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THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS, ON BEHALF OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE CLERGY OF THIS DIOCESE, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP ON SUNDAY, 25TH OF SEPTEMBER, 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Previously announced in <i>The Church</i> newspaper, Vol. 17, No. 21.....	£402 6 7 1/2
St. Phillip's, Markham, £0 11 2	
Grace Church, do 0 2 7	
—per Rev. G. Hill,.....	0 18 0
St. John's Church, Mono, 0 10 8	
St. Mark's, do 0 5 7 1/2	
St. Luke's, Mulmer, 0 7 10 1/2	
Trinity Church, Adjala, 0 5 2 1/2	
—per Rev. J. Fletcher,.....	1 9 4 1/2
Christ's Church, West Gwillimbury,	1 2 6
—per Rev. A. Hill,.....	1 2 6
St. John's Church, Sand- wich.....	£1 1 3
Irish Settlement,.....	0 11 3
Windsor,.....	0 15 0
—per Rev. E. H. Dewar,.....	2 8 0
St. Paul's Church, Wood- stock,—per H.C. Bar- wick, Esq.,.....	5 18 9
less, deducted for agency by Bank,.....	0 1 3
	£17 6
288 collections, amounting to.....	£413 18 9

COLLECTIONS MADE TOWARDS THE ACQUISITION OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES FUND OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP THE 2ND SUNDAY IN JANUARY, 1851.

Christ's Church, Mimico, per church- warden,.....	£0 5 0
Holy Trinity, Toronto, per church- warden.....	7 5 0
St. Paul's, Toronto, per church- warden,.....	1 7 0
St. George's Church, Toronto, per churchwarden.....	8 5 0
St. James's Toronto, per church- warden.....	20 0 0
St. Peter's Barton.....	£1 18 2
St. Paul's, Glanford,....	0 15 5
—per Rev. G. A. Bull,.....	2 13 5
St. John's, Peterboro', per churchwarden.....	3 10 0
Trinity Church, Barrie, per churchwarden,.....	1 9 4
Crimsby, per Rev. Dr. Lundy,	2 10 3

10 collections, amounting to..... £50 5 0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Hon. Chief Justice Robinson,	£12 10 0
George Hamilton, Esq., St. James's Toronto.....	1 5 0

DONATIONS.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto	£12 10 0
Alex. Gaviller, Esq., Tecumseth, for Widows and Orphans' fund,	5 0 0
Rev. Walter Stennett, for do do	0 10 0
	£18 0 0

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

There was a meeting held at the Society's Board Room, on Wednesday the 4th inst:

Present:

The Rt. Rev. the President in the chair.
The Hon. the Chief Justice, the Hon. P. B.

De Blaquiere, the Hon. G. E. Boulton, the Rev. G. Whitaker, Provost Trinity College, Rev. James Beaven, D.D., Rev. D. E. Blake, A.B., Rev. S. Lett, LL.D., Rev. H. C. Cooper, Rev. S. G. Jones, B.D., H. Mortimer, Esq., and the Secretary.

The usual prayers were read.
The Secretary then read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were, as usual, attested by the signature of the Chairman.

The Secretary then read the abstract of the books, shewing the state of the several funds, and the various items of income and expenditure, and laid the balance sheet upon the table.

Several accounts were then presented, together with the recommendations of the standing committee thereon, and the following payments were ordered:

City Taxes on rental of £60	7 2 6
Henry Rowsell for grants of books at cost and charges	10 4 6
Henry Rowsell, account for Station- ery, Printing, &c. (including the Printing of the Annual Report) up to the 1st July, in accord- ance with the agreement enter- ed into between him and the Society, when he assumed the debt of the Diocesan Press, 3 cash, and 1/2 towards the liqui- dation of debt	141 0 4 1/2

The Secretary reported the following dona-
tions:—

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop ...	12 10 0
The Hon. the Chief Justice.....	12 10 0
Alex. Gaviller, Esq., for Widows and Orphans' Fund	5 0 0

Four accounts were presented as still owing by the late Depository, and inasmuch as it appeared that a very large amount of outstanding debts were still due to the Depository, far more than sufficient to pay all its liabilities, on the recommendation of the standing committee, it was unanimously resolved that all accounts which shall not have been settled by the 1st of February are to be placed in the hands of a solicitor, who will enforce the payment thereof, for this branch of the Society's operations being already indebted to the General Purpose Fund, it would not be just to make any further advance until proper steps have been taken to secure the payment of all that is due to it.

