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THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

To the Clergy and Lay Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Diocese of Toronto :

MY DEAR BROTHERS,

I addressed you at the close of the last year on the financial condition of the Mission Fund of this Diocese; and stated that, in order to meet the payments of stipends due on the 1st October, 1867, we were obliged to borrow \$1300, and for those due on the 1st January, 1868, \$2260.

I have the pleasure of placing before you now a more agreeable statement: and this is, that we have not been obliged to obtain any loan to meet the payment of the October quarter of the present year; though we shall be under the necessity of borrowing \$1550, to meet the stipends falling due on the 1st January, 1869. The Mission Fund is therefore in a better condition by \$2010, than it was at this time last year. For this we must all be thankful, and I feel that it will inspire the Diocese at large to greater exertions on behalf of so important and interesting a portion of its religious work.

A liberal and general contribution during the present winter,—from every one according as God has prospered him, and not making the gift of preceding years the exact measure of future bounty,—would enable me at this period of the next year to say, that the benefactions of the Churchmen of the Diocese were sufficient to meet all the payments of the year, and that we were now relieved from the inconvenience,—I shall be excused if I add, the humiliation,—of borrowing, in order to meet the claims of a cause so holy.

Our staff of Missionaries assisted from this fund, is thirty-three; and from the proceeds of the collection on the Day of Thanksgiving after harvest, I have been enabled to add three to that number,—involving an annual expenditure of \$500. These, after the ensuing year, can without difficulty be placed on the general Mission Fund.

The Mission Board, from a sense of duty which was made to overcome their reluctance to abridge the comforts of any of our Missionaries, have, since I last addressed you, effected reductions of stipends to the extent of \$750 per annum, and after the 1st April next, there will be a further reduction of about \$250 per annum. What is thus saved will be applied to the support of new missions in the remoter portions of the Diocese; and already a grant of \$400 has been made towards the support of a second Missionary in the Muskoka territory, and \$300 towards payment of a Missionary in the Township of Dysart, north of Minden, in the County of Peterboro'. By the rule which is now being acted upon, the grants from the Mission Fund will be gradually withdrawn from the older and more wealthy portions of the Diocese, and applied to the support of Clergymen in places more remote.

While addressing you, I feel constrained to say a few words in reference to what has been adduced in some quarters as an excuse for not aiding in the work of the Church Society of this Diocese. I refer to the allegation that there has been great mismanagement, and consequent loss, in what is termed the "Commutation Trust Fund," that is, the Fund created by the sums which, in 1855, the Clergy received in lieu of the stipends they, up to that period, had enjoyed from

the Clergy Reserves Fund,—then assumed by the Local Government and diverted to other uses. The money which the Clergy thus received they paid over to the Church Society, on the guarantee of their respective incomes for life; and then to be employed for the use of the Church in this Diocese in all time to come. There were two other courses open to them,—either to refuse to commute, and so become the stipendiaries of Government as long as they lived, with nothing accruing to the Church; or to commute each on his own behalf, and invest the amount received for the benefit of his family for ever. They did a nobler thing than either of these.

I am surprised at the excuse thus alleged on two grounds:

First, because there is not the slightest connection between this fund and its purposes, and those objects of the Church Society to which, from year to year, you are asked to contribute. That fund has its special Committee of management; and if they should be so imprudent, or so unfortunate, as to lose all the moneys entrusted to them, it would not abstract one shilling from those purposes which you, by your contributions, are asked to promote.

Secondly, my great surprise is that such an impression of mismanagement should be allowed to prevail in face of the facts which have been, over and over again, set before the public.

When this fund was established in 1855, the income derived from it was £6000 per annum less than the annual charges upon it; and the late Bishop of the Diocese was about issuing a strong appeal to the members of the Church, to make up the deficiency by special contributions. Several circumstances, however, concurred most providentially to render this unnecessary. A large amount of arrears on our share of income from the Clergy Reserves Fund, unexpectedly came in; the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel voted us £7500 sterling; several of the Clergy who commuted did not draw their stipends; and several savings occurred from death and removal from the Diocese, which diminished the annual charge. But more than all this, the capital sum received was so judiciously invested,—mainly through the activity and skill of the Hon. J. H. Cameron, who, let me add, would never accept a shilling of compensation for all the valuable services he rendered,—that, combining the advantages thus acquired with the concurrent ones I have adduced, it was not necessary to make the special appeal contemplated by the late Bishop. Every salary was paid, and every contingent expense was met, out of the actual income of the Trust Fund.

I have often taken occasion, in sermons and at public meetings, to express my surprise at the apprehensions and suspicions entertained in some quarters regarding the management of this fund. For the very fact that, through good management and what we may call providential interpositions, a deficient income of £6000 was made up; the fact that, at every annual inspection, the securities were found intact; and that every commuting Clergyman regularly received his stipend on quarter-day; these facts ought to have been enough to have dispelled all alarm, and have stamped those reproaches as a delusion or a slander.

If, after this secure condition of the fund had been effected, and its annual expenditure diminished by the falling in of lives, it be complained that there is not yet the surplus which had been promised, we candidly avow that, as will happen in the case of all other institutions of this sort, some partial and temporary losses have been sustained. Certain Municipalities got into pecuniary trouble, and could not meet the interest upon the moneys loaned to them; but these difficulties have been arranged, though not without some loss of revenue for a time. But notwithstanding this, every Clergyman has all along received the income to which he was entitled, and at this moment there is a surplus of sufficient extent to enable the Committee to place three of the uncommuted Clergy upon the list, at \$400 each per annum.

This is a very different state of things from that presented by some other

religious bodies in possession of a portion of this fund. The Church of Scotland, —and we are sincerely grieved to hear it,—have lost, it is said, 60 per cent. of their capital; and it is asserted that the Methodists have lost the whole.

