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CHURCH CHRONICLE.

By resolution of the Society, the *Chronicle* will in futuro be sent free to the Clerical and Lay Delegates to the Synod; the Office Bearers and Incorporated Members of the Church Society, and the Corporation of Trinity College. Until furnished with the addresses of the Lay Delegates to the Synod, their copies will be forwarded to the care of the Incumbents of the several parishes, who will oblige by delivering them.—*Ed. Chron.*

CHURCH SOCIETY NOTICE.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for holding a Special Meeting, in the City of Toronto, with a view to assist in relieving the Mission Fund of the Diocese of its debt, beg to give notice that such Meeting will be held (D.V.) in the Music Hall, on Monday Evening, the 16th instant, at half-past seven o'clock.

They have pleasure in stating that the Right Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D.D., Bishop of Western New York, has kindly accepted the Bishop of Toronto's invitation to be present and address the Meeting. Several other gentlemen, Lay and Clerical, have also kindly consented to assist.

SALTERN GIVINS,
Hon. Sec. D.T.

Toronto, April 2, 1866.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY—NOTICE.

The clergy of the diocese are hereby respectfully reminded that the annual collection in aid of the Theological Students' Fund, is appointed to be taken up in every church, chapel and station, *within the month of April.*

Serious inconvenience having hitherto been felt from the delay of the returns of collections and parochial subscriptions, the special attention of those concerned is requested to the rule which requires *all returns to be made by the 30th inst.* The books will *positively* be closed on that day, and returns subsequently received cannot be included in the annual report.

The attention of incorporated members is also called to the *third* article of the constitution, by which a report is required from the Secretary of all those who have not paid up their annual subscriptions of *five dollars* before the 30th of April in every year.

J. W. BRENT, *Lay Secretary.*

HOME DISTRICT MANAGING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the above committee will be held on Tuesday, the 17th of April next, in the Society's Board Room, at 11 o'clock A.M.

H. C. COOPER, *Secretary.*

MISSIONARY LECTURE.

We are glad to observe in the *New York Church Journal* a highly appreciative notice of the missionary lecture recently delivered at Trinity College, Toronto, by Col. Lowry, of the 47th Regiment. We should be glad to have transferred to our columns the abstract of the lecture which the article contains, but that we are not without hope that Col. Lowry may be induced to deliver it again to a more general audience.

COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM THE 1st TO 31st MARCH, INCLUSIVE.

MISSION FUND.			
Hamilton, Church of the Ascension	\$30 00	Able and willing, donation	1 00
" St. Matthias East		Essn, Christ Church	2 12
Flamborough	8 00	Thornton Church	1 20
St. Catharines, St. George's Ch.	44 24	Ramsbottom's Mills	0 93
Centreville	2 67	Mrs. Phillips' donation.....	5 00
Thorold	6 05		
Port Robinson	3 00	WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.	
Carlton, St. Marks	2 43	Rent from Adelaide Street Pro-	
Streetsville	6 67	perty	17 50
Newcastle, St. George's	5 00	do. do. do. do.	15 00
Cartwright, additional.....	0 75	Streetsville	3 96
Enniskillen	1 00	Rents paid several parties	19 00
A. Gaviller's, donation.....	3 00	Mrs. Jacob's donation	5 00
Toronto, Holy Trinity	8 00		
Gore's Landing	1 25	STUDENTS' FUND.	
Perrytown and Elizabethville...	1 75	Streetsville	2 83
Georgetown.....	7 00		
Cookstown, Bond	123 00	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.	
Toronto, Old St. Paul's	10 00	Rev. G. Hallen, annual subscrip-	
Alma, Holy Trinity	1 34	tion	5 00
Peel, Cross' Chapel	2 00	Rev. Dr. Beaven, do. do. ...	10 00
Huston, St. John's	1 00	Rev. Mr. Checkley, do. do. ...	5 00
Rothsay, St. James'.....	0 50	C. Donaldson, do. do. ...	5 00
Glenelg, St. Paul's	0 56	Rent, J. H. Bowerman	30 00
		Rent, J. Bolster	20 00
		BOOK AND TRACT FUND.	
		Rev. Dr. Beaven	5 00
		<i>Parochial Elections.</i>	
		Simcoe District, per E. Lally...	285 00
		Orangeville, Parochial Associa-	
		tion	50 00

INCORPORATION OF SYNOD AND CHURCH SOCIETY.

As we deem the matter alluded to in the following communication a very important one we give it insertion, and would suggest that it would be desirable the report of the committee should be published before the meeting of Synod.—*Ed. Chron.*

To Editor of Church Chronicle.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—At the last meeting of the Synod a committee was appointed by the Bishop in accordance with the following resolution:—Moved by S. B. Harman, Esq., seconded by Col. Armstrong, that a select committee of 15 members be appointed to consider the report and bill submitted to this Synod, and report at the next session of this Synod, and if they report in favor of the incorporation of the Synod and Church Society, that they shall report a bill for that purpose, which shall stand first in the order of the day after routine business.

