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TO THE LAY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND IN THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

The Church in this Diocese, by a Resolution of its Synod, has established it as a standing arrangement that the Offerings on Christmas-day in our several congregations should annually be given exclusively to the Clergy.

I have merely to remind you of this; and to request that, on the ensuing Christmas-day, these Offerings may be so appropriated.

Permit me to add the expression of my hope that, on each succeeding year, as our numbers increase and their wealth is augmented, these benefactions will be larger. While, in the households of those who receive them, they will contribute much to their simple comforts, they will help to bind in warmer affection the Pastor who ministers, and the Flock that receives, the privileges and consolations of the Gospel of Christ.

I remain, dear brethren,

Very faithfully yours,

A. N. TORONTO.

TORONTO, Nov. 30, 1868.

The Clergy will please inform Mr. Rowsell without delay how many copies of the above Pastoral they will require for distribution. The expense is provided for by the Synod.—ED. CH. CHRON.

PRAYER FOR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto :

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

At a late meeting of the Bishops of this ecclesiastical Province, the adoption of a Prayer for the Lieutenant Governor was duly considered.

In their judgment, the name of the Lieutenant Governor cannot be introduced into the longer Prayer for the Governor General; as here his appointment by the Queen is specially referred to.

When this Prayer is used, the shorter one may follow; omitting the words, "The Governor General appointed," &c., and inserting, in their stead, the words, "The Lieutenant Governor of this Province."

When the shorter Prayer only is used, the words, "And for the Lieutenant Governor of this Province," may be inserted after the words, "Dominion of Canada;" and the plural form adopted in all subsequent references to him.

In the Prayer for the Parliament of this Province, the words, "Executive Council," should be omitted from the form published in the *Church Chronicle* at the close of last year.

I remain, Rev. and dear Brethren,
Faithfully yours,

Toronto, Nov. 30, 1868.

A. N. TORONTO.

Annual Parochial Meetings in the Toronto Deanery.

1868.

Mimico	Monday	December 28	7 P.M.
Etobicoke	Tuesday	" 29	7 P.M.
Weston	Wednesday	" 30	7 P.M.

1869.

Vaughan	Monday	January 11	7 P.M.
Nobleton	Tuesday	" 12	7 P.M.
Lloydtown	Wednesday	" 13	7 P.M.
Bolton	Thursday	" 14	7 P.M.
Woodbridge	Friday	" 15	7 P.M.
Sydenham	Monday	" 18	7 P.M.
Port Credit	Tuesday	" 19	7 P.M.
Springfield	Wednesday	" 20	7 P.M.
Strooksville	Thursday	" 21	7 P.M.
Brampton	Friday	" 22	7 P.M.
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.
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.
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.

H. C. COOPER,

Secretary H. D. B.

Toronto, December 1st, 1868.

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, Adja'n	Tuesday	"	12	2 P.M.
St. Luke's, Mulmur	"	"	"	7 P.M.
Christ's Church, Whitfield	Wednesday	"	12	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.)

Wye Bridge	Monday	January	11	3 P.M.
Penotanguishene	"	"	"	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.
Enniskillen	"	" 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.,	"
Fenelon Falls	"	" 6, "	7 P.M.,	"
Bobcaygeon	Thursday,	" 7, "	7 P.M.,	"
Sheriff's Corners	Friday,	" 8, "	2 P.M.,	"
Omemeo	"	" 8, "	7 P.M.,	"
St. John's, Cavan	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.

T. W. ALLEN,
Rural Dean.

Millbrook, 9th November, 1868.

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.
Cannington	"	" 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

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

Markham, 23rd November, 1868.

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.

Dunnville	Monday	January 4	3 P.M.
Port Maitland	"	"	7 P.M.
Caistorville	Tuesday	" 5	3 P.M.
Cayuga	"	"	7 P.M.
York	Wednesday	" 6	3 P.M.
Caledonia	"	"	7 P.M.
Hagersville	Thursday	" 7	3 P.M.
Jarvis	"	"	7 P.M.
Nanticoke	Friday	" 8	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 HEDDES,

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.
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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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Rockton	Monday	" 18	7 P.M.
Strabane	Tuesday	" 19	7 P.M.
Dundas	Wednesday	" 20	7 P.M.
Ancaster	Thursday	" 21	7 P.M.
West Flamboro'	Friday	" 22	7 P.M.
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Elora	Monday	" 18	7 P.M.
Alma	Tuesday	" 19	10 A.M.
Hustonville	"	"	7 P.M.
Rothsary	Wednesday	" 20	11 A.M.

Appointments for Parochial Meetings in Wollington Rural Deanery—*Continued*

Mount Forest	Wednesday	January 20	7 P.M.
North Arthur	Thursday.....	" 21 ..	11 A.M.
Arthur Village.....	"	" " ..	7 P.M.
Fergus	Friday	" 22	7 P.M.

The days and time of meetings for Rockwood, Ascension, Erin, Hillsbury, Reading, Orangeville and Quelph, to be held on the week beginning January 25, and also the names of the deputations will (D.V.) be given in the next number of the *Chronicle*. If possible, a deputation of at least *two* will attend each meeting, and the incumbents of the various parishes are requested to obtain for their meetings, such other assistance as they may deem necessary.

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

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CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Church Society was held in the Society's Board Room on Wednesday the 11th November, 1868, at 11 a.m., the Very Reverend the Dean of Toronto in the Chair.

Present:—Ven. Archdeacon Palmer, Ven. Archdeacon Fuller, Dr. Read, Dr. O'Meara, Rev. J. G. Geddes, Rev. J. Fletcher, The Provost, Dr. McMurray, Rev. F. L. Osler, Rev. W. S. Darling, Rev. H. Holland, Rev. A. J. Fidler, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Rev. J. H. McCollum, Rev. S. J. Boddy, Rev. A. Stewart, Rev. J. Carry, Rev. W. E. Cooper, Rev. R. H. Harris, Dr. Greene, Rev. C. E. Thomson, Canon Brent, Rev. F. Tremayne, Rev. R. Arnold, Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, Rev. D. I. F. MacLeod, Rev. R. Harrison, Rev. S. Houston, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. A. G. L. Trew, Dr. Lett, Rev. S. Givins, Dr. Beaven, Rev. J. Davidson, Canon Osler, Rev. T. P. Hodge, Rev. R. Shanklin, Rev. W. Grant, Rev. C. E. Cartwright, Rev. J. Hilton, Rev. A. Williams, Hon. J. H. Cameron, Messrs. J. C. Geddes, R. B. Denison, H. Mortimer, Thomas White, Jr., Charles Magrath, Peter Paterson, C. W. Paterson, F. Farncomb, S. B. Fairbanks, W. T. Boyd, Clarke Gamble, A. Gaviller, F. J. Joseph, William Gamble, James Browne, S. B. Harman, G. Hallen, H. R. O'Reilly, J. B. Haskew, S. G. Wood, and Professor Kingston.

The Rev. Dr. Townley, of Paris, in the Diocese of Huron, was also present.

After reading of prayers, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then read the Financial Statement for the Quarter ending 1st November, 1868, and the Hon. J. H. Cameron presented the usual Quarterly Report of the Executive Committee to the Clergy Trust Committee.

Mr. Cameron also presented the Report of the Clergy Trust Committee, giving a history of the Commutation Trust Fund, and shewing its present condition. (For this Report, see the subjoined proceedings taken from the *Hamilton Spectator* of the 18th November, as published in accordance with the resolution of the Society, which closes the article.)