I venture to repeat what a most respectable merchant of this city, not belonging to our Church, is said to have declared. that, having looked into the history and progress of our Commutation Trust Fund, he had never, in all his experience of the management of corporation funds, mercantile firms, or private fortunes, known of any so ably and so successfully conducted as this,—with so little loss of interest, without any encroachment upon capital.

I trust, my dear brethren, that these facts, simply stated,—for that they are facts you can have the most abundant evidence,—will bear down, in your minds and judgments, those shameless accusations and insinuations which, for any other reason than love of the Church or regard for your welfare, there are those who busy themselves in circulating.

Hold fast your confidence in those who are giving, ungrudgingly, their time and energies to maintain, and to perpetuate to after ages, whatever property the Church has left; and with an earnest and united will, strive to augment the means by which her missionary work can be carried out and extended.

To my brethren of the clergy I would specially say—use your best endeavours to have numerous attended missionary meetings, and zealous collectors. Meet with exactness the appointments of the deputations; and on no account, without the most pressing reasons and their concurrence, change the days and hours at which the meetings are appointed to be held. Any deviation from the published arrangements can only produce confusion, and defeat the good object we all have in view.

I trust and pray that a good result may attend the efforts of the present winter, and that we shall have cause to congratulate one another upon the life and energy infused into our mission work, and the brighter prospects of meeting more effectually the growing requirements of the Church.

I remain, my dear brethren,

Yours, with great regard and affection,

A. N. TORONTO.

Toronto, December 28, 1868.

CHURCH SOCIETY NOTICE.

JANUARY COLLECTION—MISSION FUND.

The Clergy are respectfully reminded that a collection in aid of the *Mission Fund* is to be taken up during the present month.

They will please take up this collection *within the month*, and remit the proceeds to the undersigned, without delay, by Bank Draft or Post-office Order, or in Bank Bills; all sums under one dollar in Postage Stamps.

PAROCHIAL COLLECTIONS.

The Parochial Collections (including the collections at Missionary Meetings) are to be transmitted to the District Treasurers in time to enable them to make their returns to the undersigned before the 30th April next.

The following gentlemen are Treasurers for their respective Districts, viz.:—

Home District.—Henry Rowsell, Esq., Toronto.

Gore and Wellington District.—James Bancroft, Esq., Hamilton.

Niagara District.—Rev. C. L. Ingles, Drummondville.

Simcoe District.—Edmund Lally, Esq., Barrie.

Newcastle District.—Rev. Canon Brent, Newcastle.

The District in which any particular Parish or Mission is situated may be ascertained on reference to the last Annual Report, page 46.

WILLIAM P. ATKINSON, *Secretary.*

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE,
Toronto, January 1st, 1869.

Annual Parochial Meetings in the Toronto Deanery.

1869

Woodbridge	Monday	January 11	7 P.M.
Nobleton	Tuesday	" 12	7 P.M.
Lloydtown	Wednesday	" 18	7 P.M.
Bolton	Thursday	" 14	7 P.M.
Vaughan	Friday	" 15	7 P.M.
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Sydenham	Monday	" 18	7 P.M.
Port Credit	Tuesday	" 19	7 P.M.
Springfield	Wednesday	" 20	7 P.M.
Brampton	Friday	" 22	7 P.M.
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Grahamsville	Monday	" 25	7 P.M.
Tullamore	Tuesday	" 26	7 P.M.
Castlemore	Wednesday	" 27	7 P.M.
Thornhill	Thursday	" 28	7 P.M.
Richmondhill	Friday	" 29	7 P.M.
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Bell Ewart	Monday	" 18	7 P.M.
Keswick	Tuesday	" 19	7 P.M.
Georgina	Wednesday	" 20	7 P.M.
Oakridges	Thursday	" 21	7 P.M.
King Station	Friday	" 22	7 P.M.
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Aurora	Monday	" 25	7 P.M.
Newmarket	Tuesday	" 26	7 P.M.
Holland Landing	Wednesday	" 27	7 P.M.
Sharon	Thursday	" 28	7 P.M.

By desire of the Lord Bishop, a collection in aid of the Mission Fund will be taken up at each meeting.

Clergymen or laymen who may be willing to act as deputations to any of the above meetings, are requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Home District Branch; and the Incumbents of the several parishes are also requested to obtain the assistance of their neighboring clergy and friends as speakers at their respective meetings.

Should an alteration in any of the appointments be required, the clergy interested will please notify the Secretary of the desired change.

Deputation to the meetings in the Parishes of Lloydtown and Woodbridge.—Rev. A. G. L. Trew, B.A., and Rev. I. Middleton, B.A.

The meeting at Streetsville is postponed till further notice.

H. C. COOPER,
Secretary, H. D. B.

Toronto, January 1st, 1869.

Missionary Meetings for the County of Simcoe, January, 1869.

FIRST WEEK (SOUTH.)

St. Jude's, Thornton, North Essa.	Tuesday	January	5	.....	7 P.M.
Ballinascreen (school house)	Wednesday	"	6	.....	2 P.M.
Christ's Church	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.
St. Paul's, Innisfil	Thursday	"	7	.....	7 P.M.
St. Peter's	Friday	"	8	.....	7 P.M.

DEPUTATION.—Rev. J. Davidson, Rev. J. Carry.

FIRST WEEK (NORTH.)

Trinity Church, Bradford	Tuesday	January	5	.....	7 P.M.
Christ's Church, W. Gwillimbury.	Wednesday	"	6	.....	2 P.M.
St. Paul's	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.
Stayner	Thursday	"	7	.....	2 P.M.
Creemore	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.
Christ's Church, Nottawasaga	Friday	"	8	.....	1 P.M.
All Saints', Collingwood	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.

