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RESOLUTIONS.

TORONTO, MARCH 13th, 1839.

THE Society for Converting and Civilizing the Indians, and Propagating the Gospel among the Destitute Settlers in Upper Canada, held its Annual Meeting this day, at the City Hall. The Honourable and Venerable the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, Vice-President, in the Chair.

After the usual prayers, the Secretary read the Report of the Society's proceedings, when the following Resolutions were put, and carried:

Moved by the Reverend CHARLES MATHEWS, M. A. seconded by the Honourable WILLIAM ALLAN, V. P.

1st—That the Report now read be adopted, and that it be printed and circulated, under the direction of the Committee.

Moved by His Honour the VICE CHANCELLOR, seconded by ALEXANDER WOOD, Esquire:

2nd—That this Meeting desires to record its thankfulness to Almighty God, for that measure of success which, notwithstanding many adverse circumstances, He has been pleased to vouchsafe to the exertions of the Society in behalf of the Indians and Destitute Settlers in this Province.

Moved by the Reverend JOHN M'CAUL, L. L. D. Principal of Upper Canada College, seconded by the Reverend HENRY SCADDING, B. A.

3rd—That this Meeting, satisfied from ample experience of the great benefit of employing Travelling Missionaries, earnestly invites the members of the Church throughout the Province. to assist in furthering this essential object of the Society.

Moved by the Reverend FEATHERSTON LAKE OSLER, B.A. Missionary of Tecumseth and West Gwillimsbury, seconded by WILLIAM HEPBURN, Esquire:

4th—That this Meeting rejoices in the continued success of the Mission to the Sault St. Marie, tending as it must, to remove the prejudices unhappily prevailing against the utility of Missionary efforts so directed, and to demonstrate the truth of the proposition, that the Indians of this Continent are disposed to receive, and are capable of profiting by religious and other instruction.

Moved by the ATTORNEY GENERAL, seconded by SAMUEL PETERS JARVIS, Esquire:

5th—That this Meeting acknowledges with satisfaction the co-operation of the Auxiliaries already established, as well as the contributions of several Congregations in aid of the Society's funds.

Moved by the Honourable WILLIAM ALLAN, V.P. seconded by the Reverend the PRINCIPAL of Upper Canada College:

6th—That the thanks of this Society be respectfully presented to His Excellency SIR GEORGE ARTHUR, K.C.H. Lieutenant Governor, for his kindness in consenting to become Patron of the Society; and for its practical illustration in establishing an efficient Indian Mission at the Manatoulin Island.

Moved by the Honourable the SOLICITOR GENERAL, seconded by the Reverend HENRY SCADDING, B.A.

7th—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Reverend A. N. BETHUNE, Rector of Cobourg, and to the Reverend Dr. PHILLIPS, Rector of Etobicoke, for their excellent Sermons, in aid of the funds of the Society, respectively, for the years 1837 and 1838; and that the Reverend GEORGE MORTIMER, M.A. Rector of Thornhill, be requested to preach the next Annual Sermon in its behalf.

Moved by His Honour the VICE CHANCELLOR, seconded by the Reverend CHARLES MATHEWS, M.A.

8th—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Office-bearers; and that the following gentlemen form the Committee of Management for the ensuing year:—The neighbouring Clergy; Mr. Atkinson; Mr. Thomas Champion; Mr. Alderman Dixon; William Hepburn, Esquire; Clarke Gamble, Esquire; Samuel P. Jarvis, Esquire; J. Godfrey Spragge, Esquire; Mr. Alderman Monro; Alexander Wood, Esquire.

The business of the Meeting being concluded, the VICE CHANCELLOR, seconded by the Honourable W. ALLAN, moved:

9th—That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Honourable and Venerable the ARCHDEACON OF YORK, for his able conduct in the Chair.

The ARCHDEACON briefly returned thanks; prayers were read; and the Meeting separated.

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REPORT.

The Committee present this, their seventh Report, with mingled emotions of sorrow and congratulation. While they mourn over the weakness of the Church, and the inadequacy of the means at her disposal to meet the rapidly increasing wants of her numerous adherents, scattered through this extensive Province, they rejoice in the Divine goodness, for raising up in our behalf many friends in England; friends who deeply commiserate our spiritual destitution, and feel it a privilege to assist in promoting the objects, and extending the operations, of this Society.

The Rev. W. J. D. Waddilove, the friend of our late amiable and lamented Bishop, has from the first taken a warm interest in the success of this Institution, and contributed largely to its support and efficiency; his zeal and activity remain unabated, and has, from year to year, been expressed by a munificent liberality, which proclaims, far beyond any terms that we can employ, his truly Christian charity. One of our travelling Missionaries is supported entirely from Mr. Waddilove's fund, and assistance afforded to others; and when we see, from his example, how much good *one* zealous friend of religion can effect, we are greatly encouraged and animated to fresh exertion.

To Mrs. Simcoe, the Society likewise owes its thankful acknowledments for great and continued fa-

vours. This excellent Lady's affection for the Province still warmly burns, and she rightly thinks, that it cannot shew itself so strongly or effectually in any other manner, as in imparting to the inhabitants a knowledge of the way to eternal life. In promoting this blessed object her solicitude is truly parental; it is in her heart, and rests upon her soul. To search for and collect our people, hidden as it were in the wilderness, and bring them into one visible Christian family, fellow-worshippers and members of that Church, which disseminates in their purest form the truths of the Gospel, exhibits one of the most beautiful spectacles which the imagination can conceive.

