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TO THE

Clergy and Parishioners of the several Parishes IN THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

For some time past my attention has been called to the critical state of the MISSION FUND of this Diocese, and the necessity of adopting some action which would ensure its being placed in a more healthy and efficient condition. The recommendation of any specific measure of relief has been from time to time postponed, in the hope that the collections for this object from year to year would have so far surpassed the standing outlay, that an accruing surplus would serve speedily to remove the embarrassments in which the fund has been placed.

The demands for assistance from this Fund,—in places in which the support to the Clergy is drawn exclusively from the congregations they serve,—were so numerous and so urgent, that, in the constant hope of better times and larger resources, it was found impossible to refuse compliance with them to the limited extent that was solicited, viz, £50 per annum to each. But the Board of Missions, after having extended this assistance to twenty eight Missionaries, have found themselves disappointed in the expected resources; yet feeling that it would be a grievous cruelty to those hard working clergymen to deprive them of the slender aid, even in part, which they had allotted, they have gone on paying their stipends as usual, until serious embarrassment has ensued.

I am informed that the condition of this Fund stands as follows:—

Balance overdrawn, Dec. 1, >	\$1239 47
Required for Stipends on Jan. 1, 1866	2097 60
Money borrowed to meet former payments	2500 00
Total	\$5836 97

Although the collection by Parochial Associations, and other collections for the Church Society during the present winter will, if they are even as successful as in former years, more than meet this large amount of arrears, it must be borne in mind that three successive quarterly stipends will have to be provided for out of the funds now about to be raised. This will render it necessary to make an effort to obtain, if possible, the amount of arrears as above stated, and leave the ordinary collections to be applied to the accruing stipends.

SERIES (D).

Monday, January 15th..... Duffin's Creek, 3 P.M. | Thursday, January 18th.....Columbus, 7 P.M.
 Tuesday, " 16th.....Whitby, 7 P.M. | Friday, " 19th.....Prince Albert, 8 P.M.
 Wednesday, " 17th.....Oshawa,

SERIES (E).

Tuesday, January 16th.....Richmond Hill, 7 P.M. | Thursday, " 18th.....York Mills, 7 P.M.
 Wednesday, " 17th.....Thornhill, "
 Deputations to the above Meetings will be duly notified.

Assessment upon the Parishes in the Home District, for the year ending 30th April, 1866, as assigned at the last meeting of the Church Society:—

City of Toronto.....	\$1902 viz.	Markham.....	\$180
St. James' Cathedral.....	\$635	Etobicoke.....	180
Trinity Church.....	220	Whitby.....	88
St. George's Church.....	220	Brook.....	88
St. Paul's ".....	220	Aurora.....	88
Holy Trinity ".....	195	Tullamore.....	88
St. John's ".....	150	Streetville.....	88
St. Stephen's ".....	180	Springfield.....	88
St. Anne's ".....	44	Woodbridge.....	88
Cemetery ".....	88	Georgina.....	88
Rural Parishes.....	\$1967	Brampton.....	88
Loydtown.....	175	Weston.....	88
Scarborough.....	130	Pickering.....	44
Thornhill.....	180	Rench.....	44
York Mills.....	180	Berkley and Chester.....	44
Newmarket.....	130		
Total.....			\$3860

H. C. COOPER, Sec. II. & B.

GORE AND WELLINGTON DISTRICTS.

1866.

HAMILTON DIVISION.

Tuesday, Jan. 2—Glandford, - - 7. P.M. | Friday, Jan. 5—Stony Creek - - 7, P.M.
 Wednesday, Jan. 3—St. George's Church, Barton - - 7, " | Monday, Jan. 8—St. Thomas' Ch. Hamilton - - 7, "
 (For St. Peters, Barton, also.) | Tuesday, Jan. 23—Ancaster - - 7, "
 Thursday, Jan. 4—Woodburn, Binbrook, 2.30 " | Wednesday, Jan. 24—Dundas - - 7, "
 Thursday, Jan. 4—Tapleystown, - 7, " | Thursday, Jan. 11—Waterdown - 7, "
 (Miss Taylor's Church.) | Friday, Jan. 12—Lowville - - 7, "

DEPUTATION.—Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rev. Mr. Belt, Hon. H. B. Bull, Miles O'Reilly, Esq.

HALTON DIVISION.

Monday, January, 15, Georgetown - 7, P.M. | Monday, January, 22, Oakville - - 7, P.M.
 Tuesday, " 16, Norval - - 7, " | Tuesday " 23, Palermo - - 7, "
 Wednesday, " 17, Stewartown - 7, " | Wednesday, " 24, Nelson - - 7, "
 Thursday, " 18, Hornby - - 7, " | Thursday, " 25, Wel. Square 7, "
 Friday, " 19, Milton - - 7, " | Friday, " 26, Newton's Cor. 7, "

DEPUTATION.—Rev. H. B. Osler.

The following assessment upon the various Parishes and Missions was agreed to at the last meeting of the Managing Committee:

Guelph.....	\$436	Nelson and Wellington Square.....	\$112
Christ Church, Hamilton.....	486	Barton and Glandford.....	112
Dundas, Ancaster and Flamboro'...	247	Georgetown and Norval.....	81
Church of Ascension, Hamilton...	220	Rockton and Strabane.....	81
Milton, Omagh, and Hornby.....	196	Saltfleet, Binbrook, und Ontario...	54
Waterdown and Lowville.....	168	St. Thomas' Church, Hamilton.....	54
Oakville and Palermo.....	166	Puslinch.....	27
Arthur, North Arthur, and Mount Forest.....	189	Rockwood.....	27
Elora and Fergus.....	112	Maryboro' and Peel.....	85

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

No. 1.

