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## RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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- I. That this Society shall be denominated "The Toronto Church of England Tract Society."
- II. That Annual Subscribers of Five Shillings Currency shall be Members of this Society.
- III. That Subscribers of Five Pounds Currency, at one time, shall be Members for life.
- IV. The smallest Donation or Subscription to the funds of this Society will be thankfully received.
- V. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and Secretary, and a Committee of ten Members, six of whom may be re-elected, five to form a quorum.
- VI. That all Clergymen of the Church of England, being Members of this Society, shall be entitled to a seat and to vote with the Committee.
- VII. That the Committee shall meet for business once a quarter, or when called by the Secretary.
- VIII. That this Society shall have for its principal object the circulation of such Religious Tracts as may be approved by the Bishop of the Diocese, among the poor and destitute inhabitants of this city and its vicinity.
- IX. That all Meetings of this Society shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- X. That the Annual General Meeting of this Society shall be held in the last week of February in each year.
- XI. That no alteration or amendment shall be made in these laws, except at a General Meeting of this Society.

## RESOLUTIONS.

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The Second Annual Meeting of the Toronto Church of England Tract Society was held in the District School House, on the 26th February, 1842,

His Lordship THE BISHOP in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened with prayer, after which the following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. Moved by the Rev. H. J. GRASETT, seconded by the Hon. W. ALLAN,

That the Report now read be adopted and printed, under the superintendence of the Committee.

2. Moved by the Rev. Dr. McCAUL, seconded by the Rev. H. SCADDING,

That this Meeting would humbly acknowledge the goodness of Almighty God in the success which has attended the operations of the Society during the past year, and would earnestly call upon their fellow-Churchmen to give their aid in furthering the objects of this Association.

3. Moved by J. H. HAGARTY, Esq., seconded by J. KENT, Esq.,

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Tract Distributors for their services during the past year.

4. Moved by the Rev. CHARLES MATHEWS, seconded by T. W. BIRCHALL, Esq.,

That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Office-Bearers of the Society for their past services, and that the following gentlemen be requested to act for the ensuing year.—(See page 3).

## REPORT.

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The Committee of *The Toronto Church of England Tract Society* have now to lay before the public their Second Annual Report; and, in so doing, they would thankfully acknowledge the goodness of Almighty God in the success which has attended the labours of the Association to the close of this the second year of its existence. Although the operations of the Society have not been very extensive, the Committee trust that the two great objects for which it was instituted, viz., the distribution of Tracts among the poor, and the establishment of a depôt for the sale of such publications to the Clergy and public generally, have been faithfully kept in view; and the means at their command faithfully devoted to the accomplishment of these ends. The loan distribution of Tracts has been steadily pursued, although on a scale far from commensurate with the importance of the work, and the urgent need of sound religious instruction, which, among the lower classes particularly, is found to exist.

The necessity of increasing the efficiency of this department of the Society's operations is becoming every day more apparent; more particularly as the present is a time when corrupt and dangerous principles are being industriously propagated throughout the land by the circulation of publications, which contain the seeds of disloyalty and infidelity; and when Dissent, through the medium of the Press, is endeavouring to prejudice the minds of men against our venerated Church, by statements as false as they are injurious, in which the Church is described "as



the most carnal and sinful of all Protestant Churches,"—  
 "Her Clergy as mere moralists, or wedded to Popery,"—  
 and in which it is unblushingly asserted, "that if a pure  
 religion, a strict morality be required, mankind must turn  
 Dissenters." If the enemies of truth and good order are  
 thus actively engaged, surely Churchmen are particularly  
 called upon to use their utmost endeavours,—by the cir-  
 culation of publications which set forth the principles of  
 our Apostolic Church in their true and proper light, and  
 which afford an antidote to false doctrine, heresy and  
 schism,—to counteract in some measure the injurious  
 effects which must necessarily follow from the unchecked  
 dissemination of erroneous principles. The vast amount  
 of good which these little monitors are calculated to pro-  
 duce can scarcely be estimated. In all of them the great  
 truths of our holy religion are inculcated, in connexion  
 with the doctrine and discipline of our beloved Church;  
 in each of them the authorized Minister of God is repre-  
 sented as the wise and judicious adviser and affectionate  
 comforter and friend. They are suited to all occasions,  
 and adapted to every circumstance of life. Are any  
 parents about to bring their children to be presented at  
 the baptismal font,—there are the Tracts on Baptism,  
 and that excellent Tract No. 13, *The Parochial Minister's  
 affectionate address to Godfathers and Godmothers*, all of  
 them full of sound and edifying instruction. Are any  
 about to renew for themselves the pledges which were  
 given in their name at baptism,—there are the suitable  
 Tracts on Confirmation. Or do any purpose to join in  
 that most solemn ordinance of our religion, the Sacrament  
 of the Lord's Supper, how much instruction and benefit  
 may they derive from the many excellent treatises to be