DEPUTATION.—Rev. R. Cleary, A. Gaviller, Esq.

SECOND WEEK (SOUTH.)

St. John's, Cookstown	Monday	January	11	.....	7 P.M.
Trinity Church, Adjala	Tuesday	"	12	.....	2 P.M.
St. Luke's, Mulmur	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.
Christ's Church, Whitfield	Wednesday	"	13	.....	7 P.M.
St. Paul's, Mono.	Thursday	"	14	.....	7 P.M.
St. Peter's, West Essa	Friday	"	15	.....	7 P.M.

DEPUTATION.—Rev. E. Murphy, Rev. C. Ruttan.

SECOND WEEK (NORTH.)

Wyo Bridge	Monday	January	11	.....	3 P.M.
Penetanguishene	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.
Victoria Hill	Tuesday	"	12	.....	2 P.M.
St. John's, Oro	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.
St. George's, Medonte	Wednesday	"	13	.....	2 P.M.
St. James's, Orillia	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.
Muskoka, Severn Bridge	Thursday	"	14	.....	2 P.M.
Gravenhurst	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.
North Falls	Friday	"	15	.....	7 P.M.

DEPUTATION.—Rev. R. Harris, Rev. R. Cleary.

THIRD WEEK (SOUTH.)

Trinity Church, Bond Head	Monday	"	18	.....	7 P.M.
St. John's, Tecumseh	Tuesday	"	19	.....	7 P.M.
St. John's, Mono Mills	Wednesday	"	20	.....	7 P.M.
St. James's Albion	Thursday	"	21	.....	7 P.M.
Christ's Church Tecumseh	Friday	"	22	.....	7 P.M.

DEPUTATION.—Ven Archdeacon Fuller, Rev. E. W. Murphy, Dr. Lett.

THIRD WEEK (NORTH.)

St. Luke's, Medonte	Tuesday	January	19	.....	2 P.M.
St. Mark's, Oro	"	"	"	.....	7 P.M.
Shanty Bay	Wednesday	"	20	.....	7 P.M.
Barrie	Thursday	"	21	.....	7 P.M.

DEPUTATION.—Rev. A. J. Fidler, Rev. C. Ruttan.

The Clergy are requested to make arrangements for the conveyance of their several Deputations from place to place, so as to save the funds for missionary purposes, and

they are also requested to send in the Collections taken up at the meetings, with the General Collections, by the middle of March, at latest; that they may appear in the Report for the year.

EDWARD MORGAN,
Secretary, County Simcoe District
Branch, Ch. So. Dioc. Toronto.

Durham and Victoria Rural Deanery.

The following Missionary Services and Meetings have been appointed, by the authority and under the direction of the Lord Bishop, for the Rural Deanery of DURHAM AND VICTORIA:—

Bowmanville	Sunday,	Jan. 3,	1869,	10.30 A.M.,	Miss. Service.
Eaniskillen	"	"	3,	"	3 P.M., "
Cartwright	"	"	3,	"	7 P.M., "
Manvers	Monday,	"	4,	"	7 P.M., Miss. Meet'g.
Lindsay	Tuesday,	"	5,	"	7 P.M., "
Cameron's Corners	Wednesday,	"	6,	"	2 P.M., "
Fonclon Falls	"	"	6,	"	7 P.M., "
Bobcaygeon	Thursday,	"	7,	"	7 P.M., "
Shoriff's Corners	Friday,	"	8,	"	2 P.M., "
Omamee	"	"	8,	"	7 P.M., "
St. John's, Cayn	Sunday,	"	10,	"	10.30 A.M., Miss. Service.
Millbrook	"	"	10,	"	6.30 P.M., "
Bloomfield	Monday,	"	11,	"	7 P.M., Miss. Meet'g.
Elizabethville	Tuesday,	"	12,	"	2 P.M., "
Perry Town	"	"	12,	"	7 P.M., "
Port Hope	Wednesday,	"	13,	"	7 P.M., "
Newcastle	Thursday,	"	14,	"	7 P.M., "

The deputation appointed by the Lord Bishop will be, for the whole series, the Ven. Archdeacon Fuller; the Rev. W. J. Smithett, Rev. B. S. Hosken, and John M. Grover, Esq., for parts of it.

Millbrook, 9th November, 1868.

T. W. ALLEN,
Rural Dean.

East York and Ontario Rural Deanery.

The following Missionary Services and Meetings have been appointed, by the authority and under the direction of the Lord Bishop, for the Rural Deanery of EAST YORK AND ONTARIO:—

Christ's Church, Scarboro'	Monday,	Jan. 18,	1869,	7 P.M.,	Miss. Meet'g.
St. Paul's Church, Scarboro'	Tuesday,	"	19,	"	7 P.M., "
St. Philip's Church, Markham	Wednesday,	"	20,	"	7 P.M., "
Grace Church, Markham	Thursday,	"	21,	"	7 P.M., "
Uxbridge	Friday,	"	22,	"	7 P.M., "
Greenbank	Saturday,	"	23,	"	7 P.M., "
West Brock	Sunday,	"	24,	"	10.30 A.M., Miss. Service.
Cunnington	"	"	24,	"	3 P.M., "
Prince Albert, or Port Perry	Monday,	"	25,	"	7 P.M., Miss. Meet'g.
Columbus	Tuesday,	"	26,	"	7 P.M., "
Oshawa	Wednesday,	"	27,	"	7 P.M., "
Port Whitby	Thursday,	"	28,	"	2 P.M., "
Whitby	"	"	28,	"	7 P.M., "
Duffin's Creek	Friday,	"	29,	"	7 P.M., "

Meetings for York Mills and St. Jude's, Scarboro', will be arranged, and a deputation appointed to attend them.

