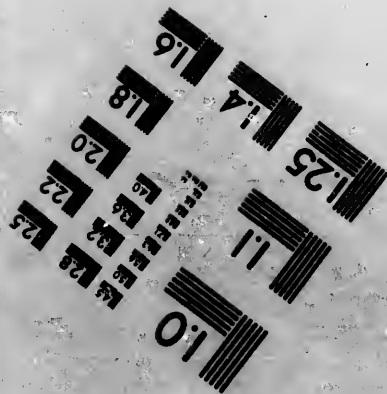
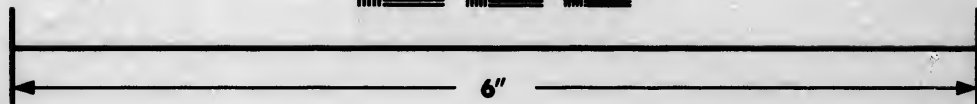
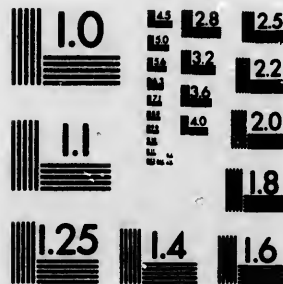


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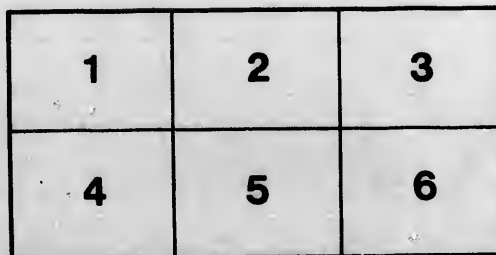
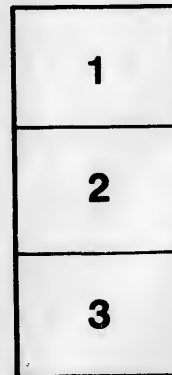
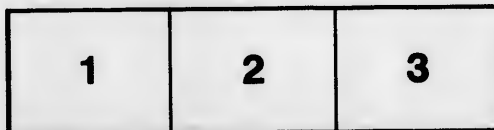
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OF THE

UPPER CANADA CLERGY SOCIETY,

FOR

SENDING OUT CLERGYMEN, &c. TO THAT PROVINCE;

WITH

A STATEMENT

OF THE

DESIGN AND CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY.

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or sent back to the Secretary.*

LONDON:

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1838.

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AND ALL CLERGYMEN WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

**Collector.**

MR. R. BURROWS.

*The Committee meet at One o'Clock the First Monday in every Month.*



*Regulations of the Upper Canada Clergy Society, as drawn up by the Bishop of Montreal.*

1. The Management of the Society is to be conducted by persons who hold the Doctrines and Discipline of the Church of England.

2. The selection and adoption of the Missionaries is to rest entirely with the Society, subject to the approval either of the Bishop of London, or of the Bishop of Quebec, whether in the case of persons presented for ordination, or of ordained persons engaged as Missionaries of the Society.

3. The Location of the Missionaries, or if they Itinerate, the circuit assigned to them is to be settled in each case by correspondence between the Society and the Bishop; the former, where they see good to do so, placing the Missionary at the disposal of the latter, according to his free discretion, and in other instances specifying any particular field of labour which they desire to occupy.

4. Should any unhappy necessity arise for severe animadversion or inhibition of duty, or other coercive measure on the part of the Bishop, as respects the Missionaries of the Society, it is understood that his Lordship should communicate with its Committee immediately on the subject; and inform them of the grounds upon which he has proceeded; and in case of seeing reason for the removal of any Missionary to a different station, or the discontinuance of his services, when no grave or palpable charge can be alleged against him, that such removal or such discontinuance should only be carried into effect in concert with the Society, and after a representation of the case has been laid before them.

5. If the Bishop should be absent or incapacitated from duty, the Archdeacons, so far as their powers extend, shall act in his stead within the limits of their respective Archdeaconries, with reference to the proceedings of the Society.

6. The Missionaries shall be instructed to keep a Journal of their labours in detail, for the use of themselves and the communication of the Society, from which materials they will also furnish a Quarterly Report to the Society and to the Bishop, upon which his Lordship will be requested to make his own observations to the Society.

LAWS.

1. That the designation of this Society be "*The Upper Canada Clergy Society*," and its object to send out Clergymen and Catechists to labour among the destitute Settlers and others in that Province, and to assist in the building of Churches, &c.

2. That its affairs be conducted by a Patron, Vice-Patron, a President, Vice-Presidents, a Committee, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary.

3. That Annual Subscribers of One Pound and upwards shall be Members of the Society so long as they continue such subscriptions.

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4. That Benefactors of Ten Pounds and upwards, and Clergymen making Congregational Collections to the amount of Twenty Pounds, shall be Members for life.

