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Our readers are reminded that, with the year, our first volume closes. The only complaints we have received have arisen from irregularities in the Post Office department. If one paper reaches its destination, the whole for the same place must, as they are sent in one package, and every subscriber's name called over and compared with its contents previous to closing it.

We trust that the periodical has been found useful and interesting, and that the small subscription for the ensuing year will be promptly and cheerfully paid. As many parochial reports will be sent to us for publication in the course of the next two or three months, we think the different branches, in return, should order, and pay for a number of extra copies, of at least the number which contains their report. A small paper, like ours, introduced into the families of our rural districts will be generally read through, and so by degrees a greater interest taken in church matters.

We are requested to state that the reports of the Church Society for the various parishes have all been packed up, and, whenever the way in which they should be forwarded was known, sent off. Several of the subscription lists were sent in late, and others withheld altogether, so that it was almost impossible to form a correct estimate of the number of copies which would be required. 3,500 were printed, and, as usual, one copy packed up for every subscriber of a dollar, and a few extra ones; but after some had been sent off, and nearly all packed up, it was discovered that there would be a deficiency, and therefore some of the largest parcels were opened, and a few copies extracted. If any of the clergy have more than they need circulate, they will oblige the Secretary of the Society by taking the first opportunity of returning them to the office. We are also requested to draw attention to the amendment made in the third by-law made at the last meeting, enforcing the recommendation contained in the report adopted at the annual meeting.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

On Sunday morning last a sermon was preached in the College Chapel by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, after which an offertory was made for the purposes of the Patriotic Fund. The sum collected was £29 18s.

CLERGY RESERVES ACT.

The following is a correct copy of the Reserve Bill as it passed the two Houses of the Legislature:—

An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of Monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes.

Whereas by the Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the Session held in the thirty-first year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, and intitled, *An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign, intitled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America, and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province,"* it is among other things enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, to authorize the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of each of the Provinces of Upper Canada and of Lower Canada respectively, or the person administering the Government therein, to make from out of the Lands of the Crown within such Provinces, such allotment and appropriation of Lands as therein mentioned, for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the same; and it was further enacted, that all and every the rents, profits and emoluments which might at any time arise from such Lands so allotted and appropriated as aforesaid, should be applicable solely for the maintenance and support of a Protestant Clergy within the Province in which the same should be situated, and to no other purpose whatever. And whereas in pursuance of the said Act, such allotments and appropriations of Land as aforesaid have been from time to time reserved for the purposes therein mentioned, which lands are known in this Province by the name of *The Clergy Reserves*; And whereas by another Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the Session held in the seventh and eighth years of the Reign of King George the Fourth, and intitled, *An Act to authorize the Sale of a part of the Clergy Reserves in the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada*, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of the said Provinces, or either of them, was empowered, with the consent of the Executive Council of such Province, and in pursuance of His Majesty's instructions, to sell and convey in fee simple or for any less estate or interest, a part of the said Clergy Reserves in each of the said Provinces, not exceeding in either Province one fourth part of the Reserves within the same, nor exceeding one hundred thousand acres in either of them in any one year, and it was enacted that the proceeds of such sales should, by the proper officers, be invested in the Public Funds of the United Kingdom, and that the Dividends and Interest of the monies so invested should be appropriated in the manner provided by the said last mentioned Act; and further, that it should be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor

or person administering the Government of either of the said Provinces, with the consent of the Executive Council thereof, and in pursuance of His Majesty's instructions, to give or grant in exchange for any part of the said Clergy Reserves any lands within the said Province, of equal value with such Clergy Reserves so to be taken in exchange, or to accept in exchange for any such Clergy Reserves from any person or persons any lands of equal value, and that any lands so taken in exchange for any such Clergy Reserves should be holden by the Crown in trust for the purposes to which the Clergy Reserves were appropriated by the Acts firstly and secondly above cited: And whereas by another Act of the said Parliament, passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, intitled, *An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of Canada, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof*, other and further provision is made for the sale of the whole of the said Clergy Reserves, and for the investment of the proceeds of such sale and the distribution of the Interest and Dividends on such investments, and of the Interest on sales of Clergy Reserves on credit or Rents arising from Clergy Reserves demised for a term of years, subject to the provision that the quantity of the said Clergy Reserves so to be sold in any one year shall not in the whole exceed One Hundred Thousand Acres, without the previous approbation in writing of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and to other the restrictions and conditions in the said Act mentioned and imposed; and so much of the Act herein first cited as relates to any reservations of land to be made after the passing of the Act herein last cited, in Upper Canada or Lower Canada, for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy, is repealed. And whereas by another Act of the said Parliament, passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, *An Act to authorize the Legislature of the Province of Canada to make provision concerning the Clergy Reserves in that Province, and the proceeds thereof*, it is in effect enacted that it shall be lawful for the Legislature of the Province of Canada, from time to time, by any Act or Acts to be for that purpose made and enacted in the manner and subject to the conditions required by the Act of the said Parliament passed in the Session thereof held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, sections thirty-seven, thirty-eight and thirty-nine, in respect of Acts made and enacted by the said Legislature, to vary or repeal all or any of the provisions of the Act herein last above cited for or concerning the sale, alienation or disposal of the said Clergy Reserves, and for or concerning the investment of the proceeds of all sales then made or thereafter to be made of such Reserves, and for or concerning the appropriation and application of such proceeds and investments, the Interests and Dividends accruing on Sales on Credit of such Reserves, the Rents of such Reserves for the

time being unsold, and all other the profits of or accruing from such Reserves, and (notwithstanding the said Act herein thirdly above cited) to make such other provisions for or concerning the sale, alienation or disposal of the said Clergy Reserves, and such investments as aforesaid, and for or concerning the appropriation and application of such Clergy Reserves, proceeds, investments, interests, dividends, rents and profits, as to the said Legislature may seem meet; subject to the proviso that it shall not be lawful for the said Legislature by any Act or Acts thereof as aforesaid, to annul, suspend or reduce any of the annual stipends or allowances which have been already assigned and given to the Clergy of the Churches of England and Scotland, or to any other religious bodies or denominations of Christians in Canada, (and to which the faith of the Crown is pledged) during the natural lives or incumbencies of the parties now receiving the same, or to appropriate or apply to any other purposes, such part of the said proceeds, investments, interests, dividends, rents and profits as may be required to provide for the payment of such stipends and allowances during such lives and incumbencies: And whereas it is expedient to alter in certain particulars the provisions of the Act thirdly above cited, touching the matters subjected by the Act last above cited to the control of the Legislature of this Province: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intitled, *An Act to re-unite the Province of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. The monies arising from the Clergy Reserves in Upper Canada shall continue to form a separate Fund which shall be called the Upper Canada Municipalities Fund, and the monies arising from the Clergy Reserves in Lower Canada shall continue to form a separate Fund which shall be called the Lower Canada Municipalities Fund.

2. The Municipalities Fund for each section of the Province respectively, shall consist of all monies arising from the sale of Clergy Reserves in that section of the Province, whether now funded or invested either in the United Kingdom or in this Province, or remaining uninvested, or hereafter to arise from such sales, the interest and Dividends of monies forming part of such Fund, the interest upon sales of Clergy Reserves in that section of the Province, on credit, and rents, issues and profits arising from Clergy Reserves therein demised or to be demised for any term of years, and other casual and periodical incomes arising from Clergy Reserves therein, after deducting therefrom the actual and necessary expenses attending the sales of the said Clergy Reserves and of managing the same and the Funds aforesaid; and the monies forming the said Funds shall be paid into the hands of the Receiver General and shall be by him applied to the purposes hereinafter mentioned, under the authority of this Act, or any General or Special Order or Orders to be made by the Governor in Council.