The following resolutions were adopted:

Moved by Rev. Dr. Lett, seconded by Rev. W. S. Darling, That this Society having heard from time to time the full and highly satisfactory statements made to this Society by the Commutation Trust Committee, (certified by figures and documents), desire to record their complete approbation of the mode in which the funds have been administered, and also to express their unqualified gratitude to Mr. Cameron for his untiring, successful and gratuitous management of the Commutation Trust Fund.—Carried unanimously: the following gentlemen (being all who

were present at the time the resolution was put to the meeting,) voting in favor of it, viz.:

Ven. Archdeacon Palmer,
 Ven. Archdeacon Fuller,
 Rev. Dr. Read,
 " Dr. O'Meara,
 " J. G. Geddes,
 " J. Fletcher,
 " The Provost,
 " Dr. McMurray,
 " F. L. Osler,
 " W. S. Darlin',
 " H. Holland,
 " A. J. Fidler,
 " A. J. Broughall,
 " J. H. McCollum,
 " S. J. Boddy,
 " A. Stewart,
 " J. Carry,
 " W. E. Cooper,
 " R. H. Harris,
 " Dr. Greene,
 " C. E. Thomson,
 " Canon Brent,
 " F. Tremayne,
 " R. Arnold,
 " C. J. S. Bethune,
 " D. I. F. MacLeod,
 " R. Harrison,
 " S. Houston,
 " J. D. Cayley,
 " A. G. L. Trew,
 " Dr. Lett,

Rev. S. Givins,
 " Dr. Beaven,
 " J. Davidson,
 " Canon Osler,
 " T. P. Hodge,
 " R. Shanklin,
 " W. Grant,
 " C. E. Cartwright,
 " J. Hilton,
 " Dr. Townley.

Mr. J. C. Geddes,
 " R. B. Denison,
 " H. Mortimer,
 " Thomas White, Jr.,
 " Charles Magrath,
 " Peter Paterson,
 " C. W. Paterson,
 " F. Farncomb,
 " S. B. Fairbanks,
 " Clarke Gamble,
 " A. Gaviller,
 " F. J. Joseph,
 " William Gamble,
 " James Browne,
 " S. B. Harman,
 " G. Hallen,
 " H. R. O'Reilly,
 " J. B. Haskew,
 " S. G. Wood.

Moved by Mr. T. White, seconded by Rev. J. G. Geddes, That this meeting having heard the statements submitted by the Commutation Trust Committee, hereby request the immediate publication of the same as an authorized history of the fund, together with the resolution of thanks to the Hon. Mr. Cameron, already adopted.—*Carried*.

Moved by Rev. John Davidson, seconded by Rev. A. J. Fidler, That this Society requests Mr. White of the *Hamilton Spectator*, who is present at this meeting, to give a full and detailed report of this meeting, and to send a copy of his statement to each incorporated member of the Church Society—the bill to be sent to the Secretary of the Church Society, and paid by him.—*Carried*.

Moved by Archdeacon Fuller, seconded by Rev. J. G. Geddes, That the following gentlemen be a Committee to enquire into the claims of the non-commuting clergy who are not yet on the list of those receiving aid from the Clergy Commutation Fund, viz.:—The Very Rev. The Dean of Toronto, Rev. Dr. Read, Rev. H. C. Cooper, Rev. W. Belt, and Rev. R. Shanklin—to report to the February meeting the three clergymen entitled to be placed at this time on the list, and to draw their salaries from the 1st of January next.—*Carried*.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Read, seconded by the Provost, That the Rev. T. A. Parnell, Secretary of Synod of the Diocese of Ontario, having come up to meet the Committee appointed to consider the amalgamation of the Synod and Church Society of the Diocese, at the request of said Committee, the Secretary be directed to pay the expenses of the journey from Kingston and back.—*Carried*.

Moved by William Gamble, Esq., seconded Rev. J. Davidson, That the consent of this Society is hereby given to the Incumbent and Wardens of St. John's Church, Toronto, to sub-let all such lands held under the lease of the Church Society, and not required for Church purposes, as may be authorized by the Vestry of said Church, for the purpose of increasing the revenue of said Church; provided that no manufacture, trade or occupation shall be carried on, on said premises, which would be objectionable and contrary to decency and order.—*Carried.*

The Secretary having read the Report of the Auditors of the Church Society, for the half-year ending 1st November, 1868—

It was moved by A. Gaviller, Esq., seconded by Archdeacon Fuller, That the Auditors' Report be adopted, and the various transfers suggested by the same, respecting the balances of the different funds, be carried out by the Secretary.—*Carried.*

The Rev. J. H. McCollum having brought forward his resolution respecting the patronage of the Rectories, of which notice had been given at a previous meeting—

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Lett, seconded by Clarke Gamble, Esq., That the consideration of the resolution, now read, be adjourned till the next meeting of the Society, (or in the event of the incorporation of the Synod, till the next meeting of that body), and that should any Rectories fall vacant in the interim, that the patronage of such Rectories be, and is hereby declared, vested in the Lord Bishop.—*Carried.*

A letter having been read from Rev. F. L. Osler, of Dundas, requesting a grant of Service Books for St. John's Church, Ancaster, which was lately destroyed by fire—

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by Rev. S. Givins, That a complete set of Service Books of folio size be granted to St. John's Church, Ancaster.—*Carried.*

With reference to the motion of which notice was given at the last meeting, respecting the adoption of a By law for the relief of the Rev. H. Holland, in relation to the Widows and Orphans' Fund :

It was moved by A. Gaviller, Esq., seconded by Rev. Dr. Read: Whereas the Rev. H. Holland, on re-entering this Diocese in 1859, after being two years in the Diocese of Huron, inadvertently omitted to comply with the provision of the By-law for the administration of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, which requires the payment of £10 by Clergymen entering the Diocese, but the Society has, nevertheless, continued to accept annually his subscription (\$20 per annum), thereby recognizing his claim to the privileges of the Widows and Orphans' Fund :

It is hereby enacted that the Rev. H. Holland shall not henceforth lie under any disability from the non payment of the said sum of £10.—*Carried.*

With reference to the Report of the Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund, which was presented by the Provost at the last May meeting :

It was moved by Rev. H. Holland, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'Meara: That the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Widows and Orphans' Fund, be postponed until the next meeting of the Society.—*Carried.*

The Standing Committee having recommended that the Secretary be authorized to make the necessary arrangements with the Bank, in order to provide funds to pay the Missionaries on the 1st January next :

The recommendation was adopted.

The Rev. J. G. Geddes proposed the Rev. T. S. Cartwright for election as an Incorporated Member, at the next Quarterly meeting.

The following gentlemen were elected Incorporated Members, viz. :—

G. J. Mason, Esq., of Toronto; Rev. G. J. Magill, Joseph Fennell, Esq., Henry B. White, Esq., and E. S. Winans, Esq., all of Cobourg.

The closing prayers were then read, and the Meeting adjourned.

CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.

From the Hamilton Spectator.

A most important meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, was held at the rooms of the Society, on Wednesday last, —it being the regular quarterly meeting. Considerable interest had attached to it in consequence of the anticipated discussion of the management of the Commutation Trust Fund, and the Auditors' Report upon that Fund, and as a consequence the attendance was both large and influential.

In the absence of his Lordship, the Bishop of Toronto, the Very Reverend Donn Grasset occupied the chair and opened the proceedings with prayer. The minutes having been read and the reports of the Auditors submitted, the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron presented a Report from the Clergy Commutation Trust Committee, giving a history of the fund from the first, and showing in what manner it had been administered and its present position. The report was in the highest degree satisfactory, showing that, so far from the charges of mismanagement which have been urged against the committee being true, the fund has been administered in a manner reflecting the greatest credit upon the management, contrasting most favorably with that of similar funds belonging to other Denominations. The great interest that is felt in this question by the whole body of the Church of England, in Canada, will justify my epitomising the statement submitted by the Committee.

ORIGINAL POSITION OF THE FUND.

