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DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal has given notice that he will hold Confirmations at the following places, during the month of May:

- May 6th, Sunday, at Coteau du Lac.
- " 13th, Sunday, at Chambly.
- " 14th, Monday, at Rougemont.
- " 15th, Tuesday, at Abbotsford.
- " 17th, Thursday, at Farnham.
- " 20th, Sunday, at Grimshy.
- " 22nd, Tuesday, at Waterloo.
- " 23rd, Wednesday, at Frost Village.
- " 24th, Thursday, at Stukeley.

On Trinity Sunday, June 3rd, His Lordship will hold an Ordination in the Cathedral Church; and during the month of June, he proposes to hold Confirmations (of which due notice will be given) in the Richelieu and Missisquoi districts, commencing at Henryville and ending at Bromo, appointing the services so as to enable him to be at Lennoxville on Wednesday, the 27th of June, in order to be present at the first meeting of the Convocation of Bishop's College.

CONSECRATION OF ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, ORNSTOWN.

[From the Montreal Gazette of Monday, March 19.]

On Tuesday afternoon, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Montreal left this city for Beauharnois, to consecrate the new church and burying ground at Ormstown, in that county. His lordship was the guest of James Keith, Esq., at the Seigniorly House, on Tuesday night, and, accompanied by that gentleman, travelled through the fearful snow storm of Wednesday to Orms town. He arrived safe, and but a few minutes behind the appointed time, repairing immediately to the church, and desiring the attendance of the clergy. Several of these had arrived the night before, and were most hospitably received by the Incumbent, the Rev. W. Brethour, and some of the parishioners. When the clergy had robed in the vestry, the ceremony commenced; the Incumbent, with the churchwardens, meeting his lordship at the door of the church, and presenting him with a petition, praying for the consecration of the church and burial ground. His lordship having signified his assent, and the prayed God to bless the work, proceeded with clergy in procession up the aisle, to the chancel, repeating alternately the 24th Psalm. The following, habited in surplices and hoods, formed the procession:—The Bishop; the Incumbent; the Venerable Archdeacon Lower; the Reverends A. D. Lockhart, C. Rollit, G. DeCourcy O'Grady, T. Fulton, C. Morrice, E. Du Vernet, E. G. Sutton, and F. S. Neeve. Having arrived at the chancel, they took their assigned places, and the deed of consecration was read by the Archdeacon, and signed by the bishop. Divine service then commenced. The Rev. F. Neeve said prayers; the lessons were read by the Revs. C. Morrice and G. O'Grady; the Litany by the Rev. N. Du Vernet; the Ante-Communion service by the Bishop; the Epistle by the Rev. C. Rollit; and

the Gospel by the Rev. T. Fulton. The other clergy also took part in the service. An eloquent and very suitable discourse was preached by the Archdeacon, from Revelations, chap. xxi., verse 22. At the offertory, a very liberal collection was taken up, which would have been much larger, but for the very unfavorable weather, though, notwithstanding, there was a large and highly respectable congregation present. The Incumbent having given notice of the administration of the Holy Communion for Sunday next, the lord Bishop very appropriately took occasion to present to the church a beautiful and costly silver Communion Service—the gift of a pious gentleman in England, who placed it at his lordship's disposal. After the Benediction, the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the burial ground, which was also duly consecrated, and set apart from all vile and unhallowed uses, to its own allotted purpose. Having returned to the church, Mrs. Scott, accompanied by John McDonald, Esq., of Chateauguay, came forward to present the Incumbent, in the name of the ladies of the mission, with a handsome silk gown.

This closed the very gratifying and solemn proceedings of the day. With regard to the church itself, we may safely say it is one of the finest ecclesiastical structures in any country mission in the Province. Its estimated cost is £1,112. To defray this, the residents in the mission subscribed over £480; the Incumbent collected throughout the Province, and in New York and Boston, £358; the church societies at home, through the lord Bishop, contributed £75, and the Church Society in Montreal £50. The balance still due has been assumed by the churchwardens and building committee, who will endeavor, during the summer, to collect a sum sufficient to pay off the whole. The edifice itself is built of cut stone, in the early English style. It is lighted with lancet windows. The chancel is lighted by a handsome stained glass window, designed by Mr. Spence, of this city, and which many of our readers must have seen at the local exhibition. It is divided into three compartments, the principal representing our Saviour blessing the Bread and Chalice. It is, we believe, the first window of the kind that has been introduced into any Anglican Church in this diocese. The pews are open and convenient, and the whole of the interior harmonizes well with the chaste yet imposing character of the exterior workmanship. It is a church of which the residents of the mission have great reason to be proud; and but for the energy and zeal of the Incumbent, it could never have been erected. We almost omitted to mention that in the musical part of the service the singers were assisted by the choir from St. John's Church, Huntingdon.

Church Society's Office, Montreal,
7th March, 1853.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day, the Lord Bishop in the Chair.

The following report of the Lay Committee was presented by the Hon. Justice McCord, and

ordered to be considered at the monthly meeting in April next.

"The mission at Hemmingford having complied with the requirements of this committee suggested in their report to the Central Board in November last, by placing before them sufficient assurance of means to complete the parsonage now in the course of erection, respectfully recommend the Central Board to pay over to the Rev. G. D. C. O'Grady the sum voted on the 3th Jan'y, 1853, namely, £25, and a further contribution of £10 towards the balance of £22 15s 4d, remaining to be made up.

An application from the mission at Laprairie was submitted, showing an unpaid debt due on the church property at that place of £75, and praying an aid from the Central Board of £25 towards the payment of the same. The committee recommend the Board to grant their request so soon as the inhabitants shall have raised the sum of £50 required to free the property from debt.

A letter was received from the rev. missionary at St. Hyacinthe praying aid towards the erection of a building to serve at present both as a schoolhouse and house of prayer, until the inhabitants shall be able to build a suitable church. The lay committee recommend a grant of £12 10s.

J. McCord, Chairman L. C.
Edward J. Rogers, Secretary.

Church Society's Office,
April 4th, 1855.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, was held this day, the Lord Bishop in the Chair. It was

Resolved, that the consideration of the application for a grant to Sutton and of the Report of the Lay Committee which was presented at the last meeting of the Board, be postponed to a future day. An abstract from the Treasurer's account was laid on the table, from which it appears that the following sums had been received:

His Excellency the Governor Gen'l, Life Sub	£12 10 0
Collection at Annual Meeting	20 10 7
" " Vaudruil	2 10 0
Subscriptions at New Glasgow	2 10 0
collections at Phillipsburg	1 13 10
" " St. Martin	1 5 0
" " St. Theres	0 6 9
" " Charlevill	1 15 0
" " Lorr	5 0 0
" " St. John's	9 0 11
" " West Farnham	1 9 3
" " Aylmer	2 0 0
" " Chambly	3 11 3
" " Charvond	3 1 3
" " Dunham	2 3 7
" " Belford	1 10 0
" " Huntingdon	0 10 11
Rev. F. S. Neeve's Sub.	1 17 0
Mrs. Sayer	1 5 0
Rev. Principal Nicholl's sub	1 5 0
Mrs. Read's sub.	5 0 0
Rev. J. P. White's sub.	1 17 0
Rev. J. Bral hwaite	1 17 0
Miss Blackwood, 1851-5	2 10 0
Rev. Canon Townsend	1 17 0
Capt. P. Dumford	1 6 0
Dr. McDonnell	1 6 0
Mrs. McDonnell	1 5 0
P. Holland	2 10 0
Mrs. Holland	1 5 0
Mrs. Holland	1 5 0

Mrs. Day,	0	2	6
Rev. J. Flanagan,	1	17	6
H. Leppitt,	0	7	0
Mrs. Leppitt,	0	7	6
A friend per Archbishop Lower,	5	0	0
James Geddes,	1	5	0
H. Ellwell,	0	5	0
J. H. Thompson,	1	5	0
H. Leslie,	0	5	0
G. Scott,	1	5	0
F. McCulloch,	1	5	0
Geo. Hamilton,	1	5	0
C. R. B. Swell,	1	5	0
A. Hayes,	1	5	0
H. Wood,	1	5	0
Col. Bell, R. A.,	2	10	0
P. Harris,	0	10	0
R. Sklamer,	0	10	0
R. Reed,	0	10	0
J. Brown,	0	10	6
F. Poole,	0	10	0
Arthur Ross,	1	5	0
Mrs. Porter,	0	5	0
Mrs. Hicks,	0	1	3

EDWARD J. ROGERS,
Secretary.

