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Very few parishes have as yet stated how many reports they desire to have for distribution. It is necessary that the Secretary should know at once, as he intends printing immediately. No lists will be printed for those parishes which order no reports; and after the first eight pages are struck off no orders can be attended to.

MISSION FUND.

The next quarterly collection for the Church Society Diocese Toronto, is appointed to be taken up in the month of July, for the Society's missionary objects. The attention of the Clergy is earnestly called to that portion of the Society's report headed Mission Fund. Unless the amounts collected are larger than usual, the Society will be unable even to fulfil its promises, instead of being able to extend its work.

NOTICE.

The Fund for the Mission in the East Indies not yet being closed, all christian persons who desire to contribute towards the support of Missionaries to that Pagan land, are earnestly invited to send in donations as early as possible to the Church Society's Office.

STEPHEN LETT, LL.D.
JAS. BOVELL,
Lay Secretary.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS UP TO JUNE 12th, 1850.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels and missionary stations in the Diocese of Toronto, in the month of April, in behalf of the Students' Fund of the Church Society.

Previously announced	\$382.32
Ontario	\$1.50
Stoney Creek	60
Binbrook	46
Saltfleet	44
Per Rev. J. L. Alexander.....	3.00
St. John's Church, Peterboro', per Churchwardens	7.55
St. James's, Toronto, per Churchwardens	37.00
Trinity Church, West Hawkesbury	4.80
St. John's, " "	1.70
Per Rev. J. G. Armstrong	6.00
St. Peter's, Credit	7.90
Sydenham	2.27
Port Credit	1.20
Per Rev. T. P. Hodgo	11.37

St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee, per Rev. Dr. Lauder.....	6 95
Seymour Church.....	2.03
School-house.....	36
Percy.....	1.60
Per Rev. F. G. S. Groves.....	3.90
Christ Church, Hamilton, per Churchwardens	31.00
St. John's Church, Port Hope, per Churchwardens	14.00
Richmond, per Rev. C. B. Petit.....	1.60
6th Con. Peel	19
Christ Church	27
1st Con. Minto.....	34
Hollins Village.....	47
Per Rev. C. H. Drinkwater.....	1.27
Brock Church, East, per Rev. G. Vinor	2.87
Leeds, per Rev. J. Davidson	4.00
Tecumseth	3.82
Per Rev. Dr. Strong.....	3.82

132 Collections, amounting to.....\$516 64

MISSION FUND.

Previously announced.....	\$1084 78
St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee, per Rev. Dr. Lauder	6.52
Richmond, per Rev. C. B. Petit	3.50
Carrying Place, per Rev. H. E. Plees...	2 30

176 Collections, amounting to\$1097.10

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Previously announced.....	\$1379 60
St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee, per Rev. Dr. Lauder	5.83
Richmond, per Rev. C. B. Petit	5.00
Carrying Place, per Rev. H. E. Plees...	1 15
St. Paul's Church, Innisfil, per Rev. E. Morgan	2 79
St. Peter's Church, Innisfil	1.56

81 Collections, amounting to.....\$1325.53

PAROCCHIAL BRANCHES.

St. James, Toronto, 19 Incorporated Members	\$95.00
St. George's, Clarke, 1/2, per Rev. H. Brent	16.00
Huntley, 1/2, per Rev. J. Godfrey	15.00
Richmond, per Rev. C. B. Petit	2.00

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Rev. F. Tremayne	\$ 5.00
Rev. Henry Brent	5.00
Rev. J. Godfrey	5.00
R. C. Wilkins, Esq	5.00
Rev. H. E. Plees	5.00
Rev. H. Holland	5 00
Rev. C. H. Drinkwater	5.00
Rev. George Vinor (B. & T. F.)	2.50
Thomas Leitch, Esq	5.00
H. Gavillar, Esq. (W. & O. F.).....	20.00

SPECIAL MISSION FUND.

Previously announced.....	1768.33
Carrying Place, per Rev. H. E. Plees...	1.33
Barrie, per Churchwardens	2.00

\$1771.66

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

Previously announced	\$804.52
St. James's, Toronto, per Churchwardens	07.00
St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee, per Rev. Dr. Lauder.....	2.03
Richmond, per Rev. C. B. Petit.....	2.00
Carrying Place, per Rev. H. E. Plees ...	1.75
6th Con. Peel	21
Christ Church	41

Per Rev. C. H. Drinkwater.....	62
Newboyne, per Rev. J. Davidson	3.00

INDIAN MISSION FUND.

St. Mark's School, Niagara, for Sault Ste. Marie	20.55
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MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

At three o'clock on Tuesday, June 7th, a special meeting of the incorporated members of the Church Society was held in St. George's School-house, to consider the question of the basis of a division of the funds of the society with the Huron Diocesan Society.

The Bishop addressed the meeting, reviewing the question in all its aspects, and expressing a hope that a settlement might be arrived at, which would prove satisfactory to all the parties interested. His Lordship said—

MY REV. BROTHERS AND BRETHREN,—In proposing the division of the organised portion of the Diocese of Toronto, which comprised the whole Province of Upper Canada in October, 1850, and keeping it before the Imperial Government and the Church till it was happily accomplished in September, 1855, I confined myself strictly to territorial limits. From a careful and minute inspection of the map of Canada West, I found that it might be conveniently divided into three dioceses nearly equal in area or surface, and thus offering three centres instead of one, at which Bishops might be placed for extending the Church. That nothing might be wanting in the way of information to enable those in authority to come to a correct understanding as to the great benefits which would follow the division, I drew up a table of statistics of the three contemplated bishoprics, pointing out the number of townships, counties and square miles which each at that time contained, and showing from their population, number of parishes and clergy that there would be from the first ample employment for the Bishops, and much vacant space for the multiplication of new missions, without disturbing present interests or internal arrangements. These statistics have been adopted by the Government in settling the limits and jurisdictions of the Dioceses of Huron and Toronto, as appears from their patents, and will doubtless be used at the proper time in establishing the proposed diocese of Kingston, and in preparing the way for the fourth diocese, St. Mary, which may be held in abeyance, as it now is, for a few years as an appendage to the Diocese of Toronto. After facilitating these various arrangements, which led to the full organization of the Diocese of Huron, by the consecration of its Bishop and the issue of the Royal Patent, I fondly

hoped that any remaining matters of detail, such as the temporalities, which are, to some extent, common to both, might be easily adjusted, not only because their component parts are clearly defined, but because we have a precedent in the facility with which similar temporalities were amicably arranged, between the Church Societies of Quebec and Montreal. Under these impressions, I readily agreed to appoint a Committee of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, to meet a similar committee from the Church Society of Huron, to confer together on the said temporalities, and so arrange them as might be found just and honourable. The duty assigned to the joint committee, was, of course, a matter of business to be conducted on the principle of strict justice, and implied no power to indulge in what might be deemed liberal and generous acts. In due time there will be many opportunities, I trust, for mutual proofs of kindness and benevolence between the two Dioceses of Huron and Toronto. but at the outset, and in ascertaining their respective rights and resources, they must be guided by justice only. Unfortunately, after two meetings the committees of the Church Societies were unable to agree, a result the more to be regretted, because of the precedent furnished by the joint committee of Quebec and Montreal, which came at once to an amicable arrangement. It is true the particulars referred to that committee were not in all respects the same as ours. There was no fund for widows and orphans, established in the Dioceses of Lower Canada, and the Commutation Fund was not referred, because it presented, in their opinion, no ground of difference. It is not my intention on the present occasion to enter into any discussion on the matters referred to the joint committee, but I think it right to remark that the differences are of very grave importance, and in my humble opinion, not such as are likely to be amicably adjusted by the same parties. I was, indeed, much grieved and somewhat disconcerted to find myself compelled to come to this conclusion; but the reports of the committees, though ably drawn up and by no means wanting in courtesy, are so very opposite in their leanings as to admit of no other. Yet while I confess my disappointment at the result of the reference, I still felt hopeful that some remedy would be discovered to bring about a satisfactory arrangement. In the mean time I was anxiously employed in examining the points of difference in their detail, and in ascertaining what their practical effects would really be if rigidly carried out to their obvious and natural results. And I must be permitted to say, that I found them so unsatisfactory, and even revolting, that they would have pleased no one, and have increased our difficulties tenfold. The knowledge of this fact made me still more anxious to find a safety valve, and although I resolved to proceed in all honesty and fairness of purpose, I was yet cautious to guard against dealing in a spirit too exacting to warrant a satisfactory result. I then asked myself whether it would not be better to mingle something of mutual confidence and Christian charity in our proceedings, and whether under this healing influence some happy course might not be found that would bring us to one accord. Moreover, the prospect of throwing matters so perplexing even to the most discerning before a large assembly, and calculated to produce so great excitement, was to me a source of no little uneasiness and alarm. Many have not enjoyed the opportunity of understanding them even in their general bearing, much less in their details and consequences, and are therefore not prepared to engage in a calm and deliberate discussion. This again increased my earnestness to discover some gentle and effective way of reaching a solution, which if it did not give perfect satisfaction, yet insured a judicial deliverance of an unim-