Monday, January 22nd.....	Howmanville 7 1/2 P.M.	Saturday, January 27th.....	Stiles' Church, 7 P.M.
Tuesday, " 23rd.....	{ Roniskillen, 11 A.M. Cartwright, 7 P.M.	Monday, " 29th.....	{ Grafton, 11 A.M. Colborne, 7 P.M.
Wednesday, " 24th.....	Newcastle, " "	Tuesday, " 30th.....	Brighton, " "
Thursday, " 25th.....	Parrytown, 11 A.M.	Wednesday, " 31st.....	Castleton, 11 A.M.
Friday, " 26th.....	{ Port Hope, 7 1/2 P.M. Colbourn, " "	Thursday, February 1st.....	Alwick, 7 P.M. Rice Lake, 11 A.M.

Deputation to the above, as far as Stiles' Church inclusive, Rev. Dr. O'Moara; to the residue, Rev. J. Vicars.

No. 2.

Tuesday, January 23rd.....	Millbrook, 7 P.M.	Monday, January 29th.....	Peterboro' 7 1/2 P.M.
Wednesday, " 24th.....	Bloomfield, 7 P.M.	Tuesday, " 30th.....	{ Otouabee, 11 A.M. Lakesfield, 7 P.M.
Thursday, " 25th.....	St. John's, Cayna, 7 P.M.	Wednesday " 31st.....	Norwood, 7 P.M.
Friday, " 26th.....	{ Manvers, 11 A.M. Oranmore, 7 P.M.	Thursday, February 1st.....	Hastings, 7 P.M.
Saturday, " 27th.....	Lindsay, 7 1/2 P.M.	Friday, " 2nd.....	Seymour, 7 P.M.

Deputation to the above as far as Lindsay inclusive, Rev. W. S. Darling, and Rev. J. Vicars; to the residue Rev. Dr. O'Moara, and Rev. H. Brent

SIMCOE DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the County of Simcoe Branch of the Church Society, held at Orillia, on the 30th August last, it was resolved that the following list of appointments for Missionary Meetings be adopted, viz. :—

DATE—JANUARY.

1. St. Peter's, West Essa 7 p.m.
2. Christ's, Whitfield..... 2 p.m.
- " St. Luke's, Mulmur..... 7 p.m.
3. Holy Trinity, Adjala..... 7 p.m.
4. St. John's, Cookstown..... 7 p.m.
5. St. Jude's, Thornton 2 p.m.
- " Christ's, North Essa..... 7 p.m.

Deputation to the above—The Provost of Trinity College, Rev. J. Fletcher, and Rev. E. W. Murphy.

8. St. Peter's, Churchill..... 7 p.m.
9. St. Paul's, Innisfil 7 p.m.
10. St. Luke's Creemore..... 7 p.m.
11. Christ's Church, Nottawa... 2 p.m.
- " Orange Hall, Stayner..... 7 p.m.
12. All Saints', Collingwood..... 7 p.m.

Deputation to the above—the Provost of Trinity College, Rev. R. H. Harris, Rev. A. J. Fidler.

13. Trinity Church, Tecumseth. 7 p.m.
16. St. Mark's, Orangeville..... 7 p.m.
17. St. John's, Mono 2 p.m.
- " Christ's Church, Tecumseth. 7 p.m.
18. Trinity, Bradford..... 7 p.m.

Cookstown, 11th October, 1866.

DATE—JANUARY.

19. St. Paul's, Wt. Gwillimbury. 7 p.m.
- Deputation to the above—Rev. S. B. Ardagh, Rev. S. Givins, and Rev. A. Stewart.

22. St. John's, Oro..... 7 p.m.
23. The Church, Wye bridge.... 2 p.m.
- " Courthouse, Penetanguishene 7 p.m.
24. Elm Flats..... 1 p.m.
- " Victoria Hill 7 p.m.
25. St. George's, Medonte..... 2 p.m.
- " St. Mathias', Coldwater..... 7 p.m.
26. St. James' Vespra..... 7 p.m.

Deputation to the above—Rev. E. Morgan, Rev. Dr. Lett, and J. W. Gamble, Esq.

30. St. Luke's Medonte..... 2 p.m.
- " St. James' Orillia..... 7 p.m.
31. St. Mark's, Oro..... 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY.

1. St. Thomas' Shanty Bay.... 2 p.m.
- " Trinity Church, Barrie 7 p.m.

Deputation to the above—Reverend W. S. Darling, Rev. C. Ruttan, Rev. S. Forneri.

A. J. FIDLER, Secretary C.S.B.C.S.

MISSION FUND.

We beg to remind the Clergy of the Diocese that the quarterly collection to be taken up in the current month is to be applied to the support of Missions, and as that fund is largely in arrear, it is hoped an effort will be made to assist it. The suggestion of an exchange of pulpits for the occasion would doubtless be attended with advantage. If it is desirable that our present staff of Missionaries should be sustained, much more if we desire to supply the waste places in the Diocese, it is absolutely necessary that every means be used to urge the cause on the consideration of our members.

MISSION BOARD NOTICE.