DIocese of Toronto.
CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Society met on the 14th of February. Present—The Lord Bishop, the Revs. D. E. Blake, R. Mitchele, S. Lett, H. Mortimer, R. Denison and H. Rowsell, Esqs.

The Rev. Dr. Lett acted as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary. After the usual prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read. The balance sheet and particulars of the various accounts were read and laid on the table.

The following donations were received during the past month:—Sir J. B. Robinson, £12 10s.; L. R. Marsh, Esq., £10, to be divided between the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the Mission Fund; a dividend of 3½ per cent. on Bank U. C. stock, 129 shares, total £56 8s. 4d., had been received and placed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund; also, a bonus on same, amounting to £189 15s.; interest on Grand Trunk debentures, for same account, £18 9s. 10d.; and dividend on Commercial Bank stock, £3 10s.

Invested on the Widows and Orphans' account during the past month, in purchase of seventeen shares, say £212 10s., Bank of Upper Canada stock, at par, and in purchase of two shares, say £50, Commercial Bank stock.

The Society approved of the following investment on account of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, on the recommendation of the Finance and Standing Committees:—two Middlesex county debentures, one for £250, the other for £500, having nineteen years to run, at the rate of £77 10s. per £100, or £681 6s. for the £750—the legality of the by-law under which said debentures were issued having been ascertained.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Society agreed to pay £12 10s. per annum to the Rev. R. Flood, for the payment of an interpreter for the Muncey Mission, the engagement to date from the 1st July, 1854.

On the application of the Rev. J. Carroll, a grant of books and tracts to the amount of £2 10s. was ordered, for distribution in his mission.

On application of the Rev. W. Stennett, a grant of books and tracts for the Sunday school and mission of Ca.leton.

The Committee appointed to report on the Rev. A. Townley's Letters on Education presented their report, which was ordered to be laid on the table; as also a letter from Captain Rubidge: those documents having been received subsequent to the meeting of the Standing Committee, and therefore not considered by that body.

Prayers were read by the Bishop and the meeting adjourned.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

The April Monthly Meeting of this Society was held at the Society's rooms, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Present, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, in the Chair; the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, the Reverend Rural Dean Oster, Rural Dean Blake, J. G. Geddes, Provost Whitaker; Messrs. H. Mortimer, H. Rowsell, and the Secretary. The usual prayers were read by the Bishop.

The minutes of the February meeting were then read, as there was no quorum in March, the only members present being the Bishop, Hon P. B. DeBlaquiere, and R. Denison, Esq. The balance sheet was read and laid on the table, as also a statement of the receipts and expenditure on account of the several funds, during the months of February and March.

Receipts on account of General	
Purposes Fund, February, -	£128 9 2
Do. do. March, -	189 12 8
	£318 1 10

Sundries expended during	
February, - -	£22 1 6
Do. in March -	11 5 6
	33 0 7

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.	
Receipts in February - - - -	£29 13 9
Do. do. March, - - - -	28 5 6
	£57 19 3

Expended in February		£15 0 0
MISSION FUND.		
Receipts in February, -	£8 0 0	
Do. do. March, -	2 1 2	
	10 1 2	

Expended in February, £1 5 0	
STUDENTS' FUND.	
Paid for Taxes on Lot in Duanville, £4 0 7	
BANK OF UPPER CANADA.	
Deposits in February, - - - -	£221 17 9
Do. do. March, - - - -	185 0 5
	£406 18 2

Paid out in February, £189 12 5	
Do. March, -	49 14 4
	£239 5 9
Cash in Bank, - -	388 0 0

The following letter was read from Mr. Chance, Catechist at Garden River.

Garden River,
Dec 29th, 1855.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I embrace the earliest opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of the cheque which you kindly forwarded, to the amount of £21 17s. 6d., and to express my deep obligation to the Society for their kindness in granting my request. I had previously felt that I was alone and uncared for, and as though no one took any interest in this Mission; but such feelings were entirely suppressed by that substantial proof to the contrary, for which I return my sincere and heartfelt gratitude. Although the pecuniary aid from the Society came too late in the season to enable me to make the necessary repairs for our domestic comfort and convenience, yet I was exceedingly thankful for it, inasmuch as it afforded me the desirable assurance that they had an increasing interest in the prosperity of this too long neglected mission.

It was not altogether impossible to do the intended repairs; but the winter had already set in, and rendered it very difficult. I did all I could to make these places habitable without

new roofs; and with the prospect of new buildings in the spring, we resolved to endure all the inconvenience inseparable from such incommo- dious places at best, as these we now occupy for the winter.

With the permission of the Society, we will devote the money which they gave to us (to promote our own comfort) for the purpose of assisting in building a house and Church, which will tend to the benefit of all the Indians; whereas the other use of it would only have tended to the benefit of ourselves for a short time, and then permanently to that of a few others, who, in all probability, would have expected the same amount of rent for their houses from the Society as though no improvements had been made. I am happy to inform the Society that the Indians have, at length, begun to do something themselves towards providing for me.

I called a meeting of the Indians some time ago and tried to convince them of their duty to do all they possibly could towards building a suitable place for the worship of God, and a house for me. I so far succeeded that they promised if I would give them something to eat every day they went to work, they would go into the wood and prepare logs, bring them out, and raise them. I agreed; but they, Indian-like, were more ready to promise than to perform, and allowed several weeks to pass without making any effort.

I thought it would be well to bring the subject before them again in a more solemn manner. So, last Sunday week, in the afternoon, I addressed them from the prophet Haggai, 1st ch. 7th and 8th verses. When the service was over and the Indians began to move, one of the old chief's sons (the old chief himself being confined to his bed) requested them to remain a short time, as he had something to say to them. He then addressed them for a considerable time in a most eloquent manner; telling them what they had promised to do for a missionary if one should permanently settle amongst them, and reminding them of what they had heard from me as to their duty. He concluded with a most earnest exhortation to begin the good work at once. The next morning as many as we could conveniently entertain came to breakfast, and after doing ample justice to the food which Mrs. Chance had prepared, they took their axes and departed for the wood. Last week they got out logs for one house.

I do not suppose that they will have much gold or silver to give, but I feel persuaded that they will do what they can, and this to me affords encouragement. The Indians lately have manifested much earnestness about the concerns of their souls; our school-room has been crowded to excess. I had the satisfaction of seeing at our service last Sunday for the first time, one of the most bigoted Papists at Garden River, who has for a long time been the object of special prayer. I thank God for this proof of His unspeakable goodness in hearing and answering prayer, and I take courage. May He further answer prayer, and open her heart, and the hearts of all in a similar condition, even as He did the heart of Lydia; so that they may earnestly attend to the things which concern their everlasting peace.

I must mention, however, that I have had much to discourage me as well as much to encourage. Some of the Papists, prompted doubtless by their deluded Priest, have obstinately refused to listen to the reading of God's Holy Word, and have told me that they did not want to see me. The inmates of one wigwam in particular gave me the warmest assurance possible that they would rather have had the little space

I occupied than my company, in the shape of a tremendous fire. I knew it was made for my special benefit, and, therefore, I enjoyed or endured it as best I could, till they were obliged to throw water on to save their wigwam.

Such entertainments tend very much to discourage one's visits, but I shall not discontinue; I shall visit them again and again, in the name of the Lord, and, in the mean time, I shall use those means, of which they are perfectly ignorant, to overcome their opposition and to open their hearts to receive the truth as it is in Jesus.