peachable character, which, with but trifling sacrifice, if indeed any, would bring about peace and harmony. One day in the midst of my lucubrations on this absorbing subject, the Bishop of Huron called, and after a long and interesting conversation, and shewing him the natural results of the demands of the Huron committee, I proposed that the two Bishops, each supported by a lay assessor, with an eminent judicial character at their head, should be appointed by the two Church Societies of Toronto and Huron, to form a tribunal to which the whole subject should be submitted and finally disposed of without appeal. But where are we to find such a head? After some consideration, the Bishop of Huron mentioned Sir James B. Macaulay, and I at once recognised in him a gentleman in every way eminently qualified to discharge this high and important duty. Such a commission, with a gentleman so distinguished to preside, would doubtless command the unlimited confidence of the whole Church, and we both felt that if he consented to act, we had found an infallible remedy for all our troubles. We lost no time in submitting our request. The two Bishops waited on the Honourable Sir James B. Macaulay, and after giving the matter due consideration, he was pleased to give his consent. Rev. gentlemen, and gentlemen, from that moment the Bishop of Huron and myself have considered our object accomplished, for we believed and we still believe that the two Church Societies will adopt our proposition with acclamation. It now remains with you, gentlemen of the Clergy and Laity, to give substance and life to the proposition by passing the necessary resolutions which will be now submitted to your consideration, and by which the tribunal will be constituted and clothed with all necessary authority to decide upon all the matters and things regarding the differences existing between the Church Societies of the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron, and finally settle the same. And may God in His mercy bless the result.

Hon. J. H. CAMERON then moved the following resolution.—“That the apportionment to the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron of part of the lands, property and funds of this Society be, and the same is hereby submitted, to the decision of the Bishops of Toronto and Huron, together with the Hon. Sir James Buchanan Macaulay, who, at his option, shall either act with the Bishops (in which case the decision of the majority shall be final) or as an umpire (when his decision alone shall be final) and that upon the concurrence of the Church Society of Huron in this reference, the necessary bonds of submission to the proposed arbitration be prepared and executed under the seal of the Society.”

Mr. S. KIRKPATRICK seconded the motion. The Lord Bishop said he thought the resolution met the case, and after a short conversation it was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. A copy of the same was then ordered to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron, and that the concurrence of that Society be requested therein.

The Lord Bishop congratulated the Society from his heart that they had adopted a resolution so satisfactory in its nature, and with so much unanimity. (Applause.)

The meeting then adjourned until two p. m. on the following day.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting of the Society was held at the St. George's School-house, at 2 r. M., on Wednesday, the 9th. The Lord Bishop in the chair.

Present.—The Lord Bishop of Huron, and a large number of the Clerical and Lay members.

The prayers were said by the Secretary. Then the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read that portion of the Annual Report which referred to the several funds.

The following Report of the Clergy Commutation Trust Committee was then read:—

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE CLERGY TRUST COMMITTEE TO THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Clergy Trust Committee submit to the Church Society the Quarterly Report of the Commutation Fund, in accordance with the by-law in that behalf.

The investments stand as follows:—

Debentures, at 6 per cent	£235,713 16 6,
yielding	14,142 6 3
Debentures, at 8 per cent.....	6,400 0 0,
yielding	432 0 0
Debentures, at 10 per cent	6,600 0 0,
yielding	660 0 0
Mortgages, at 8 per cent	35,306 13 4,
yielding	2,824 12 6
Mortgages, at 10 per cent.	3,000 0 0,
yielding	300 0 0

Making the amount of investments £285,920 8s. 10d., producing an annual income of £18,359 8s. 9d., being an amount more than sufficient to pay the salaries of all the Clergy in the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron, chargeable on the Commutation Fund

J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Toronto, 8th June, 1859,
J HILLYARD CAMERON,
Manager

On the motion of the Hon. J. H. CAMERON, seconded by the Rev. Dr. FULLER, it was resolved that “the following members of the Society do form the Commutation Fund Committee for the ensuing year; the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron; the Venerable Archdeacon of York; the Rev. Dr. McMurray; the Rev. Dr. Patton; Rev. Dr. Fuller; Revs. S. Givens, J. W. Marsh, F. L. Osler, D. E. Blake, the Hon. Sir J. B. Robinson, Bart., Hon. P. B. Deblaquiere, Hon. George T. Goodhue, Hon. J. H. Cameron, J. W. Smith, Esq., L. Lawrason, Esq., and D. B. O. Ford, Esq.

REPORT FROM THE EASTERN EPISCOPAL TRUST FUND COMMITTEE.

The treasurer had received on account of the fund the following notes and securities:—

Cash subscriptions, less expenses	\$ 7130 70
Promissory notes collected.....	1669 00
Interest received on mortgage, (Hooker)	164 33
„ Ditto on promissory notes	113 66
Interest on cash in Commercial Bank to 31st May	380 43
At Credit of the fund in Commercial Bank	9448 18
Promissory notes not collected	\$22,338 33
Mortgage	2,600 00 24,938 33

\$34,386 51

There was also a deed from the Hon. R. C. Wilkins of a lot in the village of Trenton, containing one-fifth of an acre, value not ascertained. In addition to the amount of \$34,386 51cts., interest estimated at \$1,400, has accrued on the promissory notes; while the Society for Propagating the Gospel has provided the sum of £500 sterling, or \$2,433, so soon as the Fund comes within that amount of the sum required—namely, \$40,000. The total sum, therefore, now necessary to be subscribed is only \$1,780 49cts., provided the committee can realize the whole amount secured by promissory notes.

Rev. R. LEWIS moved, seconded by Rev. R. STEVENSON, and it was resolved, “that the fol-

lowing gentlemen be a Committee for the management of the Eastern Episcopal Fund.—Rev. Dr. Patton, Rev. Dr. Lauder, Rev. J. A. Muloch, J. A. Henderson, Esq., C. S. Ross, Esq., D. B. O. Ford, Esq., and Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq.”

Two applications were made from parishes in the Diocese of Huron for the transfer of lands held in trust for them; it was resolved that unless there is any very urgent cause for immediate action, the transfer had better be delayed until all the special trusts have been conveyed to the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron.

The Secretary read a Resolution of the Church Society, Diocese of Huron, forwarded by the Secretary,—

Resolved.—That the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Huron, specially convened by the Lord Bishop, while regretting that the matters in which both Church Societies are interested have not yet been finally arranged, desires to express its opinion that a plan might be devised of settling these matters by the appointment of parties, by both Societies, with full powers for the final settlement of the same, with the understanding that, if it is thought desirable, the Widows and Orphans' Fund be left as a common fund that shall be managed by a joint committee appointed by both Societies, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the Clergy of both Dioceses.

A grant of books, to the value of \$10, was voted to the Rev. J. VanLinge, for his Sunday-school at Mono.

The Rev. H. C. COOPER handed in the following Resolution:—

At a Vestry Meeting of St. George's Church, Etobicoke, held on Easter Monday last, it was *Resolved*.—That the thanks of the Vestry be tendered to the Church Society for the grant of £12 10s. towards the liquidation of the debt of that church, but that as the immediate necessity had been met from other sources, the Vestry respectfully decline drawing upon the funds of the Society for the above amount.

The Hon. Mr. CAMERON gave notice of a motion to alter the By-law appointing the Trustees of the Commutation Fund, so that the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Huron may also be *ex officio* a President of the said Trust Committee.

On the motion of the Rev. H. C. COOPER, seconded by the Rev. T. B. REED, it was resolved “that the mode adopted by the Secretary in regard to the last annual report—namely, of printing only as many copies as shall be ordered and paid for by the Parochial Associations before the end of June, with the entire lists of all Parochial Associations so ordering and paying for reports—be approved by the Society.”