met with on that subject among the publications of the Society! Many of the Clergy make a practice of presenting the Tract, entitled, *The Parochial Minister's Affectionate Address to a newly Married Couple*, to those under their charge who enter into that holy estate. For persons afflicted with sickness, how many excellent Tracts are there abounding with comfort and instruction, such as *The Churchman on a Sick Bed*,—*The Churchman's Devotional Exercises in time of Sickness, &c.*; and if any have suffered affliction, through the loss of friend or relative, what can be more suitable to minister comfort than such Tracts as *The Country Parson's Visit to the House of Mourning*, or *The Pious Churchman comforted under the pressure of Affliction?*

Thus, it will be seen, by a reference to the list of our publications, that for every occasion, whether of joy or sorrow, an appropriate Tract may be found; and your Committee do not think that they can be accused of presumption in saying that, next to the Word of God and our incomparable Prayer Book, the Churchman will find these little pamphlets of the greatest assistance to him,—comforting him in adversity,—guiding and directing him in prosperity,—and enabling him to “give an answer to every man that asketh of him a reason of the hope that is in him.”

The number of distributors has continued, with one or two interruptions, nearly the same as last year. They all unite in bearing gratifying testimony to the eagerness with which these Tracts are read and received, not by Churchmen only, but by persons of almost every other denomination. Of their good effects, in times of sickness and adversity, one of the distributors thus speaks:—

“Among the many excellent publications of the Society which I have now, for these two years past, been engaged in circulating, none have proved of greater benefit, in case of sickness, than the two tracts, entitled, *The Churchman on a Sick Bed*, and *The Churchman's devotional exercises in time of Sickness*; to which indeed may be added one called *A Manual of Instruction for time of Sickness*. In the case of one sick man particularly, his wife assured me that, next to the visits of the Clergyman and the reading of the Scriptures, there was nothing from which her husband seemed to derive more comfort than from having those Tracts read to him, and from the many excellent prayers and meditations which they contained.” The same distributor says, “I have found the Tract called *The Country Parson's Visit to the House of Mourning*, prove of great comfort to persons suffering under the loss of friends.” All the distributors concur in saying that the Tracts are read with the greatest avidity by the people; and that when any interruption takes place in their distribution, on going round again, the people are sure to mention how great has been their disappointment, and to express the liveliest satisfaction at their again receiving them. These brief extracts will suffice to show the value of the Tracts, in what estimation they are held by those into whose hands they fall, and how much good might be effected by a more extensive distribution of them; and the Committee cannot conclude this part of their report without again urging upon their fellow-Churchmen the importance of the work in which they are engaged, and entreating their co-operation and assistance in disseminating a right understanding of the forms and constitution, an accurate knowledge of the doctrines, and a just estimate of the character, of our beloved Church.

The Committee now proceed to report the extent to which they have been enabled to effect a sale for the Tracts from their depôt in this City. Shortly after the formation of the Society, Mr. Henry Rowsell, in a most kind and liberal manner, undertook the management of the depositary gratuitously; the necessary expenses for shelves, &c. being, of course, defrayed from its funds.— This arrangement still continues, and your Committee feel that the Society is under no small obligations to Mr. Rowsell for his valuable services. An order for 249,600 pages of Tracts was sent to England in June last. These were received in November, and the stock of the Society now consists of 587,295 pages of Tracts, and 2,583 numbers of the Penny Sunday Reader, exclusive of those in use by the distributors; the whole value of the stock now on hand amounting to about £132. The sale to the public and country Clergy, hitherto not very large, is gradually improving,—orders having been received within the last few months from Quebec, Amherstburg, Kingston, Hamilton, and one or two other places. The sales, during the past year, amounted to about £32 12s. 8½d.; of which only £17 8s. 7½d. has been received, leaving a balance of £15 4s. 1d. still due the Society.