II. The annual stipends or allowances which had been before the passing of the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign and cited in the Preamble to this Act, assigned or given to the Clergy of the Churches of England and Scotland, or to any other Religious Bodies or denominations of Christians in either Section of the Province, and chargeable under the Act of

the said Parliament on the Clergy Reserves in such Section (and to which the faith of the Crown is pledged), shall, during the natural lives or incumbencies of the parties receiving the same at the time of the passing of the said Act, be the first charge on the Municipalities Fund for that Section of the Province, and shall be paid out of the same in preference to all other charges or expenses whatever: Provided always, that the annual allowance heretofore payable to the Roman Catholic Church in Upper Canada, and to the British Wesleyan Methodist Church for Indian Missions, shall continue to be payable during the twenty years next after the passing of this Act and no longer.

III. And whereas it is desirable to remove all semblance of connection between Church and State, and to effect an entire and final disposition of all matters, claims and interests arising out of the Clergy Reserves by as speedy a distribution of their proceeds as may be: Be it therefore enacted, that the Governor in Council may, whenever he may deem it expedient, with the consent of the parties and Bodies severally interested, commute with the said parties such annual stipend or allowance for the value thereof, to be calculated at the rate of six per cent. per annum, upon the probable life of each individual; and in the case of the Bodies above particularly specified in the second section of this Act, at the actual value of the said allowance at the time of commutation to be calculated at the rate aforesaid: and such commutation shall be paid accordingly out of that one of the Municipalities Funds upon which such stipend or allowance is made chargeable by this Act: Provided always, that no commutation shall take place but within one year next after the passing of this Act: Provided also, that in case of commutation with either of the said Bodies or denominations, it shall not be lawful for them or either of them to invest the monies paid for such commutation, or any part thereof, in Real property of any kind whatsoever, under penalty of forfeiting the same to Her Majesty; and that the said Bodies or denominations shall lay before the Legislature whenever called on so to do, a statement of the manner in which said monies shall have been invested or appropriated.

IV. So long as any such stipend or allowance shall be chargeable upon either of the said Municipalities Fund, a portion of such Fund producing annually interest sufficient to pay every such stipend or allowance then chargeable thereon, shall be retained by the Receiver General, and appropriated for that purpose, and if not already invested shall be by him invested in Public British Securities, or in any Provincial Debentures or Securities which under the Act to establish freedom of Banking or any other Act amending the same, may be accepted by the Receiver General in exchange for registered Bank notes, as the Governor in Council shall from time to time direct; and the Receiver General, being thereunto authorized by order of the Governor in Council, shall have full power to dispose of any Securities in which such monies are or shall be invested, and to invest the proceeds in any other such Securities as aforesaid, or to apply them to the payment of the commutation aforesaid.

V. The amount of the Municipalities Fund in and for either Section of the Province remaining unexpended and unappropriated under the foregoing provisions of this Act, on the thirty-first day of December in each year, shall, by the Receiver General, be apportioned equally among the several County and City Municipalities in the same Section of the Province, in proportion to the population of such Municipalities respectively according to the then last Census made

either under the Act to provide more effectually for taking a periodical Census of the Province, or any other Act under which Census may be legally taken of the Municipalities in either section of the Province; and the portion thereof coming to each Municipality shall be paid over by the Receiver General to the Treasurer, Chamberlain or other officer having the legal custody of the monies of such Municipality, without other authority than this Act, and shall make part of the General Funds of the Municipality, and be applicable to any purpose to which such Funds are applicable: Provided always, that if at the time when such payment is to be made, any sum of money shall be payable by any such Municipality to the Receiver General for any cause whatever, and shall be overdue, he may retain in his hands in satisfaction or part satisfaction thereof, the sum which would otherwise be payable to such Municipality, or so much thereof as may be equal to the sum so payable to him by the Municipality and overdue, and shall deliver to the Treasurer, Chamberlain or other Officer as aforesaid, a discharge in favor of the Municipality for a sum equal to that so retained by him; and for the purposes of this section, each Municipality into which any County in Lower Canada may be at the time divided, and each Union of Counties for Municipal purposes in Upper or Lower Canada, shall be taken to be a County Municipality.

VI. So much of the Act thirdly cited in the Preamble of this Act as limits the quantity of lands forming part of the Clergy Reserves which may be sold in any one year without the previous approbation in writing of one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, and so much of the said Act as makes any appropriation of any monies forming part of the Clergy Reserves Fund, or arising from the sale of Clergy Reserves, other than such as is made by this Act, or as may be in any way inconsistent with this Act, shall be and so much of the said Act is hereby repealed.

VII. Any lands which may have been, under the authority of the Acts hereinbefore cited, or any of them, accepted in exchange for lands originally forming part of the Clergy Reserves in any part of this Province, shall be deemed to be Clergy Reserves for all the purposes of this Act.

A true copy of the Bill as passed by both Houses of Parliament.

FENNING TAYLOR,
Clerk Leg. Council.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

At the stated meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society of Quebec, held at the National School House, on Wednesday the 11th October, 1854, there were present, the Lord Bishop of Quebec in the Chair; the Revs. Official Mackie, D.D., J. Torrance, R. A. Carden, and R. G. Pless; Lieut. Ashe, R. N., H. S. Scott, Esq., J. Maclaren, Esq., C. N. Montizambert, Esq., T. Cary, Esq.

Prayers.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, H. S. Scott, Esq., reported that he had visited the house at Lake Beauport proposed for a parsonage, and that from its position, it cannot be considered a desirable purchase for that purpose.

The Report of the Depository Committee having been read, it was moved by H. S. Scott, Esq., seconded by the Rev. J. Torrance, and resolved, that the said report be adopted.

The Report of the Finance Committee having been read, it was moved by the Rev. J. Torrance, seconded by J. Maclaren, Esq., and resolved, that the said report be received, and considered clause by clause.

With reference to the application of the Rev. W. Binet, it was moved by H. S. Scott, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Mackie, and resolved, that the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted to aid him in completing the out-buildings upon the church property at Bourg Louis.

The application of the Rev. Felix Boyle having been considered, it was moved by J. Maclaren, Esq., seconded by C. N. Montizambert, Esq., and resolved, that the sum of Twenty-three Pounds be granted to him for the purchase of a Mission Boat.

With reference to the application of the Rev. J. H. Nicolls, it was moved by J. Maclaren, Esq., seconded by C. N. Montizambert, Esq., and resolved, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be acceded to, and that one hundred and six pounds and five shillings be granted for the purchase of a lot of land contiguous to the Church at Waterville, as an investment for the Church Society, and that on the completion of the transfer, accompanied by satisfactory evidence of title, Mr. Nicholls be authorized to draw upon the treasurer for the first and second instalments.

The Treasurer reported that the sums at present in his hands are, on account of

The General Fund £138 8 1
Widows and Orphans..... 36 16 3

The cases of the Rev. A. A. Allen, and the Rev. T. Pennefather, having been brought under the notice of the Board, it was resolved that they be placed on the list of missionaries receiving a gratuity of twelve pounds and ten shillings for the present year.

The Treasurer reported that debentures to the amount of £200 had been paid off to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and that no better investment offering, he had purchased for that fund £250 in Consolidated Municipal Debentures at par.

The meeting was then closed with the benediction.

(Signed) G. J. QUEBEC.
Chairman.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec has issued the following Circular to the Clergy of the Diocese of St. Francis, having the intention of visiting that portion of his Diocese in the latter part of January and the former part of February:

QUEBEC, 8th Nov., 1854.

REVEREND SIR,—I beg to inform you that it is my intention with the divine permission, to hold a confirmation at — on —, and you will be pleased therefore to use your faithful and sedulous endeavours in assisting the young persons and others who are candidates for the rite, under your spiritual charge, to prepare themselves in earnest for so solemn an occasion of their lives.