At the late meeting of the Mission Board the attention of its members was called to the irregular manner in which the stipends of the Missionaries, in many instances, are paid, upon which the following resolution was adopted, and is now published for the information of all connected with the guarantees:—

"That in the event of any Mission, which has given a guarantee or otherwise entered into an engagement for the support of its clergyman, failing to meet its engagement to the Society for two quarters consecutively, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the Churchwardens of the said Mission of such default, and to draw their attention to the rule of the Society applicable in such cases; and should the Mission continue in default for another quarter, then the Bishop shall be requested to withdraw the Missionary, and no subsequent appointment shall be made to the same Mission until all arrears of salary have been made."

The several missionaries employed by the Mission Board are requested to communicate this resolution to the bondsmen and subscribers in their respective Missions, and to report the balances due on the 1st inst., in order that a return may be prepared for the next quarterly meeting of the Board, which will be held on the 2nd Wednesday in February.—

The missionaries are further requested to supply the following information for the Missionary Register, which has been ordered to be kept, viz:—

Name of Missionary.
Residence.
Date of appointment.
Stations served.
Bounds of mission.
Amount of grant from Mission Board.
District contribution.
Contributed by mission.
Remarks.

S. GIVINS,

Hon. Secretary, D. C. S.

THE CLERICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE NIAGARA RURAL
DEANERY.

The Clergy of the Niagara Rural Deanery are reminded, that the next meeting of the Clerical Association will take place (D.V.,) at Fort Erie, on Wednesday, February 7th, 1866. Those of the Clergy who intend to be present on the occasion are requested to intimate their intention to the Rector one week previous to the day of meeting.

Litany and Holy Communion at 9 A.M.

Chapter Heb. vi.

Subject, adjourned consideration of "Churchman's Association."

Evening Service with Sermon at 7 P.M.

CHAS. LEYCESTER INGLES,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Drummondville, December 21st, 1865.

TRINITY COLLEGE.—KENT PRIZE.

The first Kent Prize is now restricted to graduates of Trinity College, who have completed their Theological course. The subject for 1866 is.—

"Sacraments are sure witnesses and effectual signs of grace and God's good will towards us."

The exercises are to be sent to the Provost on or before the 9th day of October, 1866.

COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM THE 1st TO 23rd DECEMBER.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.		MISSION FUND.	
Lindsay, St. Paul's Church.....	\$4 00	THANKSGIVING COLLECTION.	
Newcastle: St. George's Church.	8 26	Manvers: St. Mary's Church	\$3 00
Seymour	2 69	Emily: Christ Church.....	04
Percy.....	2 10	Seymour	3 25
Tecumseth: Trinity Church.	10 24	Mimico: Christ Church	1 50
Tecumseth: St. John's Church...	2 12	Toronto: Holy Trinity Church...	12 43
Brampton	6 09	BOOK AND TRACT FUND	
Enniskillen	62	Rev. F. L. Oster,	2 50
Dysart	6 76	Rev. M. Harrison,	2 50
Toronto: Holy Trinity Church...	26 00	STUDENTS' FUND.	
Cobourg	42 45	Toronto: Holy Trinity Church .	12 26
" Stiles' Church	2 65	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.	
" Bourne's	2 75	Rev. F. J. S. Groves, annual	
" Court House.....	4 15	subscription	5 00

SAULT STE. MARIE MISSION.

SAULT STE. MARIE, *October 6, 1865.*

THE HON. AND RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO,

MY LORD,—I have now completed three months in this new mission, and I feel it to be only right, and what your lordship may reasonably expect, that I should make some report of my work. I trust, that with what has been done, your lordship will not be dissatisfied; and that the statement of what remains to be done may effectually stimulate the Church in the Diocese to occupy fully an important position.

First, then, *What has been done?*

1. As there was no diocesan official to introduce me in this distant spot, I read at morning prayer the formal license which your lordship granted me, as a solemn inauguration of a work which I hoped would never cease here.

2. After waiting three weeks for some of the principal people who were absent, we had a regularly-called meeting for organizing a vestry, according to the canon of Synod providing for the case of free churches; and agreeably to the terms of that canon the vestry was organized. The clergyman chose W. M. Simpson, Esq., as his churchwarden, and the people nominated Mr. Sheriff Carney. The Hon. W. B. Robinson was also elected as delegate for the Synod, and he has since signified his acceptance of that office.

3. It was unanimously agreed at the vestry, that there should be an offertory at morning and evening prayer; which has ever since been regularly carried out, and I am happy to say, considering our paucity of numbers, with gratifying success. The offertory has ranged from \$3 to \$4½ per Sunday.

4. Some of the ladies of the congregation, acquainted with church music, formed themselves into a choir, and have conducted the musical portion of the services in a very becoming and effective style—very much to the surprise and delight of our occasional visitors. Mr. Carney very good-naturedly lent us the use of his melodeon; but the zealous lady who acted as organist collected, in a very short time, \$75 for the purchase of an instrument, to be the exclusive property of the congregation. This was done with the greatest readiness and heartiness on all sides.

5. Another zealous member, feeling the insecurity of the mission, so long as it is without a parsonage, very promptly set the matter on foot; so that we may look to our subscriptions here as good for \$400, including \$50 promised by the *Algoma* steamer, in freight.

6. *Divine Service* has been celebrated three Sundays in the month, twice each Lord's Day, at 10½, A.M., and 4, P.M. The congregation has amounted to 70, and, I think, has never got below 40 in the evening, when I officiated, except on a rainy day. Perhaps the average may be stated at 50. The *Holy Communion* has been administered once a month—the communicants being, respectively, 5, 6, and 9. I have good hope that, through the Divine blessing, we shall soon see a fairer expression of devotion in this respect.