The deputation appointed by the Lord Bishop will be the Rev. Rural Dean Allen, and _____

Markham, 23rd November, 1868.

G. S. J. HILL, M.A.,
Rural Dean.

Wentworth and Haldimand Rural Deanery.

Parochial Meetings of the Church Society, will be held (D.V.) in the above named Rural Deanery, as follows :

FIRST WEEK.

Dunaville	Monday	January 4	3 P.M.
Port Maitland	"	"	7 P.M.
Cnistorville.....	Tuesday	"	3 P.M.
Cnyuga	"	"	7 P.M.
York	Wednesday	"	3 P.M.
Caledonia	"	"	7 P.M.
Hagersville	Thursday	"	3 P.M.
Jarvis	"	"	7 P.M.
Nanticoke	Friday	"	3 P.M.
Cheapside	"	"	7 P.M.

A Deputation will attend the above.

SECOND WEEK.

Woodburn	Monday	January 18	3 P.M.
St. George's (Saltfleet)	"	"	7 P.M.
St. George's (Barton)	Tuesday	" 19	3 P.M.
St. Paul's (Glanford)	"	"	7 P.M.
Ontario	Wednesday	" 20	3 P.M.
Stoney Creek.....	"	"	7 P.M.
Waterdown	Thursday	" 21	7 P.M.

A Deputation will attend the above.

If the Clergy have any alterations to suggest in the foregoing appointments, they are requested to communicate with the Secretary.

Notice will be given in due time of Parochial Meetings in Hamilton, and also of the Annual District Meeting.

J. GAMBLE GEDDES,
Secretary.

Hamilton, Dec. 3rd, 1868.

Appointments for Parochial Meetings to be held in the Wellington Rural Deanery.

Lowville	Monday	January 18	7 P.M.
Milton.....	Tuesday	" 19	7 P.M.
Hornby	Wednesday.....	" 20	7 P.M.
Georgetown	Thursday	" 21	7 P.M.
Norval.....	Friday	" 22	7 P.M.
Elora	Monday	" 18	7 P.M.
Alma	Tuesday	" 19	10 A.M.
Hustonville	"	" 19	7 P.M.
Rothsay	Wednesday.....	" 20	11 A.M.

Appointments for Parochial Meetings in Wellington Rural Deanery—Continued.

Mount Forest	Wednesday	January 20	7 P.M.
North Arthur	Thursday	" 21	11 A.M.
Arthur Village	"	" 21	7 P.M.
Fergua	Friday	" 22	7 P.M.
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Nelson	Monday	" 25	7 P.M.
Wellington Square	Tuesday	" 26	7 P.M.
Oakville	Wednesday	" 27	7 P.M.
Palermo	Thursday	" 28	7 P.M.
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Rockwood	Monday	" 25	7 P.M.
Arcoson	Tuesday	" 26	11 A.M.
Erin	"	" 26	7 P.M.
Hillsbury	Wednesday	" 27	7 P.M.
Reading	Thursday	" 28	11 A.M.
Orangeville	"	" 28	7 P.M.
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Rockton	Monday	February 1	7 P.M.
Strabano	Tuesday	" 2	7 P.M.
Dundas	Wednesday	" 3	7 P.M.
Aweaster	Thursday	" 4	7 P.M.
West Flamboro'	Friday	" 5	7 P.M.

The Rev. Messrs. Green, Fletcher, Houston, Harrison, and C. Thomson, with the Rural Dean, are expected to act as deputations to the various Parishes, two at least of whom, it is hoped, will attend each meeting; and the Incumbents of the various Parishes are requested to obtain for these meetings such other assistance as they may deem necessary.

F. L. OSLER, M.A.,
Rural Dean.

Notes of a Missionary Tour through the Deanery of Northumberland and Peterborough.

(Continued.)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26.—This being the day appointed for the Annual Missionary Meeting at Cobourg, we proceeded thither by train, in the afternoon, and were kindly and hospitably entertained by the Rector, the Rev. Walter Stennett, M. A.

The meeting took place in the Parochial School-house, and was well attended, there being upwards of one hundred persons present. The Rector took the chair, and opened the proceedings with a few appropriate remarks. The other speakers were the Rev. J. G. D. Mackenzie, the Rev. Richard H. Harris, the Rev. W. J. Smithett, the Rev. G. J. Magill, the Rev. Rural Dean Wilson, and J. M. Grover, Esq.

The addresses were spirited and animated, and very much to the purpose. Some of our Rev. brethren, who have had considerable experience in missionary work, interested the audience by reciting several incidents connected with their labours, and pointed to the general progress of the Church, as a source of encouragement to greater exertion, and to renewed efforts on behalf of our suffering brethren in the back settlements. And one of the speakers, in particular, alluded in very affectionate terms to his former connection with this parish, first as a student, and then as curate to the late Rector.

The parish of Cobourg, one of the most important in the diocese, has always taken a leading part in Church work, and sent to the Parent Society year by year,

large sums of money for missionary purposes. Under the able and judicious management of its late Rector, our present esteemed Bishop, the parish made steady and rapid progress. Many works of a local character were accomplished during his incumbency of nearly forty years: such as the erection of a large and substantial brick church, with parochial school-house attached, and the purchase of a piece of ground, at some distance from the town, to serve as a public cemetery for the parish.

There are many tender recollections connected with the parish of Cobourg, and many of our clergy now labouring in distant dioceses, will remember with gratitude, that under God, they owe much of their success in the ministry to the careful instructions of the Theological Professor. And the older clergy of the district,—now, alas! reduced in numbers—will look back with pleasure to those annual gatherings under the hospitable roof, and the kindly greeting always accorded them by the amiable and worthy Rector.