The Secretary made application for the pay-
ment of the Auditors of the Accounts for the
past year. He stated that in consequence of
the old unsettled balances, and the books having
been kept under a new system, they had this
year been obliged to act not only as auditors
but also as accountants; that they had conse-
quently devoted much more time to the work
than could be expected from those who merely
audit accounts. They, from delicacy, had made
no charge, and he had been unable to ascertain
the amount which ought to be awarded them,
although he had applied to those whom he
thought competent to judge in such matters.
It was ruled that matters of business should
always be treated as such, and as none but the
auditors themselves could form an idea of the
time which they had been obliged to devote in
order to the proper discharge of their duties,
the Secretary shall communicate with them,
and request them to state the sum which would
satisfy them; and that the account be forth-
with paid.

A communication was read from Dr. C. Jones,
shewing that as executor to the will of the late
Rev. Alphonsus William Henry Rose, he had
incurred some expense in securing the titles to

the lots bequeathed by him to any church be-
longing to the Church of England, at Sydenham,
Owen Sound, and setting forth his readiness to
assign them in trust for the Church of England
now erected at that place, either to the Church
Society or to the Incumbent and Churchwardens
of said church and their successors, as the So-
ciety may recommend; provided always the
expenses already incurred by him, and those
which must be incurred in order to legalize the
assignment, be guaranteed to him. A letter signed
by the Incumbent and Churchwardens of St.
George's Church, Owen Sound, to Dr. Jones,
was then read, in which they stated their readi-
ness to pay all the expenses of the assignment.
It was ruled that the thanks of the Society are
due to Dr. Jones, for the trouble he had already
taken, and that the Secretary shall write to the
Incumbent of St. George's Church, Owen
Sound, and state that the Society, conceiving it
but just that the expense already incurred
be refunded to Dr. Jones, recommends that
the payment of such be immediately made; and
if the Vestry are unable or unwilling to make
such payment, the Society shall recommend Dr.
Jones to assign the lots in trust to it on the
payment of the account specified, and shall re-
tain possession of the same until all expenses
have been refunded.

An application was read from the Rev. T.
Bousfield, missionary at Wolfe Island, for a
grant of prayer books (octavo) and Bibles for
Divine Service, at five stations in his mission.
On the recommendation of the standing com-
mittee this petition was granted, (provided the
cost does not exceed ten dollars,) this mission
having done all in its power, since the present
Incumbent took charge of it, for the promotion
of the objects of the Society.

A memorial was read from the Rev. C. C.
Brough, in which he sets forth that Wm. Barker,
Esq., a gentleman residing in the township,
kindly made a grant of two acres of valuable
land in the township of Lotdon, as a site for a
church and burial ground, stipulating that the
building to be erected must be of brick or other
equally permanent materials, and also that the
whole should be enclosed with a good board
fence. The members in the neighbourhood have
erected a neat brick church on a beautiful site,
but have been unable to complete the interior.
He therefore solicited some aid from the Society.

Resolved, on the recommendation of the stand-
ing committee—That a grant of £12 10s be
paid to the Rev. C. C. Brough, for the object
mentioned in his memorial, so soon as the
finance committee shall declare the funds of the
society, will admit of the payment, and after
any prior application has been disposed of.

The Secretary was desired to write to Mr.
Brough, and request him to give some further
particulars—such as the lot and concession, the
dimensions of the church, and any other matter
which he may consider interesting.

An application was made by the Rev. J. A.
Morris of Carleton-place for a grant of £50, to
aid the members of the mission in paying off a
debt upon their valuable glebe.

The standing committee recommend, that if
the funds will admit of it, the sum of £50 be
loaned to this mission, when the £200, balance
required, is in hand: that it be loaned on the
same terms as the monies which have been
borrowed for the erection of parsonage houses.

The Secretary was desired to communicate
with Mr. Morris upon the subject.

On the recommendation of the standing com-
mittee, it was

Resolved—That a power of attorney be given to the Rev. F. L. Osler, to manage lot 17, sixth concession, in the township of Tecumseth, which had been secured to the church through his exertions, and that he be permitted to apply all rents and profits derivable therefrom to his own use, during his incumbency. But that any leases he may give are not to extend over a period of five years;—and that the covenants in the society's leases, for the protection of timber, be applicable both to himself and the tenants.

On the recommendation of the standing committee, it was

Resolved—That Isaac Harman's offer to purchase lot 8, first concession of Scott, be accepted, and the purchase money again invested in lands.

The Secretary reported that he had received letters from the Rev. A. H. B. Mulholland and the Rev. F. Tremayne, jun., with a list of lands, which, at his request, they had caused to be selected for the society to purchase. The Secretary was desired to thank these gentlemen for the trouble they had taken, and to inform them that the society must await a reply to a memorial forwarded to the government before they can decide upon purchasing.

Moved by Hon. G. S. Boulton, seconded by Rev. Mr. Girvin.

Resolved—That the thanks of the Church Society be given to those gentlemen who were deputed by the Synod at its late meeting, to proceed to New York and present an address to the House of Bishops, then in session, and who at the same time kindly undertook to present an address from this society.