Some years ago the deplorable situation of Upper Canada, in respect to religious privations, attracted the notice of the Earl of Galloway, the Honourable Capt. Wellesley, and other pious and eminent individuals, and induced them to form themselves into a Society named, "the Upper Canada Clergy Society," for the purpose of remedying so great an evil. To our late excellent Bishop's earnest statements and communications to his noble Nephew, regarding the religious wants of the Diocese, we doubtless owe the commencement of that movement which resulted in the establishment of this Society in London. It already supports three Missionaries in the Province, and is exceedingly active in procuring the funds necessary for increasing their number. Your Committee rejoice in the establishment of a Society of so great promise, and founded on principles so disinterested—a Society whose members look for the reward of their exertions in the

increasing happiness of our people, their advancement in Gospel knowledge, and their experience of the power of God unto salvation, produced by the Missionary labours which they have benevolently supplied. Well does the Upper Canada Clergy Society deserve the warmest expression of our cordial gratitude and acknowledgments, and our fervent prayers that its means of usefulness may be daily enlarged. No religion but that of Christianity, could have conceived, much less put it into the hearts of men, to act upon the sublime principle of carrying life and salvation to their benighted brethren, in the most remote corners of the globe.—Indeed this working of the Holy Spirit, which induces believers to hold out to us the hand of help, and the words of consolation from a distance of many thousand miles, presents a most glorious view of the blessedness of the Gospel.

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating, that great benefit may be looked for, in promoting the objects of the Society, from the labours of the Deputation sent home by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, and the Archdeacons of this Province, the winter before last, to make known through the United Empire the wants of the Church in this Colony. The Deputation consisted of the Rev. Messrs. William Bettridge, and Benjamin Cronyn, to whom was afterwards added the Rev. Robert D. Cartwright. From Mr. Bettridge's letters it appears, that he has been indefatigable in his labours, travelling through the country, preaching sermons, and speaking at public meetings with great eloquence and effect, to bring our necessities before the

Nation, and has not only excited great sympathy in our favour, but met with much kindness and assistance—Nor has he been less active in urging upon Her Majesty's Government the danger of suffering this fine Province to continue in such a state of religious destitution, as must be disastrous to the best interests of the people, temporal and eternal. From the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Bettridge has received the kindest attention and assistance, and there is reason to hope for the most favourable results from his awakening appeals.

Through the influence of Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Packington, a Member of Parliament, brought the state of the Church in Canada under the notice of the House of Commons, and spoke so effectively as to make a deep impression on that honourable body, and induce the Ministers to adopt some measure to provide for the Lord Bishop of Montreal. A few more such speeches would awaken a warm interest in our favour in the Legislature as well as in the Country.

Your Committee cannot but rejoice in presenting such a record of the growing sympathy and beneficence of our brethren in the Mother Land. All who consider the influence of Christianity in promoting individual, social and national happiness, and what is of far more value, the spiritual and eternal welfare of our fellow creatures, will contemplate with inexpressible delight the exertions now making to provide for our religious necessities. Such a charity repays the blessings it bestows in a degree beyond all calculation; and your Committee trust, that this brief notice will

prove their deep sense of the obligations of this Institution, to the Individuals and Societies which have come, and are coming, to our assistance.

During the last year the Rev. H. H. O'Neill, has extended his labours through the Niagara, Gore, and Home Districts—meeting every where with a hearty welcome from the inhabitants; but at the same time encountering difficulties which, to a person of less energy and experience, would have proved very discouraging. Inquiring at O——, whether we had any Church-people resident in the Village, the Inn-keeper answered—"I am neither an Englishman, nor an Episcopalian, but a Yankee: as to religious creed I have none—and in regard to your Church, there is not a single member belonging to it in the Town." Not entirely crediting this account, Mr. O'Neill again returned, and having given a general notice, preached to the largest congregation that had ever assembled in O——; and discovered no fewer than twenty-five families of Church of England people—many of whom met for the first time, in mutual surprise to find each other of the same religious persuasion. Sometimes incidents of a very touching nature occur to the Missionary in his travels. Being requested to baptize seven children in the Township of Essa, Mr. O'Neill read prayers and preached. When he knelt down, no person joined in the General Confession, or in the Lord's Prayer; as he proceeded, there were no responses—a dumb spirit pervaded the whole assembly: at length a woman, who, with some others, had brought her child to be baptized, giving her sleeping infant to

another female in the crowd, took hold of the prayer-book which he was reading, and made the proper responses, whilst her voice and hand trembled exceedingly. Shortly after this, a man drew a prayer-book from his pocket, and followed her example: a third soon after joined. But in Canborough, where he had Service at a subsequent period, there was no Churchwoman to set a good example, nor a prayer-book seen in the congregation. At Dunnville the congregation is large and attentive, and the responses devoutly made. In this neighbourhood there are many Churchpeople, who have enjoyed Christian privileges, and hail the appearance of the Missionary with joy; others come to see and hear, and depart without much seeming impression: and with many even the Sabbath disappears with the Clergyman. Something permanent is necessary, and to this Mr. O'Neill judiciously attends—and endeavours, in every settlement, to make arrangements for the regular assembly of the people on Sunday. Some discreet and pious person engages to read the Service and a Sermon. In some places this duty is taken in turn by several persons, and a Sunday School is commonly added, and all this is attended with the happiest effects. This excellent plan is recommended as opportunity offers by all the Missionaries, and begins to obtain in many parts of the Province, where the services of a Clergyman cannot be procured.