The town of Cobourg has of late years increased in magnitude, though not so rapidly as could be wished, owing to the want of railway communication with the back country; still, there is a very large and increasing *Church population*; and under the able and vigilant pastoral care of the present Incumbent, a second church will soon be required to supply the spiritual wants of the people in the outlying portions of the parish, to the north and west.

The meeting was one of the best that we have had for some years, lively and animated; and all seemed to be desirous of aiding to the extent of their ability, the missionary work of the Church. A committee of ladies was appointed to solicit subscriptions and donations for this purpose, and we have no doubt, from what has formerly been accomplished, but that their labours will be prosecuted with zeal and diligence, and be crowned with success.

TUESDAY, 27th.—This was a day of comparative idleness for the members of the deputation, as the meeting at St. Luke's Church, five miles distant, was not to be held till seven o'clock p. m. However, the time was not lost, as we conversed upon subjects of mutual interest, such as the Church's trials, her ultimate prosperity, and final triumph. At the time appointed, we proceeded on our journey, but had not proceeded far when we were greeted by a storm of wind and rain, and as the night was dark, we had to proceed slowly and carefully. To add to our difficulties, one of the horses appeared to stagger and stumble, so that after getting out and putting him to rights, we concluded, very reluctantly, to turn back, as we were now quite wet, being badly protected. Notwithstanding this disappointment and mortification, the meeting was held, about twenty-five persons from the neighbourhood being present. The Rev. G. J. Magill, who arrived early, and on foot, presided, and Mr. Grover and other lay gentlemen addressed the audience with good effect, and the sum of \$7.50 was collected after the meeting. The awkward and unpleasant position in which we were placed this evening, arose entirely from delay, for had our driver arrived in proper time with the horses, we should have escaped the heavy rain, and been in good time for the meeting.

The next morning, Wednesday 28th, we set off for Gore's Landing, a distance of 12 miles, where we were to hold a Meeting at 11 o'clock, a.m. The weather was raw and chill, with a cutting wind from N. W. and as our journey lay in a northerly direction, we did not find it very agreeable. However, we arrived in good time, and drove up to the Rev. A. Lampman's residence, which was formerly an old dilapidated tavern, and now looking very much as if it would tumble down with its occupants. After disencumbering ourselves of some of our outer garments, we proceeded to the church, where we found 14 persons assembled—chiefly ladies: this attendance, though small, was an improvement on last year. The Incumbent, as chairman, opened the meeting, and addresses were delivered

by the clergymen present. It was especially urged that an opportunity should be given to every one in the neighbourhood, whether Churchmen or Dissenters, to contribute to the Missionary Fund; and instances were adduced where such aid and co-operation were generally accorded in other Parishes. A lady present played the melodeon—two or three hymns were sung; and the people present appeared exceedingly attentive to the addresses delivered to them. At the close of the meeting \$2.52 were collected.

The scenery around Rice Lake is very beautiful; and in summer and autumn, the place is visited by numbers of pleasure-seekers, for the purpose of shooting and fishing; and pic-nic parties from Cobourg and other places resort thither in the season, for a summer holiday. But the place has also its drawbacks. Many young men, and *gentlemen* too, mis-spend much of their time here in idleness and dissipation; and it is no uncommon thing to see persons lounging about the taverns, smoking and drinking, who ought to be engaged in some useful and honourable occupation. People in England little know the temptations to which their sons are exposed, after having been emancipated from the restraints of society, by emigrating to Canada. *But obscurity is not likely to teach a young man self-respect.*

The Church population around Rice Lake is very small, and for the most part the people are poor, and unable to do much for the support of the church, or the spread of religion. There are a few respectable families in the neighbourhood; but being engaged in farming, they find it an unprofitable occupation. Such families, as a rule, degenerate year by year, in Canada, and gradually become poorer, while their servants and hired labourers become richer.

Our next meeting was to have been held same evening at Alnwick, but there being no conveyance in readiness to take us thither, a distance of some 17 miles, we concluded that it was better to postpone this meeting until sleighing, and return back to Cobourg. The Lord Bishop having arranged that Rev. A. Lampman should take charge of Castleton, in connection with Gore's Landing and Alnwick, we requested our Rev. brother to come down with us, in order to attend the other meeting, and to visit Castleton, in order to arrange his duties there. This he agreed to do. So after bidding adieu to Mrs. Lampman, who very kindly and hospitably entertained the deputation, we took our departure, and arrived in Cobourg just in time to take the train for Grafton, where our next meeting was to be held the following day.

THURSDAY, 29th.—Meeting held at Grafton at 3 p.m. There were not many persons present, as the time of day was inconvenient; but the cause of missions was well and ably advocated by the clergy who addressed the meeting; and a committee of ladies appointed to make the necessary collections.

The work of the Church is always faithfully carried out in this interesting parish, although the members are few and widely scattered. The village of Grafton shews no signs of growth or progress; very little business is done; and most of the English people who formerly settled here, have either gone back to England, or removed to other parts of the country. There is probably no village in Canada which has suffered more by deaths and removals, without any increase of population by emigration. And these changes appear to have chiefly affected the members of our Church; so that instead of increase, our numbers are actually diminishing from these causes. And yet there are few places more interesting, healthy, or salubrious, than the neighbourhood of Grafton.

As our next meeting was to be held the same evening at Colborne, at 7 p.m., we drove down together, and arrived in good time. The meeting was all that could be wished, numerously and satisfactorily attended, there being upwards of 100 persons present. The Rural Dean, as Incumbent of the Parish, presided; and the proceedings commenced by singing and prayer, and a few preliminary remarks from the chairman.