On the Sundays I am absent; we are happy in having the services of the worthy Col. Savage, whom your lordship was kind enough to license as *lay-reader*. He discharges most faithfully and acceptably the duties which your lordship has entrusted him with. We all feel that it is a matter of great moment that a whole Sunday, once a month, should not be abandoned to worldliness, and God defrauded of his just right—the public homage of his Church.

7. The little *Sunday School*, which I was happy to find established here, has been re-organized, and put on a distinctively Church footing. It numbers ordinarily 20 very nice children, who are instructed by four teachers—two male and two female—in the Church Catechism, Collects, Gospel for the Sunday, and the pretty hymns for little children. The attendance of teachers and scholars is very regular.

On the whole, I find a very good disposition everywhere prevailing amongst the people,—very strikingly so among these not brought up in the Church of England,—and a feeling of satisfaction at the prospect of a future widely different from the looseness and irreligion of the past. It would be unreasonable to expect *religious zeal* in the very outset of a mission at the very extremity of the diocese.

8. The adjoining township of *Korah*, I have not lost sight of. This township has been settled about seven years, and there are about 30 families in it, all, with one exception, Protestant. The land is excellent hardwood, most cheering to behold after the stunted firs of the coast. I never saw more superb crops of oats than waved in every clearing. The people are beginning to cultivate wheat, which succeeds wonderfully well; but the want of a mill and the distance from market, served to discourage this branch of farming. The Jesuits, at Garden River, aided by Protestant subscriptions, are about removing the former obstacle. The settlement is from six to ten miles distant from the Sault, and is reached by a first-rate road built by Government, though the tracks divergent from it are such as to recall my earliest missionary experiences. The settlement is thriving, and likely to continue so; but, alas! with the settlers' comfortable log houses, (for they are such here), the church does not keep equal pace. My first introduction to the people was at a "bee" for "raising" a barn, about nine miles distant, I found twenty-two men, the chief part of the population. Their work was done by 4, P.M., when I said the full evening prayer, and preached, in the open air, the men seating themselves on the logs around. They were attentive and reverent, while some said the responses well, and joined in the evening hymn, and all seemed pleased. One hearty Englishman vowed we should yet have a nice Church in Korah, and asked—a question I could wish were asked more generally and earnestly—"Why should not the Church grow up with the settlement?" On that day fortnight, according to promise, I returned to another point in the settlement, but through certain obstacles (accidental, I was told) I had but portions of four families present at service. But, D.V., I shall continue to visit them once a fortnight, especially as the worthy postmaster at the Sault has placed a horse at my disposal whenever I require him for this purpose. And as the people in Korah are steady and industrious, and many brought up in the Church, and none with any prejudice against her, so far as I can hear, I hope for success at last.

And now for the other part of my charge.

The Bruce Mines.—They are reached by water—the shortest route being 36 miles. In fair weather and with favorable wind, this is rather a pleasant trip—

though 8, 11, 16 hours in the corner of a boat, is not without its drawbacks; but in really unfavourable weather the trip is very disagreeable—consuming sometimes threedays, with “camping out,” and its various accessories. Unfortunately the wind very often blows severely and steadily against the voyager to or from the Mines. Hitherto I have been much favored, as my longest voyage has been only 16 hours.

1. It was my purpose at first to give the mines *one Sunday in four*, and also *one week-day* service per month; but I was assured by the gentlemen in charge of the mines, that I need not think of it—that I should be taking labour in vain; moreover, that *one-half* of the men are under ground by night as well as day, and the half that come up are but having their meals, and their families occupied in preparing them, at the only hour practicable for an evening service. So I was dissuaded from it, and had to content myself with the former part of the programme—one Sunday in the month. Happily I have been able to keep all my appointments thus far. Divine service has been each Sunday celebrated twice. The Rev. James Chance has very generously helped me by going down on the Sundays during the past quarter. Our first efforts there have been very encouraging, as we have ordinarily had congregations numbering 200, remarkably reverent and attentive.

The *Holy Communion* was administered once to 13 persons. On that occasion there was an offertory, as part of the holy celebration, which amounted to \$5.75.

2. I found a large Sunday School, numbering 260, conducted on no principle at all, and with every respect for the zeal of the teachers, I think next to nothing can be taught, or at any rate, usefully or correctly. I did what I could: I got the Church teachers to teach the catechism to as many scholars, especially children of Church people, as came within their influence: and they have been doing this. We must wait till we are better organised, and a favorable opening occurs for better doing so indispensable a work as the grounding of the young in the exact knowledge of our own principles.

3. After some time I came to the conclusion that, rudimentary as our work there is, it would go on all the better for a little organisation; so having failed in securing a fair number on the last Saturday evening I was down, I requested those interested to remain after evening service on Sunday. I was glad to see 20 men remain, who seemed to be earnest Churchmen, and some of them *are I know*. I stated that we should not begin at the mines as if we intended coming to a full stop very soon, but as if we intended to *go on*; and so we had better put ourselves into a Church of England shape, by having a vestry, and churchwardens to look after the interests of the congregation. They all put down their names resolutely; and I felt that many a congregation began with fewer, and with less favorable auspices. The two gentlemen who have charge of the establishment, Captain Plummer and Jas. Bennetts, Esq., were then chosen as churchwardens; and here, as at the Sault, it was determined to have a regular offertory at all our services. I suggested for their consideration the propriety and advantage of having my occasional services supplemented by lay-reading, so that at least once every Sunday the Church service might be had. The impression made by one Sunday would otherwise be sure to die out in a month, and such infrequency would never suffice to break our people into church-going habits and attachment to the Church, from which they had been so long estranged, and which the children had never known at all. I begged them not to begin this if they did not *resolve* to carry it out, as such weak attempts could only aggravate matters: discouraging us and exasperating the sects. They were unanimous in promising their support: and the nomination of the reader for your lordship's appointment was left to the clergyman and churchwardens. We have not yet been able to meet, but there is no doubt of our being able to procure a very suitable person.