Evening prayer was read and a Sermon preached on the 23rd April, at Port Colborne, which is advantageously situated, where the Welland Ship Canal joins

Lake Erie, and as several childern in the village were unbaptized, Mr. O'Neill gave notice, at the request of the parents, of service next evening. On this occasion a striking proof was afforded, in the presence of a large congregation, of the preference given to the Apostolic Ministry of our Church. The parents had frequent opportunities of attending Preachers of other denominations, but they deferred the baptism of their children in the hope of one day meeting a Clergyman, and now with delight they brought them forward.—Very kind feelings were expressed next day towards our ministrations; "Sir," said an American, "I have been nine years in this Province listening to Preachers of all sorts, but in your prayers and doctrines I heard something becoming the dignity of my God."

A meeting was held in the township of Esquesing on the 25th July, for the purpose of entering into a subscription for building a Church. On a former occasion the sum of £107 Currency was subscribed, but as no hope of a Clergyman was afforded, the matter was given up. Now, however, that they have heard of a Society at home, which devotes its attention to the religious wants of Upper Canada, they have taken great courage. One of the persons present gave an eligible site along with his subscription. Upwards of £20 were added on the spot, by those who had not subscribed to the former list, and when the meeting had broken up, a farmer came over from the crowd and whispered to Mr. O'Neill, that if seasoned lumber and other materials could be procured, he would himself put up the frame of the Church this autumn,

at his own expense, and wait the convenience of the subscribers to reimburse him, modestly adding, that he had this in contemplation, but did not like to appear to take too much upon himself by stating it before the meeting.

Some time ago this worthy man, in the forty-sixth year of his age, came forward in the presence of a large congregation to be admitted a member of the Church of Christ by baptism, and his life has been consistent, both before and since that profession. It would render this Report far too long to make further extracts from the interesting Journal of this excellent Missionary; the few which have been taken, leaving a multitude equally interesting untouched, will be sufficient to shew the vast benefit which accrues from the travelling of even one Clergyman. Every page corroborates the religious destitution of the Colony, and the great ignorance which prevails respecting the Church. Mr. O'Neill states, that many Baptists were agreeably surprised that the Church service was not delivered in Latin. The children of hundreds of Emigrants, who are members of our Church, are growing up in perfect ignorance of her doctrines, discipline and government, from the want of Clergymen, and the parents are gradually becoming lukewarm and indifferent. On the whole, Mr. O'Neill urges the need of ten or twelve additional Clergymen, as immediately required in the region through which he passed, and gives evidence that as many more would be wanted in a very short period, and so on at brief intervals, till three or four Clergymen are settled in each township.

In September last the Rev. Adam Elliott ceased to be a travelling Missionary of the Society, having accepted the local appointment of Beckwith. Up to this period he had been traversing the Home District with his usual zeal and success. During the first three months he baptized more than a hundred children; administered the Holy Communion seven times, awakening in the minds of the people a desire for religious ordinances, and calling out their exertions to promote them. Having in former Reports drawn so largly from Mr. Elliott's Journals, it may be deemed sufficient on this occasion to remark that, as formerly, he visited from house to house, preaching wherever a congregation could be assembled; lecturing in the evening to the families in whose houses he lodged, and to their more immediate neighbours; administering the sacrament of baptism, and carrying hope and consolation to the bed of sickness and of death.

At Penetanguishine he deplores the want of a resident Minister, as some troops are now stationed there, and a town is growing up. The people have raised a frame Church, and are doing their utmost to finish it.

In the township of Brock, an adult solicited baptism; he had been brought up among the Baptists, and said that his parents were pious; that he had as yet but a slight acquaintance with our Church, but from what he knew he preferred it much to any other, and could not see that dissent had been productive of any advan-

tage. On further examination, his opinions concerning the doctrines of grace were found truly Scriptural, and his reverence for the Sacraments becoming. On the whole his religious knowledge, views and feelings, were so very satisfactory, that Mr. Elliott admitted him into the flock of Christ.

In taking leave of the Rev. ADAM ELLIOTT, your Committee have much satisfaction in giving their cordial testimony to his zeal, discretion and piety, and to his great success as a travelling Missionary. His mild and conciliating manners made him welcome wherever he went, and his entrance into any house was hailed as a privilege, and this the more especially if he was to remain for the night. He has been five years in the service of the Society, and being of a delicate constitution, the severity of the labour appeared to be getting too much for his strength, it was therefore thought just and expedient to bestow upon him a permanent and fixed Mission, and accordingly he was appointed to Beckwith, in the Bathurst District. After remaining a few months in this Parish he was transferred to the Grand River, and is now associated with the Rev. ABRAHAM NELLES, in the Mission of the Six Nations.

The expense of this Mission, including the two Missionaries, is defrayed by the New England Company. This institution sent a deputation of two of its members, Messrs. BUSK, and STRATTON, to this country in the autumn before last, to inquire into the state of their Missions. These intelligent Gentlemen spared no labour in their journies and inquiries, visiting the Indians on the Grand River and the Bay of Quinté, as

well as the tribes of Mississaguas scattered over the Newcastle District, and making many judicious arrangements for their future benefit, in which they displayed much judgment and discretion. Being anxious to supply the place of the Rev. Mr. Lugger, whose early death was a great misfortune to the Mohawks, the Archdeacon of York recommended Mr. Elliott, as a fit person for that important trust. They were at the trouble, notwithstanding the lateness of the season to visit him at Beckwith, to satisfy themselves as to his competency before employing him. Being well pleased, as had been anticipated, they requested him to take the Rev. Mr. Nelles's portion of the Mission, and that Gentleman was removed to the Mohawk Village and Parsonage, which had been the more immediate scene of the lamented Mr. Lugger's labours.

The Rev. Thomas Green, and the Rev. W. F. S. Harper, the former in the London, and the latter in the Newcastle and Midland Districts, have been actively and beneficially labouring in the spiritual instruction of the people; but as their respective Journals have already been publised, no further notice is required here than the testimony of your Committee, that they have proceeded with the same discreet zeal and energy as they did during the last year.