The principal man amongst the Indian Papists, on this side St. Mary's River, is the eldest son of the old chief, who, like all the rest, has no better reason to give for being a Papist than because he was baptized by the priest. It was only yesterday that I could find out how it was that the old chief's eldest son happened to be a Papist, whilst he and his other sons are Protestants. One day, when they lived at the Sault, this son, Tegoosh, then a boy, did something to offend his father, and he gave him a sound beating. To escape any further punishment for that time, he took his canoe, and paddled across the River. Whilst he was on the other side he was recognized by a Popish Priest, and knowing him to be the eldest son of the distinguished chief, and supposing, perhaps, that he would succeed his father in the chieftainship, he thought he would not lose so favourable an opportunity to extend his influence over the wild sons of the forest, by persuading one whom he probably supposed would be their future chief to take his religion and be baptized. The lad had only been from home two or three days before he returned with an impression on his mind, made by the priest, and which the latter intended should never be obliterated, but to be deepened as he increased in years,—that he must remain a Papist so long as he lived, notwithstanding all the remonstrances of his father. He remains a Papist, and to him originated all the havoc that the Jesuits have made amongst the Indians in this locality.

We are in great want of suitable school books, having none at all in the Ojibwa language between the alphabet and the New Testament. I have commenced, with some assistance, to prepare one of such books we want. Will the Society be at the expense of publishing it?

An answer to this and other inquiries, at your convenience, would much oblige

Yours faithfully, JAMES CHANCE.

The standing committee recommend that, if the book be approved of by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, the society do pay for its publication. Carried.

An application from Rev. B. Harding, Incumbent of Emily, for a loan towards the completion of a stone parsonage, was read. The society regret that they have no funds to loan, the only funds for investment being entrusted to it for the relief of the widows and orphans of the clergy, which can be much more advantageously invested in the purchase of municipal or other debentures. Loans to parishes have proved anything but satisfactory investments.

On application of the Rev. E. Morris, of Merrickville, the society voted a grant of books and tracts to the amount of £2 10s.

A note was read from the Rev. J. Butler, inquiring whether, as a member of the society in the diocese of Montreal, and being licensed by the Bishop to do duty in this diocese, and having been elected a member of the Diocesan Society, his widows and orphans, should he leave any, may not claim the same privileges as the clergy of the diocese. Secretary was directed to send to Rev. J. Butler a copy of by-law W. O. F. Art. V., and state that the society consider it would be unjust to the clergy of the diocese to make any exception to the rule.

A note from the Rev. Rural Dean Patton was read, requesting that with the money to the credit of the Cornwall Parochial Schools a share in the new stock of the U. C. Bank be purchased. Standing Committee in February recommended that the request should be complied with; the secretary consequently purchased a share for £12; the society approved of the transaction.

The Rev. John Langtrej applied by letter for a grant of books and tracts for the Nottawasaga Mission. Society voted grant to the amount of £2 10s.

The Rev. R. Mitehelo, of York Mills, applied for a grant of books for St. John's Church Sunday-school library. Books to the amount of £2 10s. were granted.

A letter from the Rev. J. Mockridge was read on the subject of the society's loan to the Warwick parsonage; a statement of receipts and expenditure on account of the said parsonage, which had been some time since submitted to the rural dean, accompanied the letter, shewing that £108, independent of a large amount expended by the late rector on the glebe and in travelling, was due by the parsonage, including the loan of £100 from the society. This statement, by the recommendation of the Standing Committee, had been forwarded to the present incumbent by the secretary. The society unanimously agreed, that inasmuch as only £1 appeared to have been collected within the parish towards the erection of this commodious parsonage, the parish ought to assume the debt and relieve Mr. Mockridge and his co-bondsmen.

Applications were made from the Rev. F. Tremayne, and the Rev. J. Cary, for loans; the one to aid in the purchase of a glebe for the parish of Hornby, and the other to aid in paying instalments due on a property purchased by him. The Society regretted that they have no funds to loan, and directed the Secretary to return the same answer as resolved upon in the case of the Emily parsonage.

The same answer to be given to the incumbent of Scarborough's application for a loan to enable him to purchase a parsonage and glebe for his mission.

A letter from the Rector of St. John's Church, Peterboro', together with a memorial from his parishioners and a copy of a resolution passed by the Vestry of the said Church, to assume the balance of the liability of Capt. Rubridge, on account of the debt incurred in the erection of the Church, was read. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Rev. N. Burnham, and say that the only reason why the conditions were introduced into the resolution passed in — was for the purpose of securing Captain Rubridge from further liability; and as the Vestry were now willing to assume the balance of the debt due on the Church, the Society was willing to enter into any arrangement its solicitor should approve of, for the sale of lots, being lot No. 7 on the north side of Murray street, and lot No. 7 on the south side of Mc Donnell street, west of George street, Peterboro', the proceeds to be applied towards the liquidation of the debt to the heirs of — Sanderson.

A letter from Jas. Rosamond, Esq., of Carleton, was read, stating that the Churchwardens acceded to the arrangement with regard to Lot 2, 9th Concession of Ramsay. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Crown Land Office, and request that a Patent might be issued in favor of the Incumbent and Churchwardens of St. James Church, Carleton Place, and their successors in trust, for the use and benefit of the Clergyman holding the license of the Bishop of the Diocese to the Mission of Carleton Place, for all time to come.

An application was read from the Rev. F. J.

Lundy, Rector of Grimsby, for assistance in carrying on St. Andrew's Parochial School. The society regrets that they have no funds at their disposal at present for aiding such a praiseworthy object; that it has more than once been obliged to decline grants of the same nature; that the Secretary therefore do inform Dr. Lundy that, when the General Purposes Fund will admit of it, a small grant may be voted for his school, seeing that it has been so long established, that the Society dare not promise any annual sum, as the precedent might be quoted by other parishes hereafter establishing parochial schools, and the want of funds to aid all applicants would tend to damage the Society in those localities where assistance was necessarily refused.

On the recommendation of the Land Committee the Secretary was directed to write to the Rev. J. G. R. Salter, and state that the Society will grant a lease to McKinnon of the west half of lot 27, 7th concession Moore, on the following terms for ten years, first five at £2 10s per annum, and the last 5 at £5 per annum, with the usual covenants.

On application of the Rev. H. B. Jessopp, Rector of Port Burwell, for assistance towards defraying the expenses incurred in repairing the parsonage in his mission. The Secretary was directed to reply that although the Society usually declines granting anything for buildings constructed of wooden materials, yet taking into consideration the munificence of the late Col. Burwell, a grant of £12 10s. will be made so soon as the General Purposes Fund can afford it.

On application of the Rev. Geo. Hallen of Penetanguishene for assistance towards the erection of a log church at Victoria Hill. The Society taking all the circumstances into consideration, voted the sum of £7 10s. to be paid so soon as the Rev. G. Hallen certifies that the building is enclosed.

On the application of the Rev. Rural Dean Osler, a grant of quarto service books was voted to the Church at Cremore Mills.

A letter was read from the Rev. J. Padfield, on the subject of the lots in Ameliasburg. Resolved, that the secretary do go down as soon as he can find time, and arrange the matter effecting the sale of one lot in order to pay the instalments due on the other.

A petition was presented from the Rev. J. Langtrej and others, for aid in the erection of a church at Collingwood. Resolved, that so soon as the church is enclosed a grant of £12 10s. be paid.

The Secretary gave notice that at the meeting in June the Rev. W. Bettridge would move the following resolutions:

"That, as a necessary consequence of the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, the church in this diocese must depend solely upon the voluntary contributions of her members for the extension of her ministrations to her numerous destitute settlers; and that, as the custom hitherto prevalent in the diocese of retaining three-fourths of the subscriptions and donations for Parochial uses must greatly impede the missionary labours of the society, the several district and parochial branches be requested to send the whole amount of their collections without any deduction whatever, to the Parent Society."

"That, in no case, shall any sums not actually received by the Treasurer of the Parent Society be admitted into the annual reports of the same."

The Hon. P. B. De Blaquiere gave notice that when Rev. W. Bettridge's resolution is brought forward he will move to append to said resolution the following:

"That the proceeds of the subscriptions of the several local branches of the Church Society, which it is proposed shall hereafter be transmit-

ted to the Parent Society without deduction, be apportioned in the following manner, in so far as regards three fourths of said subscriptions, viz.:

In the first place to make good any deficiency which may arise from any cause in the payment of the annual stipends of the several Incumbents of the Diocese; and when this is provided for, the surplus to be divided annually into four equal proportions, to be applied to the following purposes under the direction of the Church Society at the general annual meeting of the said Society:

The extending of Missions in the Diocese.
The building of Churches and Parsonage houses.