4. I believe that the efforts that will soon be made to procure contributions for defraying the expenses of the missionary in journeying to and from the Bruce, will be effectual, not only for that, but will leave some little margin as a help to his stipend, in the interests of the mission.

This is what has been done in the past three months. And now I hope I shall be pardoned if I presume to draw attention to *what is to be done*.

The first thing is to secure our ground in this mission, so as to have at any rate one post in this extremity of the Diocese—300 miles from Toronto;—for population will come no doubt. I have just come in time to do anything.

2. There is a growing population at the Sault and in Koroah to be provided for; and just now is an iron mine opened, 50 miles west, on the north shore of Lake Superior, where 100 men are at work, with the certainty of many more very soon. And a copper mine near the same spot is to be in operation also very shortly. So that here is a field of missionary labour where we ought to exert ourselves, before the ground is permanently occupied to our exclusion. The Church ought to look on this somewhat in the light of a foreign mission, and not expect us all of a sudden to be self-supporting. Something ought to be ventured and expended, with a view to future efficiency in a region so sure to be important. The missionary, if possible, should be freed from the demands on his time and energy made by extra clerical work, so as to be able to make the most of any openings that may appear. Travelling, too, is very expensive. You must have a boat, at least two men for any but the shortest trips and in the best weather, giving them a dollar a day and provisions; while a week would be little enough for a visit to the new mine I speak of. What is at once and most urgently needed is a *house* for the missionary. In three months I have made four changes, and am on the eve of a fifth; so hard is it to procure lodgings even for a single person: in fact if a house be not procured in some way, I *must* leave next June, and for good. And therefore if the Church intends to keep up the mission, it must aid in securing this necessary condition of it. It would not take a great deal for the simple structure we should be glad to put up with for some years to come. I am now in temporary possession of a large room, without fire at this very cold season, with my little son; and not quite sure as to my fate during the winter. The people here *cannot* be expected to do more than they have done, even if they had much more religious zeal than it would be reasonable to look for. For my part, I am glad to see so much.

4. In regard to the *Bruce Mines*, I am sure the few following figures will be read with interest, and will suggest some serious thoughts. From a census taken in July, the following religious statistics are taken:—

Church of England	177
Presbyterians	152
Wesleyans.....	231
Primitive	64
Roman Catholic.....	130
Total.....	754
Non-professors	705
Total population.....	1459

Some new works are to be opened very soon, which will ensure a considerable accession to the population.

Thus it appears that *half* the population are at the present lost to religion. There is no doubt, from what the official told me, who took the census, that fully one-half of the non-professors were brought up in the Church of England; and there is reason to believe could yet be recovered, were there adequate ministrations on the spot. It may be further seen, *how tenaciously* the Church people

have stuck to the Church of their baptism, in spite of 14 years of neglect. One poor fellow there told me he had been at but *two* Church services in 17 years! Another observed, seeing me standing at the grave in my surplice, that if one of his were dead, he would wait a week for the clergyman, and pay all his expenses up and down. The large numbers that attend our services, shew how warm a feeling exists towards the Church.

Had we but a resident clergyman there we could do a great work, I am convinced; for there is a fine field. I do most bitterly regret my inability to work it as it deserves. *This should be secured.* The people are sharp and intelligent, and would appreciate the labours and care of the Church. Despite past neglect, the old remembrances of feelings would revive in time. How mortifying it is to find that through our unhappy poverty we are so often forestalled by the impromptu machinery of the sects, and so many chances of good marred!

I hope I may be forgiven for having run on such a length; but I will make atonement in future by a proportionable brevity.

I know that your lordship has the most lively interest in all that I have ventured to speak of. And it is that which has emboldened me to write so fully; in the hope that others, learning the real facts, may be induced to further a missionary enterprise which is due mainly to your lordship's sagacity, and which I sincerely pray may yet fully justify it.

I have the honour to be, my Lord,
With the greatest respect, your Lordship's most obedient servant,
JOHN CARRY.

INDIAN MISSION, MANITOWANING.

(Concluded from our last.)

At Sheguaindah there are now upwards of 40 children, for whom no instruction is provided. Thus you may see my dear Sir, what a field this is for an active and energetic teacher. I understand that the Indians at Sheguaindah intend to follow my advice, and farm their lots together, assisting each other on the "bee" system, as practised among the whites. They say they will clear in two or three places, and unite their labours. This, if carried out, will be much better for them than their present plan.

During the past summer, we were painfully shocked to hear, that in the terrible disaster near the Sault Ste. Marie, in which the ill-fated *Pewahbick* sunk, one of our most valued and interesting young Indians lost his life. It is a satisfaction to my mind to know that he was a deeply pious young man. In fact, he was a pattern to all the young men here. Charles Gogemahbuness was his name. He was a regular and consistent communicant; and we all deeply deplore his death. But we trust that he has exchanged a troublesome world for a happy home beyond the skies.