I trust that there is no necessity for my guarding you against accepting the simple repetition of the Catechism (although a competent knowledge of this formulary, and especially of its substance and meaning, must be required) as the qualification which will enable the candidates to pass: nor yet against any undue meanness in admitting them for the mere sake of making up a respectable number. A medium, however, is certainly to be observed between the discreditable laxity which reduces the rite to little more than a formal compliance with an ecclesiastical custom, and the unwise and hurtful rigor which exacts as the condition of admission, certain evidences, real or supposed, of a spiritual process within the soul, in baptised subjects who are as

yet in an early stage of their christian course, and to whose ulterior development in faith and love, this very rite is to be regarded as subsidiary — the laying on of hands being comprehended among the the principles of the doctrine of Christ, which are to prepare the way for going on unto perfection. (Heb. vi. 1. 2.)

The following are to be regarded as standing directions for all occasions of the kind:—

1. As a general rule, open, however, to special exceptions, no candidate to be presented who is under the age of 16.

2.—No tickets to be given to persons of questionable deportment—nor to any persons till after a *bona fide* and sufficient personal examination by the clergyman. This rule, however, will be understood with some relaxation in the cases of those whom he has already been satisfied to admit to the communion.

3.—All candidates to give in their names before a limited day, which shall be at least one fortnight before the day of confirmation. Extraordinary circumstances which may seem to call for a dispensation from this rule, to be reported to the Bishop for his decision, upon his arrival.

4.—The candidates to be carefully instructed to answer, distinctly and audibly, at the time of confirmation, to the questions addressed personally to themselves and to make the responses in the confirmation-service in the same manner, including the repetition of the Lord's prayer.

5.—Chairs to be provided within the rails for the Bishop and Chaplain.

6.—The tickets to be delivered to the Chaplain, in cases where the candidates are numerous, not when they first come up to the communion-rails, but separately by each successive row, immediately before kneeling for the actual imposition of hands.

7.—The candidates to remain in front of the rails, after receiving imposition of hands, till the whole ceremony is gone through, and the episcopal address delivered; and all to kneel down during the several prayers, and the blessing with which they are closed.

8.—If any of the metrical psalms be sung upon the occasion, the first four verses of the second part of the 119th psalm may be chosen.

9.—The candidates to be instructed that the rite of confirmation is introductory to the privilege of admission to the holy communion: and an exact record to be kept by the clergyman, of the names of the persons confirmed, in which it shall be noted when they become communicants, a report of all which shall be made to the Bishop at the ensuing confirmation.

I am, Reverend Sir,
Your affectionate Brother,
G. J. QUEBEC.

The Rev. _____

CHURCH SOCIETY.—RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER.

General Fund.

Subscriptions for St. George's and St. Joseph's, per Rev. W. King	£1 2 6
Quinquagesima Collection, Eaton, per Rev. J. Dalzeil	1 15 0
Collecting Card, Miss Phillips	1 7 6
do. do. Miss B. Phillips	0 16 3
Rev. A. W. Mountain, Subscription 1854	5 0 0
Mrs. Stott, Subscription 1854	5 0 0
Miss Mountain, Havant, England, 1854	1 5 0
Missionary Boxes, National School Boys	1 2 2½
do. do. do. Girls	0 7 9½
	£17 16 3

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Amount of Collection, St. George's Church, Lennoxville	0 11 1
do. do. per Rev. W. King, as under:	
St. Mary's	0 5 0
St. George's	0 14 6
Kennebec Road	0 11 5
Cumberland Mills	0 15 0
St. Giles'	0 15 8½
St. Joseph's	0 6 3
Broughton	0 17 6½
St. Margaret's	0 16 10½
St. Catherine's	0 6 2
St. Sylvester	1 16 5½
St. Patrick's	0 2 6
	8 5 1
Annual Collection, Point Levi, per Rev. Mr. Reynolds	3 15 0
Do. do., New Liverpool, by do.	8 0 10
Addition to Cathedral Collection, E. Burstall, Esq.	1 5 0
Annual Collection, Eaton, per Rev. T. L. Dalzeil	1 12 6
Do. do. per Rev. H. Roc, as under, viz.:—	
Upper Ireland, 11s 6d; Bennet's, 9d; Inverness, 6s.	0 17 11
Annual Collection, Melbourne, per Rev. Dr. Faloon	8 0 0
Miss Phillips' Collecting Card, portion for this fund	1 7 6
Miss B. Phillips' do. do.	0 2 6
Mrs. Spragge's Collecting Card	1 6 3
Mrs. Grieve's do. do.	3 1 10
Mrs. Adamson's do. do.	10 0 4
Annual Collection, St. Matthew's Chapel, Quebec	6 10 6
Do. do. Nicolet, per T. Trigge, Esq.	2 7 4
	£66 4 5

Nicolet Endowment Fund.

Annual Subscription, 1854, T. Trigge, Esquire	1 5 0
Do. do. H. W. Trigge, Esq.	1 5 0
Do. do. Alfred Trigge, Esq.	1 5 0
	£3 15 0

HENRY S. SCOTT, Treasurer.

Quebec, 1st Dec., 1854.

QUEBEC, 1st December, 1854

At a special meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held pursuant to notice in the National School-house, there were present—The Lord Bishop of Quebec in the chair, the Revs. A. W. Mountain, J. Carry, E. W. Sewell, R. A. Carden, G. Percy and R. G. Plees; Lieut. Ashe, R.N., and F. Taylor, Esq.

PRAYERS.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Treasurer reported the following balances in his hands:—

On account of the General Fund £35 11 8
do. W. and O. do. 106 13 2
And that a dividend of bank stock to the amount of £49 17s. 6d. was due this day to the General Fund, and that there was also a dividend due to the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

On application of the Rev. J. Torrance, it was ordered that his name be placed on the list of missionaries receiving the gratuity of £12 10s.

In reference to the application of the Rev. S. Jones, it was moved by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by the Rev. R. A. Carden, That said application be referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved,—That the President, the Treasurer, the Rev. Dr. Mackie, and F. Taylor be a Com-

mittee to revise the Report, and to make arrangements for the annual meeting.

Resolved,—That the Treasurer, the Secretary and J. Maclearen and J. Senley, Esqrs. be a committee to make a list of persons entitled by their subscriptions to be members of the Corporation.

With reference to the letter of the Rev. H. Roe, it was moved by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by Lieut. Ashe, R. N., that said letter be referred to the Lay Committee, with a request that they will take such action as may be necessary.

It was ordered that the last letter of the Rev. J. H. Nicholls be referred to counsel, for his opinion thereon.

The meeting was then closed with the benediction.

(Signed)

J. G. QUÉBEC,
Chairman.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE, Nov. 1, 1851.

The monthly meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day—the Lord Bishop in the chair. The secretary laid on the table a copy of the form ordered to be printed at the last meeting of the Central Board for distribution among the clergy, to enable them to furnish information to the S. P. G. The meeting agreed in the adoption of a seal for the society, and authority was given to the Hon. Judge McCord to have the same prepared. It was resolved on the motion of the Rev. Canon Bancroft, seconded by the Hon. Judge McCord, that the Dean of Montreal, Archdeacon Lower, Rev. Canon Bancroft, Rev. W. Bond, N. S. Tyler, Esq., Dr. Holmes and the Secretary be appointed a committee to prepare resolutions and nominate movers and seconders thereof to make such preparations as may be required for the general annual meeting, to be held on the third Tuesday in January.

An abstract of the Treasurer's accounts was laid on the table, from which it appears that the following sums have been received since the last meeting, viz.:—For the general purposes of the Society, subscriptions from Mascouche and Terrebonne, £3 16s. 3d.; Do. from West Farnham, £3, 12s. 6d.; Do. at Latrevois for 1853, £5 17s. 9d.; Archdeacon Lower's subscription, £1 5s.; John Crawford, do., £1 6s.; Mrs. John Crawford, do., £1 5s.; Mrs. Chapman, £1 5s.; Rev. Canon Leach, £1 5s.; a friend, per E. E. Shelton, £1.