The encouragement and support of Theological students.

The granting additional support to the Ministry when needed.

Moved by the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, seconded by Rev. F. L. Osler—

"That the Secretary be requested to communicate to the several Clergymen of this Diocese a copy of the notice of motion this day given from the Rev. W. Bettridge; as also that of the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, intended as an addition thereto; with the view of the same being submitted to the consideration of the several Parochial Branches of the Diocese, and to be taken into deliberation at the annual meeting of the Church Society in June 1855."—Carried.

The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, seconded by Rev. F. L. Osler, moved—

"The Church Society desires to record its grateful acknowledgements for the munificent donation to its funds, under the will of the late Dr. Burnside, amounting to £1750, as communicated to the Society by letter of D. Crawford, Esq., one of the executors of said will."

Carried unanimously.

The Secretary gave notice that at the next monthly meeting he will move that N. Vidal, Esq., of Port Sarnia, the Rev. St. Geo. Caulfield, of St. Thomas, and all the clergymen not already on the list, be elected incorporate members of the society.

The usual prayers were read, and the meeting adjourned.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,
Secretary.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE, TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES FUND, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN JANUARY, 1855.

Previously announced	£193	9	5
St. Philip's Church, Milford	0	12	6
St. John's do. do.	0	7	6
per Churchwarden	1	0	0
St. James's Church, Carleton Place.....	1	0	0
St. George's, Ramsay ...	0	11	3
St. John's, Lanark.....	0	6	3
per Rev. J. Lauder ...		1	17
Trinity Ch., Streetsville	0	16	8
Churchville	0	11	1
per Rev. R. T. Macgeorge	1	6	9
Christ's Church, Delaware	£1	17	0
Caradoc Academy,	1	0	0
per Rev. R. Flood	2	17	0
Holy Ch. (Trinity), Toronto per Churchwarden	4	10	0
St. Paul's Church, Fort Erie	1	5	0
St. John's, Lanarkstone Ridge	0	6	11
per Churchwarden	1	11	11

Penetanguisheno	1	0	0
per Churchwarden			
Christ's Church, Berwick	3	16	6
St. Mary's Tullamore....	0	12	6
St. John's, Gore of Toronto.....	0	17	6
Grahamsville	1	5	0
Per Rev. S. J. G. Armstrong.....	6	11	6
St. John's, Mono	0	5	10
St. Mark's	0	9	3
St. Luke's	0	5	7
per Rev. J. Fletcher	1	0	8
Clearville Schoolhouse, additional, per Rev. C. C. Johnson.....	1	5	9
Richmond, per Rev. J. Flood	1	6	0
Christ Church, Emily ...	0	16	10
St. John's, "	0	2	7
St. James, "	0	2	6
per Churchwarden ...	1	1	11
St. James', Perth	1	10	0
St. Paul's, Lanark	0	5	6
per Rev. Alexr. Pyne, St. George's Ch., Clarke, Newton	1	7	6
Orono	0	9	6
per Rev. H. Brent.....	2	5	0
St. John's Church, Bowmanville	1	15	0
Emmiskillen	0	15	0
per Rev. Dr MacNab	2	10	0
Christ Ch., Hamilton, per Churchwarden	8	15	0
Woodstock, per Churchwarden ..	9	14	6

141 collections, amounting to ...£243 17 5

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS FUND, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN APRIL 1855.

St. Peter's, Barton.....	1	11	3
St. Paul's, Glandford.....	0	16	3
Per Rev. G. A. Ball	2	7	6
Brock, per Rev. R. Garrett	0	15	0
Weston, per Rev. T. S. Kennedy ...	0	19	0
Penetanguisheno, per Churchwarden	1	2	9

5 collections, amounting to.....£4 6 6

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.			
Moore, per Rev. G. Salter.....	2	15	0
St. George's, Kingston, per Rev. Wm. David	6	6	0
Thank-offering Easter Sunday, Holy Trinity, per Churchwardens.....	1	0	0
Bytown, Special, per Secretary ...	1	7	6
PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.			
Port Burwell, per Rev. H. B. Jessopp	3	5	0
Stewart Town, Esqueness, per Geo. Thompson, Esq. The whole.....	5	0	0
Lloydtown	5	0	0
Albion	7	5	0
per Rev. H. B. Osler	12	5	0
Port Stanley, per J. M. W. Blackman	3	18	9
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis.....	3	15	0
St. Philip's, Weston, the whole per Rev. T. S. Kennedy	20	0	0
Streetsville, per Churchwarden ...	7	12	9
Bytown, per Secretary	15	15	0
Tecumseth, per Rev. F. L. Osler	14	5	0
Ashton, per an. collection	£2	10	0
North Gower, "	2	5	0
Richmond "	1	17	6
per Rev. J. Flood.....	6	12	6
Elizabethtown, per Rev. J. Flood.....	2	5	0
North Augusta, do.	2	0	0
per Rev. W. C. Clarke	4	5	0
Georgina, per Paroch. Br., per Rev. W. Ritchie	2	8	9
Emily, per Paroch. Br.	2	19	1

Hillier, per	1	5	0
Huntingford.....	9	2	6
Perth, per	4	4	6
Moore.....	7	6	6
Plympton	1	18	9
Sarnia	5	12	7
per Rev. G. Salter	14	17	10
Christ Ch., Scarborough, per	3	3	9
St. Paul's, do.	1	16	0
St. Jude's, do.	0	19	3
Per Rev. W. Bott	5	13	0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. J. W. R. Beck.....	£1	5	0
Rev. J. Flood	1	5	0
Rev. R. Harding.....	1	5	0
Rev. H. Brent.....	1	5	0
Rev. F. D. Fauquier	1	5	0
Rev. Alexr. Pyne	1	5	0
Rev. J. M. W. Blackman—annual subscription	2	10	0
The Rev. Provost Whittaker	2	10	0
The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere.....	5	0	0
Rev. Dr. MacNab	1	5	0
George Hamilton, Esq.	1	5	0
Rev. R. Lewis.....	1	5	0
Rev. F. L. Osler.....	1	5	0
Rev. J. Langtreay	1	5	0
J. R. Williams, Esq.....	1	5	0
Rev. H. B. Osler	1	5	0
R. A. Wilkins, Esq.....	1	5	0
Rev. J. S. Clarke	1	5	0

T. S. KENNEDY, Secretary.

Fitzroy and Pakenham Parochial Branch Report of the Church Society.

We are not here to-day to celebrate an occasion, novel as it must be, interesting to us—the first Anniversary of the Fitzroy and Pakenham Parochial Branch of the Church Society of this Diocese. It is now a little more than twelve months since the Secretary of the Parent Society visited this mission for the purpose of assisting the late incumbent in organizing a branch. Those who were present at the meeting then held and heard the character and objects of the society explained at large by the Secretary, and the immense benefits clearly laid before them that must necessarily result to the Church in those places where a branch is established and continued in operation, could not fail to be deeply impressed with the importance of the subject, as well as with a sense of their own individual obligation to sustain so excellent a system by every means in their power. That such an impression was the result of the Rev. Gentleman's zealous appeal seems to have been very fairly evidenced in the amount contributed by the mission to this sacred cause.

The object for which the Secretary of the Society undertook the great labor of visiting us was not accomplished when that meeting dissolved. It was intended to secure a permanent result—a lasting effect. He merely put the ball in motion and then left us to preserve that motion. This intention we are now met to execute, for the intention of the Society is that the members of each Parochial Branch shall meet annually to receive a report of its past operations, and devise such wholesome measures as may most conduce to advance the interests of the Society.

I may, perhaps in this place, most opportunely observe that in presenting to you this report as coming from myself, I am acting informally, for which a reason is needed before I proceed farther with it. The annual report should be the result of the joint labors of a committee specially appointed at a previous meeting to draw it up, and should be read by a Secretary likewise appointed. These appointments not

having been made, and deeming that it would be more satisfactory to the members of the Society to have a report presented, although informally, than that our meeting should pass over without one, I have taken upon myself the duty of framing the present, which I hope will receive your approval.