It is well known that the Commutation Trust Fund was established in 1855, after the passage of the Act secularizing the Clergy Reserves, and providing that the then existing incumbents might commute their life-interest for a fixed sum paid down, and was the result of that magnificent act on the part of the Clergy, in handing over the commuted amount, as a trust for the benefit of the Church. By the appendix to the journals of the Legislative Assembly of 1856, Vol. 14, No. 35, the whole amount of the fund is stated at £246,614 19s. 3d. currency,—but from this there was deducted the commutation money of the professors in Trinity College, which was by them given in trust for the benefit of the College, with the sanction of the Bishop of Toronto. The amount of this deduction was :

Professor Whitaker	£7728	0	0
Professor Parry	5216	8	0
Professor Irving	3520	16	0
Total	£16,465	4	0

Leaving the actual amount of the fund applicable to the payment of the stipends of the Clergy, £229,149 16s. 3d. At that time the three Dioceses into which the Province of Ontario is now divided, were comprised in the one Diocese of Toronto; but for a better understanding of the position of this fund, it may be as well to state its position divided, as the Dioceses are now divided. Thus the amount belonging to the commuted Clergy, in what is now the Diocese of Toronto, was £116,725 6 6

In the Diocese of Ontario	61,148	14	6
“ “ Huron	51,275	16	3

Total

£229,149	16	3
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That was the position of the fund before any investments were made; at the time it was first handed over by the Clergy to the Church. Investments were made as rapidly as possible, consistent with the obtaining of good securities, and on the 31st October, 1857, the whole amount had been invested. According to the Report of the auditors, Messrs. Mortimer and Brown, the amount of the investments was then £284,358 10s. 9d, which divided among the dioceses as above, was as follows :

Diocese of Toronto	£148,562	18	4
“ Ontario	74,148	15	1
“ Huron	66,651	17	4

£284,358 10 9

Now at the establishment of this Commutation Trust Fund, on the 1st January, 1856, there were charges on the fund to the amount of £20,511 15s. 10d., which, being again divided among what are now the three dioceses, stood thus:—

Toronto Diocese, commuted	£10,312	15	10
“ “ not commuted.....	100	0	0
Ontario “ commuted	5,342	8	4
“ “ not commuted.....	306	5	0
Huron “ commuted	4,070	6	8
“ “ not commuted.....	230	0	0
General charges, Secretary Book-keeper, &c	150	0	0
Total	£20,511	16	10

But at that time there were not paid the stipends of the three following Clergymen, viz.:

Rev. Mr. Baldwin.....	£121	13	4
“ Mr. Merritt	100	0	0
“ Mr. Street.....	121	13	4
Total	£348	6	8

Leaving the actual annual charge on the 1st January, 1856, £20,168 9s. 2d. In the above list there appears a distinction between commuted and not commuted clergy, and as the reason for this may not be generally known, it may be as well to explain it. The Imperial Act, authorizing the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, was passed in 1853, the Provincial Act secularizing them, passed in 1854. A few clergymen who were put upon the Clergy Reserves list, between those two periods, and who, having been put on by the Bishop, were fairly entitled to any advantage which accrued to them from it, were refused to be considered by the Provincial Government as on the list, in commuting; they holding that the commutation should only apply to those on the list prior to the passage of the Imperial Act. As a consequence, those clergymen were put upon the fund by the Bishop, and are included in the above summary under the head of “not commuted.”

Thus the annual charge upon the fund, in January 1856, was £20,168 9s. 2d., while the income from interest on the £229,149 3s. 3d., was £13,748 19s. 8d., leaving an annual deficiency of £6,419 9s. 6d.; so that the Commutation Trust Committee actually commenced their operations with a very large deficiency of between six and seven thousand pounds, which lasted until the investments had been made on the 31st October of the following year, when, the revenue being increased, the deficiency was lessened. Fortunately, however, this first large deficiency was partially met by the grants from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, for 1856 and 1857, paid in those years mainly through the intervention of the Hon. J. H. Cameron, who was then in England, amounting to £10,795 5s., since which time no grants from that source have been received. There were about twenty months of the large deficiency, before the investments were completed, which amounted to almost the exact sum received from England, viz. : £10,794. This outside assistance was thus exhausted on the 31st October, 1857, when the investments of the fund were completed, and we can therefore conveniently make that date the starting point in the history of the fund. The charges at that time were the same, viz. : £20,168 9s. 2d. while the income from interest had increased up to £17,824 12s., leaving still a deficiency annually of £2,343 17s. 2d. That then was the position of the fund at the start. How has it been administered, and what is its position to-day?

THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO, AT THE START.

As we have to do principally with the Diocese of Toronto in this matter, let us see how it stood at the date we have fixed as the starting point of this examination, viz. 31st October, 1867. The share of the whole investment belonging to Toronto, as above stated, was £143,562 18s. 4d, bearing interest to the amount of £9,230 1s. 6d.; the charges as above £10,412 15s. 10d., plus the proportion of the Secretary's

salary, &c., £76, or £10,487 15s. 10d., less the stipends of the Revs. Messrs. Baldwin, Merritt, and Street, as above, £348 6s. 8d.; leaving as the net charge upon the fund the sum of £10,144 9s. 2d.: to meet which there was the revenue of £9,280 1s. 6d., leaving a deficiency, for the Diocese of Toronto alone, of £914 7s. 8d. Thus the fund started, in so far as this diocese was concerned, after the investments had all been made, with an annual deficiency of very close upon a thousand pounds.

WHEN HURON WAS SET APART.

The Diocese of Huron was set apart on 1st April, 1859, and at that time the following charges were off Toronto, viz.:—

Rev. Mr. Clarke	£120	0	0
“ A. Hill	100	0	0
“ Mr. Grasett	100	0	0
“ Mr. Marsh	120	0	0
“ Mr. Mayerhoffer	73	0	0
“ Mr. Mockridge	121	13	4
“ Mr. Padfield	121	13	4
	<u>£756</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

And there were afterwards added the following charges:—

Rev. Mr. Baldwin.....	£121	13	4
Rev. Mr. Holland	120	0	0
Rev. Mr. Ruttan	121	13	4
	<u>£363</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

Leaving a balance of £393 to the advantage of the fund, as compared with the next preceding period of October, 1857. The account between the Diocese of Toronto and the Commutation Fund, after April 1st, 1859, when Huron was set apart, stood thus:—

Annual charge, as above.....	£10,144	9	2
Less difference.....	393	0	0
	<u>£9,751</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>
Interest on investment	9,230	1	6
	<u>£521</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

Thus, although the deficiency had been decreased, it was still very considerable. Coming down to the time

WHEN ONTARIO WAS SET APART

We find the following further charges were off Toronto, that is, in April, 1864:

Rev. Mr. Atkinson.....	£225	1	8
“ “ Blake	206	16	8
“ “ Kennedy.....	171	18	4
“ “ Green	206	16	8
“ “ Armstrong	100	0	0
“ “ McGeorge	121	13	4
	<u>£1,032</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>

And the following charges were added:—

Rev. Mr. Flood	£121	13	4
“ “ Strong.....	121	13	4
	<u>£243</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>

Leaving a difference in favor of the Diocese of £788 15s. 0d., as compared with the period of the withdrawal of Huron. Thus, the annual charge at the last period, as above, amounted to £9,751 9s. 2d., to which must be added an additional £75, for

Secretary, &c., the whole of these charges having now become a liability upon this Diocese, making a total of..... £9,826 9 2
 Less difference, as above 788 16 0

Leaving as the net charge..... £9,037 14 2
 Interest on investments 8,900 0 0

Giving still a deficiency of income amounting to £47 14s. 2d. to meet the actual charges upon the fund. It will be noticed that the income is reduced in the last calculation by £240 1s. 6d. a-year, a reduction which arose from a change of interest of one per cent., from 8 per cent. to 7 per cent., on £24,000 odds of the investments.