The Secretary was desired to apply to the Hon. J. H. Cameron again for his opinion upon the following subjects: Whether it is not lawful for the Bishops of our church to issue Marriage Licenses to their clergy; and whether the incomes of the clergy, derived from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, are taxable.

The Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose that George Hamilton, Esq., of this city, be elected an incorporated member.

The meeting then closed with prayer.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,
Secretary.

N.B.—No step has yet been taken to erase the names of defaulting incorporated members; a further opportunity is thus afforded to any, who may feel disposed, of paying up their subscription.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY, Sec.

Ecclesiastical Gazette.

TORONTO, JANUARY, 1851.

THE OPENING OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, COOKSTOWN.

To the members and friends of the Church of England and Ireland residing in and near Cookstown, the first day of the New Year was indeed a happy one, and cheerfully sounded the sleigh bells on every road leading to their new Church, which had been made ready for the performance of Divine Service, and from every part of the neighborhood eager worshippers were seen hastening to the House of God.

The Church, which is a handsome Gothic structure built on rising ground a

little to the east of the village, overlooks one of the most beautiful and fertile portions of the county of Simcoe. The valuable half acre lot on which it stands was the gift of Mrs. T. Tlagart, daughter of the late Mr. Perry, after whom the place was once named "Perry's Corners;"—it was given as a memorial of her father. Within, the Church was neatly decorated with evergreens, and from the tower waved the British flag, the sight of which gladdened each churchman's heart; for the inhabitants of Cookstown and neighborhood, while they seek to fear God, love also to honor the Queen.

Long before the hour appointed for the commencement of Divine Service, the Church was crowded in every part, and probably two hundred persons were reluctantly compelled to go away, being unable to effect an entrance.

Prayers were read by the Rev. F. L. Osler, Rural Dean of the county, under whose direction and that of a zealous committee the building was erected, and an eloquent and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. G. Whitaker, Provost of Trinity College, from Psalm xxvi., 8,—“Lord I have loved the habitation of thy house; and the place where thine honor dwelleth.”

In the afternoon eager worshippers were seen ascending the hill leading to the Church, which was soon crowded to overflowing. The Rev. Provost Whitaker read the Prayers. After the second lesson the children for baptism were brought forward, and no little interest was excited when the first of the little ones admitted into the Church were the twin infants of the generous donor of the land.

The Rev. F. L. Osler preached to an attentive people from Exodus, xi. 2,—“On the first day of the first month thou shalt set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation;” when, after speaking of the erection of the tabernacle and its object, he shewed that in everything pertaining to the public worship of God Moses was careful to act according to the directions he had received, it being repeatedly said of him: “Thus did Moses; according as God commanded him so did he.” And thus the Church of England, not based upon man's fancy, but resting upon the Word of God, with an Apostolic ministry and a Scriptural liturgy, points to Jesus as the “Sinner's Refuge; the Sinner's Hope.”

After the Benediction the people returned to their homes joyful and glad at heart for what they had been permitted to see and hear.

For many years the Rev. F. L. Osler performed Divine Service on week days

in a school-house near Cookstown, then scarcely presenting the nucleus of a village, and during the past year, on the second and fourth Sunday evenings of each month, in a large wagon-maker's shop; and, to accomplish this, has had to drive sixteen miles, after the performance of full services in each of his Churches in Tecumseth.

Now the earnest desire of the people is to have a minister resident amongst them, and that on every Sabbath day in their House of Prayer they may join in prayer and praise, and hear from the pulpit of the unsearchable riches of Christ.—*Com.*

The Rev. EDWARD DENROCHE, M.A., has returned from Ireland; but we deeply regret to hear that his health is not such as to warrant the resumption of his parochial duties. He has, in consequence, been compelled to resign the Incumbency of St. Peter's Church, Brockville, which he has held, we understand, for the long period of twenty years. Mr. Denroche is a man of great ability and zeal, and this termination of his ministerial labours will be lamented by the Diocese at large. The Brockville *Statesman*, no doubt, expresses the feelings of the parishioners generally in the following recognition of his long and faithful services:—

“REV. MR. DENROCHE, BROCKVILLE.—The numerous friends of this gentleman will be pleased to learn that he has returned from his visit to Ireland, whither he went to recruit his health. We regret to learn that his medical advisers will not allow him to again officiate, and that in consequence of this he has been forced to send in his resignation. The members of St. Peter's Church will be truly pained to hear this. The Rev. Mr. D. has officiated in this town during the last 20 years, and each year seemed to enliven him more and more to his congregation. We recollect quite well when the members of this church did not number one-fifth of what they now do. With what pleasure he can reflect upon his exertions in God's holy work.”

