to as a general refuge by all unemployed emigrants, who, in consequence of the representations of the chances of work afforded here, arrive from all quarters. The amount of distress congregated in our midst from year's end to year's end, and which is constantly forced on the attention of the Committee, would harrow all hearts in its recital, were it possible for any pen to portray its bitterness. Daily do we see toil-worn men-men who, having struggled laboriously at home, augmenting the stock of general wealth, left in the evening of their days, either to seek their fortunes in an English colony, or remain at home to pine in the desolation of a workhouse. Many there are who, by no human exertion or foresight, could have escaped this lot. When we consider the uncertain tenure of labour in England, and reflect on the competition for employment among all classes, especially the humbler, ill would it become us to censure those who, disregarding all family ties or old associations, boldly seek their fortunes in a new country.

It has been a satisfaction to your Committee during their labours to find our fellow-countrymen who have been compelled to ask assistance from us generally sensible of the kindness extended by your Society, and of its value. It is not merely the temporary help given that constitutes the good, it is that they are sensible of a fellow-feeling in the breasts of Englishmen with their countrymen who are poor; there is also advice, interference for their ultimate good, kindness generated towards the deserving, by the recital of their misfortunes. The Committee keep a record of those to whom they have extended charity; but, true to the principle which has always actuated the Society, the names in no case are made public.

The custom commenced five years since of dispensing Christmas cheer to the English poor on Christmas Eve was continued this year on a scale so extensive that it deserves especial notice. At the commencement of the practice in the year 1857, thirty-eight dollars only was contributed and expended. Year by year since has the appreciation by the public of the good effected increased until the amount expended in 1860, was \$525.62,a sum then justly regarded as very considerable; but so congenial to the English character is the Christmas Festival, with so much heartiness is it observed, so anxious are our countrymen that the poor should enjoy the happiness of the day, that those less favoured during the year should at least share the joyful influences of the season, that the details of the late distribution reach the following enormous figures :-

Total number of fami	lies relieved	658.
Representing souls		3.478
The quantity of provision	ons distributed, sav	of—
Beef and Mutton		7.000 lbs
Bread and Flour		5.000 "
Potatoes		12.000 "
Other Vegetables		14.000 "
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Balance carried to General Charitable Fund. . \$204 40 The distribution took place in a store kindly placed at the service of the Society by Mr. Charles Thompson, 73 King Street East. In accordance with former custom in an annexed sheet are given the names of those who subscribed in money and kind. Next to the daily relief afforded by the Society, this Annual Distribution is the Yearly recurring, yet most important work effected. ever fresh and inspiring-bringing peace and good-will in its train; in its annual commemoration, Christmas causes more kindness and benevolence, more lightening of burdened hearts, than any event in the year. Cheerless would be our winters, unheeded many of the sufferings and want of our poorer brethren, were not Christmas always ready to brighten our homes, and open our

sympathies.

The Society must not omit to record its obligations to those citizens who, so liberally responding to their appeal, enabled them to accomplish an amount of good so far exceeding the past.

Your Committee must now allude to an event which, in common with every true British heart, has filled their minds with heart-felt sorrow. The announcement lately brought to our shores of the lamented death of H. R. H. Prince Albert has caused such a burden of grief as can only be awakened when the grave untimely closes over a great and a gifted man. Amidst the melancholy thoughts which the severe affliction Her Majesty has undergone awakens, it affords the Committee some

satisfaction that the St. George's Society of Toronto was the first public body in Canada, either chartered or corporate, to forward an address of condolence to our beloved Queen. On the 3rd of January, at a Special Meeting convened for the purpose, an address of condolence was prepared, and immediately despatched to the Governor General for presentation to Her Majesty.

Having so far described the principal disbursements, the Committee will proceed to detail the sources from which the funds were derived. A most cheering feature in the progress of the Society is, the unprecedented increase of new members. The total number admitted in 1861 is 152; the entire number of good-paying members, both old and new, is 439. The total amount received from Members' Subscriptions is \$714.50; in 1858 it was \$398; 1859, \$381.50; 1860, \$522, showing an increase over 1860 of \$191, or 152 members. The large increase in the receipts from Members' Subscriptions the Committee partly attribute to their having dispensed with the services of a paid collector, and undertaking the duty themselves.