Rev. W. S. DARLING, seconded by Rev. W. A. JOHNSON, gave notice that at the next meeting of the Society, he would move “That a Committee be named for the purpose of considering whether an entire change cannot be made in that bye-law of the Society allowing the appropriation of three-fourths of the parochial subscriptions to local purposes.”

The Secretary gave notice that, in order to carry out the suggestions of the “Committee on the Expense of the Management of the Church Society,” which had been adopted, he would, at the next Monthly Meeting, move that the words “Two or more Auditors,” in the Seventh Article of the Constitution, be struck out, and the words “One Auditor” be inserted in lieu.

Resolved.—That the thanks of the Society are due to the Auditors, for their services during the past year.

No change was made in the Officers or Committees, and Mr. Brent was elected Auditor.

The following gentlemen were proposed as Members of this Corporation:—By Rev. Dr. Fuller, the Rev. Wm. Ross, of Thorold, by Rev. Dr.

Patton, the Rev. Charles Forest, by Mr. Kirkpatrick, the Rev. Henry Sharpe, of Wolfe Island, by Hon. Geo. Boulton, Rev. Mr. Jones, of Cobourg; by Revs. Dr. O'Meara, Rev. Jas. Chance and Rev. Peter Jacobs, by Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Rev. C. L. F. Haensel, and George Taylor, Esq., of Hamilton.

The Rev. Edwin Loucks was unanimously elected a Member of the Corporation.

The Bishop then adjourned the Meeting to the St. Lawrence Hall at 7½ p. m.

EVENING MEETING.

The St. Lawrence Hall was well filled. The Lord Bishop in the chair. The Rev. H. J. Grassett, Chaplain, and the speakers on the platform. The Secretary read the following Report.—

REPORT.

In presenting their Seventeenth Annual Report your Committee have again to deplore a deficiency in the income of the Society. In no previous year, perhaps, has the scarcity of money been felt by all classes of the community, as it has been during the past year; yet some branches have reported an increase in the amount collected which they attribute to the fact that the objects of the Society had this year been urged upon the attention of the congregations at public meetings, and the services of earnest minded collectors engaged; your Committee have but little doubt that the same means would every where produce like results. In their opinion what the members of the Church can and are prepared to do for the Society, has never yet been fairly tested. In many parishes the objects are not named at all, and instances have occurred of individuals sending their contributions direct to the Parent Society, with expressions of regret that they had no opportunity of giving in their parish Churches. In many others, the notice that there will be a collection, is only vaguely given, and with no exhortation or instruction, so that the people give without any definite knowledge as to the importance of sustaining or furthering this or that object, much less with any interest for its success.

The masses and the many, particularly in our cities, have rarely if ever opportunities afforded them of partaking in the work, which the body of which they are members has to perform. Our contributions are for the most part from a few, and they the more able and liberal of our congregations, who give freely to every good cause, but the large amounts which are raised annually by English Missionary Societies and other denominations are for the most part made up of small sums gathered from the many.

Were every member of the Church, rich or poor, old or young, throughout the Diocese solicited to contribute according to their means to the funds of the Church Society, (the only machinery which our branch of the Church has for the propagation of the Gospel within the bounds assigned her by her Lord and Master,) it would be enabled to meet the many claims which are multiplying continually. In order to do this there must be united and cordial action, for the purpose of securing which the constitution of this Society is admirably adapted. The Society is only the Trustee of what the Church does give, and if it faithfully account for what is entrusted to it, the blame of not doing more cannot be justly imputed to it. With the same organization hundreds of thousands instead of thousands might be managed, in proof of which your Committee need only mention the fact that the large amount received from the Clergy, (the proceeds of the commutation of their salaries,) was entrusted to the Society, and in consequence the cost of management has been a very small charge on the income of that fund, the sustentation and augmentation

of which is a matter of the greatest importance to every individual in the Diocese. If our borders are extending and our population annually increasing, it is surely a reason for the Church to wake up, and to enlarge her heart, and to increase the measure of her missionary contributions. The body is made up of limbs and members; the Church is composed of individuals; let each individual then enquire what his duty as a member of the body is, and then diligently and prayerfully set himself to perform it. By heartily engaging in such work we give proof of the vitality of our faith, and the sincerity of our love for him who so loved us, that He sent his only begotten Son into the world to redeem us from slavery and eternal misery; by his bloodshedding that blessed Son purchased us for himself to be a peculiar people zealous of good works. If we are not zealous in good works, are we the followers of Christ, indeed? Can we hope to hear those blessed words addressed to us by our master, “Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

INCOME.

The income of the Parent Society, when the books were closed and sent to be audited, exclusive of moneys received for various trusts and investments returned, deducting also £176 5s 2d. belonging to last year's income and credited in the appendix of the report, though received after the books were closed,

Amounted to.....	£2621	1	10	
Received since books were closed ..	211	0	4	
Income of Parochial				
Branches so far as at present ascertained	£1560	11	9	
Deduct remitted to Parent Society inclusive of Annual Members' subscriptions	433	10	1	
		1127	1	8
Money received for various Trusts and investments returned	707	8	1	

Total received by the Society.... £4663 11 11

Last year the income of the Parent Society was £3048 18s 1d, consequently there appears to be a deficiency when compared with last year of £216 10s 11d. Last year certain parishes and Clergymen in the Diocese of Huron contributed £177 to the funds of this Society, chiefly for the Widow and Orphans' Fund, this year only £1 5s. has been received. There is also due to the Society for reports £73 12s 1d.

On the other hand it must be stated that an additional collection, styled in the Society's books “Special Mission Fund,” was taken up by order of the Bishop, on the suggestion of the Synod, which amounted to £112 1s. 7d., and which is included under the head of Income

SERMONS.

The proceeds of the quarterly collections, at the several churches and stations, during the past year, are somewhat less than those of the preceding one, but when it is considered that last year £177 was received from the Western Diocese, your Committee conceive that they have cause to congratulate the Society, because they think that its objects must have been more forcibly urged on the attention of the Laity. The following table will show the comparison between the receipts of the last two years.

Year ending 30th April '59.	Stations	Year ending 30th April '58	Stations
Amount	amount	amount	amount
General Purpose Fund.....	120	198	145
Mission Fund.....	174	204	163
Widow & Orphans' Fund	176	337	190
Students' Fund	120	123	95
		123	111
		95	130
		0	2
		£923	13
		7	1061
Add to this the 4th collection for special Mission Fund ..	443	1	7
		1365	2
		15	

On referring to page 47 of last year's report it will be found that £60 16s. 2d., was received for the Students' Fund after the books were closed, and as the collection for this object is taken up in the last month of the Society's financial year, many collections for this object may yet be expected. Your Committee have no doubt that if each subject was intelligibly brought before the several congregations, an equal, if not larger amount would be contributed by the Laity of every congregation, as was contributed to the Special Mission Fund.

MISSION FUND.

The total receipts on this account have been £381 2s. 0d., £15 4s. 3d. having been received since the books were closed, whereas last year, the 47th page of the Report shows £432 12s. 1d. received on this account. The deficiency therefore is £48 10s. 0d. from ordinary sources, but to this fund may be fairly added the sum collected for Special Missions £442 1s. 7d., for though it was created at the suggestion of the Synod, it was received by the Society, and dispensed by a Committee of the Society nominated by the Bishop. The relief of special cases was doubtless intended, (as when the Fund which was raised and styled in the third Annual Report, "Septuagesima Fund,") and therefore it might rightly be dispensed by a Committee of the Society, nominated by the Bishop, who being the President of the Church Society would not countenance the establishment of another Missionary Society for his Diocese, particularly when the object for which the fund was specially raised, was one contemplated by the Constitution of this Society. Your Committee have no doubt upon this subject, but merely advert to it, as more than one influential member of the Society has questioned whether the sum collected could legitimately be included in its annual income.

The last report stated that the Parent Society had undertaken to expend £500 for the support of Missionaries and Missionary objects, such as payments to Catechists and Interpreters, and insurance on one Indian Church. The following statement shows an expenditure of £609 19s. 6d.