And for the Widow's and Orphan's Fund—Collection at Clarenceville, £2 1s. 9d.; Do. at Sorel, £4; Do. at Vandrevil, £1 3s. 8d.; Do. at Henryville, 16s. 3d.; Do. at Coteau du Lac, £2 6s. 3d.; Do. at Edwardstown, 12s. 4d. Subscription at Mascouche, £3 16s. 3d.; Do. at West Farnham, 10s.

EDWARD J. ROGERS, Secretary.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal has given notice of his intention, under divine permission, to hold his Triennial Visitation for that Diocese in the Cathedral Church at Montreal, on Wednesday the 17th of January next. Divine service, with the Holy Communion, will commence at half-past ten o'clock A. M.

CHURCH SOCIETY OFFICE, 6 Dec. 1854.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day in accordance with the constitution, the Lord Bishop in the chair.

The following report was presented from the Lay Committee:—

"The Lay Committee having considered the several applications before them for pecuniary aid, do respectfully recommend to the Central

Board the following grants:—In church building, towards the completion of the church at Upton, erected by Major McDougall and the inhabitants of that township, who have expended thereon £350,—a grant of £50. Towards the erection of Christ Church at Churchville, township of Dunham,—a grant of £50, payable one-half when roofed in, and the balance when fit for divine service, the inhabitants having raised the sum of £450 by voluntary contributions. For building Parsonages:—To the new subdivision of the Township of Sutton (Rev. N. Lindsay),—a sum of £25; the inhabitants having raised and paid £100, and being pledged for a further sum of £75. A sum of £25 has been voted by the Central Board towards the erection of a parsonage at Hemmingsford (4th of January 1853) on a promise made by the inhabitants 'to put up a parsonage-house before the (then) next winter, and subject to the condition that the Lay Committee shall be satisfied with the nature and progress of the work.' The Lay Committee will be prepared to recommend the payment of this grant with probably an addition thereto (bearing in mind the handsome contribution of that mission towards their glebe) so soon as the inhabitants shall have placed before the committee some assurance of means to complete the required building. The following appropriations are yet unpaid:—

Petite Nation Church, £25; subject to conditions not yet complied with.

New Glasgow endowment, £25; second and last payment payable when conditions are complied with.

Russelltown Church, £25; second and last payment payable in 1855.

North Shefford Church, £50; payable when the building shall be ready for divine service; conditions not yet complied with.

Stukeley Church, £25; second and last instalment payable when completed.

The Lay Committee would recommend the Central Board to fix some period, *certain*, within which the conditions on which grants are made shall be complied with, so as not to lock up the funds of the Society indefinitely.

An application is before the Lay Committee from the Rectory of Sorel, praying for aid towards the endowment of that parish, which the Committee are unable to take into effectual consideration at the present moment from want of funds. They trust the ensuing year will place the Society in a situation to help this deserving parish, one of the oldest of the diocese.

An application is also before the Committee from the Rev. J. Mountain on the subject of the purchase of a parsonage at Coteau Landing. The Committee require further particulars from the rev. incumbent on this matter."

It was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. Canon Gibson, seconded by the Dean of Montreal, that the above Report be received and considered at the next meeting of the Central Board.

The chairman of the Book and Tract Committee gave notice that an appropriation would be made at the next meeting of the Central Board for a grant (not exceeding £60) for the purchase of books.

An abstract of the Treasurer's account was laid on the table. The following sums have been received since the last meeting:—Collected at Granby, £1 4s. 3d.; Mr. Hazell's subscription for 1852 and 1853, 10s.; Mr. Benson's subscription 10s.; subscriptions at Buckingham, £5 8s. 9d.; collections at do., £1 13s. 9d.; from a friend in England, per Lord Bishop, £12 10s.; collected at Laprairie, £2 15s.; Mr. Alexander Smith's life subscription, £12 10s.; subscriptions at Longueuil, £1 7s. 6d.; W. A. Townsend, £1 5s., Mrs. Townsend 10s., Miss Townsend 5s.,

Miss E. Townsend, 5s., Master E. Townsend, 6s.; C. Geddes, £1 6s.; Mrs. D. Fisher, 6s.; G. Harding, 6s. For the Widows and Orphans' Fund: James Dixon, Esq., Berthier, 10s.; collection at Buckingham, £3 17s. 6d.; do. at Granby, 16s. 7d.; do. at St. John's, £8 11s. 9d.; do. at Sunday-school St. John's, £1; collected at Laprairie, £11 8s. 4d.; Longueuil, 12s. 6d.; St. Lambert, 2s. 6d.; La Tortue, 12s. 2d.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

A meeting of this society was held at the society's rooms, on Wednesday, the 13th December. Present, the Lord Bishop in the Chair, the Hon. P. B. De Blaquiére, Reverends D. E. Blake, H. C. Cooper, Sept. Ramsey, J. G. D. McKenzie; R. Mitchell, W. Belt, H. Mortimer, Esq., and the Secretary.

The usual prayers having been read, and the minutes of the last meeting attested by the signature of the chairman—

The Secretary read an abstract of the various accounts for the last two months, showing that there was to the credit of the General Purpose Fund, £488 9s. 1d.; the Mission Fund, £135 18s. 19d.; Student's Fund, £108 10s. 10d.; Widows and Orphans' Fund, £1,227 3s. 5d. The printed statement of the society's accounts last year contains a balance against the late assistant secretary, amounting to £527 8s. 7d.; of this sum, £200 has been secured since the closing of the books last April, by the sale of the Diocesan Presses, &c., to Mr. Rowsell. A. it appears there is no probability of the balance ever being paid, the Finance Committee recommended that the sum of £327 8s. 7d. be charged to the General Purpose Fund, and so do away with the necessity of alluding to the loss again. The Secretary was directed to have this suggestion carried out. It is thus apparent that none of the special funds have been diminished to make up the defalcation; the loss has fallen only on the General Purpose Fund.

Henry Rowsell's account for printing and stationery was ordered to be paid, one-quarter being placed to his credit on the diocesan press transaction.

On the application of the clergyman and churchwardens of Milton, a set of service books was voted for the church.

An application was read from the Rev. R. L. Stephenson, for aid in completing a church erected at Van Kleeck's Hill, in the mission of Hawkesbury. He set forth that the church was built during the incumbency of the Rev. J. T. Lewis, amongst a population for the most part poor and widely scattered; it is built of brick, is 50 feet long, and 28 in width; it was not yet plastered, nor the spire completed. £200 had been raised within the mission, but the inhabitants were about to make a further effort, in order that they might be able to have service in it during the winter.

The society voted that the sum of £12 10s. be sent to Rev. R. L. Stephenson for the above object.

The society also voted books and tracts to the amount of £2 10s., for distribution in the mission of West Hawkesbury.

It was moved by H. Mortimer, Esq., seconded by the Hon. P. B. De Blaquiére, and carried unanimously—

That, whereas it appears evidently to have been intended at the first formation of the society, that the subscription entitling a subscriber to be elected an incorporated member should be paid in full to the parent society, as well as that required from life members, which last has always been so paid in; and inasmuch as

the demands for the sacred objects of the society are continually increasing, requiring additional aid from its members: wherefore it is resolved, that the fourth clause of the eighteenth by-law of the society be altered, and do read thus: "The Treasurer of each District Association shall transmit annually the full sum of £1 5s. for each duly recognized clergyman, and also for each incorporated member within his district, and in case of life membership one payment of the full sum of £12 10s., together with one-fourth of all the monies paid into his hands to the Treasurer of the Society at Toronto, to be at the disposal," &c., &c.

The Secretary read the following notice of motion: "The Hon. J. H. Cameron gives notice that he will, at the next monthly meeting introduce a by-law to provide for the management of any portion of the Clergy Reserve Funds that may be entrusted to the Society on the commutation of the salaries of the incumbents under the act that has lately passed two branches of the legislature."