CHRIST CHURCH, GRANTHAM.

This beautiful little church was opened on Christmas Day, having been completed in a most masterly style in less than five months. There were present on the occasion more than two hundred persons, and nearly all parishioners. The service was performed by the Rev. H. N. Phillipps. The Collection taken up in aid of the Building Fund was £16 10s.—*Communicated.*

The following item is very gratifying: we have no time this week for further comment—[*Church*]:

“At a vestry meeting held on Tuesday, in Christ's Church Cathedral, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese requested from the vestry a permanent grant of £500 per annum, to enable him to

make provision for two Assistant ministers in the Cathedral and announced his intention of creating the Rector and Assistants, together with some of the senior clergy, a regular Cathedral Chapter, consisting of a dean and canons, in accordance with the authority given in the letters patent erecting the See of Montreal.—*Montreal Gazette.*

It is in contemplation to build a new Church in Paris for the English residents and visitors, as the two small chapels and the room at the Embassy are altogether inadequate. The new Church is to be capable of accommodating, at least, 1500 persons; 500 of which sittings are to be free. Both of the small chapels alluded to are private property, and unconsecrated. Whilst the English constantly resident number 10,000, and the English visitors are seldom fewer than 10,000 more, and sometimes reach 20,000; the accommodation in such chapels and in the embassy-room does not exceed 2,000,—a considerable portion of which is occupied by American residents, who are very numerous, and have no place of worship whatever in Paris. The proposed Church is to be attached to the British Embassy, whose Chaplain, appointed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, will be the Incumbent.

We have much pleasure in transferring the following intelligence from the *Halfax Church Times*:—

THE BISHOP.—We have pleasure in announcing the safe return of his Lordship, in the Niagara steamer. The Archdeacon and Clergy immediately paid their respects on board the ship, and welcomed him back to his Diocese. The Bishop had been much engaged during the latter part of his stay, in presenting the claims of King's College, in various parts of England; and if all the success we have desired has not attended the efforts of himself and the Rev. Mr. Hall, it assuredly has not been from lack of zeal on their side; but from the multiplicity of similar applications which are at the present time before the Church at home.

Bishop Payne has determined, though with only \$900 available, to commence the erection of a Church, to cost about \$3,000, in Monrovia, the Capital of Liberia, the American Colony of Free colored people in Africa.

Upwards of 800 clergy are employed by the Additional Curates' Society, and labor amongst nearly three millions of the poor.

The death of Dr. Harrington, principal of Brasenose College, Oxford, is announced.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

ENGLAND.

REPORT PRESENTED BY THE AMERICAN DEPUTATION TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

We, the undersigned, having been deputed to represent the Society at the triennial meeting of

the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, held at New York, in the month of October, 1853, have the honor to submit the following Report:—

We desire, first of all, to express our gratitude to Almighty God for having blessed us beyond our hopes in the progress and completion of our undertaking. We have, next, affectionately to acknowledge the Christian sympathy and courtesy with which we were invariably welcomed by our American brethren. We were most hospitably entertained in all parts of the Union which we visited. The right hand of fellowship was extended to us freely and cordially by the whole House of Bishops, as well as by every member, lay and clerical, of the House of Deputies, to whom there was opportunity of presenting us. We were everywhere invited by the clergy to assist them in the celebration of Divine service, and preach to their congregations; at the opening of the General Convention, Bishop Spencer was invited to attend the meetings of the House of Bishops. The whole deputation had seats assigned them in the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies; and on the departure of our two senior members, both Houses, as well as the Board of Missions, severally appointed a special delegation to deliver valedictory addresses, and, after the example of apostolic times, to accompany them to the ship. On that occasion, nearly all the Bishops, together with a large number of clerical and lay deputies from all parts of the Union, were in attendance.

But our chief duty as Delegates from the Society, had connection with the Board of Missions. On the 6th of October we were presented to the Board at their ordinary meeting by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Wainwright, Provisional Bishop of New York, and, on the following day we were honored by a public reception in the Church of the Ascension, when we severally delivered addresses explaining the object of our embassy.

The Board had, at its first meeting, appointed a committee to confer with us, consisting of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Kemper, Missionary Bishop of Wisconsin and Iowa; Dr. Potter, Bishop of Pennsylvania; Dr. Burgess, Bishop of Maine; the Rev. Dr. McViekar, the Rev. P. P. Irving, E. A. Newton, Esq., and J. H. Huntington, Esq. The Joint Committee held several conferences, and then requested the Bishop of Maine to draw up a report of their proceedings,—a duty which he most kindly undertook; and, we may be allowed to add, most ably performed. His report, with some modifications, was adopted by the Board of Missions, but since many of the suggestions which it contains are specially adapted to their own Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, we consider it sufficient to embody in this statement those recommendations which immediately concern ourselves.