POSITION OF THE FUND NOW.

We come now to the present position of the fund, or rather the position on the 1st July, 1868. At that date, the following charges were off the fund in this Diocese, viz :

Rev. Mr. Hickie.....	£100	0	0
“ “ Cox	100	0	0
“ “ Leeming	206	16	8
“ “ Smithurst	100	0	0
“ Dr. Shortt.....	121	13	4
“ Mr. Mitchell	50	0	0
Bishop of Toronto.....	1,520	0	0
Archdeacon of Toronto	486	13	4
	<u>£2,685</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

And there were added the following charges :

Rev. Mr. Tremayne.....	£ 25	0	0
“ “ Ardagh	16	5	0
Bishop of Toronto	400	0	0
Archdeacons.....	100	0	0
Office expenses	83	0	0
	<u>£624</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

Leaving a difference in favour of the fund of £2,060 18s. 4d. Thus, making the same calculations as above, we have the present position of the fund as follows :

The annual charge on the separation of Ontario was, as already stated	£9,037	14	2
Less difference.....	2,060	18	4
	<u>£6,976</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>
Annual charge, 1st July, 1868	£6,976	15	10
Interest on investments.....	7,489	8	0
	<u>£512</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2</u>

It will be seen that there is here a still further reduction of income, and it is proper, therefore, to a full understanding of the whole case, to point out

HOW THE INCOME WAS REDUCED.

The amount of the investments themselves was reduced, as follows :

On the deaths of Archdeacon Stuart and the Bishop of Toronto, and the resignation of Archdeacon Bethune, there were deducted and handed over to the Dioceses of Huron and Ontario, according to an award made in 1859 by the Bishops of Toronto and Huron, and the late Sir James Macaulay,

The sum of.....	£11,950	3	2
Audit and Law fees	812	10	0
Iron safe	50	0	0

£12,812 13 2

Which deducted from the investment as above £143,562 18s. 4d., left as the net amount of capital on 1st July 1868, the sum of £130,760 5s. 2d., or \$523,001 05, composed of the following securities, bearing interest as follows :

Debentures at 3 per cent.....	\$ 36,500 00
“ “ 4 “	74,000 00
“ “ 5 “	18,483 00
“ “ 6 “	213,365 70
“ “ 8 “	32,200 00
Mortgages “ 6 “	33,693 99
“ “ 7 “	78,267 78
“ “ 8 “	26,245 25
Arrears of interest	12,792 51

\$525,548 23

Loss in trust for Widows and Orphans' Fund..... 2,128 00

Leaving a balance of \$523,420.23, for the above balance of \$523,001.05, yielding an interest of \$29,957.52. It will thus be seen that with all the losses by reduction of interest, the average interest on the investments to-day is equal to about 5½ per cent, or almost as good as an investment in Dominion stock, at its present market value, and that the capital of the Fund for this Diocese is still upwards of £13,000 more than the amount of its commutation originally.

The reader will notice that on the 1st April, 1864, the annual income from the investments was £8,990, a deficiency of £47 14s. 2d. ; while on the 1st July, 1868, the income from the fund was only £7,489 8s. 0d., or £1,500 12s. 0a. less per annum than on the 1st April, 1864. This difference of income is accounted for by the reduction of interest on certain securities, as follows :

3 per cent. on St. Thomas Debentures ...	\$1095 00
2 “ Hamilton “ ...	1480 00
1 “ Government “ ...	184 93
6 “ £12,812 10s. transferred...	3075 00
1 “ Certain Mortgages paid ...	167 47

\$6002 40

Or.....£1,500 12 0

No one could possibly have foreseen some of these reductions. At the time the investments were made in the St. Thomas and Hamilton debentures, there was every prospect of those debentures being good security. The expenditures which caused the municipal embarrassment, and forced the compromise with creditors, were made years after these debentures had been purchased by the Commutation Trust Committee, and could not possibly have been anticipated by them. People who complain that the investments were unfortunate, forget to consider what would have been the effect had the Government securities, which were in equal proportions of five and six per cent debentures, delivered over to the commuting Clergy instead of cash, been retained. The actual amount of the investments to begin with in five and six per cent. Government bonds, was £116,725 5s. 6d., which, all charged at six per cent., would have given an annual income of £7003 10s., against £9,230 1s. 6d., from 1857 to 1859; against £8,990, between 1859 and 1864; and, deducting the £11,950 3s. 2d. from the capital, which must have been deducted under any circumstances, the sum of £6,286 10s., at present, against £7,489 8s. There would have been a deficiency at the start of £3,140 19s. 2d., instead of £911 7s. 8d. ; at the separation of Huron, of £2,747 19s. 2d., instead of £521 7s. 8d. ; at the separation of Ontario, of £2,034 4s. 2d. instead of £17 14s. 2d. ; and on the first of July last a deficiency of £690 5s. 10d. instead of a surplus of £512 12s. 2d. And these figures are given without any calculation of the inroads which this system of safe investment, which people are disposed to clamour about, must have made in the capital itself. There are a number of the younger members of the Clergy who have been looking forward anxiously to the time when this Commutation Fund will be in a position to justify others being placed upon it, and who have been disposed, at

times, to attribute the delay to some error in management. They will see from these figures how little cause they have to find fault. This year at least three of them will be placed upon the list. Had the management been other than it has been,—had the Committee considered only the question of their own ease, and left the investment as it stood originally in Government securities, which must have relieved them from even the possibility of blame,—it will be seen that the younger Clergy would have been no longer young when any surplus was available for them. Whatever errors of judgment may have been committed by the Committee, whatever doubts may have existed as to any of the securities purchased by them, they can point to the results, to the Church itself, as the best possible vindication of their management.

The position of the securities to-day is everything that could be desired. Some property upon which mortgages were held, has been sold, and in every case it has been sold at a price exceeding that at which it was valued when the assets were made up. At one time the arrears of interest amounted to the large sum of \$46,000, while on the first of July they had been reduced to the sum of \$12,000, and a considerable portion of that has already been realized, while there is little doubt that the whole will be received, and thus not a dollar be lost. The clergy have all been paid their stipends with the most perfect regularity, paid quarterly, whereas formerly they were paid only half-yearly. And there is not, to-day, an arrearage of a single dollar on all the claims upon the fund. What other denomination can show a similar state of things in relation to its trust funds?

And there have been difficulties connected with the management in this Diocese, which have not obtained in either of the others. Here, the clergy being tolerably far advanced in years, the amount per head of the commutation money has been less, while the number of claimants on the fund has been greater. The case of the late Bishop of Toronto is one in point. The amount of his commutation was £8,000, while the amount already drawn by him from the fund was £19,700, equal to at least £5,000 more than the original sum, with the interest upon it, amounted to. That is simply an instance of the difficulties which have stood in the way of the management of the fund; and the consideration of which renders it a perfect marvel that such a result has been attained as that which the figures I have given above indicate.

Much has been said about the report of the auditors. It may be satisfactory to say that I took the pains to verify the figures submitted by the Commutation Trust Committee with that report, and found them in every respect to correspond. Some persons have demanded the publication of that report, and I confess I was strongly of opinion that it should be published; but upon an examination of it, I am quite convinced that its publication would be a very improper proceeding. Improper, not because it contains one single item which in any way reflects upon the management, but because it contains particulars relating to the position of private individuals—and among them I do not include the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron—from whom securities have been taken, and who would have a just right to complain if the report were published. These particulars do not in any way affect the value of the securities; that is undoubted. But beyond them the report contains nothing of interest to the Church Society, or the public, which has not been embodied in the figures I have given above. In order that the opinion of the auditors themselves may be known, however, I publish the concluding sentences of the report, as embodying their views of the management. They say:—

“In conclusion, we would say that whilst noticing what we consider defects in the system of accounts, inasmuch as they have proved impediments to our furnishing results and details absolutely exhibited in the books of the Trust, we are careful to guard against being misunderstood. After a practical and very thorough examination of the entries and vouchers, we feel justified in stating for your satisfaction that there have not appeared to us any wilful mis-statements of transactions; they are all sustained by authority or voucher.