John Hamilton, Esq., of West Hawkesbury, was duly elected a member of the corporation.

The Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose the election of the Rev. John Butler, of Hamilton.

Prayers were then read, and the meeting adjourned.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY, Secretary.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN OCTOBER, 1854.

Previously announced.....	£215 18 8
Woodstock.....	5 9 7
Beachville.....	10 8
Eastwood.....	9 3
per J. Ingersoll	6 9 6
Christ's Church, Hamilton	20 12 6
Waterdown.....	1 17 6
per I. Stinson	22 10 0
Penetanguishene, per churchwarden	2 0 0
Huntley.....	0 13 9
Geolbourn.....	0 13 8
per Rev. G. Godfrey	1 7 0
Charleston, per Rev. F. Trunayne	1 1 10
St. Marys Magdalene, Lloydtown.....	2 5 0½
Christ's Church, Bolton..	2 0 10
Sandhill.....	15 3
English Wilsons.....	18 10½
per Rev. H. B. Osler	6 0 0
Trinity Ch. Toronto, per churchwarden.....	8 13 3
Rice Lake, per W. Beck.....	3 11 1
St. Jude's Church, Oakville	2 17 10
Palermo Church.....	12 9
per churchwarden	3 10 7
St. George's Church Graf- ton.....	5 11 8
Trinity Ch. Colbourne.....	1 13 4
per Rev. J. Wilson	7 5 0
St. George's, Clarke.....	2 0 0
Newton.....	11 3
Orono.....	8 9
per Rev. H. Brent	3 0 0
Cobourg.....	13 16 9
Drope's School-house ...	0 11 8
Stilo's School-house.....	0 11 7
per Ven. Archdeacon Bethune	15 0 0
York Mills, per churchwarden.....	5 3 0
Trinity Church, Moore... St. Mary's, Moore.....	0 17 7½ 0 11 4½
Butler's Station, Moore	0 7 6
Church Sarnia.....	3 15 4
per Rev. G. J. B. Salter	5 11 10

St. George's Church, Goderich, per Rev. E. T. Elwood.....	5 5 0
St. Mary Magdalene, Na- panco	1 5 0
St. John's, Richmond.....	0 10 0
per churchwarden.....	1 15 0
Trinity Church, Cornwall	3 5 6
Christ Church, Moull- nette	0 15 0
per Rev. H. Patton	4 0 6
Lindsay's Wharf, North Gower.....	0 18 10
Richmond	0 18 5
Corners in N. Gower.....	0 6 9
per Rev. J. Flood.....	2 4 0
St. Paul's, Newmarket... Christ's Church, St. Al- bans	1 0 1 0 15 2
Trinity Church, Aurora.	0 10 1
per Rev. S. Ramsay	2 5 4
St. James' Church, Stratford, per Rev. E. Patterson.....	2 10 0
St. George's, Georgina... Park's School House... Sutton.....	0 10 10 0 4 5 0 5 1½
Shepherd's School House	0 4 9½
per Rev. W. Ritchie	1 5 11
Norwood.....	0 5 6
Dicksons School House, Otonabee,	0 2 2
Warsaw.....	0 3 10
per Rev. J. Hilton...	0 11 6
St. John's, Cavan,.....	1 1 3
St. Paul's, do	1 3 9
per Rev. W. Allen.....	2 5 0
Christ's Church, Emily, St. James, do.	0 9 3 0 3 9
St. John's, do.	0 2 0
per Rev. R. Harding, Trinity Ch., Streetsville, £1 18 9	0 15 0
Huronario Church	0 10 0
per Rev. R. J. Macgeorge	2 8 9
Cavan additional, per Rev. T. W. Allen	0 5 0
St. Luke's, Camden, per Rev. P. Shirley	0 17 6
Donation, per do.	0 2 6
Galt,	5 19 6
Beverly,	0 13 3
per Rev. E. Denroche,	6 12 9
St. John's Church, Bowmanville, per Rev. Dr. Macnab,	3 15 7
St. John's, Tecumseth... Trinity Ch., Tecumseth,	0 15 9 1 15 6
per Rev. F. J. Osler,	2 11 3
Christ's Ch'ch, Berwick, St. Mary's, Tullamore,...	1 15 1 1 12 2
St. John, Gore of Toronto	0 11 7
Grahamsville,	0 13 6
per Rev. J. G. Armstrong	4 12 4

127 collections, amounting to £351 5 0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Rev. F. W. Dobbs	£1 5 0
Rev. E. Denroche, XII year,	1 5 0

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, TORONTO.

The Apostolic rite of "The laying on of hands," was administered in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Sunday, the 26th inst. At an early hour the sacred edifice was densely crowded in every part. His Lordship the Bishop arrived with his accustomed punctuality. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. H. Scadding, D.D., incumbent and chaplain to the Bishop. The most casual observer could scarcely have failed to notice how exceedingly

appropriate many of the expressions in the psalms and lessons for the day happened to be in regard to the interesting ceremony about to follow. The singing was tastefully executed, and we thought the introit (Psalm cxix., vv. 9-12), remarkably well chosen. The Bishop preached an excellent sermon from St. Mark, viii, 37. During the reading of the Offertory Sentences in the Antecomunion service, a collection was taken up by the Churchwardens and others, the proceeds of which are to be applied, in accordance with notice previously given, towards defraying the expenses of the Sunday School attached to the church. Immediately after this, the candidates for confirmation, who had been stationed in seats contiguous, were directed to advance into the choir,—the males to take their position to the right of the altar, and the females to the left. The beautiful office for confirmation then commenced, and truly delightful was it to see so many youthful servants of the Lord coming voluntarily forward to pay their vows in the presence of His people, thus evincing their readiness to remember now their Creator in the days of their youth. We particularly remarked that, in accordance with the time-honored and highly significant usage of the Church, and in spite of the inclemency of the season, nearly all the female candidates were arrayed in robes of spotless white; and still further were we delighted to perceive that, doubtless under the guidance of their esteemed pastor, an apostolic precept had been scrupulously followed in nearly all the cases; for although, in order to the due receiving of the sacred rite, it was necessary for the females to remove their more usual head dress; yet still they wore upon their heads seemly coverings of white. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Bishop addressed the recipients from the altar in a most impressive and solemn manner, instructing them in their various obligations and duties, and assuring them, that what had now been done was no bare form, no empty and unmeaning sign, but actually would confer upon those who had religiously received the rite the Holy Spirit's seven-fold gifts, and all other blessings therein invoked. He further pointed out that the deliberate, voluntary act of that day was recorded in Heaven, and would tell with momentous effect, either for good or for evil, at the great day of account.—Upon no occasion do we remember our venerable diocesan to have been more earnest and effective in his address; he seemed to convince every hearer that he was speaking from his inmost soul of realities the most important. The whole number of the youthful confirmed was sixty-eight or upwards. Great credit is due to the Rev. Mr. Darling, the very zealous and

highly efficient assistant minister of the church, for the untiring pains he took in giving the candidates suitable instruction for several weeks previous to the ceremony. All who are acquainted with this gentleman are well aware of, and cannot fail deeply to appreciate, his unceasing endeavours in the great cause of his Heavenly Master. He must have indeed been gratified at the pleasure expressed by the Bishop at the appearance presented by so large a body of candidates for confirmation. Upon this auspicious occasion, he might well have exclaimed, in the language of the holy Apostle, "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men"—"our crown of rejoicing." May he be enabled, in the great day of the Lord, to present them an offering of a sweet savour, without blemish unto Christ; and meanwhile may they, one and all, "*Daily increase in God's Holy Spirit more and more, until they come out His everlasting Kingdom.*"

The Rev. R. L. Stephenson thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions to aid in completion of St. John's Church, Vankleek Hill, and also the kind assistance given him by the Rev. Messrs. David & Lewis in their respective parishes when collecting.