5. That the Committee shall have the power of appointing such persons as have rendered essential service to the Society, Members for life; and they shall fill up any vacancy which may occur in their own number, or in the Offices of Secretary or Collectors, &c., during the interval of General Meetings.

6. That a Meeting of the Members of the Society shall be held yearly in London in May, when the proceedings of the foregoing year shall be reported, the accounts presented, and a Treasurer and a Committee, &c. chosen.

7. A Special General Meeting of the Society, at which not less than twenty-five shall constitute a quorum—shall be called at any time at the requisition of the General Committee, or by any thirteen Members, addressing a letter to the Secretary, specifying the object of the Meeting. Ten days notice shall be given in two public newspapers of any such intended Meeting, and of the purpose for which it is called; which shall be deemed sufficient publicity, and no other business shall be brought forward at that Meeting.

8. None of the Rules of the Society shall be repealed or altered, nor any new ones adopted but at the Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

9. It shall be the duty of the Committee to endeavour to have a Sermon preached Annually on behalf of the Society, within the Metropolis, and an Annual Report of the Society shall be printed for the use of its Members.

10. That the Subscriptions to this Society shall become due either on the 1st of January, or on the 1st of July of each year.

#### COMMITTEE.

1. The Committee to consist of Fifteen Lay Members of the Established Church, to be selected annually at the Public Meetings, and of all such Clergymen of the said Church as are Members of the Society. In the event of vacancies by death or resignation, the Committee shall be empowered to fill up the same.

2. The Committee shall meet at least once every month, three being a quorum, and every Meeting shall be opened with prayer.

3. The Patron, Vice-Patron, President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary, shall be considered (*ex-officio*) Members of the Committee, provided they receive no emolument from the Society.

4. The Committee shall annually elect two Members from among themselves, and three from the general body to Audit the Accounts of the Institution, three of whom shall form a quorum.

At a MEETING of the Members and Friends of the Upper Canada Clergy Society, held at the Hanover Square Rooms, London, June 21, 1838—

**THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF GALLOWAY**

IN THE CHAIR;

The Rev. B. C. Hill being requested, opened the Meeting with prayer; after which the Report was read.

On the Motion of the Rev. SAMUEL LOCKHART; seconded by Sir WALTER FARQUHAR, Bart.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,—

1. That the Report now read be adopted, and circulated under the direction of the Committee.

On the Motion of the Rev. WILLIAM BETTRIDGE; seconded by the Hon. Capt. WELLESLEY, R. N.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,—

2. That the Society desires to express their gratitude to God for the success which has attended their labours, and would take fresh courage from these marks of his goodness bestowed upon them. At the same time the lamentable spiritual destitution proved to exist in Upper Canada, makes it a duty incumbent upon all Christians, to use their best exertions for its relief.

On the Motion of the Rev. B. C. HILL, seconded by the Rev.  
HENRY BLUNT,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,—

3. That the following Noblemen and Gentlemen\* be the Officers for  
the ensuing year, with power to add to their number.

On the Motion of JOHN BLOWER, Jun. Esq. seconded by the Hon.  
Capt. FRANCIS MAUDE, R. N.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,—

4. That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Right Hon. the EARL  
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## NOTICE BY THE COMMITTEE.

THE Committee solicit their friends in the country to form Local Associations in furtherance of the objects of this Society, for which purpose the Society's papers will be transmitted for circulation, on application to the Secretary, at No. 13, Exeter Hall,

Contributions from the country may be remitted through any country bankers, who will desire their London correspondents to credit the same to Messrs. Herries, Farquhar, & Co. bankers, for the Upper Canada Clergy Society. The earliest information should be forwarded to the Secretary of the amount and names of the contributors, and of the channel of remittance.

Printed cards are provided for the use of those who will kindly undertake the important duty of collecting.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received in London by the Treasurer, Committee, and Secretary. Also at the Banking-house of Messrs. Herries, Farquhar, and Co. St. James's Street; and at Messrs. Ladbroke, Bank-buildings.

Communications relating to the Society to be addressed to the Secretary of the Upper Canada Clergy Society, 13, Exeter Hall, London.

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 PROPER FORM OF A DONATION TO THE SOCIETY  
BY WILL.

*I give and bequeath the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Treasurer, for the time being, of a Voluntary Society meeting in or near London, commonly called or known by the name of "THE UPPER CANADA CLERGY SOCIETY," the same to be paid within \_\_\_\_\_ months next after my decease, out of such part only of my personal estate, as shall not consist of mortgages or chattels real, in trust, to be applied to the uses and purposes of that Society, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.*

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## FIRST REPORT,

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IN presenting to the Subscribers of the Upper Canada Clergy Society the first Report of its proceedings, the Committee feel bound, in the first instance, to express their gratitude to God, for having preserved the Society among the difficulties incident to the commencement of such an undertaking, and for having so far graciously prospered their labours as to afford a reasonable hope that, by patient perseverance in the course it has hitherto pursued, the Society may become, with the Divine aid, a permanent source of Spiritual blessings to Upper Canada.