The Rev. R. Harris, the Rev. A. Lampman, and John M. Grover, Esq., respectively addressed the meeting; and seldom have we heard the cause of missions more ably or forcibly advocated. The speakers were listened to with the most marked attention; and all appeared inspired with the value and importance of missionary work, as well as of united exertion in promoting this good cause.

The Church Society has, for many years, received a large measure of support from this parish; which is due, in a very great degree, to the zealous and retiring efforts of the ladies, who kindly undertake the work of collection. A reference to the Report of last year will shew that the united parishes of Grafton and Colborne contributed more money to the Society for mission work, than any church in the Diocese with *one* exception, viz. : that of *Guelph!* The mission of Grafton and Colborne, therefore, ranks *second* in the Diocese in mission work, as in the preceding year, it stood *third*, in the same honourable position.

Now, if so much by the blessing of God, can be accomplished by those two *poor* parishes, what might not be done by united and vigorous exertion on the part of the whole Diocese. But it is a sad reflection, and one that ought to make Churchmen blush with shame, that in some important parishes, little or no interest is taken in the working of this noble institution—the Church Society; and it is to be feared, that even in some instances, the clergy themselves fail to encourage their people to contribute to its funds. The city parishes are especially faulty in this respect: and it cannot be doubted that they—whether clergy or laity—who refuse to foster and promote mission work—the principal work of the Church—incur a very grave responsibility. If every parish and mission in the Diocese were to contribute in the same proportion as Grafton and Colborne, the funds of the Society would be *four* or *five* times as much as they are at present.

The following day, Friday 30th, we drove out to Castleton—a little village 7 miles north of Colborne,—Dr. Bethune, a nephew of the Bishop, having kindly agreed to accompany us. We had a pleasant journey over a good gravelled road, upon which there is a large amount of travel between Seymour, Percy and Colborne. This is of great benefit to the latter place, as it brings a considerable share of business to the place.

The meeting being at 11 o'clock a.m., very few persons were present, but those few were animated by a right spirit and have hitherto done their part in sustaining the Church. The Rev. Mr. Lampman was introduced to the people as their future missionary, and was very kindly received by them; they appeared, however, to regret their severance from Brighton, and grave doubts were expressed whether Mr. Lampman would be able to give them a fortnightly service, having to come from Rice Lake, over a very rough and difficult road, especially in Spring and Fall.

The Church members in this locality are extremely few in number, and the building of a church in the village appears to have been *premature*, and not well considered; as for some time to come, an occasional service might be held in a school-house, or any public room; or the few members might come to church at Colborne, quite as often as they can obtain a service from a missionary, who has to visit them from such a distance.

Perhaps it may be well to remark in this place, that it is a great mistake to *begin* work in a new and poor neighbourhood, by *building a church*. This plan of proceeding frequently embarrasses the people, and prevents them from being able, for some time, to assist in supporting their minister, with a heavy debt on the building, which they feel themselves utterly unable to liquidate. Let our young missionaries, upon their being appointed to a new field of labour, begin by organizing congregations—the *living Church*—and minister to them in any convenient place they can procure, as a school-room, or even a barn; and depend upon it, as these congregations gather strength, and become consolidated, they will feel the want of a proper place of worship, and soon find themselves in a

position to be able to build a church. This *mania* for church building, and *getting into debt*, has already done irreparable mischief, and thrown back some of our country missions for years. Let the *living* Church be *first* attended to, and the *material* building will follow in time; and let us *avoid getting into debt, even for church building!*

On our return to Mr. Grover's, we found a good dinner awaiting our arrival; and after partaking of the hospitalities of this very kind family, we all proceeded to Brighton, where our next meeting was to be held at 7 o'clock the same evening. In the absence of the Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, lately appointed to this parish, the Rural Dean took the chair. The attendance was very fair, there being about 50 present. In opening the proceedings, the chairman dealt upon the necessity of combined and united exertion on the part of the members of the Church, both in sustaining their own minister, and in carrying on missionary work. It was shewn that the more the funds of the Mission Board were increased by general co-operation throughout the Diocese, the more aid would be extended, in return, to the new and poorer missions; but if this necessary assistance was withheld, the Board would be cramped in its exertions, and our poor missionaries and their people must suffer in like proportion.

The clergymen present and several laymen addressed the meeting, and, apparently, with good effect; and the proceedings terminated in the most satisfactory manner.

The new Incumbent of this mission, the Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, late of the Presbyterian body, is a gentleman of whom any mission may feel justly proud; and the Churchmen of Brighton may consider themselves extremely fortunate in having secured his valuable services. Mr. Mackenzie is a man of extensive reading, of kind and gentle manners, very quiet and orderly in his work, and indefatigable in the discharge of his duties. He was much respected and beloved, and well supported by his late congregations; and has secured the lasting regard of many of his former friends and parishioners. He has for several years been carefully examining, with such helps as he could obtain, the whole question of Doctrine and Discipline as maintained and taught by the Church of England; and was finally led, from *pure conviction alone*, to unite himself with her communion. Let us hope that the blessing of God will abundantly rest on his future labours for the good of his people; and that they in turn, will strengthen his hands and comfort his heart, by yielding him a proper measure of temporal support, by aiding his efforts for their spiritual good, and by studying to live agreeably to their Christian calling.

After the meeting we drove back to Colborne; and the night being calm, clear, and beautiful, we enjoyed the drive and felt an inward satisfaction at having been the humble instruments in the hands of God of spreading the Gospel, and promoting the spiritual welfare of our brethren. If only more sympathy could be shown by Churchmen, more love and unity among brethren, it would require very little argument to convince our people of their duty to the Church, and their paramount obligation to be instrumental in extending her ministrations. But the present is an age of luxury and self-indulgence, and Churchmen, more especially, make few sacrifices of either their time or substance for God's glory, and the maintenance of religion.