There cannot perhaps be a more faithful index conceived or planned to point out the true and unmistakable character, condition and feeling of the Church, its principles and its policy, than the annual reports of its "Parochial Church Committees;" and did time and the occasion admit of it, it would be no less pleasing than interesting to analyze the great benefit that results from these annual *reunions* and reports, not only to the Church in its collective capacity, but to the individuals themselves who compose the Church. They spread the truest and minutest information concerning her great work, they stimulate the interest of her members—they foster their affection for their spiritual mother, and by necessary consequence advance the cause of Christian holiness—not in one particular branch or point, but in all branches and in all points, making men good, not in part, but entirely; and that from the only motive that can originate true goodness—a grateful love for Christ who saves them from their sins, and conducts to immortality and blessedness amidst the dangers, the delusions, the follies, and the madness of a fallen and a ruined world.

The subject before us naturally leads to a review, not only of the things which have transpired within our own limits during the past year; but also of those things which, although done at a distance, yet affect our interests as Churchmen, and the interests of our offspring. Time will permit barely more than an allusion to the most important, the spoliation of the Church, the taking forcibly from her that property which she possessed, and was economizing for the service of God, to satisfy the cravings of an imaginary political expediency. Our rulers have not so much robbed men as they have robbed God, and yet they seem to ask in the blind spirit of the ancient Jew: "wherein have we robbed thee." The example of her master, however, teaches the Church the duty of submission to the powers that be. Having raised her voice in earnest remonstrance, and employed every lawful means to avert so unjust an act, she leaves the issue in His hands who has promised to be with her even unto the end of the world, and who, while inflicting her that trial and persecution is to be her lot, holds out the cheering assurance that He will be her protector and her guide. The Church, however, has, it must be confessed, received a great blow. Let it be our care to moderate its injurious effects—let it be the means of rousing into active life all our hitherto sleeping affections and powers—let the hour of need exhibit to our enemies the reality of our faith, the sincerity of our professions and the substantial character of the Church. Let us, in fine, turn a seeming evil into a positive good, convert an intended injury into an actual benefit. The clergy have already done their part, they have handed the principal from the interest of which they had hitherto derived their incomes, over into the hands of the Church for the benefit of her members and their posterity. No loud sounding trumpet of self-adulation has gone before to proclaim their intended sacrifice—no pious efforts to stimulate a temporary enthusiasm in behalf of an act of duty, and as a kind of compensation for it, have been resorted to. The thing was done because it was right that it should be done. It was done with the pure and single intention of benefiting Christ's people; all that is required of

them in return is to imitate the act as far as lies in their power—not for another's, but for their own good, for it is their good that the Church seeks the good of the "lambs" and the "sheep," which are entrusted to her pastoral charge by her Spiritual Head. This they can do through the medium of the Church Society, for this comes strictly within its objects. These objects are to promote in every way the Spiritual advancement of all those who come within the sphere of her operations, and in order to effect this she seeks to place the Church, which is Christ's appointed means of bestowing his grace upon his people, upon a sound and safe footing in temporal matters, that she may be the better enabled to propagate religious truth and effect the great design of her Divine Lord.

The Church Society is not a body of which we hear much but see nothing; but it is a body with which we are acquainted intimately. We ourselves here assembled constitute a true Church Society, though in subordination to the Parent Society—we are a branch. The Parent Society is the stem or trunk from which we spring and by which we are upheld. It permits us not only to retain the three-fourths of our contributions to it, for our own local purposes, but it also lends us its aid when we require it, and its funds permit. During the past year, we have much reason to be thankful for the liberal grant by the Society of £1 worth of books and tracts to us, although not of even twelve months existence as a branch. These books are at present in circulation throughout every part of this extensive mission; and I have been much gratified with the many assurances I have received of the pleasure with which they have been read, and of the profit derived from them by the members of the Church. The Society has reason to be gratified with the response which this mission has made to its first appeal. I find on referring to its last annual report, that £37 5s. 0d. has been raised for the Society, of which £10 6s. 0d. was forwarded to the Secretary, and the balance expended in the mission. With a portion of this sum, the Church in Pakenham has been enclosed with a substantial fence, and serviceable additions made to the furniture of the interior; while Fitzroy Harbour has applied one portion of its share to the increase of the fund collected for the erection of a handsome stone Church in that locality, and the other to the purchase of a Sunday School Library. These are visible, substantial, and permanent benefits which we have already derived from a single collection. What future results may we not then anticipate from this Society, when its objects being more fully known and appreciated by the members of the Church amongst us, their contributions will increase, and grow more in proportion to these objects; and, it is to be hoped, to their own means? With regard to the amount above stated as the contribution of this mission for the last year to the Society, it must be said that it was considerably swelled by the addition of the pew rents of the Pakenham Church. Members holding pews, handed in as their subscriptions the amount of their year's rent. This was not strictly correct, because in the first place, pew rents should be appropriated by the vestry; and 2ndly, it gives a false estimate of the strength of the Society in the mission, which should rather be tested by the direct contributions of its members, than by the application of funds derived from other sources to swell its income.

There is much reason for congratulation in regard to the feeling which prevails amongst us, as well as the "material guarantees" afforded of it. We have every reason to rejoice over the state of freedom we enjoy from those strifes and

divisions which unhappily too much prevail among Christian communities. We can truly say that concord and unanimity on all important points prevail, making due allowance, of course, for those inevitable peculiarities which are incident to human nature. The members of the Church seem to feel their duties as such in the ready practical recognition which they afford of the Church's claims upon them to aid with their "worldly things" him, whose duty it is to minister to them in "spiritual things," as well as to contribute their means to those other purposes, the object of which is to promote the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth. But much remains yet to be done. The question is, not so much what have we done as what proportion does that which we have done bear to what we ought to have done, and what our means enabled us to do. Examining ourselves from this point of view, we have little cause to feel satisfied. The Church has reason to expect much from her children in these highly favored townships. Those who regard all the blessings which they enjoy from nature as well as from grace as proceeding from the same divine source, cannot be insensible to a sentiment of gratitude to the God of Providence, who has cast their lot on so fertile a soil, and in the midst of so many natural attractions. An abundant prosperity has rewarded the toil of the laborer. Peace and plenty abound. The God of nature has been liberal of his favors to you. Prove then that you appreciate his goodness and his liberality, and that you are persuaded that all you possess you owe to Him, by generously contributing for the promotion of His glory as well as your own spiritual benefit a portion of that which he has, unasked, given to you. None of us can say that we are worthy of what we have received. The language of our hearts ought to be.—"I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth that thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands."

This mission is a most extensive one, and the members of the Church in it very numerous, numbering in the Township of Fitzroy alone in the year 1852, 1172. Taking these facts, in connection with their prosperous circumstances, it is not unreasonable to expect a proportionate expenditure upon religious objects. It will then be interesting to know what has been done during the preceding year. We will first give the figures, and then proceed to detail those projects in contemplation, and which are necessary for the more efficient ministrations of the Church in the mission.

The entire sum contributed by the mission during the year 1854—that is, from the 31st of December, 1854, to the 1st of January, 1855, exclusive of the salary of the incumbent and sundry sums subscribed towards the erection of the Church in Fitzroy Harbour—amount to £75 10s. 1d. Of this sum, £13 16s. 0d., was contributed to defray the expenses of three delegates to attend the meeting of the Synod lately held in Toronto. As however, this amount was not sufficient, the mission was represented in the person of the incumbent only, thus leaving the entire amount subscribed by Fitzroy Harbour, £4 6s. 3d. still on hand, to be applied to the same purpose whenever the Synod meets again, which, there is reason to suppose will be some time during the ensuing summer. The offertory collections in the several stations stand thus:

Fitzroy Harbour,	£10 14 6½
St. Mark's, Pakenham,	7 5 2½
Ninth Line Church,	3 5 0½
The sums collected for the special objects of the Church Society are as follow:	

Fitzroy Harbour Mission Fund ...	£ 0 11 10
W. and O. Fund,	1 0 0
St. Mark's, Pakenham,	
Students' Fund,	0 14 10
W. and O. Fund,	0 16 8½

The balance, £37 5s. Od., is composed of the Church Society Collection, of which, as was above observed, £10 6s. Od., was forwarded to the Parent Society, and the balance applied in the way already stated.