Rev. Geo. White, Miss. Mid. Dist....	£62 10 0
" R. Flood, for Interpreter.....	25 0 0
" Thos. Campbell, ½ year's salary	30 0 0
" T. P. Hodge, allowance from Missionary Fund, for ½ year....	12 10 0
" J. Langtry.....	30 0 0
" J. A. Preston, allowance from Missionary Fund.....	25 0 0
Peter Jacobs' salary as School Master at Walpolo Island.....	28 2 6
Rev. P. Jacobs.....	60 0 0
" C. H. Drinkwater allowance from Mission Fund.....	25 0 0
" E. H. M. Baker.....	60 0 0
Insurance on Manitowahning Church	5 0 0
Rev. A. H. R. Mulholland, Interpreter.....	50 0 0
H. C. Hogg, Schoolmaster to Muncey Indians.....	60 0 0
Rev. E. H. Dewar, Catechist to Irish Settlement.....	5 0 0
" J. Davidson.....	25 0 0
For Home District M. F.....	100 0 0
Taxes.....	16 17 0

Gore and Wellington District.....	£609 19 6
Niagara District.....	334 14 6
Homo District, to Missionaries.....	100 0 0
	165 5 0

The Rev. P. Jacobs has for the last two years, sent from his Indian flock contributions to the funds of the Church Society. This year the amount was \$18 64c. The Indians not having money, Mr. Jacobs accepted their Maple Sugar and sold it. They have likewise contributed for

the Colonial Church and School Society, \$26 44c. £170 12s 6d was expended by the Parent Society for Missionary objects in the Diocese of Huron, this Society being unwilling to withdraw its aid from the Indian Missions, until the Church Society of that Diocese was well organized.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The receipts to the credit of this fund during the past year, amounted to..... £1349 2 2
But from this must be deducted investments returned amounting to 431 7 8

917 14 6

The sum of £417 14 4 has been added to the investments, making the amount now invested for this object £8646 15 9.

The amount paid out in pensions... £430 0 0
" " for taxes on lands 11 12 9

The by law for the administration of this fund provides that 25 shillings for every clergyman duly recognised, shall on the 1st of January in each year be transferred from the General Purpose Fund to this Fund, provided it bear such a charge upon it, and that after the current and customary expenses of the Society are paid, this charge shall be the first defrayed. This sum of 25 shillings represents the subscription of a clergyman who is an Incorporated Member.

For the last few years it has been customary to place the clergyman's subscription at once to the credit of the Widow and Orphans' Fund, as the Collection for the General Purpose Fund is only appointed to be taken up in the month of January, and the Parochial Branches seldom report before the end of March, and many of them not till just before the Society's books have to be closed. Your Committee recommend that the by-law of the Society be henceforth strictly adhered to, as for the last two years such transfer ought not to have been made, for by reference to the appendix of the last year's Report, it will be seen that the General Purpose Fund at the close of the year had a balance to debit, and also this year, had the transfers not been made as above stated, there would have been £375 less to the Credit of this Fund.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

The proceeds of the Quarterly Collections for this Fund only amounted to £198 18s. 6d, less by £23 16s. 7d. than last year, only 120 Stations having contributed this year, whereas the previous year 146 Stations reported; add to this the subscriptions from Incorporated Members, and the quota from Parochial Branches, and it will be seen that this fund which has to bear the whole expenses of management &c., received from the whole Diocese about £860. By reference to the accounts it will be seen that the fund was deficient when the last Report was printed, £239 8d. 7s. There is now balance against it of something over £450.

Several Parishes owe for Reports furnished for the last two years..... £73 12 1
Rents due, amount to..... 169 2 6
And if to these were added 150 Incorporated Members' subscriptions, which were this and the past year transferred to the W. and O. F. amounting to..... 375 0 0

there would, instead of a deficiency, be a balance to the credit of this fund of about £200. Your Committee are at a loss to account for the fact that less is contributed for this object after the annual Sermon than for any other; as most of the parishes must have experienced how beneficial was a timely grant of even a small sum towards the completion of a Church or Parsonage, and the grant of Sunday School books and Tracts, which latter have never been refused. During the past year grants of Books &c. were made amounting to £90 13 6
And to Churches..... 20 0 0

while promises were made to ten parishes of assistance so soon as this Fund would admit of it, which promises the Society hoped to be able to redeem in January, but in vain

STUDENTS' FUND.

The collections in behalf of this fund were to be taken up in the month of April, and returns have been received as yet from only 120 Stations, the amount being £123 1s. 11d.

The names of eleven Students have been submitted to your committee as having been partially assisted out of this fund; £200 has been paid over as usual to the Bursar of Trinity College. This sum provides for only four Scholarships, tenable for two years, one being of the annual value of £30 currency, two of £25, and one of £20. Pecuniary assistance, in no instance amounting to one-half of the necessary expenses of college residence, is thus given to four Students annually, or to eight Students of the two years over which the Theological Course extends. It is hoped that some effectual means may be adopted of offering to young men of moral and intellectual promise, greater inducement to prepare themselves for the sacred ministry of the Church, as the difficulty of meeting the expense of their education is a most serious addition to the very grave discouragement, which is presented by the inadequate and precarious nature of the provision which is made for their maintenance when they have actually entered on the service.

Your Committee have to report that several new Parochial Branches were formed during the past year; public meetings were held and the cause of the Society ably advocated by gentlemen, who at personal inconvenience and cost, kindly attended a deputation in different parts of the Diocese, not only at the District Branch Meetings, but also at the Parochial ones. The Hon. J. H. Cameron devoted a whole week to the Niagara District, and also assisted at many other meetings. The great benefit which has accrued to the Society from the visits of these deputations, will doubtless be more apparent in subsequent years, as they have awakened an interest in the several localities where the meetings were held, which your Committee trust will not be allowed to subside; the parochial reports, which will be printed shortly, will give abundant evidence of this. The only clerical member who has been taken from us during the past year was the Rev. V. P. Mayerhoffer, who had attained the full age usually allotted to man; he was carried off by no disease, but for a long time it was apparent to himself and friends that his life was drawing to a close; he gradually sank in the possession of all his mental faculties, expressing gratitude that he did not suffer pain, and that he placed his sole reliance on what the Saviour had done for him, and not upon any works of his own. He has left an aged widow destitute of this world's goods, and your Committee trust that the Society will be enabled to afford her a small allowance for the few years which may yet be allotted to her. The Society has to deplore the death of H. C. Baker, Esq. of Hamilton, who was for 12 years the Treasurer of the Gore and Wellington District Branch. He was taken from us in the prime of life; the estimation in which he was held by the Branch of the Society, which he so long fostered, will be seen in the last paragraph of their annual report. But his loss will be felt by the Society at large, he took a lively interest in all its operations, and never, except when absent from the Province, omitted attending a meeting of the Commutation Trust Fund Committee, of which he was a most valuable member.

Your Committee congratulate the Society upon the success which the reports received from the Commutation Trust Fund Committee and the Eastern Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee

show. The hardness of the times, to use a common expression, seems to have been the only obstacle which has prevented the consummation of the hopes of again subdividing this vast Diocese, and so lessening the labours of our beloved Diocesan. The amount subscribed, all things considered, is large, but the difficulty of realizing the amount of the required securities, all business persons can well understand. With regard to the Commutation Fund, your Committee have good cause for congratulating the Church, owing to the able management of the Fund at the disposal of the Committee, an income equal at least to the amount of salaries commuted by the clergy, has been secured in perpetuity to the Church, and too much praise cannot be awarded to the constant attendance which the gentlemen composing the sub-committee, have at great inconvenience to themselves given to its management. Persons may be found who will contribute many pounds to the promotion of such an object, but for years to devote gratuitously valuable time, nearly every week, for the benefit of the body at large, your Committee believe that few individuals could be found to do so for such a length of time, as have the members of the sub-committee.

Reports have been received from the Church Societies of the several Dioceses in North America, all of which prove that the Church is steadily, if not rapidly gaining ground. Your Committee regret that the basis of the division of the Society's property, rendered necessary in consequence of the division of the Diocese, has not yet been settled; (the delay has not been caused by any want of generosity or kindly feeling on the part of this Society, but as Trustees they felt bound to act cautiously,) but they have every reason to expect that this will soon be effected to the satisfaction of all parties, and that nothing they trust will ever arise to interrupt that harmony and unity of purpose which should ever prevail between members of the same Church, who have but the one object, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and who merely divide the field in order that it may be more effectually worked.

LANDS.

Income by lease on various trusts £257s. 6d.

Deeds received this year.

Sarah Playter and others to Church Society Diocese Toronto, $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre, part west $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 11 con. 2, township of York, for a Church.

J. W. Gamble et Uxor to Church Society, Diocese Toronto, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, village lots 4, 6 and 7 of the Brolloy Block in the Village of Burwick, for a Church and Burying ground.