1. We would first of all respectfully suggest that arrangements be made between the leading Church Societies in England and the American Board, for a regular interchange of reports and publications on the subject of Missions, as well as of books and tracts suitable for distribution in heathen countries. We did not hesitate to state that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel would readily concur in such a measure; and we propose to bring it under the consideration of the other Societies concerned.

2. We are of opinion, that a good understanding between the two Churches would be greatly promoted, if our Church Societies, before establishing any new mission, or applying for the consecration of a Bishop in any country or territory independent of the British Crown, would give notice of such intention to the American

Board of Missions, upon an assurance that a similar notice will be sent by that Board in similar cases. This arrangement, without impeding free action on either side, would secure harmony, and obviate any danger of conflicting schemes and useless expenditure.

3. The Joint Committee considered the case of missionaries removing from the jurisdiction of either Church to that of the other, and agreed, that although it is the general custom in such cases to require letters commendatory from the Bishop in whose diocese the Missionary has served, it is desirable to have the further security of a positive rule (or distinct understanding) among the Bishops of the two Churches. The case of clergymen, not missionaries, removing from one Church to the other, important as it is, does not appear to come within the limit of our instructions.

4. It was further agreed, that, with the view of awakening a more general and practical interest in missionary efforts, and of bringing down the Divine blessing upon them, it is desirable to have forms of prayer drawn up under episcopal sanction, to be used in families, in schools, at missionary meetings, and in any other way consistent with law and usage; and that if it should be possible to secure uniformity in such services throughout the Anglican communion, the result would be still more beneficial. We are convinced, that if two forms of supplication were prepared, under the sanction of his Grace the President of the Society, the one imploring Almighty God to send forth more laborers into His harvest, and the other invoking the Divine blessing upon the labors of those who are already engaged in missionary work, such forms would be favorably considered by the Church authorities of the United States.

5. It has been found that questions of the utmost importance and difficulty are constantly arising out of the peculiar condition of heathen nations, and of converts from among them; and it appears to us, that a manual for the instruction and guidance of missionaries, particularly in heathen lands, might relieve them from much embarrassment, as well as prevent false steps and conflicting precedents, the result of inexperience and of the absence of special directions. We therefore respectfully suggest, that, under the counsel of the English and American Bishops in foreign countries, such a work might be satisfactorily drawn up.

6. The Joint Committee held many interesting conferences on the subject of Missions to the Oriental Churches; and agreed to the following suggestions:—I. The United Church of England and Ireland, and the Protestant Episcopal Church of America, must always regard with affectionate interest the ancient Churches of the East, for so many centuries pressed down by a hostile religion. II. The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, having suspended its Missions in the East, is earnestly desirous that the attention of the Church of England should be directed more than ever to that part of Christendom, in the hope that the critical position of the Eastern Churches at this time may dispose their spiritual rulers, whom the Church of England can approach with peculiar weight, to undertake more readily their full restoration to primitive purity. III. Should the Bishops of the United Church of England and Ireland deem it expedient to make any communication to the Patriarchs and Bishops of the East, setting forth the doctrine, discipline, and usages of the Sister Churches in England and America, and informing them of the extent and influence of those Churches; and

should any offer be made to assist the Oriental Churches in diffusing sound Christian knowledge among their people, the Board of Missions would rejoice to see the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States cooperate in such a measure, and would hope for the happiest result through the blessing of God upon such a labor of love. IV. Independent of any such communication, the Board of Missions deem it advisable to circulate widely in the languages of the East the holy Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer, selections from the writings of approved ancient authors, held in honor by Eastern Christians, together with explanatory and devotional works by members of the Sister Churches of the Anglican communion. V. The American Church will ever earnestly pray Almighty God to guide and bless whatever efforts may be made to revive in the Eastern Churches the pure doctrine and wholesome discipline of primitive times. VI. It is further suggested that the Senior Bishop of this Church be respectfully requested to prepare a letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, embodying the above sentiments.

7. The Report contains a comparative view of the English Church Societies with the American Board of Missions in respect to their constitution, organization, resources, and expenditure, and offers various important suggestions to the American Board, grounded on the experience of the English Societies. That these suggestions originated in materials furnished by the Deputation, and in particular by the Secretary of the Society, is a circumstance which gives us much satisfaction.