IN KINGSTON.		£	s.	d.
Rev. Wm. David,	1	10	0	
J. Watkins,	2	0	0	
Mrs. McPherson	2	0	0	
A Friend,	2	0	0	
Mr. Millar,	1	5	0	
John Cruikshank,	1	5	0	
Samuel Muchleston,	1	5	0	
Lieut. Humphreys, C. R. R.....	1	0	0	
Robt. Decon,	1	0	0	
T. W. Robinson, M. D.	1	0	0	
E. W. Palmer,	0	10	0	
Doctor Yates,	0	10	0	
Doctor Sampson,	0	10	0	
Frederick Kirkpatrick,	1	5	0	
H. Wickstead,	0	10	0	
J. Dewe,	0	10	0	
Thos. Askew,	1	0	0	
Noble Palmer,	0	15	0	
Mrs. Garrett,	0	10	0	
Mr. Thompson,	0	10	0	
L. Taylor,	0	10	0	
Col. Gordon, R. E.	1	0	0	
Col. Clements, R. C. R.	1	0	0	
Col. Taylor, R. C. R.	0	10	0	
Hon. G. Markland,	1	5	0	
Mrs. Markland,	1	5	0	
Mrs. Cassidy,	0	10	0	
Mr. Gaskin,	0	10	0	

IN BRACKVILLE.		£	s.	d.
W. B. Simpson,	1	5	0	
Mrs. S. Jones,	5	0	0	
Mrs. Bogert,	1	0	0	
D. B. O. Ford,	5	0	0	
Samuel Keefer,	2	10	0	
Chas. E. Jones,	2	10	0	
W. B. McClean,	0	10	0	
James M. Lawder,	1	0	0	
Samuel Ross,	1	5	0	
Edward Lawless,	1	0	0	
T. Webster,	0	10	0	
Matthie, Robertson & Co.	1	5	0	

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Annual Parochial Meetings of this District Branch of the Church Society are appointed to be held as follows, viz. :—

1855.			
Jan.	2—Rico Lake	11	A.M.
"	3—Grafton	11	A.M.
"	3—Colborne	6	P.M.
"	4—Seymour	4	P.M.
"	10—Cavan, St. Paul's	3	P.M.
"	31—do. St. John's	10	A.M.
"	31—Manvers	3	P.M.
Feb.	1—Cartwright	11	A.M.
"	1—Darlington	7	P.M.
"	2—Clarke, St. George's	11	A.M.
"	2—Port Hope	7	P.M.
March	1—Cobourg, gen. meeting	7	P.M.

By order of the managing committee.
J. WILSON, Secretary.
Grafton, Dec. 11, 1854.

UNIVERSITY OF TRINITY COLLEGE.

On Saturday, Nov. 15th, a meeting of Convocation was held, at which the Hon. Sir John Beverley Robinson, Bart, Chancellor of the University, presided. His Lordship the Bishop was also present. The following degrees were conferred :

Bachelor of Arts.

- Vankoughnet, Salter.
- Cooper, William England.
- Thomson, Charles Edward.
- Langtry, John.
- Beaven, Edward William.
- Rykert, Alfred Edwin.
- Belt, William.

B.A. ad eundem.

- Evans, George Mountain.

Bachelor of Medicine.

- Salmon, John.
- Gilmor, William Robert.

Master of Arts.

- Preston, James Abraham.
- Evans, George Mountain.

The following students were matriculated :

- Ardagh, John Anderson.
- Atkinson, William Pryor.
- Houston, Stewart.
- Bourinot, John George.
- Evans, William Berthomé.
- Phillips, Horace.
- Benson, Charles Ingersoll.
- Boyle, Arthur Richard.
- Boyle, George Bartholomew.
- Lampman, Frederick.
- Miller, William Duff.
- Vankoughnet, Laurence.
- Viner, George Barber Peregrine.
- Wethy, Henry Coffin Windcat.

The following were announced as the prize-men of the year,—those who were present receiving their prizes from the Chancellor :

Divinity.

- Leech } Kent Testimonial prize for Theology.
- Langtry } and Essay.
- Leech } The Bishop's Divinity Prize in the
- Smyth } Annual Examination.

Arts.

- Third Year. } Vankoughnet, Classics.
- } Cooper, Mathematics.
- Second Year. } Broughall, Classics.
- } Higginson, Mathematics.

Sanders, College prize for Latin Essay.
Sanders, Archdeacon of York's prize for Latin Verse.

Medicine.

- Corbett, Junior prize, Practice of Medicine.
- McKenzie, Junior prize, Surgery.
- Goodman, Junior prize, Obstetrics.
- Lambert, Junior prize, Chemistry.
- Hewat, Demonstrator of Anatomy.
- Lambert, Junior prize, Materia Medica.
- Goodman, Senior prize, Institutes of Medicine.
- McKenzie, Junior prize, Institutes of Medicine.

Milton, Dec. 5, 1854.

Rev. and dear Sir,—I beg to send you a report of the state of the Waterloo Mission at the time of my removal to another sphere of duty, and likewise an account of my duties therein during the past year.

The progress of the Church in this Mission during the past year has been very satisfactory and gratifying to the Missionary. There has been a visible increase in almost every congregation, which should call forth the thanks of those interested in Missions to the Almighty, in whom alone we may hope for permanent increase. A few years, if Missionaries are continued in these townships, will, I believe, with the blessing of God, suffice to make many of them strongholds of the Church.

A more lively interest than formerly seems to be taken in Church matters, not only by Churchmen, but also by dissenters, who are beginning to look upon the Church with more favorable eyes. Old prejudices against us, arising in a great measure from the peculiar situations in which many were placed at home, are fast dying away; and the last journey of the Lord Bishop through the Mission seems to have aided much in losing the prejudice of dissenters. His kindness and affability towards all have divested the minds of many from the idea so prevalent in the back townships, that pride and arrogance are the general accompaniments of the Episcopal office.

During the past year I have held regular services in nine townships—viz., Wallace, Maryborough, Peel, Wellesley, Woolwich, Egremont, Arthur, Garafraxa, and Erin. The stations are as follows :—

Wallace, Taggart's, 4th Con.	Monthly	} Week-day Services.
" Orange lodge, 9th "	ev'ry 8 wks	
Maryboro' Hollin's Village	monthly	} Sunday Services.
" Morgann's, 9th Con.	ev'ry 8 wks	
Wellesley, Harris' S. H.	monthly	} Sunday Services.
Hawksville "	occasionally	
Woolwich, Brislet's Corners	"	} Sunday Services.
Egremont, Brown's S. H.	mont. dur. wint.	
Garafraxa, McKee's S. H.	monthly	} Sunday Services.
Peel, Ch. 12th Con.	"	
Peel, Alanville	Monthly	} Sunday Services.
Wellesley, Erwin's S. H.	"	
" Rush's meet.-house	"	} Sunday Services.
Woolwich, Cox's Creek	"	
Egremont, Smith's Hotel	"	} Sunday Services.
Arthur, Church	"	
" Smith's House	"	} Sunday Services.
Garafraxa, Donaldson's S. H.	"	
Erin, Erinville	"	

In these several places your Missionary has held 167 regular services and preached, besides many occasional services, such as baptism in private in case of sickness, or when the distance was too great from the usual place of service, catechizing and preparing candidates for confirmation, in the performance of which duties the distance travelled was 3,936 miles. I have had about 150 baptisms during the past year, but very few marriages or burials. The Lord Bishop held confirmations at six stations, where those

of the adjoining stations also assembled. At the six places 99 persons were confirmed.

CHURCHES.—One church, the frame of which was up last year, has been covered in, and will I believe be fit for service this winter—viz., centre of Arthur. A church has also been contracted for at Arthur village, which is, according to contract, to be ready for worship this winter also. A subscription has also been taken up for erecting one at Erwin's, Wellesley, next summer; and another subscription is on foot for the erection of one at Alanville, Peel.