R. E. Tyrwhitt to Church Society, Diocese Toronto, 50 acres south east quarter lot No. 28 con. 5, township of King, 2 acres for site of Church, remainder for Parsonage and Endowment.

Jas. O'Brien Bouchier et Uxor to Church Society, Diocese Toronto, 1 acre and 54 hundredths of an acre, part of lot No. 2 con. 7, township of Georgina, for a Church and Burying ground.

Taxes paid on lands during year, £111 13s. 2d

Moved by the Hon. GEO. ALLEN, seconded by Dr. BOVELL,

That the report now read be adopted and printed for circulation.

Moved by the Hon. J. H. CAMERON, seconded by the Rev. C. FOREST,

That the comprehensive nature of the objects of the Society, and their great individual importance, entitle it to the cordial support of every member of the Church.

Moved by PROFESSOR HINDE, seconded by the Rev. JOHN VICARS,

That while it is our duty as churchmen to take an interest in the spread of the Redeemer's cause throughout the world; yet are we especially bound to provide for the spiritual wants of those

residing within this Diocese, where the harvest is truly plenteous but the labourers are few.

Moved by the Provost, seconded by the Hon. GEORGE BOULTON,

That the inadequate and uncertain provision which is at present made for the Ministers of our Church, is a most serious hinderance to the efficient performance of their duties, and at the same time a grievous discouragement to those whom the Church looks to fill their places or to augment their numbers; and that it is consequently our duty not to rest till the first of the avowed objects of this Society is more effectually accomplished.

Moved by the Rev. R. V. ROARS, seconded by the Rev. J. HIRTON,

That the thanks of this Society are due and hereby tendered to the officers and members of the several committees, for their services during the past year

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD

FIRST DAY'S SESSION
Thursday, June 7, 1859.

Divine Service was celebrated in St James' Cathedral at nine o'clock, a.m. Prayers were said by the Rev. J. G. Geddes, Rector of Christ Church, Hamilton; the Lessons were read by the Rev. T. A. Parnell, Incumbent of Mirickville; the Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Beaven, D.D., Incumbent of Berkeley and Chester; the Holy Communion was afterwards administered to the Clergy and Lay Delegates, after which the Synod met for the despatch of business in the School-house of St. George's Church. The Rev. Dr. Lett and the Rev. T. S. Kennedy were appointed as a Committee to examine the certificates of the Lay Delegates and report thereon.

At two o'clock, p.m., the Synod assembled for business in the School-house of St. George's Church, the Lord Bishop in the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Ven. the Archdeacon of York.

The names of the Clergy were called over by the Clerical Secretary.

The following Clergymen answered to their names:

Revs. F. L. Osler, M.A.; S. Houston, B.A.; S. B. Ardagh, A.M.; E. Morgan; E. C. Bower; W. F. S. Harper; G. A. Bull; John Grier, M.A.; James Beaven, D.D.; J. T. Lewis, LL.D.; F. R. Tane, B. G. Cox; Ven. A. N. Bethune, D.C.L.; S. Jones, B.A.; T. P. Hodge; J. Langtry, M.A.; W. Leeming, C. L. Ingles, B.A.; W. Logan; Henry Brent, Henry Patton, D.C.L.; H. E. Pices; G. W. White, B.A.; Percy S. Warren, B.A.; J. Flood, H. C. Cooper, B.A.; C. E. Thomson, M.A.; J. A. Morris; H. Holland, B.A.; W. C. Clarke; W. Ritchie; J. Godfrey; J. Chance; J. W. Carroll, J. G. D. McKenzie, M.A.; F. M. Stewart, M.A.; J. Wilson; J. G. Geddes, M.A.; J. T. Blackman, D.C.L.; Ven. G. O'K. Stuart, D.C.L.; R. V. Rogers, M.A.; J. A. Muloch; Jas. Harris; J. Vicars, B.A.; A. Dixon, B.A.; H. B. Osler; J. Vanhinge; T. A. Parnell; F. A. O'Meara, LL.D.; P. Jacobs; Geo. S. J. Hill, B.A.; C. Forest, M.A.; F. Tremayne, Jr.; Edward J. Boswell, D.C.L.; J. Davidson, M.A.; W. B. Lauder, LL.D.; W. McMurray, D.C.L.; S. F. Ramsay, M.A.; J. S. Lauder, B.A.; E. Loucks; R. Shanklin; T. B. Read; R. Garrett; J. Hilton; E. H. M. Baker; W. Bleadell, A.M.; E. W. Beaven, M.A.; G. B. P. Viner, B.A.; R. Lewis, M.A.; J. J. Bogart, M.A.; R. L. Stephenson, M.A.; F. W. Dobbs; G. N. Higginson, M.A.; T. Taylor, M.A.; Henry W. Stewart, B.A.; J. L. Alexander, B.A.; T. T. Roberts, M.A.; W. Belt, M.A.; J. A. Preston, M.A.; F. J. S. Groves; J. B. Worrel; R. Arnold, B.A.; H. J. Grasett, B.D.; S. G. Boddy, M.A.; Stephen Lett, LL.D.; W. S. Darling; W. E. Cooper, M.A.; J. H. McCollum, M.A.; A. Sanson; T. S. Kennedy

A. J. Broughall, M.A.; S. Givens; D. E. Blake, B.A.; T. B. Fuller, D.C.L.; Wm. Ross, M.A.; S. S. Strong, D.D.; G. A. Anderson, W. A. Johnson; John A. Stannago; S. Briggs, M.A.; T. Greene, LL.D.; J. Curry, B.D.; J. Fletcher, B.A.; J. Pentland, B.A.; J. G. Armstrong, B.A.; H. Sharpe; B. C. Hill, M.A.; R. Mitchel, M.A.; Geo. Whitaker, M.A.; E. K. Kendall, B.A.; E. Denroche, M.A.—Being more than one-fourth of the Clerical members of the Synod.

The names of the Lay Delegates were then called over by the Lay Secretary, when the following Delegates answered their names:—

J. Mackellan, M.D., W. J. Kern, M.D., Hon. J. Patton, M.L.C., E. G. O'Brien, J. Almas, E. J. Sisson, W. J. Bird, P. Patterson, D. B. O. Ford, F. B. Breger, H. Turner, Hon. G. S. Boulton, M.L.C., Judge Boswell, J. B. Harris, James Magrath, J. Ielfer, Thos. C. Street, J. Mewburn, M.D., Edward Wallan, F. J. Joseph, F. Farcomb, W. Gibson, S. Strickland, Kivas Tully, E. C. Fisher, W. Gamble, J. Stanton, R. Kidd, J. W. Sims, W. T. Vale, J. G. Rogers, G. S. Burrell, Miles O'Reilly, D. C. Ginn, F. A. Ball, R. A. Land, Thos. Kirkpatrick, T. D. R. Vinson, W. H. Bottom, James Reynolds; J. W. O. Clarke, G. P. M. Ball, Arthur Armstrong, Abraham Martin, Geo. Pingel, W. J. Radley, J. Holgate, W. Joyce, R. Cowan, Wm. Kingsmill, J. W. Ball, James Baxter, N. Allen Gamble, J. Parsons, J. B. Lewis, W. Y. Pettit, H. Harwood, R. Gardiner, M. MacLeod, J. F. Hindall, Wm. Shea, Clark's Rubidge, J. Peters, John Patton, Wm. Simpson, Preston Hallen, Chas. Brent, George C. Ward, J. Bowles, H. Mittleberger, J. R. Benson, J. Taylor, P. Shepherd, C. Schull, J. Murton, G. E. Bull, C. Hall, J. Ballinger, J. Baruhart, Hon. G. W. Allan, M.L.C., G. Duggan, Jr., E. H. Rutherford, Hon. J. H. Cameron, S. B. Harman, Jas. Bovell, M.D., C. J. Campbell, J. W. Brent, W. Ince, W. Gooderam, H. A. Joseph, D. B. Read, R. B. Denison, G. T. Kingston, Beverley Morris, M.D., Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, M.L.C., D. Wilson, LL.D., W. McKenzie, G. Pexton, J. C. Lawrence, W. Cook, A. Gaviller, A. Saulter, Abraham Brant, John Poett, H. J. Boulton, J. A. De la Hooke, M.D., L. D. Raymond, I. M. Chaffee, W. Chisholm, J. W. Gamble, James Stodders, H. O'Reilly, G. Malone, J. Hamilton, Samuel Keefer, J. G. Stoverson, A. P. Farrell, W. Marsh, J. C. T. Cochrane, H. Turner.—Being at least one Delegate for more than one-fourth of the Congregations within the Diocese.