In conclusion, the Committee would again express their gratitude to the Giver of all good, that the Society has been permitted, in any measure, however small, to be instrumental in spreading a knowledge of the truth among their poorer brethren, and earnestly hope that each recurring anniversary may find them, through the blessing of the same Almighty Being, extending their labours, and increasing in efficiency and usefulness.



*Dr.*      **JOHN MOSELY, ESQUIRE, TREASURER, in account with THE TORONTO CHURCH OF**      *Cy.*  
**ENGLAND TRACT SOCIETY**

| 1841.                                           | £   | s. | d. | 1841.                                                                                                                            | £   | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|----|
| To Subscriptions received in 1841.....          | 36  | 0  | 0  | By paid Bank of Upper Canada for Bill of Exchange for £42 19s. 1d. sterling, at 13½ per cent., for Tracts received in 1840. .... | 54  | 3  | 4  |
| " Donations received in 1841, .....             | 8   | 10 | 0  | " H. Rowsell, for Tracts published by Diocesan Press, .....                                                                      | 0   | 11 | 2  |
| " Cash received for Tracts sold,.....           | 17  | 8  | 7½ | " H. Rowsell, for Printing 500 copies Report for 1841, .....                                                                     | 4   | 9  | 6  |
|                                                 |     |    |    | " H. Rowsell, for postage on 84 copies do. ....                                                                                  | 0   | 7  | 0  |
|                                                 |     |    |    | " for Covering Tracts,.....                                                                                                      | 2   | 1  | 9  |
|                                                 |     |    |    | " for Printing 2400 labels for Tracts,.....                                                                                      | 0   | 18 | 9  |
|                                                 |     |    |    | " Freight and Duties on two cases of Tracts, .....                                                                               | 3   | 1  | 10 |
| " Balance due Treasurer, carried to new account | 4   | 7  | 8½ | " Collector for Collecting Subscriptions,.....                                                                                   | 0   | 13 | 0  |
|                                                 | £66 | 6  | 4  |                                                                                                                                  | £66 | 6  | 4  |

Examined and Audited, February 26th, 1842.

(Signed)      W. A. HARVEY,  
(Signed)      W. M. WESTMACOTT.

(Signed)      **JOHN MOSELY, Treasurer.**

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THE FOLLOWING COLLECTS,

*Used at the Committee Meetings of "The Bristol Church of England Tract Society," are also used at the Committee Meetings of this Society:—*

**P**REVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help. Direct and prosper all our consultations and endeavours to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, and the Promoting of Christian Knowledge in the world; that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. And that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name; and, finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**B**LESSED Lord, who hast called Christian Princes to the defence of Thy truth, and hast made it their duty to promote the spiritual welfare together with the temporal interests of their people; most heartily we beseech Thee to preserve and bless our most gracious Sovereign Lady QUEEN VICTORIA; grant her in health and wealth long to live, endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts, and so rule her heart, that she may in all things seek Thy honour and glory. Prosper also, we beseech Thee, with all happiness, ADELAIDE the QUEEN DOWAGER, PRINCE ALBERT, THE PRINCE OF WALES, and all the Royal Family; that they, by the Grace of Thy Holy Spirit, may all become blessed instruments of advancing true religion and virtue on earth, and, finally, be made partakers of Thy Glory in the kingdom of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



**O** GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things, both in heaven and earth, and who hast promised to preserve Thy Church, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; save and deliver us from the designs of those who endeavour to propagate Atheism, Infidelity, Popery, and Schism amongst us; cause them to see their errors; graciously turn their hearts; and grant, both to them and us Thy humble servants, the light of Thy Spirit, that we, having a right judgment in all things, may be established in the truth of Thy holy gospel, and persevere in Thy faith and worship unto our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name and words we conclude these our prayers:—

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*