“The difficulties alluded to must also account in a measure for the time occupied in the work.”

Such a statement from the auditors, Messrs. Herbert Mortimer and Philip Browne, ought to be perfectly satisfactory to every member of the Church Society.

With such an exhibit, it will not be surprising that the large and influential meeting, unanimously expressed their utmost confidence in the Committee, and their thanks for its management of the fund. Some suggestion was made that the auditors' report, or a portion of it, should be published, and Mr. Cameron expressed his entire willingness that this should be done; but the sense of the meeting was so strongly against it, that no resolution was formally presented on the subject. The views of the meeting,—and we are sure they will be those of every member of the Church Society,—were embodied in the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:—

Moved by Rev. Dr. Lett, seconded by Rev. Mr. Darling: "That having heard from time to time the full and highly satisfactory statements made to the Society by the Commutation Trust Committee, certified, as they have been, by figures and documents, the Church Society desire to record their complete approbation of the manner in which the fund has been administered; and also to express their unqualified gratitude to the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, for his untiring, successful, and gratuitous management of the Commutation Trust Fund."—*Carried unanimously.*

Moved by Mr. T. White, jun., seconded by Rev. J. G. Geddes: "That this meeting having heard the statements submitted by the Commutation Trust Committee, hereby request the immediate publication of the same, as an authorized history of the Fund, together with the resolution of thanks to the Hon. Mr. Cameron, already adopted."—*Carried unanimously.*

The undersigned, being non-commuting clergy and laymen of the Church Society, have read the report of the Clergy Commutation Trust Fund, presented by the auditors, Messrs. Browne and Mortimer, and compared therewith the statement with regard to the capital and interest of the Fund, lately published in the *Hamilton Spectator*, as read and adopted at the late quarterly meeting of the Society. They have inquired into the investments and securities, and desire to state that their inquiry has been satisfactory; and they find that so far from the trust having been mismanaged, the capital of the trust remains intact, with ample security for its full amount. They, therefore, feel it their duty to congratulate the Diocese on the result of their investigations.

(Signed)

C. E. THOMSON,
JOHN CARRY,
C. E. CARTWRIGHT,
CHAS. W. PATERSON.

Toronto, 19th November, 1868.

MISSION BOARD.

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Mission Board was held on Tuesday, the 10th November, 1868, at 11 a.m., the Ven. Archdeacon Fuller in the chair.

Present—Rev. Dr. McMurray, Rev. J. G. Geddes, Rev. H. Holland, Rev. Dr. Greene, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. J. Davidson, Rev. A. J. Fidler, Rev. J. H. McCollum, Rev. S. Givins, Rev. F. L. Osler, Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, Rev. Dr. Beaven, Messrs H. Mortimer, A. Gaviller, C. Magrath, William Gamble, R. B. Denison, and John Carter.

After reading of prayers, the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The usual financial statement for the quarter ending 1st November, 1868, was read by the Secretary.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

Moved by Rev. A. J. Fidler, seconded by the Rev. J. H. McCollum, That with the exception of Muskoka and Minden (in which grants remain as they are), and

Maryborough and Peel, and Modonto and Oro (in which grants be \$300 per annum), all other present grants be reduced to, at the most, \$200 per annum, from the 1st April, 1869.—*Carried.*

A letter was read from Charles James Blomfield, Esq., Secretary of the Canadian Land and Emigration Company, respecting the Township of Dysart, and stating what assistance the Company proposed to give towards the stipend of a missionary — the Company being willing, in addition to an annual grant of money, to place at the disposal of the missionary, a house, rent free, until the settlers are able to build a parsonage.

It was moved by Rev. J. Davidson, seconded by Rev. F. L. Osler, That a grant of \$300 be made to the mission of Dysart so soon as the mission is adopted by the Newcastle District Branch, to go into effect upon the appointment of a missionary, in accordance with the terms of Mr. Blomfield's letter of the 30th October, 1868.—*Carried.*

The following letter from the Rev. A. Stewart, of Orillia, was read :

“ORILLIA, 3rd November, 1868.

8 “MY LORD,—I forward the following statement respecting the present condition of the Muskoka Territory, in reference to Church matters, which I request your Lordship to recommend to the favorable consideration of the Board of Missions

“The distance from the village of Orillia to the North Falls, where the present missionary resides, is thirty-six miles. A large number of settlers are now pressing in, from twenty to thirty miles to the north and north-west of this point, many of whom belong to the Church of England. On the Parry's Sound road, commencing seven miles directly north of the North Falls, and extending forty-six miles to the north-west, lots of land are fast being taken up under the Free Grant act; and, on the Draper road, running due east from the South Falls, the great bulk of the settlers are members of our communion. This is over and above those residing within reach of the church built at Gravenhurst, twenty-five miles north of Orillia, and also those on the Severn River and Sparrow Lake.

“With indifferent roads, almost impassable in spring and autumn, the utmost that one missionary can do is to hold divine service once in three or four weeks at the different stations. The settlers already resident in the Territory feel the want of the ordinances the more, that, before removing to Muskoka, most of them were within reach of regular services on Sunday, and that other denominations around them are tolerably provided in that respect. The natural consequence of such a state of things is that our Church is fast losing ground in a locality where, at a moderate outlay, she might secure a firm hold upon the great body of the settlers. If a missionary were placed fifteen or twenty miles north of Orillia, he would occupy a central position commanding an extensive district; and, with the missionary now residing at the North Falls, the field would, for the present, be pretty well occupied.

“I give this statement in the hope that the Mission Board will find funds at their disposal sufficient to allow of their sending forthwith an additional missionary to labor in the vast district to the north of Orillia. I shall be glad to furnish any information the Board of Missions may require in reference to this matter, and, as I was in the way of frequently visiting the Territory, before there was any missionary resident there, for the purpose of holding weekly services and baptizing, I am well acquainted with the circumstances of the different settlements.

“I remain, your Lordship's obedient servant,

“A. STEWART.

“RIGHT REVEREND LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.”

Moved by Rev. H. Holland, seconded by A. Gaviller Esq., That the letter of the Rev. Mr. Stewart, now read, be printed in the next number of the *Church Chronicle*.—*Carried.*

Moved by Dr. McMurray, seconded by Rev. J. H. McCollum, That in reply to the letter of the Rev. A. Stewart, of Orillia, this Board requests that gentleman

(in the absence of the Rural Dean) to visit the territory of Muskoka and ascertain what steps will be taken by the settlers to raise funds for the support of a second missionary in that territory—this Board undertaking to make a grant of \$400 per annum for three years, as soon as such missionary is appointed.—*Carried.*

The following letter was read :

“ SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS. }
 “ 5 Park Place, St. James's Street, London, 20th June, 1868. }

“ MY DEAR LORD,—The Society's grant towards the salary of a clergyman at Manitoulin (£50 per annum) expires, as you are aware, at the end of this year; and I am sorry to have to announce that it will not be in the power of the Society to renew it. At the monthly meeting yesterday, it was shown that the Society's present expenditure is largely in excess of its income; and our Treasurers expect to be compelled to borrow money to meet the expenditure before the end of the year. An immediate reduction, by declining to renew some grants which expire this year, is therefore a matter of sad necessity.

“ I am, my dear lord, yours very truly,

“ W. T. BULLOCK.