The Annual Ball of the Society took place on the evening of February 11th, at St. Lawrence Hall, the success of which was highly satisfactory—\$126.23 over the expenses having been carried to the Charitable Fund.

St. George's Day was celebrated by the members attending Divine Service, both morning and evening, at St. James' Cathedral—the following Reverend Gentlemen taking part in the Services: Professor Hatch, Rev. G. B. Viner, Dr. Beaven, and the Rev. Septimus F. Ramsay. The musical services were conducted under the direction of Mr. John Carter. The attendance on both occasions was large, and at the evening service the vast Cathedral was crowded in every part—over five thousand persons were present. The St. Andrew's Society, in reply to an

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invitation to join the Society at the morning service, gracefully responded, and, accompanied with their flags and banners, the members of both Societies proceeded in procession to the cathedral. The fraternal feeling thus evinced the Committee hope both Societies will long continue to have an opportunity of expressing.

The Committee earnestly hope that the Society at the approaching Anniversary will continue the practice of attending at least one service on St. George's Day. The custom is acceptable to the public, and also serves the purpose of an occasion to induce a large gathering of its friends. The proceeds of both services, deducting expenses for printing, &c., amounted to \$96.97.

A pleasing feature in the commemoration of the day, and in the interim of the services, was the planting by the President of an English Oak in the Queen's Park, near the site selected for the proposed statue to Her Majesty, in the presence of the Rev. T. S. Kennedy and the Rev. S. F. Ramsay, together with a large number of the members. The tree, though a sapling, promises to become a splendid specimen of the monarch of the woods; and it is fervently to be hoped that the St. George's Oak may long continue to increase and flourish, typical of the success of the Society whose name it bears. By the kindness of Alderman Carr, the President has been permitted to place a handsome iron fence round the tree, which it is hoped will prevent it from accident until fully grown.

Nor did the Society forget to demonstrate itself on the anniversary of the birthday of our Sovereign, for, accepting an invitation from the Mayor and Corporation to participate in the civic procession in honour of the day, the Society gathered in good force.

The event looked forward to with so much interest by the members and their lady friends, viz.: the Annual Excursion, took place at Oaklands, Thursday, June 20th. The spot selected for the day's enjoyment was delightfully situated near Hamilton. The Steamers Champion and Zimmerman, having both been engaged for the occasion. On arriving at Oaklands, the Society was joined by the St. George's Society of Hamilton, who, with their President, F. J. Rastrick, Esq., together with a large number of the citizens of Hamilton, passed the day on the grounds, and to all of whom the members were indebted for much kindness and courtesy. These re-unions amongst sister societies are especially valuable, in that they tend to foster and keep alive that brotherly spirit of fraternity which should actuate us all alike. The profits of this trip amounted to \$42.79.

Having thus glanced at the principal incidents of the year, it only remains for your Committee to return their thanks to the chaplains for their services on St. George's Day, to Doctors Hodder, Hallowell and Bovell, for their prompt and willing attendance on the sick, and their cheerful response to all calls of the Committee; and to the different Railway and Steamboat Companies for their liberal arrangements in forwarding parties to their respective destinations.

The suggestions embodied in the preceeding report relative to the necessity existing for a St. George's Hall have not been lost sight of by your Committee; but owing to the many claims which while conducting the affairs of the Society have been forced upon their attention, they have been unable this year to carry the idea into practical effect; but they would earnestly force the importance of vigorously prosecuting the undertaking upon their successors in office, in order that the Society's meetings may no longer labour under the disadvantage of being held in a place of public entertainment. The popularity attached to the proposal induces them to hope that the