From these figures let us now turn to a brief consideration of the state of the mission, in regard to its requirements. The most obvious disadvantage it labors under, is the want of Church accommodation. As respects one end, Fitzroy Harbour, there is much reason to hope, owing mainly to the persevering, well directed and energetic efforts of our Church Warden, W. P. Taylor, Esq., and the zeal of the building committee associated with him, that the numerous and respectable congregation which now attends divine worship in the school house in that village, will shortly be enabled to assemble in a more suitable building. It were much to be desired that we could congratulate the mission on the equally near prospect of a Church in the vicinity of the Fourth Line. It is now generally felt that the necessities of the mission require one somewhere in that locality, as it is the most thickly peopled by the members of the Church. The Pakenham Church is most inconveniently situated for the great majority. An united effort will be required to erect a building of a character that will reflect credit upon the religious sentiment of the members of the Church, and contrast more favorably with their own substantial stone houses, than that which now speaks to them so reprovingly from its unpainted interior as well as from its black and neglected wooden walls.

The first difficulty usually felt in the erection of a Church is to secure an eligible site. This difficulty does not now exist with us, as Mr. Thomas McCormack has liberally offered to make a grant of one acre for this purpose, and to sell five acres adjoining, upon which to erect a Parsonage and for the purpose of a glebe. Mr. Robert Harris has, unasked, likewise expressed his intention to add one acre of well wooded land to the glebe from that end of his farm which adjoins Mr. McCormack's. No more suitable situation could be selected for both objects, and therefore it is to be hoped that these offers will be thankfully accepted.

May the author of all "good counsels," all "just thoughts," and all "holy desires," inspire us with a deep sense of his bountiful goodness to us, and of our obligations to Him, to the end that, animated by pure love, fervent gratitude, and a lively appreciation of the vast privileges we enjoy as his adopted children, we may be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," and be animated with the same zeal in all our plans for the strengthening and extension of the Kingdom of his dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

February 28th, 1855.

Proceedings of the 1st Annual Meeting of the Fitzroy and Pakenham Parochial Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.

The first Annual Meeting of the Fitzroy and Pakenham Parochial Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto was held in the Town Hall, near Hubbard's Mills, on Wednesday the 17th instant. The attendance was small, owing, it is to be hoped, to the imperfect knowledge possessed by the members of the Church in the mission, of its nature and object. It were much to be desired that Christians in

general would exhibit a livelier interest in those projects which have for their end the advancement of the kingdom of their Master, and not grudge a few days in the year for the consideration of those human means through which He has wisely ordained that the knowledge of His laws and His precepts are to be diffused over the world.

Those who were present on the above occasion are ardent lovers of the Church, who have always evinced a lively interest in her work, and a prudent and well-tempered desire to promote her welfare within her own sphere. The report of the preceding year, owing to causes which will be found mentioned in it, was drawn up and read by the Incumbent, after which the following resolutions were passed:—

1st. Moved by W. D. Pigott, Esq., and seconded by Mr. James Shaw—

That the report now read be adopted.

2nd: Moved by Mr. Alex. Home, seconded by Mr. Wm. Ownes—That, considering the nature, constitution and objects of the Church Society, it is in the opinion of this meeting, well adapted to consolidate the interests of the Church throughout the Diocese—to unite her members in one common effort to promote the views of her character and principles.

3rd. Moved by W. D. Pigott, Esq., seconded by Mr. Cockburn—That a Committee be appointed to prepare the next annual report of this Society; and that Messrs. U. P. Taylor, T. Baines and James Hubbell be requested to act as such Committee.

4th. Moved by Mr. Robert Harris—seconded by Mr. Jas. Story—That a secretary be appointed to conduct the correspondence of the society, and a Treasurer to receive all moneys collected on its behalf—That W. P. Taylor, Esq., be requested to act as Secretary, and Thos. Fraser, Esq., as Treasurer.

5th. Moved by Mr. Heggart, seconded by Mr. Holmes—That the thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby offered to the collectors of the past year for their zealous co-operation on behalf of the Society,

6th. Moved by Mr. Robert Harris, seconded by W. D. Pigott, Esq.—That the following persons be requested to act as collectors for the present year:—

Fitzroy Harbour.—Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Pigott, Mrs. Hubbell, Miss Jane Fraser.

2nd & 3rd Line of Fitzroy.—Miss Elizabeth Owens, Miss Eliza Harris, Miss Mary Shaw, Miss Martha Latimer, Miss Eliza Chickley, Miss Margaret Chickley.

Ellis Settlement.—Miss Ellis, Miss Trimmers.

Pakenham Village.—Miss Mills, Miss Burleigh.

Combs Settlement.—Miss Jane Dean.

7th. Moved by W. D. Piggott, Esq., seconded by Mr. Robert Harris—That the thanks of this meeting are due to the Rev. Incumbent for his conduct in the chair.

Annual meeting of the Gore and Wellington District Branch of the Church Society.

This meeting was held on Thursday evening last, in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute. There was a very numerous and respectable assemblage of the members of the Church, and the following Clergymen were present:—

The Rev. B. Cronyn, of London; W. Bettridge, of Woodstock; F. Evans, Simcoo; B. C. Hill, of the Grand River; R. Shanklin, of Oakville; J. Hebben, Church of the Ascension; T. W. Marsh, of Norval; T. Green, of Wellington Square; M. Boomer of Galt; F. Tremayne, of Milton, late Travelling Missionary; G. A. Bull, of Barton; T. Meise, Minister of the German

Population; Arthur Palmer, Rural Dean, Chairman of the District, and J. G. Geddes, Secretary.

The usual prayers having been read the Chairman introduced the business of the evening in one of his lucid, straight forward, and eloquent speeches, alluding to the altered position of the Church in this Colony, now strip of her endowments and pointing out the duties incumbent upon her members in consequence of this lamentable, unjust, and unjustifiable spoliation of her property. We regret that we are not able to give a full report of the Rev. gentleman's observations, which were received with evident satisfaction.

The secretary being called upon read the following report:—

In an age like the present of boasted reason, wild speculation, bold experiments and anti-scriptural philosophy, when the most pernicious principles are palmed upon mankind under the garb of novelty, when the word of God and its inspired writers are treated with flippancy if not with irreverence and scorn, it is refreshing to behold a portion of the Christian community assembled publicly to assert their firm adherence to the religion of their forefathers—to express the value which they place upon the scriptures as the revealed word of God, and upon His Church as the pillar and ground of the Truth—to make known the means they are using to diffuse through her instrumentality the blessings of pure religion among the destitute settlements of this province—to hear what success has attended these efforts, and to stir up one another to more vigorous exertions, in order to stem the torrent of infidelity and error, and to distribute through every legitimate available channel the life-giving streams which flow from the fountain of eternal life.

The twelfth Anniversary of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society, your committee are happy to report, that they find its affairs in a sound, healthy, and efficient state.

The following is a comparative statement of receipts:

Whole sum credited.....	570 4 10½
Last year.....	569 12 10½

Increase..... 10 12

No report from Paris or Binbrook.

A lively interest has been exhibited in the welfare of the Society throughout the various Parochial Associations, where the usual Annual Meetings have been held, and your committee desire to express their thanks to those gentlemen who have aided the resident clergy on these occasions, as well as to those who have come to assist this night in the proceedings of this anniversary.

Your committee are aware that since they last performed the agreeable task of presenting their annual report, a very important change has occurred in the position and prospects of the Church in this country. The deep design laid years ago to deprive her of her patrimony after having been pursued with an industry and determination worthy of a better cause, has at length been consummated, and the Provincial Legislature have passed an act for the purpose of alienating the Church properly called the Clergy Reserves.

Your committee, however deeply they may lament that so unrighteous an act should have received the sanction of the Legislature, in which the Church might reasonably have expected to see a large number of devoted friends rise up to defend her cause—and however deeply they may be impressed with the cruelty and injustice of its provisions, are nevertheless persuaded that the members of the Church will

exhibit, under this calamity that spirit of loyalty and respect for the laws for which the Church of England has ever been distinguished.