Nearly five years have elapsed since the Rev. Mr. McMurray first entered upon the duties of his Mission, and we have reason to thank God for the manifest measure of success which has blessed his exertions.—This appears from the contrast between the former and the present course of life among the Indians. Instead

of beholding them wallowing in the mire of intoxication, in rags and perishing with hunger, they are found orderly in their conduct, decently clothed, and attentive to their Christian duties. They have been regular in their attendance on the services of the Church, and if the baptisms have not been so numerous during the last year, it has arisen from the circumstance that, the greater number of natives in the neighbourhood of the Sault St. Marie had already joined the Church, so that new admissions were less frequent. It is pleasing to remark, that during a necessary absence of the Missionary they continued perfectly sober, and held religious worship among themselves, thus giving a satisfactory test of the sincerity of their religious profession, and of the value of resident Missionaries among the aborigines of the country. It is much to be regretted that Government has seen fit to withdraw the School Master from the field of Mr. McMurray's labours, but it is hoped that the withdrawal is only temporary, and that a person so essential to the success of the Mission will soon be restored. Indeed your Committee have some reason to expect that the Provincial Government will shortly take some active steps towards the improvement of the Indians, both in a temporal and spiritual point of view.

Your Committee, deeply sensible of the valuable services of Mr. McMurray, in which he has been ably assisted by Mrs. McMurray, who is perfect in the language of the Indians, and well versed in their manners and customs, regret to announce his resignation. This step he has been obliged to take from the weak and

precarious state of Mrs. McMurray's health, who has suffered very much during the last two years, and for whom a change of air and residence has been recommended. It is exceedingly difficult to replace an Indian Missionary, his successor cannot for years have his experience or knowledge of the language or habits of the Natives, it is therefore a loss of no ordinary nature, and which it will be out of the power of the Society fully to supply. At the same time the cause is much to be lamented, and the cordial thanks of the Society are due to Mr. McMurray for his unwearied exertions, and their best endeavours to place him in a situation more congenial to the health of his family, and where his labours may be still usefully employed for the benefit of the Church.

The Rev. F. L. Osler details his labours, and their results, with so much interest and powerful simplicity, that it would only mar the salutary impression, which his letter is so well calculated to make, to attempt to use other words; your Committee therefore prefer leaving him to speak for himself, merely remarking, that since the date of his letter his labours have greatly increased in extent and usefulness.

"West Gwillimsbury, May 15th, 1838.

"Reverend Sir,

"A short time since, I received a Circular, requesting that information might be given respecting the spiritual wants of the places in the vicinity of each located Clergyman. Particulars I trust, in a little

while, to have time to make out, and send; but at present can only say, that for thirty miles round me, in every direction, there was, and still is, in too many places, a darkness which may be felt. Ignorance and vice prevail to an awful extent: and though, by the blessing of God, I trust much good has been done by my own efforts, yet when I look around me, and see how much might be done, were there only men to do it—when I see hundreds of children growing up like heathens, without knowledge, and without God in the world, it grieves me that I cannot do more to teach them the way of salvation: and what naturally results from that teaching, to be faithful and good subjects.

"It is now nearly eleven months since I entered upon my charge of the Townships of Tecumseth, and West Gwillimsbury, where a Clergyman of the Church of England had never before been settled. I found the people, who were originally from Ireland, ignorant in the extreme—whilst drunkenness and blasphemy were so general, as scarcely to be considered vices. Many hailed my arrival with joy, though with a degree of prejudice, because I was not a countryman of their own; others, hostile to the Church of England, endeavoured by every possible means, to poison the minds of the people, and set them against me—merely because I was a Clergyman. This I minded not, but quietly set about my work. In each Township, I found a Church about one-third finished—in which state they seemed likely to continue, the people being very poor; but by dint of hard labour, and with the help of £25 for each Church, which you so kindly gave, Tecumseth

Church is nearly finished; that of West Gwillimsbury still needs much to be done to it, but at present we have not the means. The Churches are eight miles apart; Divine Service is performed in each, on alternate Sunday mornings, to crowded congregations—indeed, Tecumseth Church will scarcely contain the people. Every Sunday afternoon, I perform Divine Service at Bond Head, which is about the centre of the two Townships. Twice in each month, I cross the 'Great Swamp,' and at different places preach to those who, before I came, were, in a manner, shut out by the Swamp from the rest of the world; here I have also established two Sunday Schools, in which eighty children and adults are taught. At a place on the Penetanguishine road, twenty-six miles from the places beyond the Swamp, I preach every month. At three different places in West Gwillimsbury, some miles apart from each other, I have established Sunday Schools—in which, before the disturbances commenced, two hundred children were taught. At Bond Head, I have established a Lending Library, from which books are obtained by persons residing in any of the neighbouring Townships. At several places I leave a supply of tracts, to be lent to the families round; and my wife, on Tuesdays and Fridays, gives instruction to any young females who chose to come to her. By thus merely endeavouring to do my duty, a great effect has been produced amongst my people, as was proved in the hour of need. To the best of my knowledge, not one of my hearers aided or abetted the rebels—not one who was able, refused to go against them. When the