### HOME PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee have been engaged during the past year in completing the organization of the Society, and in making such regulations for its future management and proceedings, as seemed best calculated to promote its efficacy. Their attention has been especially directed to the consideration of the best method for the examination and approval of candidates for Missionary labour, so as to ensure the admission of none but those in every way qualified for so important and responsible an office. With this view the Committee have passed a bye-law, by virtue of which all unordained persons offering themselves for Missionary employment, and who shall return satisfactory answers to the preliminary queries, are to be referred to a Clerical Sub-Committee for examination. The Rev. Dr. Dealtry, Chancellor of Winchester, the Rev. Henry Blunt, Rector of Streatham, and the Rev. Francis Goode of Clapham, have kindly undertaken this office, and have already rendered important services to the Society in that capacity. The

Committee are happy to state that their proceedings in this and in every respect have met with the approbation of the Bishop of Montreal. The proceedings of Messrs. Cronyn and Bettridge, the gentlemen constituting the Deputation from the Church in Canada, form one of the most interesting features in the history of the Society during the year. The relation established between these gentlemen and the Society, was such as arose only from the close relation of their mutual objects, and from the recommendation of the Bishop of Montreal. The Committee have reason to believe (and they have unfeigned pleasure in recording the fact) that those gentlemen have been eminently successful in their appeals to the British Public, on behalf of the object of their Mission: nor have their exertions been unattended with profit to this Society. To their assistance it is indebted for the formation of several auxiliary associations, and for the accession to its funds of a sum amounting in subscriptions and donations to £128. 12s 6d.

In addition to the proceedings already reported, the Committee have been engaged in a correspondence of some importance both with the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts, and with the late Australian Church Missionary Society. They were induced of their own accord, to open a correspondence with the Society for Propagating the Gospel, in consequence of an impression found to prevail, that their operations were likely to interfere with those of the older Society. Knowing that such an idea was unfounded, and that it was likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the Society, and wishing to assure the Society for Propagating the Gospel of their sincere desire to co-operate with that Society, the Committee addressed a letter to its Secretary, which led to further communications.

Although no conclusive result has hitherto followed, the Committee cannot refrain from expressing their hope that they have succeeded in satisfying the Committee of the Society for Propagating the Gospel, of their disposition to maintain a friendly intercourse with

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that Society. At the same time, they feel it incumbent upon them to state, that no propositions have been made or intentions entertained on either side, in any way or in any event tending to the dissolution of this Society.

It was during these communications, that the proposal was made for the union of this Society with the Australian Church Missionary Society, with a view to the formation of a new general Society for supplying religious instruction to the British Colonies. The Committee came to the conclusion that this proposal could not be accepted consistently with a due regard to their engagements with the Bishop and Church of Upper Canada, and the feelings of that numerous body of subscribers who support the Society on its own peculiar grounds.

Your Committee feel it incumbent on them to state that it was considered desirable to postpone the Annual Meeting whilst these communications were passing.

#### ASSOCIATIONS.

Associations have been formed during the past year at Brighton, Cambridge, Cheltenham, Dovor, Godmanchester and Huntingdon, Hastings, Hull, London, Oxford, Ramsgate, and Sheffield. The Committee take this opportunity of returning their best thanks to all those who have helped forward the Society by these kind offices.

#### MISSIONARIES.

The Society has at present three Missionaries, one located, the Rev. F. Osler, and two "travelling," the Rev. H. H. O'Neill, and the Rev. F. A. O'Meara. Mr. Osler had left this country, but had not yet arrived in Canada, at the time of the First Annual Meeting of the Society. Mr. O'Neill had then been for some time in active employment, and the Committee were able at the Meeting to lay before the Society extracts from some of his journals. It will be seen, therefore, that the only addition which the Committee have been enabled to make to the number of their Missionaries during the past year, is that of the Rev. F. A. O'Meara, who was, in the month of October last, ordained Deacon by the



Bishop of London. He left this country in December, and arrived at Toronto in March. He is now labouring in the Home district.

Though the Committee cannot positively announce to the Society the appointment of any other missionary, they entertain a sanguine hope that arrangements will soon be completed for the employment of more than one additional labourer in Upper Canada. The engagements which the Committee are thus forming, are perhaps scarcely warranted by the state of the Society's funds; but entertaining as they do the strongest reliance upon the goodness of God in promoting every work undertaken in faith for the advancement of his kingdom, they have considered it their duty to trust in his Providence, rather than suffer Upper Canada to lose the services of devoted men upon questionable grounds of economy.

#### REPORTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF MISSIONARIES.

It is impossible for the Committee to approach that part of their Report which relates to the proceedings of their missionaries in Upper Canada, without returning thanks to God for preserving them in health and safety, not only under the circumstances of trial and privation to which men in their situation are ever liable, but among the peculiar dangers incident to a period of public disturbance. Through his great mercy those days of tribulation have been shortened, and the designs of wicked men have been frustrated.