May they not trust too and hope in faith that the loss of the Church property may be overruled by a kind and gracious Providence to the furtherance of His own cause, for He whose will they believe it to be, that rulers should provide for the religious care and instruction of their people, that kings should be the nursing fathers and queens the nursing mothers of the Church, can likewise put it into the hearts of His people to make large voluntary sacrifices and thus to a great extent to repair the damage done by public delinquency. And He who bestows temporal blessings in abundance, can give grace to enable the recipients to sanctify their possessions by devoting largely of their substance to the furtherance of the Gospel. They know undoubtedly that the Church of England does not depend upon State favor or Acts of Parliament for her existence, although they question how far the ministrations of religion under any system can be fully and effectively disseminated without the extraneous aid of public or private endowments. Believing that she is founded upon the Rock of Ages, and relying upon the promise of her Divine Head that the gates of hell shall not prevail against her, they will go on through evil report and good report to accomplish her high and holy mission of saving souls and enlarging the kingdom of Christ upon earth.

The Church Society which has always been regarded as a valuable auxiliary to the Church, appears to your committee to be now more than ever entitled to the cordial support of all the members of our communion. It affords the readiest medium of collecting and appropriating the contributions of Churchmen throughout the Diocese, it excludes no member of the Church from its deliberations, nor from the management of its concerns, simply requiring as an indication of interest in its welfare, a contribution to its funds proportionate to the circumstances of the individual. It is a voluntary religious association, called into existence by the exigencies of the Church at the time when the withdrawal of aid by the Propagation Society in England seemed to be inevitable, and when the Church believed that she should have no other resource to fall back upon, than such portion of her public patrimony as might escape the hands of spoliation. But now that that property has been entirely swept away, and the Church deprived of all interest in the Clergy Reserves, surely this Society will be valued more highly than ever and will be supported with greater zeal and generosity.

Your Committee refer with mingled feelings of gratification and regret to the missionary operations of this association. They are gratified to think of the happy results which have thus far attended the self-denying labours of their missionaries, evinced as they are by increasing congregations, rising Church edifices, numerous baptisms and confirmations, and a growing feeling of attachment to the Church. They regret that the good work cannot be more widely extended and more efficiently carried on, that the crying wants of hundreds, and thousands, not a hundred miles from our doors, cannot be satisfied, and that in one of their missions the work has been unfortunately suspended in consequence of the well-merited promotion of one of their missionaries to a settled charge and the difficulty of getting another to fill his place. The only remaining Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Mulholland of Owen Sound, whose Report will shortly be submitted to this meeting, implores additional assistance, and represents the destitution of the settlers as most deplorable. Your Committee are of

opinion that this state of things cannot be permitted to continue, that some vigorous and important action must be taken. The allowance to travelling missionaries must be augmented and experienced men brought into the field, if the Church expects to retain the affections of her people and to keep pace with the rapid settlement of the country. Truly "the fields are white unto the harvest, but there are not labourers enough to send forth into the harvest."

The education of the rising generation must necessarily occupy the serious thoughts of every reflecting man, and the true-hearted member of the Church cannot but regard with feelings of alarm the attempts that have long been making to establish in this country a godless system of Education; Schools where the youthful mind is never directed to eternity—nor the Book of Life. That precious volume, the source and fountain of the best knowledge, and the truest wisdom is never opened and never read. Your Committee are persuaded that a great revolution on this subject will ere long take place, and that a Christian people will yet rise up and vindicate the honor of God and restore the word of God to that place in our Schools and Universities, which it held in the opinion of him who has written—"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, a good understanding have all they that do thereafter, the praise of it endureth forever." Good men of every denomination have warned us of the dreadful consequences which any country may anticipate "where the masses of the people are imbued with knowledge and that power which knowledge imparts, but when no Christian Education is at hand to act as a restraining power over their wild and unruly passions."

Such are the details of the Society's transactions during the past year. In bringing them to a close your Committee may be allowed to call upon its members for their cordial assistance and support. In the present state of things, the most strenuous exertions are required from all who love the Church and its institutions. The enemies of our Holy Religion and the adversaries of our Apostolic Church, are unceasing and inveterate in their attempts to throw down the walls and bulwarks of that Zion which has so long been the faithful guardian and dispenser of God's word. The appeals came to us louder and more loudly from the destitute settlements for help, and the Church looks to her lay-members to furnish them with ample means to supply those wants.

The following resolutions were adopted, having been spoken to with much eloquence and force by the several gentlemen to whom they were entrusted:

Moved by the Rev. W. Bettridge, seconded by Absalom Shade, Esq., of Galt.

Resolved,—That the Report just read be adopted, and that it be published in the *Hamilton Gazette* and *Church* newspapers, for the information generally of the members of this Association.

Moved by the Rev. F. Evans, seconded by James Wetenhall, Esq.

Resolved,—That the success which under the blessing of God has attended the operations of the Parent Society, and more particularly of this Branch Association during the past year, calls for our devout acknowledgments, inasmuch as though "Paul may plant and Apollus water" God alone can give the increase.

Moved by the Rev. B. Cronyn, seconded by Thos. Stinson, Esq.

Resolved,—That this Association regrets that the number of young men admitted to the ministry is by no means adequate to supply the demand for Travelling Missionaries, even when the means have been provided for their support, and that owing to this cause they have been unable to ex-

tepd their Missionary operations among the destitute settlements of the Gore and Wellington Districts.

Moved by the Rev. B. C. Hill, seconded by John O. Hatt, Esq.

Resolved,—That the recent Act of the Provincial Legislature having consummated the alienation of the Church property, called the Clergy Reserves, it is more than ever incumbent upon the members of the Church in this Diocese to contribute liberally to her support that she may not be crippled in her efforts; but may be enabled by the voluntary contributions of her people, both to maintain her past efficiency and also greatly to extend the sphere of her Christian labours.

Moved by the Rev. T. Green, seconded by G. B. Cartwright, Esq.

Resolved,—That those gentlemen who have given their time and services to the management of this Association are entitled to our cordial thanks, which are hereby tendered to them all, and especially to the Treasurer, for his valuable services for a period of now 8 years, and that he and the other officers be requested to continue in office for the ensuing year.

Parochial Reports of the Church Society for the Gore and Wellington Districts, D. T.

The following are the Parochial Reports referred to in our last, which were read at the Annual Meeting, lately held in this city. We regret that on account of their length, we are compelled to omit the Owen Sound and Waterloo Missions Report, we may perhaps at a future time refer to them. The whole of the Reports are of the most gratifying nature, and show that the hearts of the members of the Church are sound to the core.

Guelph.—The large attendance at the Annual Meeting of this Parochial Association and the liberal contribution to its funds, evince that the interest of the members of the Church at Guelph, in the cause of the Church Society continues unabated. The sum of £65 10s. has been remitted to the Treasurer, being a small increase over the receipts of any former year.

Galt.—The Committee of this Association have great pleasure in stating that the sum contributed to the funds of the Church Society in this mission is greater than in any preceding year, which is one of the best proofs that the members of the Church within the bounds of the Association, continue to feel the deepest interest in the success of the society, and the accomplishment of the all important object which it has in view. They cannot omit to state however, that the increase in the sum contributed this year is chiefly owing to the liberality of the congregation which assembled in the Church at Beverley, and the exertions made by the members of the Church in that neighborhood; the amount subscribed this year is £18 0s. 1½d.

Elora.—In presenting their Annual Report, the Committee have the gratification to announce a large increase in the amount of subscriptions, and what is of far greater importance, a corresponding amount of zeal in the congregation of St. John's Church, as regards furthering the objects of the Society.

There is a determination on the part of this congregation, that the Church of England shall, as far as they are concerned, not be crippled by the recent act of the Legislature, which doubtless originated in a desire to weaken her influence. The more the Egyptians afflicted the Israelites, the more they multiplied and grew, and so will it be with our beloved Church.

The Committee are much indebted to the eight ladies who kindly undertook the task of calling at the houses of such members of the

Church as profess to belong to this congregation, in order to solicit subscriptions. Every where, with the exception of one or two, they were received with a cordiality highly gratifying, and the most lively interest evidently taken in the success of their work.