This Mission is now vacant, but will, I hope, be filled ere long. There should be at least two Missionaries sent into it—one to be stationed at Alanville, and one at Arthur. This number is not, however, nearly sufficient to supply the Mission. And besides these nine townships which have been mentioned, several others have during the past two years so increased as to need regular ministrations—viz., Grey, Flora, Harwick, Minto, on the south-western side of the Owen Sound Tract, and, in another year, Luther, north of Garafrax, will require to be visited. The people in these places are willing to aid in supporting those sent among them; and in some of the townships I think from £50 to £100 per annum could now be raised for that purpose. May God of His mercies grant a supply for their spiritual wants, for they "are as sheep without a shepherd."

I remain yours truly,

FRANCIS TREMAYNE.

The Rev. T. S. KENNEDY,
Sec. Church Society, Toronto.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.—(From the Report of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 1854.)—The following extracts from the Report of the Rev. W. K. White, the Missionary of Harbour Buffet, will convey a notion of the life of a clergyman on those wild shores, as well as of the many and peculiar difficulties with which he has to struggle:—

Christmas, 1853.

"My residence is upon an island 12 miles long, called Long Island, on which are three Protestant settlements, Harbour Buffet, Spencer Cove, and Haystack; but situated as they are, far apart, without a road between them, they are difficult of access from each other, except by water. The rest of the mission occupies about 150 miles of coast, including twelve settlements and their outposts, besides those of Long Island; of course, none can be approached by me otherwise than by water—and, indeed, nine of them are upon islands. It will be at once apparent that some kind of vessel and crew, with a good pilot well acquainted with the various harbours, is required, and that much time must of necessity be spent upon the water. Soon after my arrival I was enabled to purchase a convenient boat to replace the former Mission boat, which was defective. But two years ago, my boat was wrecked in a gale of wind, and I have since been compelled to hire a fishing boat, which is exceedingly inconvenient and uncomfortable.....

"The greater portion of the old Protestant inhabitants are Englishmen, who arrived here as youngsters many years ago. Although their feelings and prejudices are in favour of the Church of England, their knowledge of her tenets and practice of her rules, was not considerable. I have now several young Englishmen in the Mission who have had the advantage of the Charity or National Schools of late years before they emigrated; and it will hardly be imagined what a great assistance they are to me, in their knowledge and use of their Bibles and Prayer-books, their reverence for the Church and her

offices. The irreligious and uneducated emigrants actually shock the feelings of the families in which they have come to reside. Whole families have been taught to read and practise family devotion by a good youngster, who 'comes out' as it is called, 'o them. I have no greater demand than for the Bishop of London's simple but beautiful Book of Family Prayer, numbers of copies of which are circulated, and, I believe, used throughout the Bay. I am firmly convinced that one well trained charity-boy of the Church of England, in a family or settlement, is a Missionary of no mean kind.....

"At Harbour Buffet, a decided improvement has been apparent in the attendance and behaviour at Church, as well as in the increase in number of the communicants. One young man, who had led a profligate life, became in turns a member of my classes, and lastly a communicant at Easter, under circumstances to me of an interesting nature. During the summer, he was seized with sickness and died, displaying every sign of a true repentance, and receiving the last religious offices at my hands. I have just had nine additional communicants on Long Island. Among them were two young men, William Burton and Christopher Uplshall, both about twenty years of age. When I took charge of the Mission I found these young men, then boys, employed by the Lay Reader to lead the responses, as the people were negligent in that respect. The boys continued more or less under my direction—though I have been so happy as to have almost universal responding in an audible voice for a long period of time—and were attached to their Prayer-Books and Services, though their occupation ceased to be peculiar to them; I have now the great comfort and satisfaction to see them spontaneously join the communion-classes, and kneel at the Lord's table.

"Throughout the Mission, there is no member possessed of means, or able to aid me with funds in any work of charity among my scattered flock. All are poor together and with my scanty stipend, having a family of four children, I could do but little. Still I have no occasion to complain of any want of kindness or attention on the part of my poor people."

ENGLAND.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

67, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Thursday, Nov. 7, 1854.

The Rev. Dr. Russel in the chair.

The following letter from the Lord Bishop of Colombo, dated St. Thomas's College, Colombo, Ceylon, Sept. 25, 1854, was read to the Board:

"With a heart full of gladness and thanks to God, to the Society, and to all who have aided in the holy work, I am now enabled to communicate to you the consecration of the cathedral of this diocese on the 21st, St. Matthew's Day. The proposal made on my first arrival having, from the circumstances of the colony, been forced into abeyance for several years, and seeing no hope of the conversion of St. Peter's church, within the fort of Colombo, into a befitting seat for the bishop of the diocese, I resolved, in the auspicious year of the Jubilee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to consecrate our humble work for the service of God by connecting the future cathedral with the college as its chapel, and doing the best within our power to secure the realization at least of its most important features,—the daily service, weekly communion, and a resident clergy. This, God be thanked, we have been able to effect, through the generous aid afforded by the Society and other mem-

bers of the Church, who, though removed from sight, have been glad to help forward its work in blessing this distant colony. On the 15th June, 1852, the last day of the Jubilee, the foundation was laid. The progress of the work has been uninterrupted from that day, and on Thursday last we had the happiness of setting it apart, and consecrating it in full solemnity to the service of God for ever. Our services for the day began at an early hour; the principal one, for the consecration, the installation of the bishop and warden of St. Thomas's college in their respective seats, and the celebration of the holy communion, being appointed for half-past seven a.m. The church was thronged, the chancel and stalls being filled by the clergy, of whom twenty were present. To impart something of a national character to the solemnity, the second service was partly in the Singhalese language, and was attended by almost all the Singhalese in high position at Colombo; who felt much gratified, I understand, by my selection of their pastor as one of the two first honorary canons of the cathedral—the Rev. J. Wise, Colonial chaplain of Kandy, and the Rev. J. W. Dias, Singhalese Colonial chaplain of Colombo. In this service, after the induction of Archdeacon Mathias, and the installation of the two honorary canons, the sermon was preached by the former, and in the evening service by the warden of St. Thomas's college. The communion at the first service was very fully attended, and the offertory collections exceeded £75.

"On the following day, after 120 of the college students had breakfasted in the hall, divine service was solemnized for them, when I delivered an address, and subsequently distributed the prizes in college hall. Subsequently about 800 children from all schools of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel round Colombo were assembled to feast under the fine banyan-trees within the college precincts; and a very picturesque scene it was, with the motley color and costumes of the different races and nations. At 2 o'clock they filled the cathedral for divine service in Singhalese, and with their parents and teachers, amounting to not less than a thousand, though Christians only were admitted, were earnestly addressed by the Rev. C. Senanayaka, a Singhalese Colonial chaplain.

"Yesterday (15th Sunday after Trinity) again two native services, as well as two English, were solemnized; in the morning at 8 o'clock, in Portuguese; in the afternoon, in Singhalese, by the two colonial chaplains, the Rev. J. Kats and the Rev. Canon Dias; both services were thronged, and showed our need of transepts, if only we could raise them. At 11 o'clock, I held an ordination for the admission of the Rev. G. Shrader to the priesthood, born in Ceylon, but educated at King's College, London and Cambridge. It was a very pleasing service, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Canon Wise; and four presbyters joined with me in the laying on of hands. Next Sunday our entire services are to be (God willing) in Tamil and Singhalese, and a confirmation solemnized, and this will close our special consecration services, embracing all the principal ordinances of our church, and every age and race and language in the diocese; imparting, we trust, not only a national interest to the work, but a spirit of brotherly union around a common centre of light and faith and truth. Of the material fabric, &c., the local paper gives so full an account, that I send it to you in preference to describing it myself.