“ RIGHT REVEREND LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.”

Whereupon it was moved by Rev. S. Givins, seconded by Rev. Dr. Beaven, That as the Ven. S. P. G. has intimated its intention to withdraw the grant of £50 sterling towards the Indian Mission on Manitoulin Island, from and after the 1st January next, and this Board not being able to assume the same: It is hereby resolved that the Committee on Indian Missions be requested to use its best exertions to make good the deficiency from such sources as they can command.—*Carried*

Moved by Rev. John Davidson, seconded by A. Gaviller, Esq., That all missions receiving a supplemental grant from the Mission Board (excepting those established in new districts within the last five years) be obliged to collect by parochial contributions not less than \$50 annually, and to forward the same to the District Treasurer,—the Secretary being required to carry out this resolution on preparing the pay-list to be certified by the Bishop.—*Carried.*

The Rev. H. Holland having presented a Report from the Committee appointed at the last meeting, “ to examine into the regulations at present in force, by Law, Resolution, or Practice, for the working of the Mission Board, and to report a whole plan for its future working,”

It was moved by Dr. Beaven, seconded by Rev. F. L. Osler, That the Committee on the working of the Mission Board be thanked for their valuable Report, and that the same be printed in the *Church Chronicle*;* that they be requested to continue their labours, and that the Report be re-committed, with the view of being fully considered at the February meeting, with such additions as they may be led to make.—*Carried.*

The meeting then adjourned.

BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Book and Tract Committee was held on Monday, 9th November, 1868, at 4 p.m.

PRESENT—Rev. Dr. Beaven, Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Rev. A. Williams.

1. The Rev. A. Henderson wrote in explanation that St. Matthew's Church, Laurel, had no books belonging to the Church, and required a Bible and Prayer Book for the desk.

Granted a Bible and Prayer Book of the smaller size (8vo).

* The Report will be published in the next number of the *Chronicle.*

2. The Rev. J. G. MacCarthy applied for a Bible and Prayer Book for St. John's Church, Stewart-town, and a Book of Offices for St. Paul's Church, Norval—all of the largest size.

Granted a Bible and Prayer Book and Book of Offices of the smaller size (8vo).

3. The Rev. A. Williams applied for a grant of Tracts for distribution to the soldiers in Toronto Garrison. Granted \$5.

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 7th instant, at 4 p.m.

Toronto, 1st December, 1863.

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

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese having signified his approval of the change of time for holding the Annual Missionary Meetings in this Rural Deanery, and of the members composing the deputation, we set off by early morning train for Port Hope, on Monday, the 19th October, where we were joined by the Hon. George S. Boulton, whose zeal and liberality in the cause of the church are well known.

While waiting for the northern train, which was to convey us to Peterborough, we visited the new church, now in course of erection, and found it far advanced towards completion, the exterior work being nearly finished. It is a large and substantial building, with lofty tower and spire; and being situated on high ground, and in the very centre of the town, it will have a commanding appearance. A hope was expressed that it might be finished this winter, but the probability is that it will have to remain over until the spring, as the interior work could not be so well executed at this inclement season of the year; and the building committee are already straitened in their funds.

Being arrived in Peterborough, two members of the deputation were kindly and hospitably received by the Rector, the Reverend J. W. R. Beck, while another of our number, John M. Grover, Esq., went to the house of a friend. We much regretted that the Rev. W. Stennett, Rector of Cobourg, was prevented from accompanying us, in consequence of the pressure of parochial engagements.

In the course of the afternoon we left by stage, for *Lakefield*, our first appointment. Here we were most warmly and hospitably entertained by the Rev. V. Clementi, Incumbent of the Parish. We had a very fair meeting, and a good collection. The missionary work of the church was earnestly and ably advocated, and the intended spoliation of the church in Ireland having been alluded to, Mr. Gladstone received a merited rebuke for his treachery and double dealing.

After the meeting we returned to the residence of the Incumbent, where the evening was spent very agreeably, the intervals of conversation being filled up by vocal and instrumental music, for which we were indebted to the ladies. Nothing can exceed the kind attention shewn to their guests by Mr. and Mrs. Clementi; and a visit to them is a real and unmixed pleasure.

Lakefield is prettily situated, amidst diversified scenery of land and water; and the little lakes, islets and streams give the neighbourhood quite a romantic interest, and many pleasure seekers from a distance, visit, in the summer season, these back lakes for recreation and enjoyment.

The village rapidly grew up under the auspices of the late Colonel Strickland, and the population is chiefly composed of young Englishmen and their families, who emigrated with a view to farming, but who have since discovered that *gentleman-farming* in Canada is a delusion and a snare. A beautiful stone church was recently erected here, chiefly through the exertions of Mr. Clementi and friends in England. It is a *gem*, and might well serve as a model for village churches in the Diocese. Mr. Clementi being a gentleman of private means, as well as an accomplished artist, the master-hand is visible in all the details of this beautiful structure.

Next morning we bade adieu to our kind friends, and returned by stage to Peterborough. Many little incidents of an amusing character occurred on this journey from the crowded state of the vehicle, which appeared to have a sort of india-rubber capacity, taking in about twice the number of passengers which it was designed to contain. However, all was good humour, the driver being well pleased, and very courteous; and men, women, and children bore the pressure and squeezing without murmuring or complaining.

While waiting for our evening meeting in Peterborough, we had an opportunity of seeing the town, and marking its rapid prosperity. There must be a large amount of business done here, as many of the fine shops appear to indicate; and immense quantities of sawn timber are daily brought down here, and sent out by train, to be shipped for exportation. We noticed this morning, as we came down from Lakefield, several large mills on the Otonabee, particularly those of A. Campbell, Esq., with a large amount of pine lumber, ready for transportation. The principal business street in Peterborough would do credit to any city or town in Canada.

In the course of the afternoon, Mr. Grover was summoned home by telegram, which we all very much regretted, as he is a warm and most zealous churchman, and devotes much of his time, money, and influence, in advocating and promoting church work. It would be well if many influential laymen would in this respect imitate his example, and give to God's service more of their time and substance, and less to the service of the world.

The Rev. R. H. Harris, another member of the deputation, joined us here to-day, having come from the County of Simcoe, a distance of nearly 200 miles, to attend these meetings. The Rev. W. J. Smithett, the newly appointed missionary to Norwood and Hastings, also joined our party, having made great exertions to be present.

The meeting at Peterborough, I regret to say, was not very well attended, there being about 60 present, chiefly women and children. The men here, as in some other places, appear to feel little interest in the missionary work of the church. The meeting was addressed by the four clergymen present, and by Mr. Campbell, an influential member of the congregation.

Allusion was made by one of the speakers to the want of a *parsonage* for the Incumbent of the parish, and it was earnestly urged upon the members of the congregation, to set about this necessary and important work without delay. It is certainly a reproach to an old and wealthy parish like Peterborough, to be still destitute of a proper residence for its minister, more especially as there is a glebe on which to erect it.

Next morning we took leave of our worthy brother, the rector of the parish, and drove out to Otonabee, in company with the Rev. Mark Burnham, the Incumbent. It had snowed during the night, and the morning was raw and chill, with drizzling rain and snow, so that the drive was anything but pleasant.

There is a neat little brick church here, but the weather being so unfavourable very few persons were present. However, the meeting was held, and the few

members present appeared to realize their responsibility, and to be willing to assist in promoting the good work. The annual collections are always made in this mission, under the direction of the Incumbent, and these worthy people appear to second their pastor's efforts for their good.