There is, however, an important suggestion which we may derive from the other side of the Atlantic. The experience of the United States, and we may add, of the British Provinces in North America, is decidedly favorable to weekly collections in church as a mode of raising funds for missionary and other charitable purposes. The Apostolic rule, that upon the first day of the week, every one should lay by him in store for pious uses as the Lord hath prospered him, has been extensively put in practice among our Transatlantic brethren. This custom not being confined to any section among the clergy, is not objected to by the laity, and constitutes a most productive source of income to the Church. In some city churches, notwithstanding a large pew-rent, the weekly collections amount to several hundred pounds a-year. The usual arrangement is, that before or after the sermon, the alms of the congregation are collected from pew to pew, while some of the sentences from the Communion Office are read. Any special purpose for which the collections may be intended is announced from the Communion-rails, occasionally with a few appropriate remarks. In some cases, the Prayer for the Church Militant is introduced. We do not venture to suggest by what means, and under what authority, this most ancient as well as useful practice might be rendered general throughout the Anglican Church. We only state the fact, that it extensively prevails, occasions no offence, and has proved a most effective instrument of good in the United States and Canada.

8. One other subject to which the Joint Committee directed their attention, was that of members of our Church emigrating from the British Isles to the United States. Many reach America without friends, without a plan of life, and without any certificate of character. The Joint Committee agree to recommend: 1st, That the list of Emigrants, members of the Church, should from time to time be transmitted

to the United States by this Society, specifying in each case, on the authority of the Parochial Clergyman, the age, character, and qualifications of the emigrant; 2dly, That there should be established, in the first instance at New York, and afterwards, if found expedient, in other sea-port towns of the United States, agents, whose business it should be to give such emigrants advice immediately on their arrival, and endeavour to provide them with situations, and place them in connection with the Clergy.

Many Clergymen, both in England and Ireland, when families or individuals are about to emigrate, give them letters commendatory to the American Clergy: but there is no security that such letters shall not be employed by the parties who obtain them for the purpose of mendicity abroad, or fall into other hands and be perverted to that use. The Rev. Thomas Alexander Leonard, Rector of St. George the Martyr in New York, on whom especially the arduous duty has hitherto devolved of advising, assisting and recommending Protestant Episcopalian emigrants, informs us, that letters signed by persons he never heard of are continually presented to him, introducing emigrants, and requesting him to take charge of them, and provide them with suitable situations. When we suggested to him that notice should be regularly sent to him by the Society what families or individuals, recommended by the Parochial Clergy, might be expected to reach New York, and by what vessels, he saw no difficulty in opening a special register to contain the name, age, and qualifications of each emigrant, with a corresponding register, in which parties desirous to engage as domestic servants, or work-people of any kind, may state their wants. Arrangements of this description are understood to have been made with more or less success by several religious denominations.

The chief difficulty on our side of the Atlantic will be to make the Clergy well acquainted with the plan, and sufficiently guarded in their recommendations; but if a good arrangement could be made, the result would be highly satisfactory. Members of our Church would derive as much advantage as ever from the general funds in aid of emigrants. They would receive especial friendly counsel and information from the agents of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and would not be seduced from their own communion, nor allowed to sink into religious indifference in consequence of being left to wander as sheep having no shepherd.

One or two additional points are adverted to in the Report of our American brethren to their Board of Missions, but these do not apply to England, or do not come within the limits of our instructions.

To these instructions it has been equally our duty and our desire to confine ourselves; and we have now only, in conclusion, to tender our cordial thanks to the Society for having entrusted us with a commission, not only highly honourable in itself, but one which, independently of its direct objects, enables us to hear testimony to the faithfulness and efficiency with which the Protestant Episcopal Church in America is fulfilling its high trust, by diffusing sound Christian principles throughout a great and powerful nation, the extent of whose influence, both political and religious, on the future history of the world, no man of the present generation can foresee.

We consider the American Church to be, like our own, set for the defence of the pure and primitive faith of the Gospel, against the assaults of mediæval superstition and modern ra-

tionalism. While a marked distinction, arising from the different relations to the civil power, will be found to characterize the two Churches, they are closely united in the bonds of a common faith, worship and polity; and it is our fervent prayer that the unfeigned respect, the mutual confidence and brotherly love which these endearing affinities have already produced, may be strengthened in our own time, and transmitted from generation to generation.

(Signed.) G. T. SUENCKER.
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79 Pall Mall, Nov. 18, 1853.

At the November monthly meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge—the Bishop of Cape Town in the chair, supported by the Bishop of Nova Scotia and the Bishops Designate of Natal and Graham's Town—the following grants were made:—£50 each towards the enlargement of St. Mary's Church, Plymouth, New Zealand; the erection of a Church in the Swedish (West Indies) Island of St. Bartholomew; the erection of a Church in the district of St. John the Baptist, Hobart Town, Tasmania; £25 (additional) towards erection of a Church at York, Western Australia; £15 towards a Church and schools in Nova Scotia; and a large number of book grants.