The following is a summary of my missionary work during the past quarter:—Miles travelled, 330; Sunday services, 30; week-day do., 10; family visits, 174; sick do., 19; baptisms, 4; marriages, 1; communicants, 34; Sunday schools, 2; attendance (average), 29 (3 months), 17 boys, 12 girls—total, as above, 29.

In conclusion, I would again urge upon the Society the desirability of keeping our ground here in every place, as no doubt, if the services of the Church are supplied at the outset to the new-comers, of which there probably will be a good many before long, we shall have every opportunity of establishing our beloved Zion, permanently on the Islands. Begging an interest in your prayers and those of the Church for our present and future prosperity in the Lord's work,

I am, my dear Sir, your most obedient servant,

J. W. SIMS, *Missionary to Indians, Manitoulin Island.*

P.S.—I have forwarded by this mail, my usual report to the S. P. G. direct to England. J. W. S.

GARDEN RIVER MISSION.

We commend to the notice of the friends of Missions the following extract from a letter lately received from the Rev. James Chance, Missionary at this station :

"I am sorry to say that my apparent strong constitution has not been equal to the hardships of my missionary life. I feel the effects more and more every year. I am only just now recovering from a severe attack on my lungs. This is the only missionary station in these remote regions where there is no medical man. At Mahnetoahning there is a Doctor, and at the Bruce, and at the Sault; but here we have to be doctor for ourselves and the whole village, and a trying time we have had lately during the prevalence of the measles among the Indians. They have nearly all recovered, but Mrs. Chance has four of our own children to attend to now in the sick room. I heartily wish that your plan mentioned in the *Chronicle* last fall had been carried out by christian friends in Canada: I mean that of supplying Indian missionaries with a little stock of medicines, provisions, &c., for their people in times of need. It was truly distressing to witness the destitution and misery of some families. In one house I found six persons all very ill of measles at one time, and their poor dejected parents had nothing better to give them than turnips and potatoes; and a young man actually cried to me for more palatable food. With your experience among Indians you will not wonder that our own little stores had to be resorted to for their relief, and you are aware likewise that an Indian missionary with a large family cannot well spare his own supplies. I am still minus of the \$50 which I spent for the Indians in the spring. I do not like to beg, and I try to teach the Indians to be independent of aid for mere bodily wants; but in spite of my efforts circumstances will arise when aid is necessary which is beyond our own utmost ability to render.

"Too much importance I think is attached to the fact that I was appointed by the N. E. Company; for I have not received from them any answer to my urgent request for more than twelve months. It was at the request of Dr. O'Meara, and to save the Society the expense of the support of this mission, that I consented to be transferred from the Society to the Company, and during the years in which I have been the Company's missionary to the Indians I have discharged duties to white people at the Sault and elsewhere (at the Bishop's request), as though I was paid by the Society. I consider it therefore very unfair that my connections with the Company should exclude me and my mission from any participation in the christian benevolence of the Diocese in many matters essential to our success. If the Company could lend us the assistance we need I certainly would not appeal to my fellow churchmen in Canada; but as their engagements in America are numerous and wide-spread, it is out of their power. I hope I shall not be denied a Canadian crumb or two of charity for the poor aborigines.

"It was essentially necessary before the winter set in to have some improvements made to the Mission and School houses, which have cost a considerable sum; but from what source it is to be paid I know not at present: the opening of the proposed roads will require an additional outlay for fencing, &c., and where that is to come from I am equally ignorant.

"But in my present state of health all these considerations are very distasteful to me; and lest I should be further tedious to you I will conclude by thanking you again for all your kind interest and good wishes."

The following is the extract alluded to by Mr. Chance:—

"None but those whose lot it has been to serve as Missionaries among the Indians, can form any idea of the number of distressing applications to the missionary for relief. In missions like those of Garden River and Manitowaning, spiritual food is not all that is expected from him. Being compelled, by his iso-

luted situation to provide a stock of necessaries before hand, for the support of his household, he is supposed by his needy and improvident neighbours to possess an unlimited supply, and when their stock (if they have any) is exhausted, what more natural than that they should go for relief to their "good father" who they know can give it.

"The application generally comes in the shape of a *loan*; while others hang about the Mission house or come into the kitchen and sit for hours watching the Missionary's family preparing their humble meals; and when at length they are asked what they want, they will probably take from under their blankets, some trifling article, (for which the missionary's family has no need, and cannot afford to pay for in provisions) accompanied by the remark that their families have nothing to eat and are probably sick. The solution of this perplexing case generally devolves on the missionary's wife. Should reference be made to the missionary himself, the interests of the cause invariably prevail over those of the family—and when accounts are balanced, it will be well if an alarming deficiency, in addition to serious domestic inconvenience, be not found. A long experience of Missionary life among the Indians, enables the writer to urge, that, in isolated missions like those alluded to, it is but just to the Missionary that he should have a small annual supply of provisions and comforts for gratuitous distribution among the sick and destitute; of whom, without encouraging the indolent and vicious, there are, alas! always a number of painful cases."