Mr. and Mrs. Osler arrived at Quebec on the 28th day of May 1837. Mr. Osler was admitted to priest's orders by the Bishop of Montreal, and arrived in the townships of Tecumseth and West Guillemberg in June, 1837, to which station he had been appointed by the Bishop of Montreal at the request of the Society. Tecumseth and West Guillemberg are adjoining townships in the neighbourhood of Lake Simcoe, and at the distance, in the nearest part, of about forty miles from Toronto. Their united contents are about 240 square

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miles;—their population dispersed over the whole district cannot be reckoned at less than 4000. The settlement was formed about nineteen years ago, and the settlers are principally Irish and Scotch, many of whom are very poor, and the better sort not affluent. The land is of very good quality; before Mr. Osler's arrival, there had never been a minister of the Church of England located among them. The adjoining townships of Holland Landing, Newmarket, East Guillemberg, Barrie, Inisfil, Esse, Adjala, Albion, Lloyd-town, and King, were and still continue to be equally destitute of regular spiritual instruction. The nearest clergyman in the neighbourhood of Toronto is thirty miles distant, whilst in other directions there is not one within eighty miles. The circumstance of its situation, thus central, in the midst of a region suffering under a peculiar degree of spiritual destitution, would alone have been sufficient to recommend the station to the Society;—but, in addition to this, in both townships there were Churches already built, or in progress: that of Tecumseth was sufficiently advanced to admit of the performance of Divine Service in it, before Mr. Osler's arrival; that of West Guillemberg was opened soon afterwards, and is probably now completed. At Tecumseth there is a glebe of 200 acres attached to the Church for the endowment of the minister; and although this is now of small annual value, netting for no more than twenty dollars a-year, it is a source of income which cannot fail to improve; and in both townships the people came liberally forward to subscribe for their minister's support, engaging themselves to contribute yearly a sum of 78*l.* 5*s.* currency, (equal to 63*l.* sterling) and to continue this for the next ten years.

To these advantages there were some drawbacks. There was not, and the Committee regret to state, there has not been provided any house for the Clergyman, nor indeed was a suitable lodging to be procured.

Mr. and Mrs. Osler were at first accommodated with apartments in the house of a respectable farmer at Tecumseth;—afterwards they were obliged to take up their

abode at a log hut in the woods, situated at the distance of several miles from either of the churches, where they passed the winter, and endured great hardships.\* Another serious inconvenience was the distance of the several hamlets where the population principally dwells from the two churches and from each other. The churches are more than seven miles apart, and the situations in which they are built by no means central.

The religious and moral state of the settlers was such as might be expected from their state of spiritual destitution. Gross ignorance prevailed among the labouring class; many adults were unable to read, many females could not even sew; very few had Bibles, or books of any kind. The greater part of the population professed attachment to the Established Church. The rest are Methodists and Presbyterians; the latter have in each township a chapel and a resident minister. In this interesting and arduous field of labour, Mr. Osler has already done much. His labours have been unremitting. He has not only visited the remotest parts of the townships, but he has also taken every opportunity of extending his ministrations to the other destitute settlements by which he is surrounded. Barrie, at the distance of thirty-seven miles, accessible only by a difficult and dangerous route through the forest,—Inisfil, distant ten miles,—King, ten miles,—and Newmarket, fifteen miles, have shared in the benefits of his ministry. His practice has been to have service on the morning of every Sunday, at one of the churches of Tecumseth, or West Guillemberg; and in the evening, at a populous hamlet called Bondhead, conveniently situated in a central position between the two, and where the erection of a chapel, which might be built for 200*l.* would be very desirable. On other days he has usually made circuits to the more distant hamlets within his immediate charge, or to the surrounding settlements. In all these places an eager desire is expressed for his ministrations; and he has made arrangements for visiting them in a regular

\* The Committee are however happy to state that a house has been commenced for Mr. Osler, according to a letter recently received.

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order, so as to preach once at least in the month, in every place. In one hamlet the settlers have proposed to contribute an additional sum of 40 or 50 dollars a year to his income, justly appreciating the privilege of rendering assistance in worldly things to their spiritual pastor. The work of education has already prospered in Mr. Osler's hands. Since his arrival no less than six Sunday schools, and one week-day evening school for adults, have been established in the most populous and convenient parts of the district. Mrs. Osler has also undertaken to receive such of the young women as can be induced to come to her, for the purpose of instruction in sewing and other useful branches of female employment. Concerning the Sunday schools, Mr. Osler writes, "they are invaluable here; those I have established have succeeded beyond my most sanguine expectations." He has also distributed a quantity of books and tracts, partly supplied by the liberality of the Prayer-book and Homily Society and Tract Society, and partly from his own resources. Upon this subject he writes—"The people receive books and tracts most eagerly; to the utmost of my ability I supply the country for twenty miles round. Books for the Sunday schools, with the exception of a very small grant from Toronto, I have had to supply entirely myself, there not being any one here to assist me in it. It is money well laid out: yet with many other, and especially travelling expences, it comes heavy; and any donations from friends of books for the schools, would be thankfully received, as well as for the library." The library here referred to is a lending library, which he has formed.