The Rev. E. J. BOSWELL moved, and Rev. S. GIVENS seconded,

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the legality of the election of the Delegates from the parish of Prescott.—Carried.

His Lordship named the Rev. D. E. Blake, Rev. S. Givens, Hon. J. H. Cameron and Judge Boswell as the Committee.

Judge Boswell not being in the room, his Lordship named Judge O'Reilly in his stead.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Rev. Dr. LETT moved, and Rev. Dr. O'MEARA seconded,

That the Rev. J. G. Geddes, Rector of Hamilton, be elected Clerical Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. GEDDES begged to decline the office, and moved that the Rev. Dr. Lett be elected Clerical Secretary, seconded by the Rev. Dr. O'MEARA.—Carried.

Mr. W. GAMBLE moved, and Hon. P. B. DE-BLAQUIERE seconded,

That Dr. BOVELL be Lay Secretary.—Carried.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK moved, and Hon. J. H. CAMERON seconded,

That J. W. Brent, Esq., be Treasurer.—Carried.

The Rev. Dr. McMURRAY moved, and R. B. DENISON seconded,

That C. J. Campbell and W. M. Westmacott be Auditors.—Carried.

READING THE MINUTES.

The Rev. Dr. PATTON moved, and Col. O'BRIEN seconded,

That inasmuch as the Minutes of the last Synod have been printed and circulated among the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese, the reading of the Minutes be dispensed with.—*Carried.*

ADMISSION TO SEATS IN THE SYNOD.

The Rev. Charles Hamilton, and the Rev. J. Hellmuth, D.D., of the Diocese of Quebec; the Rev. C. C. Brough, A.M., the Rev. St. George Gaulfield, A.B., the Rev. J. W. Marsh, of the Diocese of Huron, and H. Hoffman, of the Diocese of New Jersey, were admitted unanimously to seats in the Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Hon. J. H. CAMERON, having obtained leave, brought up the report of the Prescott Election Committee.

The Committee having heard the statements made for and against the election of John Patton, Esq., as delegate for Prescott, unanimously resolve that John Patton, Esq., has been duly elected.

J. HILLIARD CAMERON,
Chairman

His Lordship the Bishop then read the following

ADDRESS

MY REVEREND BRETHREN AND BRETHREN,

I am truly thankful to Almighty God that I am spared to meet you again in Synod, and that I am able to state that the affairs of the Church, since our adjournment in September, have proceeded prosperously; and that we now meet in peace and harmony to deliberate on the unfinished business of the last session, and such other objects of interest as may tend to the glory of our Redeemer, and the extension of His gospel in this portion of His vineyard which has been consigned to us for our more special cultivation.

In our session of June last, the Synod addressed a letter to the Church in India, in which was conveyed an expression of the deep sympathy which we felt in her behalf, and that she had been counted worthy to suffer in the cause of our common Lord and Master—assuring her of our continual remembrance, and of our earnest prayers at the throne of grace for her effectual deliverance, and that her trials of faith might be changed into praise and glory at the appearance of Christ.

This testimony of love and affection has been received in the purest Christian Spirit, as you will all feel, when the letters of the Bishops of Madras, Bombay, and Calcutta are read.

It is impossible to pass from this interesting subject without pausing a moment to look at the vast expansion of our Protestant Missions during the last few years, and the glorious position which our beloved Mother Church has taken and maintained in promoting this invaluable result. Is it not manifest that she has been chosen by Divine Providence, to take a most conspicuous and extensive share in the propagation of the Gospel, and has not God given her far greater means, and more numerous opportunities for advancing her holy mission than any other branch of the Catholic Church ever enjoyed? Her clergy are at this day exercising their authority in every quarter of the globe—labouring in India; they have recently entered China, thus opening two regions for missionary enterprise which are supposed to contain nearly one-half of the population of the whole earth. Hitherto this population has been sitting in superstition, darkness and wickedness, but now light and life have come among them. Can any one believe that our Heavenly Father, who never works in vain, would have brought about so wonderful and mighty a change as to place under the influence

of one of the smallest of the Christian nations, at one extremity of the world, heathen populations at the other, infinitely more numerous, but to manifest His wisdom, His omnipotence and goodness in diffusing amongst their millions the blessings of the Gospel dispensation? Nor is this all. In the vast continent of Australia, and in the numerous islands of the South Sea our Church is scattering her precious seed with a zeal and energy worthy of Apostolic times.

Moreover, in Africa, colonies are being planted where her doctrines, her angelic morality, her rights and discipline are brought in contact with human nature in its lowest degradation, and slowly, but surely raising it to the sublimity of Christian devotion. Nor, I trust, is our beloved Church less alive in America to the discharge of her high and sacred functions than in the other quarters of the world—her progress in the neighbouring States, and in our sister provinces, is daily offering encouraging proofs of her steady advancement. Brilliant as the prospects appear which are opening and widening in the East for our Church's religious enterprise, and calculated, as they certainly seem on the first view, to throw us in the shade, and make us seem as nothing or a very little thing, and rejoiced as we are to behold her exertions in favour of India and China, and the other numerous colonies and vast regions in the East, I have to remind you that our Church in this favoured land, though struggling with many grave difficulties, is rapidly rising to a still higher position than any other branch of our Mother Church, and becoming the portal to a much wider field for missionary operations than even China and India can ever offer. Already the Church of England stretches her arms half across the vast continent of America, from Halifax towards Vancouver's Island. She has planted one of her Bishops at the Red River, midway between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and in a short time the missionaries of the Bishop of Columbia will meet those of the Bishop of Rupert's Land, with whom we are now in regular Communication. The country from sea to sea will open to emigration an immense field, and continued settlements will gradually follow, churches and towns will rise, so that the younger portion of my audience may yet be able to travel, without serious difficulty, from Quebec to Victoria. But I feel overwhelmed with the vast dimensions of the Missionary expanse which stretches between Canada and the shores of the Pacific and Northern Oceans, and of which she holds the key.

I must, however, proceed to matters of more humble character.

At our adjourned session held at Kingston last September, I was requested by the Synod to issue a pastoral letter, setting forth to the Clergy and Laity the great importance of a Sustentation Fund; but till it should be in some measure realized, it was recommended that a general collection should be made in the several churches and stations of the Diocese on some Sunday towards the close of the year to meet present exigencies and supply immediate wants. In accordance with this expressed desire of the Synod, I published a pastoral letter, bearing date the 15th of November, in which I named Sunday, the 12th of December, being the third Sunday in Advent, for a collection in behalf of the objects stated. The call was very fairly answered, and it has enabled the committee appointed to apportion its proceeds to relieve many severe cases. Such appeals, may, I think, be profitably repeated from time to time. But in the present state of the Church, much more energetic measures must be resorted to before she can extend her limits, or even maintain in comfort the present position.

It has, indeed, always appeared to me, that the scheme adopted in the constitution of our Church Society, for the supply of the wants of the Church

generally, is one of the best if not the very best that has ever been proposed, but it has never, I fear, been honestly and conscientiously worked and carried out. And because of this the Church is suffering.

How mournful is it to examine the published notices of the four annual collections, enjoined by the Society, as they appear in our Secretary's reports. By some of the churchwardens they seem almost systematically ignored. Others select one or two and omit the rest, as if it were not the bounden duty of every clergyman and churchwarden to take them all up in their turn. They are in many parishes and stations scarcely mentioned in the congregations—no remonstrances are made concerning them to the people on account of their coldness and neglect, and yet the most bitter complainers against the Church and her poverty are the very persons who are thus guilty of doing nothing to remedy the evil.

It has sometimes occurred to me that much benefit might be derived from publishing occasionally in the *Canada Ecclesiastical Gazette* lists of the parishes omitting the collections, and the probable loss of revenue sustained by this flagrant breach of duty. I feel, indeed, persuaded that the four annual collections would more than double their present amount were the clergy and churchwardens to act, in this important matter, as before God. I mention the churchwardens on this point advisedly, because instead of taking the lead with their vestries in forwarding such things, they frequently hang back and neutralize the exertions of the clergy. As regards the Sustentation Fund, this may not be the most judicious time for pressing it forward, but we ought to take all the preparatory steps to urge it on at the first seasonable period, which cannot be far distant.