Should any benevolent individual be disposed to contribute to the relief of our Missionaries, the SECRETARY OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY will be happy to receive and apply donations.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

We copy the following excellent article from the *Nova Scotia Church Chronicle*, under the impression that the suggestions it contains may prove useful to the deputations about to attend the Parochial Association Meetings in our own Diocese:—

"We feel that no apology is necessary for bringing to the notice of our readers the condition and claims of the D. C. Society. In a previous number we expressed ourselves as decidedly of opinion that it must be in future the only instrument for the support and progress of our Church, and we have as yet seen no reason to alter our views. As the time is drawing near when the annual collections for its support are made in the different parishes, it appears a suitable opportunity for a few remarks in its favour.

"The recent meeting in Halifax, of which a brief report appeared in our last number, fully recognised the necessity of additional contributions to its funds, and resolved that fresh efforts should be made to increase them. This necessity arises not only from the increasing demand for Missionaries in new districts, but also from the obligation assumed by the D. C. S. to make up the deficiency arising from the diminution of the grant from S. P. G.

"That there ought to be little or no difficulty in meeting this demand must be evident to any one who considers the matter with attention. The sum contributed for general purposes, as given in the Report for 1864, amounted in round numbers to \$3,500. The number of names on the list is about 5,000, a great number of these being the names of young children. Thus we see that at the most only one-tenth of the members of our Church give anything towards the support of the D. C. S. Why should this be the case? Why should the remaining nine-tenths be excluded from the privilege? A very few cents from each of them would more than double the income of our Society; one cent from each would more than meet the deficiency above alluded to. We are persuaded that nothing is required but a systematic, united effort to put our D. C. S. in a far higher state of efficiency than it has ever enjoyed.

“Or to take another view of the case, the last Report of the S. P. G. fixes the number of the communicants for Nova Scotia at very nearly 5,000. Might they not be requested on some particular Sunday, when the Lord's Supper is administered, to give a special donation, in addition to their regular subscriptions? A small sum from each, augmented, as it would be, by the contributions of non-communicants, would form a valuable increase to our funds. In our humble opinion this would be the best way to effect this increase. A circular from the Bishop recommending such a course, and suggesting one or more days for putting it into execution, would be all that would be required. If it were not for the shortness of the notice, the approaching day of General Thanksgiving would have supplied an appropriate occasion for an offering of this kind.

“But we must revert to the astonishing circumstance that nine-tenths of the members of our Church never contribute to the D. C. S. How can they be brought to contribute? We believe that the greater number of them only need to be asked, to have the claims of the Society brought before them, and an opportunity given them to aid it. In a country like ours, where real property is scarcely known, it is in vain to say that many persons are unable to give. The great religious Societies of England derive a large portion of their incomes from men and women whose wages amount to only a few shillings a week, but who make it a rule to devote a portion of that little to the service of God. Many of those who say they cannot give anything are at the same time spending considerable sums in things which, if not positively injurious, are quite unnecessary, while others do not like to give because the amount is so small, forgetting that the two mites, given in humility and faith, are far more valuable than large sums given in vanity and ostentation.

“We throw out the following suggestions for making a more systematic effort for the D. C. S.: some of them have been already tried amongst us: all of them have been proved in England and elsewhere. 1. Let a Committee be formed, who will divide the Parish among them, and undertake to solicit subscriptions from every family, which may be paid weekly, or monthly, or quarterly, or annually, according to the wishes of each individual. (An average of a cent per week from each individual would give about \$26,000 per annum.) These Committees should be large, so that each member need not have more than eight or ten families to visit. Experience is in favour of their consisting principally of ladies acting under the direction of the Rector, and regularly reporting to him at least once a quarter. 2. Let a supply of Collecting Books be provided, so as to give one to each family, and let each put into his box as he has means and opportunity. These boxes should be opened either quarterly or annually, at a meeting to be held for the purpose. 3. The children at the Sunday Schools might be interested in the course, and be induced to contribute themselves and to endeavor to collect from others. A habit would thus be formed which would bear abundant fruit in after years, when they grew up and had means at their own disposal. The plan adopted in some of the Churches of the neighbouring Republic might be beneficially followed in all these modes of collection. They have a special service for receiving all the Missionary contributions for the year, and for solemnly presenting them for the service of God. Occasion is taken to dwell upon the duty and privilege of giving of our means, and many are thus encouraged to greater exertions, or induced to make them for the first time.

“We must not omit again to allude to the propriety of leaving out the names of the subscribers in our annual Reports. We noticed in our last number that no such lists occur in the Report of the S. P. G. Even if there were no better reason, the omission of these lists would probably effect a saving of nearly \$100 per annum. But we take higher ground than this. We consider that a liberality which needs to be fostered by the publication of its items must be deficient in the true spirit of Christian charity. We are all too apt to look upon our donations as due to our position, rather than in the light of an offering of our substance for

the service of God. Hence many are influenced to a very great extent by what they see others giving, and forget that each one should give according to his ability, without any reference to the conduct of others. Indeed, this is the real secret of our present limited resources, and until the members of our Church can be induced to realize their individual responsibilities, and be stirred up to exert themselves, we shall have the same cause of complaint. No one disputes the fact that we ought to have a much larger income than we now possess: every one will, at the annual meetings, vote for the resolution that it is incumbent on all the members of the Church to make additional exertions on behalf of the D. C. S., and yet if we compare the different reports we find that the great majority of the subscribers give the very same amounts year after year.

"We must, therefore, during the coming year direct our efforts to obtaining new subscribers, and to increasing the subscriptions of those now on our lists. If there is to be any emulation, let it be between Parishes, not between individuals. Such an emulation is perfectly legitimate, and was employed by St. Paul, when raising a contribution for the poor at Jerusalem. Let each subscriber resolve to increase his own subscription, and to induce at least one other person to become a contributor. If this is done, we shall have a very different state of things next year.