During the insurrection in Upper Canada, these townships, and also that of Newmarket (where Mr. Osler then was) were frequently under alarm from their nearness to the seat of Government. The most dreadful results were anticipated in the event of the success of the insurgents. The only consequences of the alarm were to display the loyalty and courage of the people, and the energy and prudence of the Christian minister in direct-

ing their counsels, and in calming the agitation of the more helpless part of the community.

It is gratifying to the Committee to close this account of Mr. Osler's labours with the words in which he expresses the apparent result which has already followed from them. "There is certainly a change wrought in the outward conduct of my people. God grant that there may be an inward change." Nor has he been left without the consolatory assurance, that, under God's blessing, his ministry has been instrumental in producing such an inward change in the minds of some. All his letters evince a spirit of affectionate attachment to his flock, — a belief that his attachment is rewarded by a growing esteem and confidence on their part, — and, above all, a complete devotion to the holy work in which he is engaged.

Mr. O'Neill has been labouring during the past year with his usual zeal, travelling in the districts of Home, Gore, and Niagara. His journals have been received down to the 4th day of April last, and have been a source of the most valuable information to the Committee. The following are some of his facts.

1st, as to the extent of spiritual destitution. The district of Gore contains 24 townships; and in March, 1837, its population amounted to 48,920 souls. This population is rapidly increasing; yet in the whole district there are only four resident Clergymen, and (among the European settlers) only one travelling missionary, Mr. O'Neill himself.

The district of Niagara contains 22 townships and 32,296 souls, according to the census of March, 1837. Here also the tide of immigration is constantly setting in, the situation of the district being peculiarly favourable for the purposes of settlement, bounded as it is by Lakes Ontario and Erie on the north and south, and by the river Niagara on the east. Along the north and east boundary of this district, five clergymen are stationed, viz. at Grimsby, St. Catherines, Niagara, Chippewa, and Fort Erie. None have been provided for the south border, or any part of the interior, comprehending 17

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townships, with a population of 20,000 souls. Here also Mr. O'Neill is the only travelling missionary.

In the home district, things wear the same complexion. Mr. O'Neill does not furnish the population returns for that district, but he says, "There is no Clergyman of our Church between Toronto and the township of Darlington, a distance of 50 miles stretching along the coast of Lake Ontario, through the east part of York township, and the entire extent of the townships of Scarborough, Pickering, and Whitby, containing a population of 10,957 inhabitants; while religion is every day disfigured by the wild inventions of misguided men." When he passed through Newmarket and Holland Landing in May, 1837, these townships, though in the immediate neighbourhood of Toronto, had received only one visit from a Clergyman in the space of seven months; and, with regard to the district in general, his accounts agree entirely with Mr. Osler's report.

It will have been observed in the preceding part of the Report, that Mr. O'Meara has been appointed by the Bishop to this neglected district. Among all the painful consequences of this great destitution of so large a tract of settlements, none is more prominent than the length of time during which the people are often deprived of the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Generally, wherever Mr. O'Neill appeared, there were children to be baptized. On one occasion he baptized fourteen, in the same place and on the same day. Nevertheless, that our missionaries do not administer the holy rite of Baptism without due discrimination, the following extract from Mr. O'Neill's journal will satisfactorily shew:—

"On the second Sabbath (says he) that I officiated in this township, a request was made by the parents of a grown-up family that I would baptize their children during the service; and, upon my declining to comply with their request immediately, for the reasons specified in the Rubric, the mother, who was a Baptist, was well pleased to find that the *old Church* was so particular. 'Some people,' said she, 'compass sea and land to make proselytes, without caring whether their converts are rightly instructed in the

Christian Religion. My daughters have learned their catechism from their father, who is a Churchman, and they are acquainted with their Prayer-book, but I shall be very glad to hear them examined by a Clergyman.

“Accordingly, on a day appointed, I attended at the farmer’s house, and found the family industriously employed; but upon enquiry it appeared that the chief reason why the young women desired baptism was, that their present names were not ‘Christian’ names but ‘given’ names, which they thought discreditable, because it was attended with no more ceremony than the naming of an ox or a horse. While I commended them for aspiring above the level of the brute creation, I took the opportunity of giving a brief explanation of the nature, privileges, and obligation of baptism; and, giving to each a prayer-book and tracts, took my leave.”

On some occasions, whole families of children were brought to the font together. At Paris, in the Gore district, many of the settlers had enjoyed no opportunity of receiving the Lord’s Supper during the space of three years before Mr. O’Neill’s visit.

2dly. The state of morals, under the circumstances already described, may easily be conceived. A lady declared to Mr. O’Neill, as a proof of the want of clergymen, that during a short time spent in Upper Canada in one of these destitute townships, she had witnessed more shocking vice and depravity than she had heard of during a long residence in heathen India.