"The Society may rejoice with me in the completion of one more work for the glory of God, which, in a missionary aspect, as well as

for the purposes of education, may, with his continued blessing, exercise a most important and improving influence on this colony, through their timely and generous aid."

In a subsequent letter the bishop said: "The Rev. Joseph Baly, the Warden of St. Thomas's College, who has lately come out from England to undertake the charge, has entered upon his duties with zeal, and appears in every way qualified to maintain the institution in the full-est efficiency and usefulness."

"Mr. Senanayaka has two large Singhaleso schools close to his chapel, one of a hundred and eighty boys, and her of fifty girls, supported by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. A small grant of £6 for books would greatly benefit and assist him where he most needs help."

The sum requested by the bishop was granted.

A letter was read from Archdeacon Shortland, dated Madras, August 19, 1854, stating that a balance of £75 remains out of the £300 voted in July, 1848, towards the erection of churches in the smaller English stations in the diocese of Madras. He says:

"Previous to my visit to England, three grants of £50 each had been made from this noble contribution for churches at Vizianagram, Cuddapah, and Mount Road, Madras, and one of £25 for a church at Chicacole. All these have been finished, and another grant of £50 was made last year for a church at Mercara, the capital of Coorg, which is still under construction. Connected with the church at Cuddapah, the interesting mission has sprung from which such excellent results are hoped for."

"I have received a letter, of which the enclosed is a copy, applying for assistance for a small church which is contemplated at Combaconum."

"Combaconum is a small English station, but it is a very celebrated Hindoo city."

"The gentleman interested in this undertaking are all liberal contributors to the adjoining missions of the Tanjore circle, as well as generally to our various diocesan societies. The proposed church has the sanction of, and will be consecrated by the bishop, and the property is to be legally conveyed to the bishop and archdeacon, and under these circumstances I beg to solicit the sanction of the Standing Committee, and of the Society, if necessary, for the appropriation of a sum not exceeding £50, (in part of the remaining £75,) for this object."

This appropriation of £50 from the fund was approved by the Standing Committee and Board.

In another letter, the archdeacon conveyed to the Society the thanks of the friends of the Cuddapah mission for the grant recently made by the Board in behalf of Cuddapah.

"I have every reason to hope," said the archdeacon, "that your Diocesan Committee will now also determine on publishing a Telooogo translation of the Book of Common Prayer, with some other suitable works, which are more than ever called for by the circumstances of this vast diocese, in which, irrespective of varieties of dialect, five distinct languages are spoken."

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, dated Halifax, Sept. 26, 1854, inclosing a letter from the Rev. E. B. Nichols, Liverpool, Nova Scotia, requesting a grant towards the erection of a church at Mills village in his mission. The cost of the building will be about £300.

It was agreed to grant £25.

The bishop also recommended the Rev. Robert Jamieson's request for aid towards the completion of a church at Ship Harbor, in the county

of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The poor fishermen and sailors of this and the adjoining little station, within six miles of the intended church, have subscribed to the utmost of their power.

It was agreed to grant £15.

In a subsequent letter, the bishop inclosed with his recommendation an application from the Rev. R. S. Uniacke for aid towards the erection of a small church in the parish of St. George, Sydney, Cape Breton. The sum of £15 would enable the friends of this object to complete the building.

The Board granted £15.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Barbadoes, forwarding an application from the Rev. E. A. Eckel, for assistance towards the erection of a new church at St. Stephen's, Trinidad.

The sum of £35 was granted.

A letter was read from the Rev. F. Fleming, Chaplain to the Forces, Mauritius, asking for a grant of books for soldiers, and also for the poorer inhabitants of the place.

It was agreed to grant £20, chiefly from "Clericus."

A letter was read from the Rev. R. Kempthorne, requesting a grant towards a church at St. John's, St. Helena, for the use of Africans who have been liberated, and have arrived in that island.

The Board granted £40.

Several grants of books, both foreign and English, were made.

The Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Missionary among the Indians at Mahnotahmang, in the diocese of Toronto, and translator of the New Testament and Prayer Book into the Ojibwa language, was present at the meeting, and gave a satisfactory account of the progress of his efforts among the Indians. He stated the need which exists of an addition to the number of clergymen in that promising field of missionary labor, which will probably form a portion of one of the new sees into which it is expected the large diocese of Toronto will ere long be divided.

Books were granted for the performance of divine service in seven new churches and chapels, and four Licensed School-rooms.

Forty-nine grants of books and tracts were made for schools, for lending libraries, and for distribution.

A PRAYER FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY.

From the English Churchman.

(For Families and Schools.)

ALMIGHTY GOD, in whose Hands are Peace and War, and the issues of Life and Death, for nations, kingdoms, and people; we humbly beseech Thee to be with our Fleets and our Armies, to preserve, bless, and prosper them, in all things. Let thine Eye ever watch over them, and thine Arm strengthen and guide them: give wisdom and faithfulness to those who command, and obedience and contentment to those who serve; and to all give Thy grace and heavenly benediction, that whether they live or die they may be Thy true soldiers and servants. Bless and support their relatives and friends, in mind, body, and soul, and give them a happy issue out of all their anxieties and afflictions. Hear us, O Lord, and grant us Thy grace, that in all our trials we may so look to Thee for help, and succour, that we may obtain that peace which passeth all understanding, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord, to Whom, with THEE and the HOLY GHOST, be all honour and glory, now and ever. AMEN.

UNITED STATES.

From the Gospel Messenger.

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK—1804 AND 1854.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, in the Journal of the Convention of 1804, contained in ten pages, presents a striking comparison with the same body in 1854.

1804.—The convention met in Trinity Church from Tuesday, Oct. 2d, to Thursday Oct. 4th, the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Moore, D.D. presided.

At the opening service, the Rev. Bethel Judd, Rector of Christ Church, Hudson, read Prayers, and the Rev. Elias Cooper, Rector of St. John's Church, Yonkers, preached. Seventeen Clergymen besides the Bishop attended the Convention, and eighteen Churches were represented by twenty-eight deputies. Eleven Clergymen entitled to seats were not present. Of the whole thirty-two Clergymen then in the State, the only survivor is the Rev. Bethel Judd, D. D., now connected with the Diocese of Western New York. Of the twenty-eight Lay Deputies, none, I believe, survive.

The Rev. John Henry Hobart was the Secretary, and Mr. Hubart V. Wageren, the Treasurer.

St. Paul's Church Claverack, and St. Paul's Church, Warwick, were received into union with the Convention.

Four Missionaries, the Rev. D. Phelps, Jonathan Judd, Gamaliel Thatcher, and Geo. Strobeck, had been labouring in the Diocese since the last Convention.

Parochial Reports were sent in from fifteen Churches. No statement of the whole number of Churches in the Diocese is made, but by looking to the name of the Parishes of the Clergy who are reported as not attending the Convention, I make out about twenty-five Parishes in the State. The whole of Western New York was Missionary ground. The Rev. Mr. Judd reports "that at Utica they were building a Church, and at Paris Hill, their diligence and zeal were worthy of high commendation." The Parochial Reports present Baptisms, 817, Marriages, 261; Funerals, 510; and communicants, 1637.

1854.—Fifty years have rolled away. The venerable Clergyman who still survives, the Rev. Dr. Judd, beholds now on the same field two Dioceses, each with a Bishop at its head, four hundred and twenty-two Clergymen, three hundred and ninety-two Parishes. The Reports, as last published, present in this year, Baptisms, 5952; Marriages, 3271; Funerals, 2321; Communicants 27,045.

The whole number of Clergy of our Church in the United States in 1804, was 215; and in 1854 is 1762, having doubled three times in fifty years. Laus Deo. D.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

The Jubilee Scholarship founded by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and appropriated to the most deserving B. A. of the year, has been awarded to Ds. Yankoughnet.

The Law Scholarship has been awarded to O'Reilly.

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