first intelligence of the rebellion came, I was at Newmarket; after consulting with the gentlemen there, as to the best measures to be adopted, I returned to my people. On the road I met several groups of men: not knowing what to do, all eagerly came up to me—'What shall we do Sir?'—'Instantly push on, and form a large party at Bradford.' 'But we've no arms, Sir, what can we do?'—'Go,' I told them, 'arms will be found for you.' 'We will, Sir, we will,' would be their reply, 'forward, boys!' Before reaching home, a man named Hunt, rode up to me to say, that all his neighbours had been to him, to know what they should do, and that from them he had come to ask me—'Collect them instantly, and push onwards,' I said; he rode back at once, and did so. I was astonished at the influence I had over the people: the most contradictory reports were in circulation—the people knew not what to believe; but if I said a thing, their minds were satisfied. They would run after me, to ask information, and what they should do, and then carry what I had told them to their friends and neighbours; I found afterwards, when one person would carry a report to others, the first question almost universally would be—'Does the Minister say so?'—If he did, their minds were satisfied. During that eventful week, I felt it to be my duty, night and day, to be riding about amongst my people, and at every place my arrival was hailed with joy; from what I then witnessed, I feel quite sure, that had there been a Clergyman of the Church of England settled in each Township, or in every two Townships, there would not have been a rebellion in Upper Canada,

However many, from party or political motives, may rail against the Church of England, and her Ministers, no Clergy are so generally looked up to, and respected; and the mere residence of a Minister is productive of much good, and soon dispels the prejudice in which many have been brought up: of this I have lately received a pleasing proof.—An influential person here, named Rogers, who had been brought up a Quaker, and a bitter enemy to the Church of England, which he steadily opposed, within the last few weeks, voluntarily offered the Trustees of West Gwillimsbury Church, ten dollars worth of lumber towards completing the Church, which was of course thankfully received; and when afterwards asked how *he*, who had been such an enemy to the Church of England, was induced to give any thing toward its support, replied—'I was taught from my youth to hate that Church, and believe every thing that is bad of her and her Ministers; but I now see for myself, that all I have been taught is false—therefore I come forward to help you.' This man I do not know even by sight, but am told that he frequently attends West Gwillimsbury Church.

"Knowing you to be much interested in the success of my mission, I have mentioned these few particulars: I might add, that in nearly all the neighbouring Townships, I have occasionally preached, visited the sick, &c. Much more, I know, might be done by a comfortably settled Clergyman; but I have had, and still have, no home—a shed shelters us from the weather—my horse is kept at a place three-quarters of a mile from me in one direction—my clothes and books at a place three

miles in another. We are striving to erect a Parsonage-House, and my people have promised £100 towards it—but they really have not the money; the burden, therefore, which falls on me, is heavier than I can bear: yet I doubt not, but that God will raise up friends to help.

"I have the honour to be,

"Reverend Sir,

"Your obedient, humble Servant,

"F. L. OSLER.

"The Honourable and Venerable
"The ARCHDEACON OF YORK."

Your Committee have abstained from any particular reference to the late insurrection, from the sad effects of which the Province is slowly recovering, and only mention it now as a reason for delaying this meeting, and for the purpose of congratulating the Society on the loyalty and attachment of the members of our Church, and the certainty that this Province would, for an indefinite period, continue attached to the Mother Country, and enjoy peace and happiness under our excellent Government, were the benefits secured to her by the Constitution faithfully conferred.

This Report, from the difficulties in which the Province has been involved, and its unsettled state, has been so long delayed that the Deputation has returned from England, and three more Missionaries have been sent out—two by the Upper Canada Clergy Society, and one by the Rev. W. J. D. Waddilove—but an account of their labours more properly belongs to the next Report.

It remains only to remark, that the friends of CHRIST will rejoice that, Government has established an efficient Mission on the Manatoulin Island, in Lake Huron, and appointed the Rev. CHARLES C. BROUGH, over its spiritual concerns; and the LORD BISHOP, to prevent the evil which a vacancy at the Sault St. Marie might occasion by the retirement of Mr. McMurray, supplied his place by MR. O'MEARA, who was travelling Missionary of the Home District. This Gentleman had laboured in Mr. Elliott's tract, with much acceptance and success for many months, and his withdrawal from a field of labour so exceedingly extensive is much to be deplored, but there was no alternative, the supply of the Indian Mission was the more pressing of the two.

In conclusion, the Committee ascribe the past success of the Society to GOD alone; and in continued dependence on His support are encouraged to pursue their labours of love; and praying for the continuance of the Divine blessing on our exertions, we humbly trust that the hungry shall be fed, the thirsty refreshed; that the Sun of Righteousness will arise with "healing on his wings," and spread his light throughout the whole Province.

COLLECTS,

TO BE USED BY THE SOCIETY,

BEFORE THEY COMMENCE BUSINESS.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour; and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all works of piety and charity do proceed, we beseech Thee to visit with Thy favour our Sovereign QUEEN VICTORIA, and so rule her heart, that she may in all things seek Thy honour and glory. Prosper with Thy blessing the designs of this Society. Comfort with Thy grace those benefactors who contribute to its support. Bless the Ministry of Thy Servants, the Clergy; the endeavours of all who are engaged in spreading the knowledge of true Religion in this Province, and the labours of those Missionaries who are promoting the same in Foreign parts. And may Thy Holy Spirit direct all our consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, and the good of Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

O MERCIFUL God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live: Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels and Heretics, and also upon all those Heathen Nations, on whom the light of Thy glorious Gospel hath not yet shone: especially the INDIANS of this Continent. Bless the means used for their civilization and

conversion, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word: and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

WHEN BUSINESS IS ENDED.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men: more particularly, for the providential support by which this Society hath been enabled to spread abroad the knowledge of Thy sacred truth. But above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by Thy blessed Son, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory, which Thou hast given us in the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. AMEN.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