Having to hold the next meeting at Westwood, at 3 p. m., we had to proceed with as little delay as possible, being kindly driven there by one of Mr. Burnham's parishioners, he, himself, having to return home. It had snowed considerably during our journey, and when we got to the church the fires were just being lighted, and we felt cold and fatigued. Several persons, however, assembled, after a little, and the meeting turned out better than we expected. The collection also was very good. This is one of the stations served by the Rev. W. J. Smithett; and although the members of the church, in this neighbourhood, are very few and scattered, yet they have already shewn their appreciation of their pastor's services, for the short time that he has been among them, by handing him over a handsome sum of money in advance.

The church, which is large and spacious, without any ecclesiastical style about it, is occupied in turn by all Protestant denominations.

After the meeting, we drove over to the residence of the Rev. Mr. Farrar, the former missionary. We were glad to find our Rev. brother, greatly improved in health, since his late severe attack; but although able to be up and about the house, he was suffering, as he informed us, from erysipelas and rheumatic gout.

Under this hospitable roof we had some seasonable refreshment, and then proceeded on our journey to *Norwood*, for the evening meeting. Mr. John Butterfield, one of the churchwardens, having kindly come over to drive us out. We got to the comfortable residence of P. M. Grover, Esq., about 6 o'clock p. m., and we soon found that we had come to the house of a friend, by the warm reception we met with from both Mr. and Mrs. Grover.

The meeting here was as well attended as could reasonably be expected from the unfavourable state of the weather, as walking through the wet and freshly fallen snow was very unpleasant. To-day we travelled about 30 miles, and held three missionary meetings, a hard day's work.

October 22.—This being *Thanksgiving-day*, we had Divine Service in the morning, at *Norwood*. The Rural Dean read the prayers, and Mr. Smithett preached, and baptized two children—very few persons present, in consequence of the state of the weather. After lunch at Mr. Grover's, we set off for *Hastings*, our next appointment. We arrived at the church for 3 o'clock service, wet and weary, from the falling snow, which now lay on the ground to the depth of 8 or 10 inches. Rev. Mr. Smithett again preached, and the Rural Dean took the rest of the service, as before.

The church at *Hastings* is a neat little building of wood, and furnished with an organ, and stained glass windows.

The meeting in the evening was better attended, and the people paid the most marked attention to the addresses, and seemed desirous of engaging heartily in the missionary work of the church. The Rev. W. J. Smithett, a gentleman of great energy and perseverance, and possessed of a high order of talent, combined with a ready and fluent utterance, and great command of language, appears already to have infused new life into the members of the church in this extensive mission; and the people have well responded to the call made upon them, in respect to the Missionary's salary; for through the exertions of the respective churchwardens, they have guaranteed the sum of \$720 per annum, three gentlemen having subscribed \$50 each, while the people of *Hastings* are about to erect a parsonage house for their minister—a worthy landowner in the village, though not a churchman, having most generously and liberally offered a site for that purpose, so that the prospects of this mission are at present very encouraging.

At an early hour this morning, a messenger arrived from *Seymour*, bringing an account of the lamented death of Mrs. Baker, wife of the Rev. J. S. Baker, Incumbent of the parish, and requesting the services of a clergyman at the funeral.

The Rev. R. H. Harris went over to officiate on the sad occasion, and the deepest sympathy was felt by us all for our reverend brother, under the heavy dispensation with which it had pleased Almighty God to visit him.

Under these painful circumstances, the meetings at Seymour and Percy had to be postponed for the present, thus bringing our first week's labours to a close.

The village of Hastings is well situated for business, enjoying the advantage of fine water-power on the River Trent, and appears to be in a prosperous and flourishing condition. There are both woollen and cotton mills in the village, and the spirited and enterprising proprietors, Messrs. Blacklock & Whitehead, appear to be excellent men of business, and give employment to a good many persons. These gentlemen kindly conducted us over their respective establishments, the woollen factory being in full operation, but the cotton mill is at present closed, owing to the unsettled state of the market with respect to the price of the raw material. The woollen goods, which we inspected, were of a superior quality, and find a ready sale in Montreal and the western towns of Canada.

The Messrs. Fowlds are large landed proprietors, engaged chiefly in the lumber trade, and give every encouragement to settlers in the village, as they own much of the freehold estate. The iron ore is brought down here in steamers and barges from Marmora, and thence to Harwood, from whence it is conveyed by railway to Cobourg, for transhipment to Rochester to be smelted.

With these advantages, Hastings can scarcely fail, in a few years, to become a large and important place of business.

Next morning we left the hospitable house of Mr. Whitehead, one of the churchwardens, the other being Dr. Bleasdel, son of the Rev. William Bleasdel, of Trenton, who is settled here in the exercise of his profession, with fair prospects of success. We shook hands with our kind friends, and took the stage for home, having had very unfavourable weather during the greater part of our journey, but had great occasion to thank God for the increasing interest which was almost everywhere shown in the missionary cause, the meetings being better attended, the organization more complete, and both clergy and people more resolved to engage zealously and heartily in promoting and carrying on the proper work of the church.

✓ TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL, PORT HOPE.

It may interest some of the friends of Trinity College School to learn that at the regular afternoon service on Sunday November 15th, a sermon was preached to the boys by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the first occasion of his Lordship's addressing the school since his succession to the See of Toronto. The service was held in the room of the school-buildings, which for the past six weeks has been used as a chapel, and which has accordingly been furnished in all respects as becomes a place set apart for Divine Worship. The prayers were monotoned by the Rev. the Head Master, the responses, chants, and hymns being led by the School Choir, sixteen in number, and heartily joined in by the congregation present. At the conclusion of Evening Prayer, the Bishop delivered a most admirable extempore address, directing his remarks more particularly to his younger hearers. His text was taken from Exodus XVI. 14, 15. "And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna, for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat." Premising that all Scripture, whether Old or New, was written for our learning, and that much instruction might be gained by a careful consideration of such a circumstance as that mentioned in the text, his Lordship went on to point out that the manna was a type of the Bread of Life, in that it came down miraculously from Heaven, it was to be gathered afresh every morning, and it was to be gathered before the heat of the day: so likewise it behoved all men to seek this spiritual sustenance anew every morning, before the fierce heat and strife of the world absorbed all their thoughts and anxieties. He

then proceeded to exhort the boys, to make use of this the morning of their life, for laying up such a store of spiritual and mental nourishment as would, by *God's grace*, enable them to fight at no disadvantage in the Battle of Life in this world, and finally to attain to the Life Eternal in the world to come. It was the fact that such an opportunity of acquiring knowledge and intellectual training combined with the purifying and sanctifying influences of religious discipline was offered by this School, that made himself and other well-wishers of the Church look with special interest upon the growth and welfare of Trinity Colloge School. It had been previously announced that the offertory would be devoted to the necessary adornment of the chapel. The call was cheerfully responded to, the morning's collection amounting to \$16.67: that in the afternoon to \$9.60.

BISHOPRIC OF MONTREAL.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.

According to call, the special meeting of the Diocesan Synod assembled on Tuesday, 10th November, for the election of a Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan. Divine service was held in the Cathedral in the forenoon, the sermon being preached by Dr. Balch, who took as his text—2 Timothy, ii., 16. The Bishops of Quebec, Toronto, Huron and Ontario, were present, as well as a large number of clergy and laity.

At 3 p.m. the Synod met for business in the Cathedral school-room. The Very Rev. the Dean took the chair. Seventy out of seventy-seven Clerical, and one hundred and twenty out of one hundred and sixty-two Lay Delegates were present.

The Dean then delivered the following address:

REV. BRETHREN AND BROTHERREN,—The occasion of this special meeting of the Synod of this Diocese is the selection of a successor to our late much beloved and deeply lamented Bishop and Metropolitan. That the duty, in the discharge of which we are now assembled, is one of the very greatest importance and solemnity, I need hardly tell you; but it is one also of very heavy responsibility; and as we shall have the benefit of the suggestion of the most fit person as the object of our choice by the whole House of our Right Rev. Fathers in God, this should be a great assistance, as well as an alleviation of our responsibility. But be this as it may, we should all fervently pray, after the example of those who elected one to fill the first vacancy that occurred in the ranks of the holy Apostles: "Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show us whether of these Thou hast chosen."