My present object is to call attention to the fact, that although the period for the re-assembling of Synod is drawing near this committee has not yet been called together.

The subject which the committee is to consider is a grave one, involving issues of great importance, not to be arrived at hastily, and not likely to be encompassed at one meeting.

There are many circumstances connected with the condition and wants of the Diocese which suggest the present as an auspicious time to inaugurate a more vigorous management of our church affairs. The question is, (and that question is already before us) whether the Church Society shall in future be managed as

heretofore, or whether it shall be engrafted into the Synod and become one organization. This question should certainly be answered before we enter upon the detail of arrangement for the future working of the Society. And the members of the Church generally ought to know what the committee purposes to recommend, in order that they may come prepared to give a calm and deliberate verdict.

In any case judgment in so important a matter should not go by default.

Faithfully yours,

A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

Toronto, 31st March, 1866.

CONFIRMATION.

On Wednesday, the 28th ult., the Right Reverend the Bishop of Toronto held a confirmation at Weston. His Lordship was met at the church by the Rev. Mr. Johnson, the incumbent, and the Rev. C. Badgley, B.A., Head Master of the Trinity College Grammar School, recently established in that prosperous village. Morning prayer having been said at an early hour, the Bishop directed Mr. Badgley to read the litany, and the Incumbent read the anti-communion service, when his Lordship preached a discourse principally designed for the candidates for the holy rite, who numbered 23, and were chiefly composed of pupils in the school.

After the confirmation the Bishop affectionately addressed the candidates, and dismissed them, and the highly respectable congregation which filled the church, with the Episcopal benediction. The singing and responding was particularly good. It is gratifying to find that the school is likely to prove successful—the attendance has gone on to increase since its commencement. It now numbers 25 fine intelligent boys, and six more will enter after the Easter vacation.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, TORONTO.

Early in February last every pew-holder in the above church received a very able printed paper, entitled "A Statement in relation to St. George's Church Debt due the Bank of Upper Canada, for the payment of which Vice-Churcellor Spragge is liable."

This statement came upon the congregation like a thunder-clap, as arrangements had been made years ago to pay this debt. Ample funds had been provided, through a building society, to do so; and no mention having been made of it at the vestry meetings for eight years, and no demand for its payment having been made during that time, the congregation had no idea that such a debt existed.

They were confirmed in this opinion by the fact that of late years this was not included in the debts enumerated by the churchwardens in their annual reports to the congregation, who being ignorant of the existence of this debt had reported nothing but the debt contracted in the erection of the school house, still amounting to \$4,300.

However, at a vestry meeting, called by the Rector and attended by some thirty-four members, resolutions were passed almost unanimously, authorizing the Rector and churchwardens to mortgage the school house and parsonage (if necessary) for the paying off this debt. This was acting in a truly Christian spirit; for in addition to the fact, that those who were interested in securing the payment of the debt had forfeited their legal claim on the congregation by not urging its payment for eight years, the congregation had, during that time, been greatly weakened by having two congregations, (those of St. John's and St. Stephen's) formed out of what, when the payment of this debt was last pressed upon them, constituted the congregation of St. George's.

But, rather than allow Mr. Spragge to suffer, the vestry assumed the heavy responsibility, although their school house debt was apparently quite enough for them to manage. The next thing to be done was to meet it; and, at the suggestion of some very zealous members of the congregation, another vestry meeting was called for the 26th of February, and at it a subscription was commenced to pay off the debt in six months. This has been very happily effected in less than

three months; for on the 19th of March the sum of \$3,000 was paid to the solicitor of the Bank of Upper Canada, and a discharge of all claim against St. George's Church was obtained, covering also a release of all the lands held by the bank, as security for the payment of the debt. In effecting this most desirable object those members of the vestry, who exerted themselves and taxed their means (many of them to the very utmost) to carry this measure out to completion, were greatly aided by a widow lady of this city, who was anxious to release a lot of land belonging to her, and which was in Chancery in consequence of this debt; and at the same time to serve Vice Chancellor Spragge, who was held for the debt. This case is mentioned, at length, to show some of our country friends, who complain that the members of the city churches do very little for the Church, that some of the city churches, at least, have as much as they can do to meet their own liabilities.

→ The Rev. Dr. Strong having removed to Ottawa, that will in future be his address.

Amounts received in aid of Saulte St. Marie subscription list, since last acknowledgement:—Rev. J. G. Geddes, \$5; Rev. Mr. Middleton, \$2; Rev. Mr. Daniels, \$2; Rev. Mr. Fidler, \$2; Mr. Farmer, \$4.

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St. George's, Toronto.	Keswick.	Georgetown.
Trinity Ch. East, "	Barrie.	Guelph.
Aurora.	Innisfil.	Beverley.
Etobicoke.	Tecumseth.	Ningara.
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