It appears to be the general wish of the subscribers, in which the Committee most cordially concur, that the whole amount of subscription should be paid over to the Church Society, and no part expected back for local objects. The proceeds of the Ladies' sale in October last amounted to over fifty pounds, which sum was appropriated to our own local objects. When it becomes necessary to raise anything more for ourselves, we would prefer setting on foot a subscription with that avowed object.

Oakville.—The Parish of Oakville reports
From Oakville, £27 13 4
From Palermo, 17 0 0

Total £44 19 4

Being a considerable increase in both places over the collection of any former year.

Nelson.—The Committee, although they cannot report any increase over the last year, are glad to say that the same deep interest in all the affairs of the Association continues to be felt by the members of the Church in this mission, and they rejoice in the success of a Society, which, under the Lord's blessing may largely aid in the building up of Zion and amelioration of her wants. The sum collected is £32.

Mohawk and Tuscarora.—The Committee report a considerable increase, the amount being £32 6s. It is very satisfactory that this increase is owing chiefly to additional Indian subscribers; while most have contributed according to their ability, it is but justice to make particular mention of the liberality of a small tribe of Delawares, who during the last few years have been converted from paganism to the Christian faith, and brought into the Church through the zealous efforts of their Excellent Missionary the Rev. A. Elliott. On account of their recent conversion to Christianity, as well as their poverty, for they are very poor, it was considered inexpedient to call upon them for anything towards the Church Society till this year, and though their number is but small, they have contributed the sum of £7 6s.

Barton and Glandford.—The amount of contributions from this new Parochial Branch, is reported to be £11 8s. 1½d. The completion of the second Church, the purchase of ten acres of land, and the erection of a parsonage house, engage the efforts of the parishioners in this mission, and for the present under a larger domination to the Church Society.

Ancaster and Dundas.—The unavoidable absence of the Rector of this Parish from home, will readily account for the fact that no Report has as yet been received from either of these associations, which have always held a respectable place in the returns of this Branch of the Church Society. The collections, it is conjectured, may have fallen off during the past year in Dundas, but a corresponding increase is anticipated in Ancaster, the other section of the Parish. The Dundas congregation, the Rector remarks, have contributed £25 to the purchase of a bell, and are called upon to raise that sum annually to defray the expense of the second Sunday Service in that Parish. Taking these matters into consideration, it is expected that the aggregate amount from the two parishes will be about £50.

Norval and Georgetown.—An Association having been formed last month in Georgetown, the sum of £8 18s. 6½d., has been collected, which together with £14 4s. 4½d., collected at Norval,

amounts to £23 Cs. 10½d. The sum shows an increase of more than £8 over the collection of last year.

Hornby.—Owing to the severity of the weather, the attendance at the Annual Meeting was small, but the few who attended showed themselves to be zealous advocates of the Society. Immediately after the meeting the collectors visited each house, and notwithstanding the absence of some who were the largest contributors the past year, the amount collected exceeds that of the former year by £2 3s. 10d.

Cayuga Heights and Mount Pleasant.—The Parochial Associations of Cayuga Heights and Mount Pleasant conjoined, have much pleasure in remitting to the Gore and Wellington District Branch Church Society the sum of £17 18s. 1½d. for the year ending in 1855. This sum exceeds that of last year, and the Committee of the above mentioned associations are confident that much satisfaction and interest prevail within their mission, as to the success of the Church Society, inasmuch as an inquiring and cheerful spirit was evinced during the time the collections were being taken up in aid of its funds.

Attension Church.—The Committee in reviewing the Reports of their Parochial Association for the year just expired, have to state, that while the number of their subscribers has slightly increased, the amount collected continues about the same as that of last year.

The sum of £36 5s., has been contributed for the general objects of the Society; at the same time their collectors have received the further sum of £80 3s., the amount of subscriptions especially contributed towards the very pressing local wants of their own Church.

The amount available last year for local objects was expended in the support of the Sunday School, and in completing the purchase of the lot of land adjoining the Church. This lot is now free of debt, and secured for the erection of a School House, a want to which the attention of the Congregation has been directed and which they trust ere long to see supplied.

It may possibly at first sight appear that the sum subscribed for the general purposes of the Society is not so large as it might be; but when it is considered that the requirements of a new Church, such as theirs is, are so very numerous, that many of these demand immediate attention; the committee hope that the efforts of the members of their Church will not be deemed unsatisfactory; for, while anxious to help forward every institution which has for its object the propagation of their most holy faith, they are of necessity constrained to direct their main exertions to the due ordering of the sanctuary in which they themselves assemble for worship.

It is not for the committee of this Association to eulogize the objects which are embraced within the Constitution of the Church Society.

They feel them to be the chiefest which engage the attention of men, after they have fulfilled their first duty, the believing on Him whom God hath sent; and therefore they cannot but desire to co-operate with their fellow-Christians throughout the Diocese, in carrying into execution designs which so entirely accord with the precepts of the Christian Faith.

Christ's Church.—The amount collected by the Parochial Committee, is £121 10s. The diminution apparent in this as compared with last year's collections the Committee can satisfactorily account for—no less a sum than from £15 to £20 being lost by deaths and removal of old subscribers. Strangers newly arriving are not solicited until they have been upwards of one year resident in the Parish. The congregation have likewise, during the past year, with much liberality added £150 to the income of their Pastor, and presented the late Curate

with a purse of upwards of £60. They have likewise incurred large expenditure connected with warming and heating the new Church; the furnaces and gas fitting required an outlay of between two and three hundred pounds. They have likewise purchased the property adjoining the Church for £1250, of which sum £290 has been paid. Under these circumstances, and considering the fact that Hamilton being a commercial place, feels most sensitively the fluctuations of trade and the scarcity of money, your Committee are not at all discouraged at the small falling off which appears in this year's collections. The funds returned to this Parochial Committee for local expenditure were laid out in supporting the Parochial School Library. The former institution has for a time been suspended, but only that measures may be matured for opening it again on a larger and more efficient scale, and rendering it more nearly adequate to the wants of this populous parish.

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DIocese OF QUEBEC.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec held two Confirmations in the Cathedral Church, for the whole parish of Quebec, in the end of Passion-week. The male recipients of the rite, amounting to 106, were confirmed on the close of the afternoon service, on Good Friday; the female, amounting to 120, at the close of the forenoon service, on Easter Eve—Total, 226; of whom 18 belonged to the garrison. The cathedral clergy, the clergy serving the different chapels of the parish, and the chaplain to H. M. forces, were all present. His Lordship, attended within the rails by the Rev. Official Mackie, D. D., and the Rev. A. W. Mountain, his chaplains, who received the tickets, addressed the candidates in the usual manner,—his addresses superseding upon each occasion the ordinary sermon. The cathedral was, in both instances, very full.

The annual Week-day Sermons on the *Wednesdays and Fridays* in Lent up to *Passion-week*, on every day during that week, and on *Easter Monday and Sunday*, were (exclusively of the Good Friday services) distributed this year in the hands of eleven different preachers, the Bishop and the Quebec clergy having the principal share.

The number of communicants in the cathedral and chapels of the Church of England at Quebec on Easter Day was about 671; in the cathedral 310 or upwards; in the chapel of the Holy Trinity, 124; in St. Peter's chapel, 60; in St. Paul's chapel, 42; in St. Matthew's, 105.

ERRATUM IN THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE MARCH NUMBER, HEADED "DIocese OF QUEBEC."

In the middle of the second column, instead of "In the afternoon his lordship confirmed twenty-one persons and preached at *Compton Village*, ten miles from Lennoxville," the passage ought to have been printed, "In the afternoon his lordship confirmed twenty-one persons and preached, at *Lennoxville*. On *Tuesday*, the 6th, he went over to hold a confirmation and to preach in *Compton Village*, ten miles from Lennoxville. Fourteen persons were confirmed."

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Rev. F. P., Murray; Rev. F. D., Kingston; Rev. J. G., La Chute; Rev. F. J., Bedford; Rev. T. W. M., Norval; Rev. R. H., Emily; Rev. R. B., Montreal; Rev. E. W. S., Quebec; Rev. C. L. F. H., Quebec; W. P. T., Fitzroy Harbour.