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The Committee would suggest to their successors in office the formation of two establishments, which nothing but the heavy demands upon their time and attention consequent upon the large scale with which the Christmas cheer was dispensed has prevented them from effecting, namely: the establishing, during the Winter months, of a home for the houseless poor. Such an institution would speedily become an important feature in the Society's operations, and would enable it to accomplish an amount of good at present impossible. It would serve the double purpose of giving to worthy individuals immediate shelter and the means of subsistence; and would also afford the Committee an opportunity of discovering the true character of applicants. The establishment of a soup-kitchen is also highly desirable for assisting the charitable operations of the Society, and if properly managed, might be made almost self-sustaining. formation of a Ladies' Committee would likewise become of essential service in dispensing charity and visiting the poor.

In conclusion, the Committee feel that but little is necessary to urge the members to continue to maintain and increase the good work of the Society. When we consider what an awful calamity houselessness is, how the sense of utter desolation sinks like iron into the soul, how it generates hatred, contempt of life, and despair, and disgraces by the memory of inhumanity and selfishness all those who live and look on at their fellowman, it is folly to say more in praise of our Society. Let those who have done honour to human nature by assisting so noble an institution enjoy the consciousness of having earned a fulfilment of the promise—" Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of these, ye did it to me." And

let those who, while they themselves enjoy every comfort, but disregard their obligations, remember the opposite curse-"Inasmuch as ye did it not to the least of these, ye did it not to me," and dread the just vengeance of God upon their inhumanity. It is a sin and a shame to talk of free-born Englishmen if people are allowed to perish in our midst. If by the use of any organization the fellowship of the prosperous and the indigent can be more firmly cemented, by which the unfortunate can be relieved, by which one tear the less might flow into the cup of human misery, to devote our energies to effect this end; we owe it to our country, of which we are justly so proud; to humanity, of which we form no inconsiderable a part; and to ourselves, liable in common with all men to viscissitudes of fortune no human foresight can predict, and no human providence avert.

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In response to the Address of Condolence, sent to Her Majesty, the following reply was received from the Duke of Newcastle by the Governor General:—

"Downing Street,
"February 15th, 1862.

"My Lord,—I request that you will acquaint the President, Officers and Members of the St. George's Society of Toronto, that I have submitted their address of condolence to the Queen, and that Her Majesty received with much satisfaction the expression of their sympathy and loyalty.

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#### ADDRESS

PRESENTED BY THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF TORONTO, TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN, JANUARY THE 3RD, 1862, ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT.

#### TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MASESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,—We, the President. Officers, and members of the St. George's Society of Toronto, in Canada, beg leave most respectfully to convey to your Majesty our heartfelt attachment to your throne and person.

We beg to assure your Majesty that we shall ever most cheerfully co-operate with the Imperial Government and authorities in every step which may be calculated to strengthen and perpetuate those ties which unite us to the glorious country to which we owe our origin, and whose honour we pledge ourselves to maintain with unfaltering devotion.

We especially desire to offer to Your Majesty our expression of sympathy in the bereavement you have recently sustained; the grief of our Queen is the grief of the nation, and we are well assured that in the widespread dominions over which your Majesty bears sway, there beats no British heart that does not participate in the sorrow of our Sovereign.

Desiring to bear our humble tribute of respect to the memory of one so endeared to us by the manner in which he discharged the duties of his exalted position, by his many virtues and moral worth, but chiefly as being the well-beloved husband of our Gracious Queen, we pray the Divine Disposer of events to sustain Your Majesty in this sad hour of trial. And with renewed expressions of that loyalty and attachment to the Crown and Rule of our loved native land, which has ever distinguished the Sons of St. George in all lands, we subscribe ourselves Your Majesty's most devoted and loving subjects.

Signed on behalf of the Society,

ROBT. DODGSON, President. W. H. WARNE, Secretary.

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PRESENTED TO ROBERT DODGSON, ESQ., ON HIS RETIRING FROM THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, JANUARY 17th, 1862.

"When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me it gave witness to me: Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. \* \* \* I was a father to the poor, and the cause which I knew not I searched out."