Next in importance to the duty which I have thus briefly endeavoured to impress upon you, is that of good order and decorum in the discharge of our high function. The constitution of our Synod and the canon for the election of a Bishop have only provided, in this respect, that the votes shall be taken by ballot, and arrangements for carrying out the provisions of the canon in such a way as to prevent confusion, and for the preservation of order. For this purpose I took for my guidance the admirable arrangements made at the last election of a Bishop at Toronto; and I sought the further assistance and valuable aid of our Cathedral Chapter. The result has been the adoption of the order of proceeding, a printed copy of which is now, I believe, in the hands of every one who is entitled to vote.

I shall not detain you any longer, but conclude with the words of my venerable friend, the late Bishop of Toronto, on a similar occasion, and ask you, after a fervent invocation of the Holy Spirit, to enter upon and discharge the duty before you in such manner as in your inward souls and consciences you think will most advance the extension of God's Kingdom and the growth of His grace amongst us.

The House of Bishops submitted several names to the Synod, from which to elect a Bishop to the vacant See, but none received the requisite number of votes. After continuing in Session for five days the Synod adjourned until the second Tuesday in May, 1869.

LAST HOURS OF THE LATE PRIMATE.

The *London Guardian* has the following concerning the death of the late Archbishop of Canterbury:—"The good old Archbishop of Canterbury was seized,

almost suddenly, with bronchitis on the 18th of September, while on his way back from the Tyrol. He reached Addington on the 16th, and was able, though with difficulty, to hold his ordination at the parish church on the following Sunday. Two or three times he rallied so much that hopes were entertained that his robust constitution would enable him to shake off the disease. On the evening of Thursday week the unfavorable symptoms increased, and from that time he was confined to his bed. His mental powers remained uninjured, and he was occupied unceasingly in reading devotional books, or in writing or giving instructions concerning his charge, which he had almost completed, though he had quite given up the idea of delivering it orally. He anticipated the end almost from the first, and, in a paper written three or four days ago, when speaking was becoming difficult to him, he said, "I commit my soul into the hands of my God and dear Saviour. I have had proofs enough of his love in the past, and I am well assured that whatever sufferings or trials are permitted to befall me are visitations of love. 'Though He slay me, yet will I trust in him.' As to the faith in which I wish to die, I cannot better express it than in Richard Hooker's dying words, as indicated in the underlined passage I have written out. 'A poor and guilty sinner I know myself to be, but I believe that those who kneel at the foot of the Cross with this sincere confession will never be cast out, if they look to the cleansing blood of Christ for their sole ground of pardon and acceptance.' The following is an extract from Hooker: 'Though I have by His grace loved Him in my youth and feared Him in my age, and laboured to have a conscience void of offence to Him and to all men; yet if Thou, O Lord, be extreme to mark what I have done amiss, who can abide it? And therefore, where I have failed, Lord, show mercy to me; for I plead, not my righteousness but the forgiveness of my own unrighteousness, for His merits who died to purchase pardon for penitent sinners. And since I owe Thee a death, O Lord, let it not be terrible, and then take thine own time. Let not mine, O Lord, but thy will be done.'" On Sunday his Grace appeared decidedly better, but on Monday afternoon the disease changed for the worse, and from that time he sank rapidly. He received the Holy Communion about mid-day on Tuesday, making all the responses with a cheerful and happy face. His last intelligible words were these of the "Gloria in Excelsis." But his looks and gestures proved how eagerly he joined in the prayers and ejaculations which were read with him during the day, and never was there seen a more beautiful peace than that of his last hour. About six o'clock he became unconscious. The members of his family, with his medical attendant, Dr. Carpenter, and Mr. Benham, the Vicar of Addington, were with him to the last; and he died, in the middle of the words of commendation, so quietly that the last moment was not perceptible.

COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE 1ST TO THE
30TH NOVEMBER, 1868, INCLUSIVE.

MISSION FUND.			
<i>Thanksgiving Collection.</i>		Port Credit.....	3 85
		Georgetown	1 65
		Cartwright and Enniskillen.....	8 25
Penetauguishene	\$3 20	Cookstown	1 40
Streetsville.....	4 37	Niagara	9 90
Thorold	4 32	Tecumseh, St. John's	} 13 70
Port Robinson	4 68	" Trinity	
St. Catharines	8 81	Vespra	3 50
Colborne—additional	4 50	Oro	1 95
Mount Forest	6 00	Craighurst	1 40
North Arthur.....	3 35	Elora	5 47
Arthur	1 00	Wellington Square	3 00
Toronto, St. Paul's	14 00	Orillia, St. James's	11 75
" St. Ann's.....	4 47	Grimsby	6 50
" St. John's	6 36	Whitby, All Saints'	11 00
Weston	12 25	Lloydtown	3 23
Credit, St. Peter's	18 90	Georgina.....	3 00
" Sydenham.....	4 75	Keswick	*0 50

COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS—Continued.

York Mills	2 16	Port Robinson	3 58
Millbrook	2 90	St. Catharines	25 14
Cavan, St. John's	3 50	Grantham	0 50
“ Marsh School-house	1 30	Mount Forest	1 84
Brampton	2 39	North Arthur.....	1 00
Lindsay	2 00	Arthur	1 00
Oakville	11 34	Georgetown	2 25
Palermo	0 95	Mulmur	2 25
Oshawa	5 50	Toronto, St. Anne's	4 00
Columbus	2 10	Toronto, Old St. Paul's	3 83
Gore's Landing	0 50	Cookstown	2 67
Alawick	0 40	West Essa	1 45
Bradford, Trinity Church	2 50	Schoolhouses	0 88
“ St. Paul's	1 50	Welland	9 00
<i>July Collection.</i>			
Toronto, St. Anne's	3 00	Elora	2 35
Saltfleet	1 60	Orillia, St. James's	3 25
Binbrook	0 90	Lloydton	2 21
<i>Collected at Missionary Meetings.</i>			
St. Catharines	0 45	Pickering	1 83
Marshville	4 80	Guelph	27 75
Fort Erie	9 53	Georgina, St. James's	3 30
On account of rent from Crowland Glebes.....	130 00	“ St. George's	2 60
INDIAN MISSION FUND.			
Thorold, St. John's Sunday-School	3 00	“ Park's Schoolhouse.....	0 80
Vaughan, St. Stephen's Sunday- School, Missionary Box	0 68	Caistorville	1 50
St. Catharines, St. George's Sun- day-School	5 36	Binbrook	1 00
Holland Landing, from Miss Edith Barwick's Missionary Box	2 75	Keswick	2 70
Fort Erie, Sunday-School collec- tion for October quarter	3 65	Brampton	2 70
York, Sunday-School collection for Quarter ending December, 1868	4 65	Port Hope	20 00
WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.			
Stony Creek	1 00	Alma	1 25
Penetanguishene	3 00	Rothsay	1 75
Streetsville.....	5 70	Glenallan	0 75
Thorold	8 82	Huston	0 62
BOOK AND TRACT FUND.			
		Credit, St. Peter's.....	8 12
		“ Sydenham.....	1 60
		Port Credit.....	2 70
GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.			
		Rev. J. Carry, subscription	2 50
		GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.	
		Rev. S. Briggs, annual subscrip- tion	5 00
		Chas. Donaldson, subscription for year ending 30th April, 1867 ...	5 00
		Rev. John Langtry, annual subscrip- tion.....	5 00
		W. P. Atkinson, annual subscrip- tion	5 00

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Toronto, December 1st, 1868.