Attempts are now being made to carry out the Canon on the division of parishes in the case of the city of Hamilton, and I am glad to learn that there is a fair prospect of a happy result, and this will generally be the case where a candid and disinterested spirit prevails; but where, on the contrary, an exacting and selfish spirit appears, there is little hope, and in such cases it is commonly wise to adjourn proceedings until it has abated.

The rights and privileges of the Mother Church should in all cases be tenderly respected and frankly allowed, because, in general, the original parish is called upon to make sacrifices, and, at times, large ones, hence the propriety that those who solicit them should proceed not only generously but with the greatest delicacy.

Perhaps the canon itself may be so amended as to make it more practical, but be this as it may, the frank recognition of a just and equitable basis is an essential preliminary step to be adopted by all the parties interested. If this be satisfactorily accomplished, there will be little or no difficulty in completing the division. It will nevertheless be seen that the whole process requires much caution and tender handling to ensure an amicable conclusion.

Many difficulties have hitherto stood in the way of the regular and prompt administration of the discipline of the Church. We have been compelled to depend, in a great measure, upon moral influence, an untiring forbearance, and such remonstrances as might awaken conscience or excite the fear of public exposure. Moreover, great doubts were, till lately, entertained as to how far the judicial system of the Mother Church might be applicable to the Church in the Colonies. These doubts, however, are now removed by recent acts of the Provincial Legislature and the Imperial Government, which confers upon the Church in the Colonies the power of self government in all things honest and lawful, I therefore trust a canon will be passed during the present

session of the Synod to enforce ecclesiastical discipline in all its branches; for, although the Church has hitherto been able to proceed with comparative order and tranquility, it was on many occasions at the expense of much suffering, and the necessity of overlooking officially, offences which throw discredit on the Church, but which will be now judiciously treated, and where found guilty, punished. Such cases, from the great increase to the clergy, will more frequently occur, and should be promptly disposed of. There is even now, one of the most aggravated character, which calls loudly for adjudication.

I mentioned at the adjourned meeting of the Synod at Kingston, in September last, that the other Dioceses in Canada were not then sufficiently advanced to warrant an early meeting of the Provincial Synod, which is in many respects so desirable to harmonious and consistent Synodical action through its several Dioceses. But I am happy to be able to inform you that matters are now more hopeful. The Bishops of Montreal, Quebec, and Huron, have summoned their respective Synods to meet during this month, and they will soon be in a position to elect delegates to the Provincial assembly. There is no reason, therefore, why we might not have our first Provincial Synod during the coming autumn.

In the meantime, the Lord Bishop of Montreal has suggested that the Bishops and Clergy and Laity of the four Dioceses of Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Huron, respectively, assembled in Synod, should each present an address to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to direct that the necessary measures be taken, in order that some one of the Bishops of the said Church, in the Province of Canada, may be appointed to the rank and dignity of Metropolitan, as has been lately done in Australia, so that sufficient authority may be vested in him for holding and presiding over the said General Assembly of the Church in Canada, and full effect be given to its canons and proceedings.

Such an address will, no doubt, be laid before you in the course of your present session, and I trust it will be cordially entertained, and will receive your adoption.

Last year one of my clergy, unexpectedly, called the attention of the Synod, when the subject of Episcopal Endowments was before us, to the fact that the Bishop of Toronto's income expired on his decease, and that it might be wise to take steps towards meeting the deficiency, when this should take place. This suggestion I discouraged at the time with greater warmth than was perhaps necessary. It came upon me suddenly, and I felt that, without first reference had to me, there was something that savoured of discourtesy in its introduction. Not that the subject itself was distasteful to me, or, at the proper time, unworthy of consideration; for I had frequently thought and spoken of it with growing impatience while the endowments of the two new Sees of Huron and Kingston were slowly approaching their desired amount. Satisfied that nothing offensive was intended by the Rev. gentleman who mentioned the matter, and that I had expressed myself somewhat hastily, I now tender him my apology. I beg, nevertheless, to declare that I took no personal umbrage, but wished then, as I do now, to introduce the matter myself, at the proper time, to the notice of the Synod. That time has, in my judgment, arrived. The Kingston endowment, though it has lingered long, will now soon reach the desired point, and, so far, leaves the field comparatively open to this fresh enterprise. Moreover, experience and the general pressure on our country, seems to indicate that more time will be required to complete

such an endowment than in days of greater prosperity.

In this point of view, and taking into consideration my advanced age, some may think that it may be already rather late, but as we could not well commence till the other endowments mentioned were substantially secured, it can scarcely be said that we have lost any time.

In touching upon these things, it seems to me that I am summing up my account with the world. I came to Canada in my twenty-second year, expressly engaged to forward, with all my strength, the cause of religion and education, and to this glorious cause I have devoted sixty years. How far I have been successful must be left for others to judge. But this I may honestly say, that my life has been one of activity and incessant labour, but by no means unpleasant. On the contrary, it has been cheered by many happy events, and I have great reason to be thankful to the Giver of all Good. My plans to promote the temporal and spiritual interests of our beloved Church, and the instruction of her children, were frequently very bitterly opposed, and some of them all but destroyed, but they were again resumed under different modifications, for I never lost hope or gave them up. Many true hearts came to my assistance, who encouraged and cheered me on, so that, notwithstanding many temporary obstacles and drawbacks, almost all I contemplated and desired has been substantially attained, though not always in the manner I intended. Doubtless, I had my seasons of anxiety, and times of withering disappointment, but I could always look with confidence at my motives, and a resolute and cheerful spirit protected me from despondency. But I fear the infirmity of garrulity is coming upon me. I must therefore conclude with requesting every member of the Synod to consider it his duty to promote harmony, peace and good will in conducting our proceedings, and that the result of our labours may be as useful and happy as they have hitherto been, and as becomes an Ecclesiastical Synod.

(To be Continued.)

DIocese OF HURON.

VISITATION.—MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY AND OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIocese OF HURON.

JUNE, 1850.

Tuesday, 21st, 10, A. M.—Divine Service and Holy Communion in St. Paul's Cathedral. Visitation; after which the Lord Bishop will deliver his charge to the Clergy.

" 7, P. M.—Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Church Society in St. Paul's School-house.

Wednesday, 22nd, 10, A. M.—Divine Service in the Cathedral.

" 11, A. M.—Meeting of the Church Society for business, in St. Paul's School-house.

" 7, P. M.—Annual Meeting of the Church Society, at the Mechanics' Institute.

Thursday, 23rd, 7.45, A. M.—* The Clergy and Lay Representatives will Breakfast together at the Tecumseth House.

" 10, A. M.—Morning Service and Holy Communion in the Cathedral. The Offertory to be devoted to the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, of which Her Majesty the Queen is the Patron. After Service, the Synod will meet in St. Paul's School-house.

* The Clergy and Lay Representatives will be supplied with tickets for the Breakfast by the Secretary of the Church Society, immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Church Society on Wednesday evening

The annual meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron is hereby convened for Thursday, the 23rd day of June, to meet in London. Service at 10 o'clock a.m., in St. Paul's Cathedral.

By order of the
LORD BISHOP.
J. WALKER MARSH, M.A.,
Clerical Secretary.
L. LAWRASON,
Lay Secretary.

London, April 1, 1850.

The attention of the Clergy and Churchwardens is called to articles 4, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of the Synod Constitution, and a strict compliance with these is requested.

Members of Synod, who have business to bring before the Synod, are referred to article 6 of the Rules regarding Committees.

The annual meeting of the Church Society will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of June, in St. Paul's Schoolhouse, at 7 o'clock p.m.

A business meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, at 11 o'clock a.m., and the Standing Committee will meet on Tuesday, the 21st, at 6 p.m.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD

From the Gazette

A meeting of the Clergy and Lay Delegates of the Diocese of Montreal, convened by the Lord Bishop for the purpose of organizing a Synod in accordance with the Acts 19th and 20th Vic., cap 121, and 22nd Vic., cap 139, was held on Tuesday, in St. John's Church of this City. Before the business proceedings commenced, Divine Service was celebrated in the Church. An adjournment then took place to the basement, for the transaction of business, but a good deal of time was occupied in receiving the names and certificates of the delegates, and it was not till two o'clock that the proceedings properly commenced. There was a large attendance, there being present 43 Clergymen and 91 Lay Delegates. His Lordship, Bishop Fulford, presided, and addressed the meeting at considerable length, dwelling mainly on a question which has been of late much agitated in the Anglican body, and which it was expected would form an exciting topic of discussion on the present occasion—the right of the Bishop to exercise a veto with respect to propositions which might have received the concurrent assent of the other constituent elements of the Synod, the Clergy and Lay Delegates. His lordship vindicated with much animation the dignity and authority of the episcopate, and asserted, amidst general applause, that he believed it was the desire of a very large majority of those now assembled that, as members of an Episcopal Church, they should have a real Bishop, exercising a real jurisdiction. Col. BAKER then moved a resolution setting forth that the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates now assembled do accept the acts above referred to, and declare themselves a Synod for the Diocese of Montreal, "and will proceed to the consideration of the constitution and regulations to be adopted for the due ordering of the same—no rule, canon, law, or regulation to be in force in this Diocese, as the act of this Synod, unless it shall have received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Delegates." This was seconded by the Hon.