ANCIENT ANGLO-SAXON PARISH CHURCHES.—At first, the Bishops of the Saxons resided with their whole presbytery at the cathedral town, whence missionary priests were sent throughout the country, revisiting at stated times the villages and hamlets in which they had founded a company of believers. Archbishop Theodoro encouraged the Saxon landowners to build churches upon their estates, and to have resident pastors: permitting them to pay to their parish priests the whole or a portion of their tithes, which hitherto had been paid into the common fund, of which the Bishop was the dispenser.

It was not only the most convenient position for the Thane; but, since his household comprised the greater portion of the population of his manor, the fittest site for the church for the convenience of the whole parish was near the Hall; and this most probably is the reason why so many of our country churches are close beside the old Manor-house.

A singular instance of a primitive parish still exists in Essex. The name of the old Manor-house is Mark's-hill, and the parish has no other name; the population of the parish consists of the households at the Hall, the rectory, the bailiff's house, and three or four labourers' cottages. The church stands within the Hall-gardens, and, of course, the advowson is in the squire; and it was a thorough mediæval feeling which prompted a former squire, a century ago, when he rebuilt his dining-hall, to rebuild at the same time the parish church of precisely the same size and shape; it was the feeling of an old Saxon Thane or Norman Lord, who built both his church and his hall large enough to hold all his people, because he expected them all to go to church, and intended to feast them all in his hall.—*Clerical Journal*.

The Archbishop has recently addressed the following letter to Dr. Colenso, the Bishop of Natal:—

“Addington, Nov. 26.

“My Dear Sir,—I have to thank you for your published letter, in reply to the allegations brought against your orthodoxy. Having read your sermons, I never entertained any suspicion

upon that subject; and I trust that the statements which you have now so clearly set forth will be satisfactory to those who, without sufficient data, have questioned the soundness of your opinions upon essential doctrines of the Gospel.

"You could not in your own person bring forward an argument which is the best answer to the principal allegations urged against you. You could not properly say for yourself, what is nevertheless most true, that in devoting your future life to the proclaiming the Gospel to the savages of Natal, you have given a clearer proof than most others can give of your sense of the state of the heathen while without the Gospel of Christ, and of its indispensable importance to them.

"I am, my dear sir, very faithfully yours,
"J. B. CANTUAR.
"To the Rev. Dr. Colenso."

SCOTLAND

NATIONAL EDUCATION.—THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—A deputation of members of the Episcopal Church in Scotland had an interview last week with the Lord Advocate on the subject of the Government scheme of National Education for Scotland. The deputation consisted of the Right Reverend Bishop Terrot, the Very Reverend Dean Ramsay, the Reverend J. W. Ferguson, Mr. E. D. Sandford, advocate, Mr. Adam Urquhart, advocate, Mr. William Forbes, advocate, and Mr. John Anderson, W.S. They were assured by the Lord Advocate that the interests of the Episcopal Church in Scotland would not fail to receive due consideration, and that much of what had been reported as the Government scheme was without foundation.

CATHEDRAL IN INVERNESS.—It is in contemplation, we understand, to raise a fund, by means of voluntary subscriptions, for the twofold purpose of increasing the efficiency of the Episcopal Church in the north and erecting a cathedral in Inverness, as the future seat of the Bishop of Moray and Ross. The present Bishop of the diocese (Dr. Eldon) is desirous to obtain endowments for the support of a dean and four canons. One magnificent subscription of £7000 has been received from a gentleman who signs himself "An Englishman who desires the prayers of the Scottish Episcopal Church." Other sums and gifts, amounting in value to about £3000, have been offered, and confident hopes are entertained of the ultimate success of this interesting and extensive ecclesiastical scheme.—*Inverness Courier.*

IRELAND.

In consequence of the demise of the Rev. O. J. Herbert, perpetual curate of St. Luke's, and garrison chaplain, a vacancy is created in the office of chaplain to Cork Barracks and the military prison attached thereto. The duties are onerous, there being no fewer than four services on each Sabbath, to say nothing of the attendance on sick, &c., where over 2,000, and occasionally 3,000 men are quartered. The salary is £200 per annum. It is said to be in the gift of Lord Fitzroy Somerset, under the Board of Ordnance, which has the exclusive control and management of all military stations.—*Cork Constitution.*

UNITED STATES.

Bishop Wainwright held his Advent Ordination in New York on Sunday the 18th ultimo; when two gentlemen were admitted to the Holy Order of Deacon: three to that of Priest. The sermon

was preached by the Right Reverend Dr. Kip, from Numbers xv. 48. It is thus noticed by the *Churchman* :—

"We may be permitted to remark that the tone of the sermon on this occasion augurs happily for the mission for which Bishop Kip is now preparing. It proved an earnest and willing appreciation of the exacting and uncompromising demands of the work which is to be in its severest forms his own. It seemed but the expression of his own feelings in view of the vast responsibilities that have opened out before him, which he nevertheless faces, unshrinkingly, and with renewed determination in his high and holy trust. May it prove the type not only of his own spirit, but also of those exhortations and charges with which his co-labourers are to be stirred up to the zealous and successful accomplishment of their great mission."