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		£	s.	d.
1837. Jan. 22,	To balance due the Treasurer, per Acc't. this date, *(see last account with the Secretary,)*..	13	17	6½
Feb. 24,	To cash paid, postage of letter from Rev. Thomas Creen, ...	0	0	1
Mar. 18,	To do. do. Rev. James Padfield,.....	0	1	2
April 6,	To Check No. 26, on the Bank of Upper Canada, salary and contingent account, Rev. William McMurray, to the 20th February, 1837, by order Rev. H. J. Grasett,.....(1,)	78	19	10
" 8,	To cash paid, postage of letter from Rev. William McMurray, ...	0	0	11
" 29,	To Check No. 27, on the Bank of Upper Canada, salary to Rev. Adam Elliott, at Manitoulin Island, from 3rd April, 1836, per order of this date, 150 days, at £75 per annum, ..(2,)	30	16	5
May 5,	To Check No. 28, on Bank of Upper Canada, to Robert Stanton, Esq. in part of his bill, by order of the Secretary, dated 18th April, 1837,.....(3,)	20	0	0
July 11,	To cash paid David McMaster, collecting Subscriptions, by order of the Rev. Secretary, (4,)	2	6	9
" 13,	To Check No. 29, on Bank of Upper Canada, to Robert Stanton, Esq. in part of his bill, by order of the Rev. Secretary, dated 6th inst. (5,)	10	0	0
Aug. 14,	To cash paid the Rev. Henry J. Grasett, postage account,.....(6,)	2	10	3
" 21,	To Check No. 30, on Bank of Upper Canada, salary to the Rev. William McMurray, as Missionary and Indian Interpreter at Sault St. Mary, to the 20th August, 1837, per order,.....(7,)	74	6	1
1838. Jan. 18,	To cash paid Henry Rowsell, for acc't. Stationery, per Rev. Charles Mathews, in 1835, by order Rev. Secretary, ...(8,)	0	17	9
" "	To cash paid E. Leslie & Sons, for Book, per Rev. Charles Mathews, in 1833, per order Rev. Secretary, ...(9,)	0	17	1½
Mar. 20,	To Check No. 31, salary and account Rev. Wm. McMurray, to the 20th February, 1838, per order,.....(10,)	74	17	4
April 9,	To cash paid ——— Roberts, for collecting Subscriptions—£41 15s. collected—5 per cent, by order Rev. Secretary,—*(Receipt on the subscription list with the Secretary,)*	2	1	9
	Carried over,.....£	311	13	0

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		£	s.	d.
1837.				
Jan. 23,	By cash, collection at Kemptville, Rev. H. Paton, 1836, ...	3	5	0
" "	By do. St. James's Church, Toronto, Rev. A. Bethune, ...			0
" 24,	By do. Hon. Mr. Justice Macaulay, sub'n. 1836,	48	13	6
" 27,	By do. collection, Rev. William Betteridge, ...	2	10	0
" 28,	By do. donation, Mrs. Washburn, ...	10	14	11½
" "	By do. F. Perkins, col. St. James's, ...	0	10	0
Feb. 2,	By do. Church Thornhill, the Rev. G. Mortimer,	0	5	0
" "	By do. J. Barwick, Esq. sub'n. 1837 .. £1 5 0	7	8	9
" "	By do. J. Beardmore, do do .. 1 0 0			
" "	By do. Francis Boyde, do do .. 1 0 0			
" "	By do. Fanny Dougherty do do .. 0 10 0			
" "	By do. Rev. G. Mortimer, do do .. 2 10 0			
" "	By do. Wm. Parsons, Esq. do do .. 1 0 0			
" "	By do. B. Thorne, Esq. do do .. 0 10 0			
" "	By do. Larret Smith, Esq. do do .. 1 0 0	8	15	0
" 6,	By do. collection at Napanee, Rev. S. Givins, ..	2	13	1½
" "	By do. do. Bath, Rev. Mr. Atkinson, ...	2	1	10½
" "	By do. Mr. A. Turner, 1837, ...	0	10	0
" 10,	By do. John Joseph, Esq. for 1837, ...	5	0	0
" 13,	By do. John Stinson, subscrip'n. '37, .. £0 5 0			
" "	By do. R. James, Sen'r. do " .. 0 5 0			
" "	By do. Joseph Harrison, do " .. 0 5 0			
" "	By do. Henry G. Papst, do " .. 0 10 0			
" "	By do. Robert Tredger, do " .. 0 5 0			
" "	By do. Thomas Mercer, do " .. 0 5 0			
" "	By do. C. Vanostrand, do " .. 1 0 0	2	15	0
" "	By do. collection, St. John's Church, Yonge-St. Rev. Charles Mathews, ...	2	4	3
" 24,	By do. St. Mark's, Niagara, Rev. Thomas Creen,	10	1	0
Mar. 21,	By do. collection, Bytown, Rev. James Padfield,	2	7	6
" 25,	By do. do. Prescott, Rev. Mr. Blakely, ..	9	15	0
" 28,	By do. do. River Credit, Rev. James McGrath,	5	7	2½
April 8,	By do. do. Belleville, Rev. S. Givins, ...	11	10	0
" "	By do. Rev. Jos. Cochran, Belleville, sub'n. 1837,	1	0	0
" 18,	By do. this sum paid to the Rev. Wm. McMurray, expenses incurred for a sick Indian, now paid back by Archdeacon Strachan's order,	2	0	0
" "	By do. from Rev. M. Marsh, Sandwich, per Rev. Mr. Grasett, being subscriptions by the following gentlemen:			
	Carried over, ... £	139	7	0