George Moffatt. It was at once seen that this motion, if carried, not only organized the Synod, but at the same time disposed of the veto question, and it accordingly gave rise to an excited discussion. An amendment was moved by Mr. H. BANCROFT, seconded by Rev. Mr. IRWIN, to put the two parts of the motion separately. A show of hands being taken, only 15 votes were given for the amendment, which was declared lost. Another amendment, moved by Col. WILKINS, and seconded by Rev. Mr. BONO, to strike out the latter part of the motion, shared a similar fate. A third, moved by Rev. CANON BANCROFT, proposing to give the Bishop a qualified veto, was also negatived, receiving the support of about twenty votes. The main motion was then adopted, and the Synod was thereby formally organized. On the motion of Mr. F. D. FELFORD, thanks were voted to Rev. Mr. Bond for his sermon, by acclamation.

SECOND DAY (WEDNESDAY).

The members re-assembled yesterday morning at St. John's Church. After Morning Prayers in the Church, the Lord Bishop formally opened the first regular Synod of this Diocese "In the name of God—Amen," with prayer.

Upon motion of the Rev. CANON BANCROFT, seconded by the Very Rev. DEAN BETHUNE, the Rev. E. J. Rogers was appointed Clerical Secretary.

Upon motion of E. E. SHELTON, Esq., seconded by ARCHDEACON GILSON, James Armstrong, Esq., was appointed Lay Secretary.

Upon motion of Mr. JUSTICK MCCOY, seconded by HUGH TAYLOR, Esq., T. B. Anderson, Esq., was appointed Treasurer.

On motion of the Very Rev. DEAN BETHUNE, seconded by the Rev. Mr. LONSDALE, the draft Declaration and Constitution, formerly prepared, and which had been distributed among the Clergy and Delegates for consideration, was ordered to be taken up, and the clauses read and put seriatim from the chair.

This being done, several amendments were proposed, and the Declaration and Constitution finally adopted in the following form:—

DECLARATION.

We, the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, within the Diocese of Montreal, assembled in Synod, and intending, under God's blessing and guidance, to consider and determine upon such matters as shall appear necessary for the welfare of the Church in that Diocese, desire, in the first place for the voting of all misunderstanding, to make a Declaration of the principles upon which we propose to proceed.

We desire that the Church in this Diocese shall continue as it has been, an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland, and we declare our firm and unanimous resolution, in dependence on His aid, to preserve those doctrines and that form of Church government which are at present recognized by the Church of England and Ireland.

It is our earnest wish and determination to confine our deliberations and action to matters of discipline, to the temporalities of the Church, and to such regulations of order as may tend to her efficiency and extension, and we desire no control or authority over any but those who are or shall be members of our own Church.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD.

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese, of the Clergy of the same licensed to the cure of souls therein, or holding office in any College or School under the jurisdiction of the Bishop (such Clergy not being under ecclesiastical

control), and of Lay representatives to be elected as hereinafter provided.

2. The Lay representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, of the full age of twenty-one years, and shall be elected annually at the Easter meetings, or at any Vestry meeting (specially called for such purpose by incumbents after due notice on two Sundays) held by each Minister having a separate cure of souls; and all Laymen within the cure, of twenty-one years or upwards, entitled within such cure to vote, who shall have declared themselves in writing to be "Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election, provided always that the first election under this rule shall not take place until the Easter meetings in the several parishes in the year 1861.

3. The Minister himself, if present, shall preside at the election, and in his absence, the Curate or assistant Minister, or the Senior Church Warden, or a Chairman elected by a majority of those present, taking precedence in the order in which they are here named.

4. Every separate cure served by a licensed Minister shall be entitled to elect two Lay representatives. But when there shall be two or more congregations having a corresponding number of church edifices within one cure, then each of such congregations shall be entitled to elect two such representatives.

5. Each representative shall receive from the Minister or chairman of the meeting a certificate of his election, signed by the person presiding at the election, in the subjoined form; and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

6. If a vacancy should occur in the number of representatives by death, resignation, or any other cause, the Minister shall proceed to hold a new election with as little delay as possible, after due notice.

7. Clergymen who have served in the Diocese and are resident in the same, but are now superannuated, may attend the meeting of the Synod and vote at the same.

8. That the Synod shall meet on the third Tuesday in June in every year after the present, in the City of Montreal, or at any other such time or place as said Synod shall appoint at its last previous meeting, provided also that the Bishop may call a special meeting when he shall consider it necessary to do so, or at the request of ten clerical and thirty lay members.

9. When the Bishop is not present his commissary shall preside in his place; and when the see is vacant, the senior dignitary of the Church next in rank to the Bishop, in the diocese, shall, within a fortnight of the occurrence of such vacancy summon a Synod, to be held in not less than 30 days, to elect a successor to the see, at which he shall preside, and at such meeting no business except such election shall be proceeded with.

10. A quorum of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of both clergy and lay representatives respectively.

11. There shall be two secretaries, one from the clergy, the other from the laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the Synod, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose, shall preserve all papers, memorials, and other documents, shall certify the public acts of the Synod, and shall deliver all records and documents to their successors.

12. There shall be a Treasurer of the Synod, who shall receive and disburse all moneys collected and paid under its authority; and two auditors, who shall annually inspect and report on the condition of the accounts.

13. The vote of each order shall be taken separately, when so required by any three members

each vote being determined by the majority of the members present, in each order.

14. No rule shall be binding on the members of the Church in this Diocese at large, which has not received the concurrent assent of the Bishop, the clergy, and the laity, and have been passed by the Synod.

15. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitution, regulations, rules of order, or canons, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meetings at which it is introduced; and, if approved by a majority of each order, shall lie over till the next meeting of the Synod, but shall not be finally adopted unless approved by majorities consisting of two-thirds of both clergy and laity present.

His Lordship suggested an additional rule with respect to the mode of proceeding to take the vote for Bishop,—and read the rule followed in Toronto, which was adopted by the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Slack, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Fulton, moved an additional rule to provide for a Standing Committee advisory of the Bishop, to consist of three clergymen and three laymen. Mr. Chamberlin, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Flanigan, moved that the proposed rule lie over for consideration at next meeting of Synod.—Carried.

His Lordship then stated that he had had communication with the Bishops of Toronto and Huron about the assembling of a Provincial Synod, and he had at their suggestion, drafted a memorial to the Queen, praying her to appoint a Metropolitan and allow such meeting, which he read.

The draft was approved, and the Bishop authorized to sign it on behalf of the Synod, and transmit it to the Colonial Secretary to be laid at the foot of the throne.

The Synod then proceeded to elect representatives to represent it in the Provincial Synod, when called. The following delegates were elected, viz:

To represent the clergy:—The Very Reverend the Dean, the Venerable Archdeacon, Reverend Canon Leach, Rev. Canon Bancroft, Rev. Mr. Bond, Rev. Mr. Ellegood, Rev. Mr. Duvernay, Rev. Mr. Davidson, Rev. D. Lindsay, Rev. Mr. Scott, Rev. Mr. White, Rev. Mr. Slack.

To represent the laity:—The Honourables Judge McCord, Judge Aylwin, George Moffatt, and P. H. Moore, Dr. Smallwood, Major Campbell, C. B.; and Messrs. Hugh Taylor, James Armstrong, Stevens Baker, John Yule, Hiram Foster, and Robert A. Young.

After which the Bishop was authorized to appoint Standing Committees on Finances, on Rules, Regulations and Order of Proceedings, and on the Division of Parishes.

After which the Synod adjourned *sine die*, and the Meeting was closed by the Bishop with the Apostolic benediction.

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