The next morning our friend Mr. Harris left us, and took the early train for home. As a member of the deputation he rendered good service; and remained faithful to his duty to the last. It rained incessantly all day and we were unable to leave the hospitable roof of Mr. and Mrs. Grover, until late in the afternoon. At length, seeing no prospect of the weather clearing up, we bade adieu to our kind friends, and drove back to Grafton, Mr. Lampman having made an appointment for the following day. We experienced the utmost kindness everywhere, being warmly greeted by our people wherever we remained: and of Mr. Grover

it must be said, that his house is always open to the clergy; and any of our brethren who happen to visit Colborne, will always receive a hearty welcome from him and his family.

During the greater part of our journey through the Deanery, we encountered very rough weather—quite unusual at that early season—but we regarded it as a type of the Church *militant*, beset with difficulties at every step of her onward march, often cast down, but not destroyed; persecuted, but not forsaken; “*faint, yet pursuing.*”

The two or three Missions omitted in our visitation, will have meetings held on the first favourable opportunity, after due notice given.

J. WILSON,
Rural Dean.

December 21, 1868.

REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE MISSION BOARD.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Board of Missions, in August last, “to examine into the regulations at present in force by by-law, resolution, or practice, for the working of the Mission Board, and to report a whole plan for its future working,” beg to report :

That they have examined carefully the by-law of the Church Society under which the Mission Board was constituted, together with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board from its first meeting, Aug. 7, 1860, to the present time.

That they find that,—Whereas, should there be any surplus from the Commutation Trust Fund, it has been otherwise disposed of by a subsequent by-law of the Church Society and Synod, and whereas there is no Sustentation Fund in existence—the Fund at the disposal of the Mission Board will hereafter consist only of collections for missionary purposes, three-fourths of the annual subscriptions to the Church Society not specially applied to any other object, and donations and legacies for missionary purposes.

That they find further, that in practice, the only classes of missionaries who have received aid from the Mission Board have been, either travelling missionaries who have derived their whole support from the Board, or resident clergymen who have been in part supported by their congregations, and who have received from the Board sums varying from \$100 to \$350 per annum. The Committee cannot learn that in any case clergymen of settled parishes have availed themselves of the provision of the by-law, 3 c.

It appears to the Committee, after the most careful inquiry, that the system of guarantees which it has been endeavoured to establish, has, except in a few cases, proved a failure. The instances are also rare in which it has been found practicable to carry out effectually the regulation that the contributions of parishes towards the support of their missionaries should invariably be paid through the Mission Board, and there are cases in which the Mission Board having, on the faith of such an arrangement, undertaken to pay the entire salary of the missionary, has suffered serious loss in consequence.

Moreover, the check which it was anticipated would be held on missions, by means of the withdrawal of the missionary on the non-payment of the quota of any congregation, has proved nugatory, no instance having occurred in which the regulation has been acted upon.

The Committee are also of opinion that, in view of the difference in the resources and circumstances of different missions, the stated grant of \$200 to each mission which shall provide \$400 and a residence involves a system too rigid and unyielding for the wants of the Diocese.

In order to meet this difficulty they recommend for the future working of the Board a plan of which the following outline is submitted :

(1). The missions in each Rural Deanery shall be visited once in every three years by a Commission as provided by the "*Canon for the maintenance of the Clergy*" passed at the last meeting of the Synod, which Commission shall report to the Board the result of their inquiries with respect to the missions visited, in May of each year.

(2). At the May meeting in each year, the Board having the reports of the aforesaid Commissions before them, shall make grants to the several missions of the Diocese, to an amount not exceeding that contributed to the Mission Fund of the Diocese during the previous year, reserving whatever sum it may be deemed necessary to appropriate towards the liquidation of previous indebtedness (*so long as any shall exist*), and towards the opening of new missions during the year.

(3). In regard to existing missions such grants shall date from the October following, and in every case shall be from year to year only.

(4). It must be understood that the continuance of any grant to a mission will be contingent on the payment by the mission to its clergyman, through the churchwardens, of the sum determined upon by the Commission as above provided.

(5). The churchwardens of each congregation shall take from the clergyman of the mission of which it forms a part, receipts for all sums of money paid to him on account of salary up to the first of April in each year, which receipts shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Board before the May meeting of the Board.

(6). In the renewal of grants to missions which have been for some time in operation, the principle shall be recognized of a gradual diminution of the grant, year by year, with a view to the application of the funds at the disposal of the Board to the extension of the missionary operations of the Church.

The Committee beg to state that the report now submitted is merely preliminary, and that if the principles involved in it are approved by the Board, they will be prepared to present a more detailed plan for future working at the next quarterly meeting.

(Signed) HENRY HOLLAND, *Chairman*.

Toronto, Nov. 10, 1868.

BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL.

V The Rev. John Langtry, M.A., Chaplain to the Bishop Strachan Ladies' School, Toronto, was presented by the young ladies with a beautiful black walnut davenport, containing a very fine silver inkstand, book rack, and stationery. The presentation was made in the presence of the Rev. Mr. Darling, Rev. Mr. Davies, Mr. Marling, Mr. C. J. Campbell, and others. We are glad to learn that the school is in a most prosperous condition, important additions having been recently made to the teaching staff. The number of boarders during the term was 48, and day pupils 33.

In consequence of the resignation of Mrs. Horton, the appointment of a Lady Principal has been conferred upon Miss Dupont, whose past success, in a similar position, is a guarantee for the future satisfactory management of this important institution.

THE IRISH CHURCH.