# TO ROBERT DODGSON Esq., PRESIDENT OF THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

DEAR SIR,-

The Members of the St. George's Society, over which you have so ably presided during the past year, beg your acceptance of the accompanying Retiring President's Medal, as a testimonial of their appreciation of your valuable services.

During your term of office, the affairs of the Society have been more than usually prosperous, which we attribute in great measure to the zealous and untiring efforts you have made on its behalf, and the real and genuine charity that has actuated you in all your dealings as its chief officer.

The Report of the Society for the past year shows the extent to which its aid has been rendered to the distressed, but only those who have been associated with you in the "Good Work" know the extent to which its operations have been assisted by your private benevolence, or the personal kindness and consideration which have characterized you in the official discharge of your duties, making the recipients of the Society's bounty grateful not only for the gift, but also for the way in which it was bestowed.

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The satisfaction afforded to your own heart by the consciousness of the manner in which you have filled the post assigned you as the head of our Society must be worth more to you than any assurance we can give of our estimation.

The motto engraved upon the medal we think well applied to yourself; and we know you will value the gift from your sense of the feelings with which, it is presented.

Wishing to you and your family years of unalloyed happiness and prosperity, we subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the Society,

JAMES BEACHELL, 1st Vice President.
JULIAN SALE, 2nd ""
FRANK J. JOSEPH, 3rd ""
W. H. WARNE, Secretary.
WM. B. PHIPPS Treasurer.
THOMAS BROWN, EX-President.
JOSEPH HURD.
JOHN P. FULLJAMES.
JOSEPH GRAND.
JOHN SMITH.
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ALFRED BRAHAM.

The above address was signed as above by the office-bearers of the past year, and presented at the Annual Meeting held on the 17th of January, 1862.

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Two Quarters of Beef from Mr. G. F. Frankland. One Quarter of Beef, one Sheep, and load of Vegetables from Mr. C. C. Small. One Quarter of Beef each from the Hon. H. J. Boulton and Mr. W. Denyer.

Two and a-half Sheep from Mr. J. Carson. Two Sheep and Vegetables from Mr. John Berriman. Une Sheep each from Messrs. G. L. Allen, Thom art John Berriman. One Sheep each from Messrs. G. L. Allen, P. Armstrong, John Bailey, Brown, Bright, W. Bright, G. Duffin, Chas. Duff, Robert Dunn, T. Dexter, R. S. Deniord, C. H. Dunning (with 50 lbs. Beef), J. Hallam, P. Hutty, R. Harrison, E. G. Leigh, W. D. Murray, John Maulson, Jas. Rawe, W. Short, John Smith (Albien Hotel), John Sidaway (with Vegetables), Geo. Trebilcock, Councilman Thompson, and Richard Walsh.

One Pig each from Messrs. Geo. Roberts, Wilson & Co., and W. Morley.
One Barrel Pork from Mr. D. Kehoe. Pork, Flour, and Vegetables from Messrs. Taylor & Fuerst. Two Hams from Mr. R. B. Blake.
One Ham each from Messrs. Geo. Ingram. J. Pratt, H. Roberts
R. Skinner (with Vegetables), John Trebilcock, and Bacon from Mr.
Widdowson. One Barrel Herrings and Groceries from Mr. R.
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Pieces of Beef, Mutton, &c. from Messrs, Adams, Armstrong, Henry Blong, J. Britton, Britton & Scott, John Brown, H. &. E. Bird, Jas. Bird, W. Campbell, Thos. Campton, J. Carpenter, H. W. Cuff, Davidson, Bird, W. Campben, 1998. Campton, J. Carpenter, H. W. Culf, Davidson, W. Davis, Thomas Gow, J. Gwynne, Grainger, J. Gordon, Gilson, Mrs. Gibson, G. Innocent, Kirk, W. Jones, Knight & McWatt, G. Liddell, J. McCarter, J. Mackness, R. Moore, J. Malton, Jas. Parkes, R. Moorehouse, J. Mumford, G. Morse, B. S. Morris, H. Moxon, A. Murphy, Robinson, John Sleigh, G. Simpson (with Vegetables), J. Scott, W. Steers, S. Toy, Jas. Ward, S. Wickson, Geo. Snarr, Jas. West, R. Wood, Abel Wilcox, Joel Wooton, P. Williams, and Walton.