COLONIAL.

✓ COLONIAL CHURCH SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Halifax Association, in aid of the above named Society, was held at the Temperance Hall on the 13th ultimo, the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia in the chair. The Report announced that the funds of the parent Society amounted to nearly £10,000 during the past year. The expenditure in Nova Scotia alone for 1863 had been about £11,000. The Report dwelt at some length on the Training School lately established in Halifax, and of the progress it had made under Mr. Marriott.

There were four resolutions passed, one of which urged upon the supporters of the Society the necessity for active co-operation in carrying out the Training School; and another was to the effect that the spiritual darkness throughout the world appeals to all the believers for increased efforts in order to make known the Gospel of Christ to mankind.

Abridged from the *Halifax Times.*

ADDRESS TO THE LORD BISHOP OF MONTREAL.

✓ The following address, from the Clergy of the Diocese of Montreal, was presented to the Lord Bishop on Wednesday the 7th December last on the occasion of the first meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, after his Lordship's return :—

To the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Montreal.

MY LORD: We, your Lordship's Clergy, have sincere pleasure in offering to your Lordship our hearty congratulations on the return of yourself and Mrs. Fulford and family, in health and safety.

Your Lordship's absence has not lessened our gratitude for your successful labors in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, and for much that we all owe to your deep and friendly interest in your Clergy's welfare, while it has made us very sensible of the need we have for your Lordship's presence among us.

To our humble and hearty thanks to the great Protector of all who "travel by land or by water" for your Lordship's restoration to us, as our chief Pastor, we add our prayers that the spiritual relationship which has so happily subsisted between us for the last three years, may be long continued for the peace and extension of the Church in this land.

Your Lordship's faithful servants in Christ.
[Signed by the Clergy.]

His Lordship's reply:—

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN: I am much gratified, on my return from England, at receiving such an address from my Clergy as the one which you have just presented

Your kind mention of the past, as well as the assurance you give of your co-operation and cordial support for the future, are both great encouragements to me on resuming my labors amongst you; and I most sincerely pray that nothing may occur, and least of all through my fault or negligence, to alter the feelings with which you are now able to contemplate the spiritual relationship, which, you are pleased to say, has for the last three years so happily subsisted between us. A wide and most important field of labor is open before us, and the future prosperity of the Church in this land must depend on the faithfulness with which it is now served in the present generation. Unity amongst ourselves, and the diligent discharge of our own pastoral duties, will, with God's blessing, gather round us a body of faithful and attached laity, to whom we may look with hope and confidence, and with them labor and pray for the peace and extension of our Zion.

I most heartily join with you in returning humble thanks to Almighty God for his care vouchsafed to me and mine, and for bringing us back again, after our long "travel by land and by water," in health and safety: and commending you all, both in your own families and in your public duties, to God's blessing,

I remain, Rev. and dear Brethren,
Yours very faithfully,
Montreal, Dec 7, 1863. F. MONTREAL

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Benefactions from any persons, whether members or not, towards the Society's general objects, or to any particular branch of them, and all payments on the Society's account, will be received by remittances, or by payment at the Society's Office, or by the Secretary or Treasurer of any of the District Branches.

It is requested that the Annual Accounts of District Branches, and a list of all members in their respective Districts, may be transmitted by or before the last day in February in each year.

Forms of conveyance for securing the title of lands to the Bishop, the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, or the Incumbent or Rector

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A General Meeting of the incorporated members is held at three o'clock, p.m., on the first Wednesday in every month, (July and August excepted.)

The stated Monthly Meetings of the Standing Committee are held at three o'clock, p.m., on the last Wednesday in each month. During Lent these meetings are held on the Thursday subsequent, June any July excepted.

NOTICE.—Sundays fixed upon by the Church Society, with the approbation of the Lord Bishop, for collections in the Churches and Stations throughout the Diocese, in behalf of its several objects.

The second Sunday in January in each year, for General Purposes, or for any special purpose the Society may direct.

Palm Sunday in each year for Missionary objects within the Diocese. For the year 1854 the collection on this Sunday is to be appropriated to the Bishop's Theological Student Fund.

Trinity Sunday for the Society's Missions. Last Sunday in September in each year, in behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

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The Annual Sermon for the Widows and Orphans' Fund is appointed by the Lord Bishop to be preached during the month of June.

And that for the Missionary purposes of the Society during the month of January.

The number of Representatives which each Parish District or Chapelry will be entitled to send to the Central Board, will be determined by the amount of the Subscriptions forwarded to the Treasurer before the 1st October. Vide Article By-law, No. 6, Clause 4.