The people, sensible of their spiritual wants, eagerly follow after every one who pretends to relieve them. Sects hostile to the Church and to each other are continually appearing, and a strong shade of political feeling mixes itself with, and adds peculiar strength to their animosities. Many instances occur of the transition from Orthodox to Unitarian opinions. Besides the sects existing in England, with sub-divisions peculiar to North America, which it is not necessary to particularize, there are numerous others, called by names, and professing doctrines, unknown on this side the Atlantic. Such are the Mormonites who pretend to a new Revelation superseding the authority of Scripture, and the Menonists and Tunkards among the settlers of Dutch extraction on the borders of lake Erie. Great ignorance

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prevails as to the ritual and manner of worship, as well as the doctrines of the Church of England. The Prayer book is a scarce book in Upper Canada. Mr. O'Neill mentions several instances of whole congregations to whom the service of the Church of England was entirely new and strange; and in one place he found that his arrival had dissipated a notion previously entertained among the Baptists, that our Liturgy was in the Latin language. The Committee lament to be obliged to state that they have learned from their correspondents that their efforts to extend the knowledge of salvation through the instrumentality of the Church of England, has been at times much thwarted by the opposition of these various sects of Dissenters, who have sometimes displayed a degree of hostility which it would be difficult upon any principles to reconcile with the duties inculcated by the Gospel of Peace. Nevertheless the well-disposed among all parties are not unfrequently willing to promote the settlement and maintenance of Clergymen. Mr. O'Neill has on several occasions been allowed the use of Dissenting Chapels, and occasionally their ministers have accompanied their congregations to hear him. A correspondent of Mr. O'Neill writing from a settlement where an excellent disposition had been manifested, says, "The feeling in the farming class is quite unanimous in favour of a Clergyman being settled with us; I have not heard one dissentient voice among them. But, mistake me not, it is not that they prefer the Church of England to every other, but it happens to be the first offered to them, and from want of religious instruction they are unable to discriminate. God grant, that through the means of your Society they may soon be fed with the bread of life." The necessity of multiplying Churches is much insisted upon by Mr. O'Neill. But, above all, he urges upon the Society the importance of making the location of Clergymen their grand object. For, useful as a travelling Missionary is in preparing the way, and much as may be done by the establishment of schools, and by other prudent mea-



sures for keeping alive the spirit of religion among the people; still, in the absence of a regular minister, it will be impossible to provide permanently for their spiritual wants. "The visit of a Missionary (says Mr. O'Neill) though it is hailed in these solitary places by those who enjoyed Christian privileges at home, yet places but a temporary restraint upon Sabbath breaking and other immorality. When the Clergyman withdraws, the Sabbath too often disappears, and the inhabitants resume their sports, returning to their former careless and fatal practices on that day. It has therefore been my custom, whenever it is practicable, to adopt means for effecting some permanent good, which in the present state of things can but be attained by making arrangements for assembling the people every Sabbath when the Clergyman is absent, and deputing some elderly discreet persons to read such parts of the service as may be suitably used by a Layman, and this has been attended with the happiest results."

The readiness of the people to subscribe for the erection of churches, and for the maintenance of located ministers, is one of the most gratifying signs in the present condition of Upper Canada. The Committee are thence encouraged to hope that the system of paying the located Missionaries, by a stipend annually diminishing, such diminution to be replaced from the people's own resources, will be attended with success. The following table compiled from Mr. O'Neill's reports, from letters forwarded to the Society by the Bishop of Montreal, and in part from the communications of Mr. Osler, will at once shew in what places resident ministers are most required.

#### IN THE HOME DISTRICT.

*Newmarket, Holland Landing*—Church built—subscription made for a clergyman—the inhabitants highly respectable. The station strongly recommended by Mr. O'Neill.

*Scarborough*—Church built—Station, one where there is a peculiar want of sound religious instruction.

*Whitby*—Church commenced in August 1837.

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*Richmond Hill, near Thornhill*—Some families of high respectability engage to build a Church—Prospect of a subscription for the support of a minister.

*Penetangashire*—Great desire for a clergyman—Station of Government troops—Government would subscribe £20. currency, and the inhabitants as much more.

#### GORE DISTRICT.

*Streetsville*—A populous village near Springfield—Church will be built if there is any prospect of obtaining a minister.

*Esquesing*—Very strongly recommended by Mr. O'Neill—Church built—Members of the Church exceedingly numerous.

*Oakville*—Town of growing importance.

*Dundas*—“An assistant clergyman of sound Churchmanship, as well as Evangelical piety immediately wanted, on account of the age and extensive mission elsewhere of the Rev. Mr. Miller, on whom this important town has hitherto depended.” Mr. O'Neill, Journ. Nov. 1837.

*Woolwich, Nichol*—Lately had the services of a catechist who is now withdrawn—Much desire felt for a clergyman, and subscription made for his support. Strongly recommended.