One Cord of Wood each from Capt. Clarke, and Mr. Jas. Worthington. Half-Cord from Mr. A. Taylor. Half-Cord Wood and Half-Ton of Coals from Mr. G. H. Wyatt.

One Barrel of Flour each from Messrs. Amstrong, Brown, Geo. Bailey. One Bag of Flour each from Messrs. F. Arculus, J. Lukes, John Terry, and W. Wakefield. Twenty-five Loaves of Bread each from Mosey. C. J. Smith. Twenty-four Loaves of Bread each from Mosey. Twenty-four Loaves of Bread each from Messrs, J. G. Hibbert and Thos. Webb. Twenty Loaves each from Messrs. Geo. Coles, Ann Clarke, E. Smith, Ed Taylor, & John Moor. Twelve Loaves each from Messrs. F. A. Rattray, W. J. Rattray, and Middle on.

Potatoes, Turnips, and other Vegetables from Messrs. W. Burgess, James Beachell, Thos. Berkinshaw, J. Bonnick, E. L. Butters, Joseph Chusch, R. G. Dalton, J. Fleming, R. Spratt, G. Simpson, G. St. George Scarlett, E. Taylor, and Thomson.

One Barrel of Apples from Mr. J. H. Jones.

One Cheese each from Messrs. C. Rogers, and Ramsey & Johnson. Cheese and Sugar from Mr. Lawrence.

Poultry and Vegetables from Mr. G. Liddell, and from Mr. Willoughby.

Butter from Mr. Milligan. Rice from Mr. Robinson. Clothing from Anonymous, Mr. Crossen, and Mr. F. O'Dea. One Pair Boots from Mr. Langley.

THOMAS BROWN, Auditors found correct.

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Box of Crackers from Mr. Christie. Groceries from Mr. Boxall. Dry Goods from Mr. John Ritchey, Junr.

Stationery from Mr. P. R. Randall.

Total Value estimated at \$424. Also the following



#### DONATIONS IN CASH.

TEN DOLLARS each from the Rev. Mr. Hope, and Messrs. M. Betley, Andrew Mercer, F. & G. Perkins & Co., and R. W. & Sons.

EIGHT DOLLARS from Mr. F. J. Cheshire.

FIVE DOLLARS each from Messrs. James Beachell, John Bugg, Wm. Cawthra, Cooper & Carpenter (with 50 lbs. Beef), F. W. Cumberland, John Eagles (Weston), Gooderham & Worts, S. B. Harman, G. M. Hawke, John Hecter, Rice Lewis, Jas. Metcalf, Lewis Moffatt, J. Muttlebury, M. Phail, W. B. Phipps, Foshanley, Richard Snelling, Frederick Widder, James Worthington, and John Worthington. Worthington.

FOUR DOLLARS each from Mrs. Linden, and Messrs. J. G. Beard, Geo. L. Beardmore, W. T. Boyd, Capt. Clarke (with One Cord of Wood), W. Copland, Junr., John Crawford, M.P.P., R. S. Deniord, John Dodgson, Henry Fowler, Thos. Helliwell, Aug. T. Houel, Jackson & Hurd, Frank J. Joseph, W. Kingsford, Lyman Elliott & Co., the Hen. J. C. Morrison, Henry Rowsell, Thomas A. Stayner, J. B. Boustead, and W. G. Storm.

THREE DOLLARS each from Messrs. J. H. Arnold, Booth & Sons, E. L. Butters (with a load of Vegetables) John Charlesworth, Robt. Dodgson, J. H. Mead, J. Stanbury,, and Three Friends.

TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS each from Messrs. Alfred Brown, and G. H. Severn.

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ONE DOLLAR AND A-HALF from T. Coxwell, and Three

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