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1838.	Brought forward.....£	311	13	0
June 19,	To Check No. 32, on Bank of Upper Canada, in favour Robert Stanton, Esq. by order Rev. Secretary, ...(11,)	10	0	0
" 21,	To cash paid, postage of a letter from Rev. Wm. McMurray, 5th June, advice of draft for salary, &c.	0	9	11
July 6,	To cash paid draft by the Rev. Wm. McMurray, for salary due to him, by order Rev. Sec'y...(12,)	43	8	8
Oct. 21,	To cash paid ——— Roberts, for collecting Subscriptions, (£5 15s.) 5 per cent, per order Rev. Secretary, ...	0	5	9
1839. Mar. 13,	To balance in the Bank of Upper Canada, in favour of the Society,.....	46	5	5½
	Carried over, ...£	411	13	9½

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1837.			£	s.	d.
		Brought forward, ... £	139	7	0
April 18,	Hon. James Gordon, ...	£2 10 0			
" "	Lewis G. Gordon, Esq.	1 0 0			
" "	F. Gore Elliot, Esq.	1 5 0			
" "	Geo. Ironside, Esq.	0 15 0			
" "	R. Herriot Barclay Elliot, Esq.	1 5 0	6	15	0
" 19,	By Cash, the Venerable Archdeacon of York, subscription, 1836, ...		5	0	0
" "	By do. Rev. Dr. Harris, 1836, ...		5	0	0
" "	By do. Sir F. B. Head, Lieut. Governor, 1836, ..		7	10	0
" "	By do. Capt. Phillpotts, 1836, ...		1	5	0
" "	By do. Rev. H. J. Grasett, 1836, ...		1	5	0
" "	By do. Wm. Hepburn, Esq. 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Alexander Wood, Esq. 1836, ...		2	10	0
" "	By do. collected at Sandwich, by the Rev. W. Johnston, ...		10	0	0
" 22,	By do. Silas Burnham, 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Geo. Monro, Esq. 1836, ...		1	10	0
" "	By do. Hon. Wm. Allan, 1836, ...		2	10	0
" 26,	By do. collection, Church, Markham, Rev. Mr. Meyerhoffer, ...		0	10	0
May 1,	By do. C. A. Hagerman, Esq. 1836, ...		2	10	0
" "	By do. F. T. Billings, Esq. 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. D. Boulton, Esq. 1836, ...		1	5	0
" "	By do. Hon. D. Cameron, 1836, ...		1	5	0
" "	By do. Wm. Chewett, Esq. 1836, ...		2	10	0
" "	By do. James FitzGibbon, Esq. 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Andrew Mercer, Esq. 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Wm. Proudfoot, Esq. 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Mr. Wm. Ware, 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. John Beikie, Esq. 1836, ...		2	10	0
" 4,	By do. Dr. Baldwin, 1836, ...		1	5	0
" "	By do. John S. Baldwin, Esq. 1836, ...		1	10	0
" "	By do. Hon. J. H. Dunn, 1836, ...		3	0	0
" "	By do. Hon. Jos. Wells, 1836, ...		2	10	0
" "	By do. Mr. Wm. Atkinson, 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Mr. Wm. Musson, 1836, ...		0	5	0
" "	By do. W. B. Jarvis, Esq. 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Robert G. Anderson, Esq. 1836, ...		0	10	0
" 15,	By do. Samuel P. Jarvis, Esq. 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Samuel Ridout, Esq. 1836, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. R. B. Sullivan, Esq. 1836, ...		1	5	0
" "	By do. collection, Rev. W. Leeming, ...		7	10	0
June 1,	By do. Hon. Chief Justice Robinson, 1836, ...		5	0	0
		Carried over, ... £	221	7	0

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1837.	Brought forward, ... £	221	7	0
June 1,	By do. Capt Macaulay, 1836,.....	1	5	0
" "	By do. Hon. John Macaulay, 1836, ...	1	0	0
" "	By do. T. Mercer Jones, 1836, ...	1	5	0
" "	By do. Clarke Gamble, Esq. 1836,.....	2	10	0
" "	By do. John G. Spragge, Esq. 1836,.....	0	10	0
July 6,	By do. Robert Stanton, Esq. 1836, ...	1	0	0
" "	By do. Allan N. MacNab, Esq. 1836, ...	0	10	0
" "	By do. Stephen Jarvis, Esq 1836, ...	0	10	0
" "	By do. Simon Washburn, Esq. 1836,.....	0	10	0
" "	By do. W. B. Willard, Esq. 1836, ...	0	10	0
" "	By do. Cha's. C. Small, Esq. 1836,.....	1	5	0
" "	By do. Mr. A. Dixon, 1836,.....	1	0	0
" "	By do. Mr. W. T. J. Preston, 1836,.....	0	5	0
" 8,	By do. George Gurnett, Esq. 1836,.....	0	10	0
" 13,	By do. Rev. John Miller, Ancaster, ...	1	0	0
1838.				
Jan'y. 9,	By do. collection at the Church St. Mary Magdalen, D. B. Stevenson, Esq.	2	10	0
" 16,	By do. do. Church St. Andrew, Grimsby, by Rev. R. T. Grout,.....	5	10	0
" "	By do. John Joseph, Esq. 1838, ...	5	0	0
Feb. 7,	By do. Rev. John Miller, ...	1	5	0
" 25,	By do. collection, Church, Etobicoke, Rev. H. J. Grasett, ...	6	3	9
Mar. 12,	By do. do. St James' Church, Toronto, Rev. Dr. Phillips, ...	34	6	10
" 22,	By do. Rev. H. J. Grasett, 1838, ...	1	5	0
" "	By do. from the Venerable Archdeacon of York, to be added to the collection at St. James' Church, on the 11th inst.	1	10	0
" 22,	By do. A. Wood, Esq. 1838, ...	2	10	0
April 9,	By do. Hon. Chief Justice Robinson, 1838, ...	5	0	0
" "	By do. C. A. Hagerman, Esq. 1838, ...	2	10	0
" "	By do. Venerable Archdeacon Strachan, 1838,..	5	0	0
" "	By do. Hon. J. H. Dunn, 1838, ...	2	10	0
" "	By do. Hon. John Macaulay, 1838,.....	1	5	0
" "	By do. John Beikie, Esq. 1838, ...	1	5	0
" "	By do. Hon. J. B. Macaulay, 1838, ...	2	10	0
" "	By do. Hon. Joseph Wells, 1838, ...	2	10	0
" "	By do. Capt. Macaulay, 1838,.....	1	5	0
" "	By do. Hon. D. Cameron, 1838,.....	2	10	0
" "	By do. Wm. Chewett, Esq. 1838,.....	2	10	0
" "	By do. Robert Stanton, Esq. 1838, ...	1	0	0
" "	By do. Clarke Gamble, Esq. 1838,.....	2	10	0
" "	By do. Samuel Ridout, Esq. 1838,.....	0	10	0
	Carried over, ... £	327	12	7