"We know that it is very often commonly said, and but too often received as an axiom, that you cannot expect every one to give. We think every one ought to give, and that in this favoured land almost every one could give without difficulty. The will is wanted in the majority of instances, not the way. We know an instance in one of our oldest parishes, of a widow of the age of fourscore years, who supported herself by the work of her hands, and yet could give \$5 to Church purposes. She esteemed it a great privilege to be permitted to give her humble assistance to the support and spread of the Gospel, and so would we all if we regarded it aright, and we shall never progress as we ought, until we are actuated by that spirit.

"Lastly, let us remember that the cause of Christ is not to be forwarded by money alone. We must be earnest in prayer for a blessing on our efforts: the humblest offering given with sincerity and prayer, is of far greater value than large sums given by those in whom such dispositions are wanting. It is too much the tendency of the present day to look on money as all-powerful. It will be an evil day for the Church when such a feeling is permitted to affect its action. The purest and most successful periods of its history have generally been those when of silver and gold it had none: and although we know that the Almighty always works by means, we must beware of the temptation of ascribing to the means what is due only to His blessing."

PRESENTATION.

PORT PERRY, Nov. 29, 1865.

DEAR SIR,

The following short address, accompanied with a very acceptable present, was presented to Miss Pentland by the congregation of Port Perry, Prince Albert, &c., and at the same time a purse of money to her father, formerly incumbent of Whitby, &c., and lately residing at Prince Albert.

Your obedient servant,

HENRY CHARLES.

DEAR MISS PENTLAND,

With deep regret we learn that you are about to leave us.

Your ability and kindness in conducting the Musical Services of the Church on each succeeding Sabbath during the past nine months, your unwearied and regular attendance at the week day-practices of Church Music, (often at much inconvenience

to yourself), and your untiring attention to the Sunday School, have been a source of much gratification to us all, and we cannot allow you to depart without evincing in some manner our appreciation of such kind and amiable acts, much enhanced in value by the unobtrusive manner in which they were rendered.

In parting with you we cannot forbear tendering our sincere wishes for your future welfare. May health and happiness long be yours, and may the sentiments expressed in one of your favorite Hymns tend to your happiness and consolation, should the day of adversity ever visit you.

“ I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless ;
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness ;
 Where is death's sting ? Where grave thy victory ?
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me.”

We request your acceptance of the accompanying present as a further mark of our esteem.

Prince Albert, Nov. 28, 1865.

CHURCH MUSIC.

Messrs. A. and S. Nordheimer, the publishers, have sent us a clear and beautifully printed copy of Mammatt's celebrated Anthem “Deus Misereatur” recently published by them. We are glad to find our enterprising Music publishers turning their attention to Church Music, and that their efforts are directed to the introduction of Music of such a high order. Choirs and also families will do well to possess themselves of it.

APPOINTMENT.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto has been pleased to appoint the Rev. Alexander Williams, B.A., to the Incumbency of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Toronto, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. J. H. Plowman, M.A.

CHURCHMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

We are happy to hear that a meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, Yorkville, last month, for the purpose of forming a Churchman's Association in connection with that parish. The Rev. the Provost of Trinity College, and several other influential clergymen, were present. A constitution was adopted, provisionally, as we believe a Committee has been appointed by the Bishop, for the purpose of drafting a Constitution for general adoption throughout the Diocese. About 30 ladies and gentlemen enrolled themselves as members, and we are happy to hear that the Association is in a fair way of proving the beneficial results arising from such an organization.

SYNOD AND CHURCH SOCIETY REPORTS.

The annual Reports of the Synod and of the Church Society, for the last year, are published and are now in course of distribution. The usual supplies of the latter will be forwarded to the Secretaries of the District Branch Associations, by express.

GORE AND WELLINGTON DISTRICT

NORTHERN DIVISION.

Monday, Jan. 22, Elora	7 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 25, North Arthur	11 a.m.
Tuesday, “ 23, Alma	11 a.m.	“ “ 25, Arthur Village	7 p.m.
“ “ 23, Hustonville	7 p.m.	Friday, “ 26, Fergus	7 p.m.
Wednesday “ 24, Rothsay	11 a.m.	Monday, “ 29, Rockwood	6 p.m.
“ “ 24, Mount Forest	7 p.m.	Tuesday, “ 30, Guelph	7 p.m.

Deputation.—Rev. F. L. Osler, Dr. O'Meara and Rev. F. Tremayne.

One of the most interesting items brought by the last mail is the movement in the University of Oxford to extend its efforts and increase its accommodation. A well-attended meeting was held in the Hall of Oriel College, on the 16th Novr., which affirmed without a dissentient voice that the University ought to be extended, and resolved that each College and Hall should be invited to send a representative to a Committee, in which a scheme for this purpose might be prepared. "It appears to be a growing opinion in Oxford that a machinery so costly and elaborate ought to be made applicable to a larger purpose than the education of twelve or fifteen hundred men." One of the proximate causes of the meeting seems to have been "the scanty supply of educated young men for the work of the Ministry. All the speakers laid stress on this fact, though from different points of view; and the grand object seems to be to make Oxford more of a nursing mother to the Church than she had hitherto been." It also appears that the income of the University and College within a few years will be increased by at least \$500,000. We shall watch the progress of the movement with much interest. It was stated that the number of students in attendance was so large that almost every available room was occupied.

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