The Archbishop-Designate of Canterbury received a deputation, headed by the Archdeacon of Middlesex, at Fulham Palace, on Wednesday last, to present an address unanimously signed by the clergy of the diocese of London, against the Disendowment and Disestablishment of the Irish Church. Among the signatures

appended to the address were, besides that of Archdeacon Sinclair, those of sixteen Rural Deans, and of the incumbents of most of the principal parishes in the metropolis. The address having been read and duly presented, the Archbishop-Designate made the following reply, a copy of which he handed to the Archdeacon:

Rev. and dear Brethren.—I beg to thank you for the moral support which, as you state in a circular forwarded to me, you desire, by the address now presented, to give to myself and others of my Episcopal brethren, in the difficult position in which we are likely soon to be placed, should measures, as seems only too probable, be introduced into Parliament for the Disendowment and Disestablishment of the Irish branch of the United Church. Till we know distinctly and in detail what these measures are, it would obviously be wrong for those who are privileged to have a seat in the Legislature, to pledge themselves as to the particular course which they may ultimately deem it their duty to take, as most consistent with the interests of religion and the welfare of the Church and nation, in dealing with any Bill or Bills which may be brought into Parliament touching this important matter. For myself, I cannot but hope that amidst the conflict of political parties, some wise and temperate and constitutional reform may be devised, which shall satisfy all just demands and yet avert the danger of revolutionary change, which you so justly look upon with alarm. But of this you may rest assured, that whatever part I may be called upon to take in the difficulties which seem to be before us, the principles which I deliberately enumerated last Session in my place in Parliament, and at the well-known meeting in St. James's Hall, will be my guide in dealing with these momentous questions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Rev. Rural Dean Wilson, Incumbent of Trinity Church, Colborne, begs to acknowledge, with very sincere thanks, the receipt of a beautiful set of Pocket Communion Plate—the gift of a lady of the congregation. Christmas, 1868.

COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE
1ST TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1868, INCLUSIVE.

MISSION FUND.

July Collection.

Albion, St. James's.....	\$4 95
“ St. John's.....	1 75
Mono, St. Paul's.....	3 95

Thanksgiving Collection.

Etobicoke, St. George's.....	3 15
“ Christ's Church.....	2 00
Chester.....	3 78
Port Dalhousie.....	3 50
Rothsay.....	2 75
Alma.....	1 75
Cobourg, St. Peter's.....	22 33
“ St. Luke's.....	4 44

Collected at Missionary Meetings.

• Chester.....	4 50
• Cobourg, St. Peter's.....	9 65
• “ St. Luke's.....	7 60

Crowland Glebes—Balance due for half-year's rent.....	20 00
Cookstown Guarantee—Balance due on Bond for current year.....	46 00

INDIAN MISSION FUND.

Chester, Sunday-School Mission- ary Box.....	2 50
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WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Etobicoke, St. George's.....	5 68
“ Christ's Church.....	1 60
Toronto, Holy Trinity.....	35 96
“ St. Paul's.....	27 00
Cartwright and Eaniskillen.....	3 20
North Essay, Ivy.....	2 47
“ Thornton.....	0 88
“ Ballynascreen.....	1 00
Albion, St. James's.....	2 18
“ St. John's.....	1 92
“ Sandhill.....	0 96
Mono, St. Paul's.....	0 82

COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS—Continued.

Niagara.....	10 00	Tecumseh, Trinity Church.....	13 45
Port Dalhousie.....	2 00	“ St. John's.....	3 22
Cobourg, St. Peter's.....	40 56	“ Christ's Church.....	1 25
“ Baltimore.....	4 49	“ Clarksville.....	0 40
“ Court House.....	2 45		
“ St. Luke's.....	2 93		
Manvers, St. Mary's.....	0 68		
Emily, Christ Church.....	2 00	Rev. Canon Osler, annual sub- scription.....	2 50

BOOK AND TRACT FUND.

HOME DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

Collections and Subscriptions received from 1st to 31st December, 1869, inclusive.

Tullamore, per Rev. W. Grant on account \$6 00

HENRY ROWSELL, Treasurer H. D. B. Ch. Society.

BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Book and Tract Committee was held on Monday, December 7th, 1868. *Present*.—Rev. Dr. Beaven.

1. Application was made on the part of the Rev. J. D. Gibson for a grant of books for his three Sunday Schools, viz.: at St. George's, Saltfleet; the Church at Woodburn, and the School at Caistorville: also for Service Books for his two churches, one of brick, the other of frame. *Granted*—Sunday School Books, \$10. A 4to. Bible and Prayer Book, and an 8vo. Bible and Prayer Book, when the next stock arrives.

2. The Rev. J. Wilson, Grafton, applied for Service Books for the Communion Table, for his two Churches at Grafton and Colborne. *Granted*—Two 4to. books for Communion Table, when stock arrives.

3. The Rev. F. J. S. Groves applied for a grant of books for the Sunday School at Georgetown. No. of children, 66. *Granted*—\$5.

4. The Rev. Richard Cleary applied for a set of Service Books to replace an old set (20 years old) and Office Books for the altar of St. James's Church in Albion. Congregation, 150 to 200. *Granted*—A 4to. Bible, Prayer Book and Communion Book.

NOTICE.

Parties making application for grants to Sunday Schools are requested to state the number of children in the school and the kind of books required, with an estimate of the number required of Prayer Books, Testaments, Catechisms, Hymn Books, or other books used in Teaching.

Those making application for Service Books for Churches are requested to state the number of the congregation and the date of erection of the Church. If it is not a Church, but only a station, that likewise should be stated.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE will be held on Monday, the 11th inst., at 3 p.m.

Toronto, 1st January, 1869.

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