*Paris, Galt, St. George*—Two clergymen are required—Two Churches are built, and land may be procured for the clergyman to settle upon. Strongly recommended.

*Binbrook, Saltfleet*—A School-house has been built at Binbrook to serve for a Church. Subscriptions may be expected for a clergyman.

*Wellington Square*—“Nothing,” says Mr. O'Neill, “has been done for Wellington Square Church, which is idle every Sabbath.”

#### NIAGARA DISTRICT.

*Dunville*—Church built—Subscription already raised amounting to £56. 5s. currency, which would probably be doubled in the event of a minister coming. Strongly recommended.

*Cayuga*—Subscription of £100. currency already raised for a Missionary to attend and preach at five places in that neighbourhood, along the Grand River.

*Marshville, Pelham, Wainfleet, Crowland, Caistor*—A clergyman wanted to relieve, in these townships, the Rev. Mr. Clark, minister of St. Catherine's—600 acres of glebe at Wainfleet, and 100 in the township of Louth (very valuable) will be appropriated to his maintenance.

In addition to these cases, Mr. O'Neill reports that a clergyman is required to perform the duty of travelling Missionary in the Grand River Tract, Niagara district, in five different stations.

By the desire of Rev. Mr. Anderson, the excellent minister of Fort Erie, Niagara district, Mr. O'Neill has informed the Society, that the proceeds of certain glebe lands in the township of Humberstone, amounting to about 30l. per annum, will be appropriated by him to a fund, which it is intended to raise for the support of a travelling Missionary in that part of the Niagara district.

The township of *Emily*, which is represented to be a very important station, is strongly recommended to the Society by the Bishop of Montreal.

The township of *Hillier*, in the district of Prince Edward, contains a numerous body of Episcopalians who are ready both to build a Church and to contribute to the support of their minister, if they should be encouraged to expect the services of a resident clergyman.

In the *district of Kent*, a subscription amounting to 60l. has been raised for the support of a travelling Missionary, for whose services there is the utmost need.

The Bishop of Montreal has forwarded to the Society a petition, signed by the heads of fifty families resident at the townships of *Zone* and *Dawn*, in the Western district, praying his Lordship to take their wants into consideration in his future communications with the Society; and engaging, should the Society be induced to send them a resident Missionary, to do all in their power towards his support. The case comes to the Society with his Lordship's strongest recommendation.

"These," in the words of Mr. O'Neill, "are but a few of the places," in the districts which have been brought under the observation of the Society, "which are in want of sound and faithful pastors of the Church of England."

Such is the general account which the Committee have to render to the Society at large of their proceedings during the first year. One event, however, not hitherto

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From the support and co-operation of the Bishop of  
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 cations, and the valuable information with which he has  
 supplied them during the past year, the Committee have  
 derived the most important assistance, and they feel  
 that their most grateful acknowledgments are due to  
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In conclusion—Your Committee beg to render their  
 sincere thanks to those, who have been constrained  
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*General Return of the Population of the Gore District  
taken in March 1836.*

COUNTIES and TOWNSHIPS.	Number in each Township.				Total in each Town- ship.	Increas 1837.
	Males under 10 years of age.	Females under 16 years of age.	Males over 10.	Females over 16.		
<b>COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.</b>						
Glanford . . . . .	235	227	212	190	864	924
Binbrook . . . . .	167	126	174	135	602	
Grand R. Tract . . . . .	902	1105	870	853	3730	
Town of Hamilton . . . . .	335	343	653	481	1812	3188
Barton . . . . .	394	341	431	355	1476	
Saltfleet . . . . .	468	477	498	421	1864	
Ancaster . . . . .	667	581	731	638	2617	2668
<b>Total in Wentworth</b>	<b>3123</b>	<b>3200</b>	<b>3569</b>	<b>3073</b>	<b>12,965</b>	
<b>COUNTY OF HALTON.</b>						
Puslinch . . . . .	264	240	328	235	1067	1139
East Flambro' . . . . .	257	251	283	210	1001	1138
Nelson . . . . .	695	641	730	559	2625	2667
Trafalgar . . . . .	1019	834	1070	950	3873	
Nassagaweya . . . . .	268	213	229	184	894	915
Eramosa . . . . .	157	170	196	159	682	747
Garrafraxa . . . . .	64	46	52	44	248	
Woolwich . . . . .	201	185	702	549	2247	
Dumfries . . . . .	1336	1266	1356	1123	5081	5334
Beverley . . . . .	549	478	408	379	1814	1897
West Flambro' . . . . .	511	485	702	549	2247	2282
Waterloo . . . . .	876	808	1027	727	3438	3740
Erin . . . . .	296	261	267	201	1025	1077
Guelph . . . . .	419	436	565	484	1854	1927
Esquesing . . . . .	674	590	623	526	2413	
Nichol . . . . .	156	139	210	137	642	698
Wilmot . . . . .	335	336	375	279	1325	1454
<b>Total in Co. Halton</b>	<b>8077</b>	<b>7379</b>	<b>8642</b>	<b>6857</b>	<b>30,955</b>	
<b>Total in Counties of Wentworth &amp; Halton }</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>10,579</b>	<b>12,211</b>	<b>9930</b>	<b>43,920</b>	