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April 9,	By do. John S. Baldwin, Esq. 1838, ...		1	10	0
" "	By do. William Proudfoot, Esq. 1838, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. George Monro, Esq. 1838, ...		1	5	0
" "	By do. Hon. A. McLean, 1838, ...		2	10	0
" "	By do. William Hepburn, Esq. 1838, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. James FitzGibbon, Esq. 1838, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Thomas Mercer Jones, Esq. 1838, ...		1	0	0
" "	By do. Robert G. Anderson, Esq. 1838, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Mr. William Musson, 1838, ...		0	5	0
" "	By do. Mr. G. B. Willard, 1838, ...		0	10	0
" 10,	By do. Hon. William Allan, 1838, ...		2	10	0
" 30,	By do. Mr. William Atkinson, 1838, ...		0	10	0
May 1,	By do. Messrs. Champion & Co. 1838, ...		1	5	0
" "	By do. Rev. W. J. D. Waddilove, and Mrs. Waddilove, of Hexham, 2 guineas each, with 10½ per cent premium, ...		5	3	1½
" 12,	By do. ditto, ditto, ditto,		5	1	8½
" 26,	By do. collection, St. Philip, Markham, ...		0	9	7½
" "	By do. do. at the Village of Markham, both per Rev. H. J. Grasett, ...		1	10	0
June 11,	By do. Subscriptions at Thornhill, 1838:				
" "	John Barwick, Esq.	£1 5 0			
" "	Mr. George Beardmore, ...	1 0 0			
" "	Mr. Joseph Beardmore, ...	1 0 0			
" "	Francis Boyde, Esq.	1 0 0			
" "	Mr. F. Dougherty, ...	0 10 0			
" "	Richard Gapper, Esq.	1 0 0			
" "	Mrs. Gapper, ...	1 5 0			
" "	Rev. Mr. Mortimer, ...	2 10 0			
" "	Miss Mortimer, ...	1 5 0			
" "	Miss Phœbe Mortimer, ...	0 15 0			
" "	William Parsons, Esq.	1 0 0			
" "	Larrat Smith, Esq.	1 0 0			
" "	Benjamin Thorne, Esq.	0 10 0	14	0	0
July 6,	By Cash, collection at St. Paul's Church, Fort Erie, Rev. J. Anderson, 1837, ...		2	15	0
" 14,	By do. from Rev. Dr. Phillips, collection at Weston Church, Etobicoke, on the 10th June, ..		2	9	4
" 20,	By do. collection at St. Peter's Church, Township of Toronto, Rev. H. H. O'Neill, ...		5	3	9
Aug. 9,	By do. Rev. G. Maynard, ...		0	10	0
" 21,	By do. Alexander Dixon, Esq. 1838, ...		1	0	0
" "	By do. J. T. Gilmore, Esq. 1838, ...		0	10	0
" "	By do. Henry Rowsell, Esq. 1838, ...		0	10	0
	Carried over, ... £		380	0	1½

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TORONTO, 13th March, 1839.

Examined and approved.

WILLIAM HEPBURN,
W. ALLAN.

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		£	s.	d.
1838.	Brought forward, ... £	380	0	1½
Aug. 21,	By do. Charles C. Small, Esq. 1838,.....	1	5	0
" "	By do. J. G. Spragge, Esq. 1838, ...	0	10	0
" "	By do. Sir A. N. McNab, 1838, ...	1	0	0
" "	By do. F. T. Billings, Esq. 1838, ...	0	10	0
Oct. 18,	By do. donation by the Lord Bishop of Montreal,	10	0	0
Nov. 19,	By do. do. by Dr. Deihl,.....	1	0	0
1839.				
Jan. 5,	By do. do. Rev. C. Mathews, ...	1	5	0
" 11,	By do. collection, Church, St. Mary Magdalen, Picton, Rev. W. Macaulay, ...	3	0	0
" 14,	By do. donation by Dr. Paget, per Rev. C. Mathews,.....	2	3	3
" "	By do. do. from Mr. Tredger, by the same,.....	0	5	0
Jan. 14,	By do. do. from Mr. Papst, by the same,.....	0	5	0
" 24,	By do. J.W. Gamble, Esq. subscription for 1837 and 1838, ...	2	0	0
Feb. 4,	By do. donation from Rev. C. Mathews, ...	0	5	0
" 27,	By do. collection at St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby, Rev. R. T. Grout,.....	6	0	0
" "	By do. John Joseph, Esq. subscription for 1839,	2	0	0
	£	411	13	9½

1839.—March 13, By balance per Contra,.....£46 5 5½

E. E.

ALEXANDER WOOD,

TREASURER.