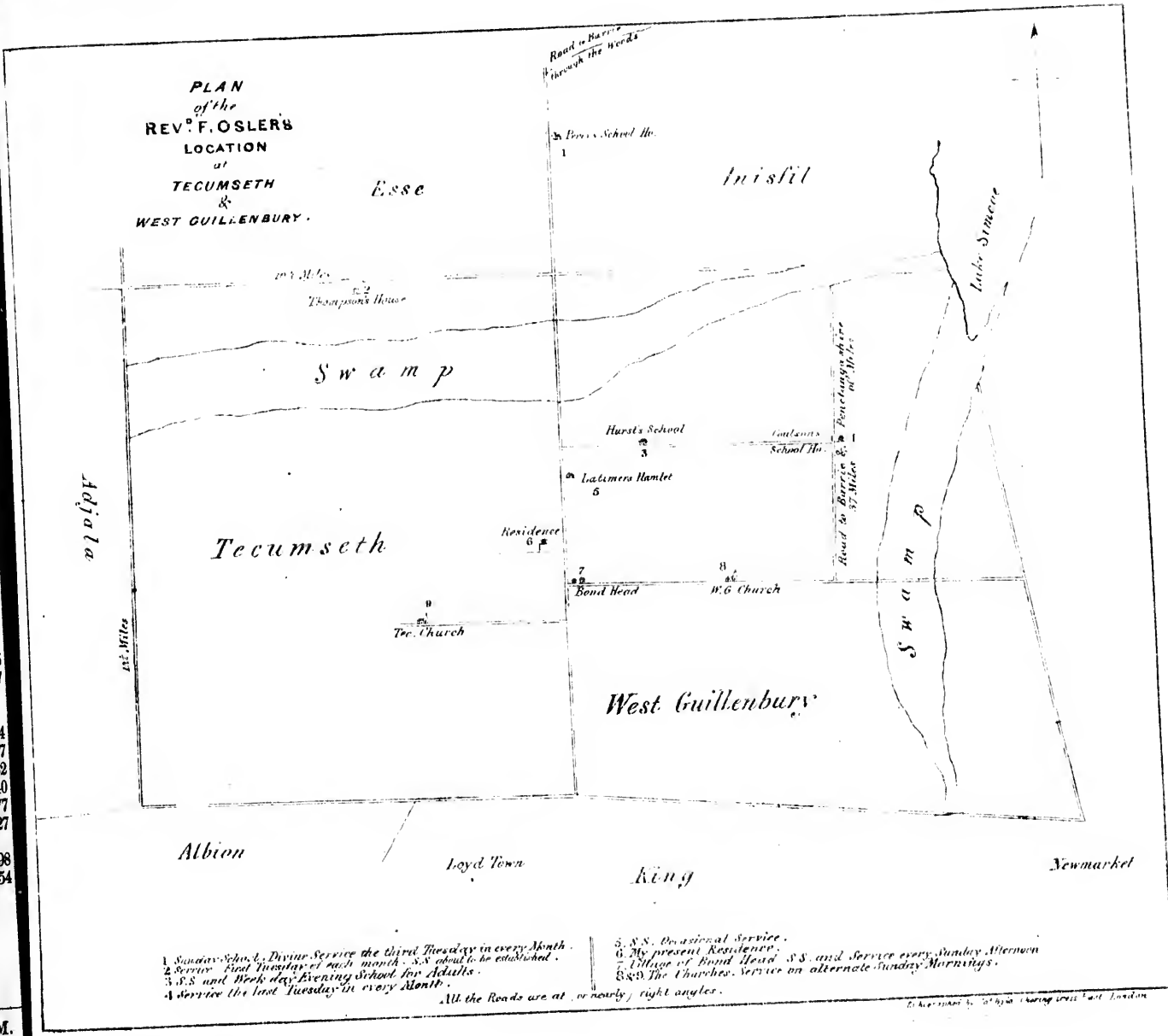
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853	3730	3188
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355	1476	
421	1864	
638	2617	2668
<b>3073</b>	<b>12,965</b>	
235	1067	1139
210	1001	1138
559	2625	2667
950	3873	
184	894	915
159	672	747
44	216	
549	2247	
1123	5081	5334
379	1814	1897
549	2247	2282
727	3438	3740
201	1025	1077
484	1854	1927
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137	642	698
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<b>11</b>	<b>9930</b>	<b>49,920</b>

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- 1 Sunday School, Divine Service the third Tuesday in every Month.
- 2 Service held Thursdays each month. S.S. about to be established.
- 3 S.S. and Work day Evening School for Adults.
- 4 Service the last Tuesday in every Month.
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