# THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION

OF THE

# DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

#### INSTITUTED 1873,

To Uphold the Principles and Doctrines of the Protestant Church of England, and to counteract the efforts now being made to pervert her teaching.

### ANNUAL REPORT,

WITH

#### LIST OF MEMBERS.

### TORONTO.

1874.



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The Executive Committee of the Church Association of the Diocese of Toronto, in presenting their first Annual Report, beg leave to congratulate the Association on the hearty unanimity which has characterized its labors, and on the success which has attended the means thus far employed in carrying out its aims.

The Church Association was formed on the 19th June, 1873, when thirty-seven clergymen and lay members of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Toronto, signed the declaration of its organization. So soon as its formation became known, additional members sent in their names and expressed their hearty sympathy with the purposes in view.

At the preliminary meeting held thereafter in the schoolroom of St. James' Cathedral, the Very Rev. the Dean of Toronto was called to the chair; J. Gillespie, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary, and on the motion of the Hon. James Patton, Q.C., seconded by William Magrath, Esq., D.C.L., it was resolved that the name of the Association shall be the Church Association of the Diocese of Toronto.

On the motion of the Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake, seconded by A. H. Campbell, Esq., a committee was named to draw up a Constitution and Rules for the guidance of the Association.

At an adjourned meeting held on the 14th August—the Very Rev. the Dean of Toronto in the chair—the Association was fully organized by the election of the following officers and Executive Committee :—

President.-The Hon. Chief Justice W. H. Draper, C.B.

Vice-Presidents.—The Very Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., Dean of Toronto; the Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake; Prof. Daniel Wilson, LL.D.

Executive Committee.—Charles James Blomfield, Esq., Peterborough; Archibald H. Campbell, Esq., Peterborough; Lieut. Colonel G. H. Grierson, Oshawa; Lieut. Colonel C. S. Gzowski; J. George Hodgins, Esq., LL.D.; William Magrath, Esq., Credit; Rev. F. A. O'Meara, LL.D., Port Hope; Hon. James Patton, Q.C.; William Powis, Esq., Hamilton; Rev. A. Sanson; Rev. Rural Dean A. Stewart, M.A., Orillia; Kivas Tully, Esq., C.E. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.-B. Homer Dixon, K.N.L.

## Honorary Secretary .--- John Gillespie, Esq.

On the resignation, at a subsequent period, of Mr. Blomfield, the Rev. Rural Dean H. C. Cooper, B.A., Rector of Islington, was elected to fill the vacancy.

Immediately on the completion of the Constitution and Rules, before finally adopting them and printing them, the Very Rev. the Dean of Toronto, the Hon. Chief Justice Draper, the Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake, and Prof. D. Wilson, LL.D., were appointed a deputation to wait on the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, to submit them for his consideration, and to request his Lordship to become patron of the Association. They accordingly waited on him on the following morning, when the Hon. Chief Justice, as President of the Association, informed his Lordship of the object and purposes aimed at, and having produced the Constitution and Rules as already adopted, he, with his Lordship's permission, read the principal parts of it which referred to the purposes of the Association. He explained that the Constitution had been framed with an earnest desire to avoid anything which could justly give offence ; and that the members of the Association believed that it contained nothing to which any sincere and loyal member of the Church of England could not cordially assent. That before making public this declaration of their organization they had unanimously resolved to solicit his Lordship to become their Patron, and thereby to give them the influence and weight which his sanction of their purposes would carry with it. He further stated that they would gladly avail themselves of any suggestions his Lordship might be pleased to offer, with a view to render it still more unexception-With this explanation, the President, in the name of the deputation, and on behalf of the Association, earnestly requested his Lordship to become their Patron.

After a prolonged interview, in which all the members of the deputation took part, his Lordship stated that he was not then prepared to give an answer, but would take the request made by the deputation into his most serious consideration, and reply in writing. The deputation then retired.

On the 19th of the same month his Lordship replied to the Chief Justice, assigning his reasons for declining to become Patron of the Association, while assuring its members that he believed them to be actuated by pure intentions and a conscientious sense of duty.

Thereupon the Constitution and Rules were finally approved of and sent to press, and arrangements were made for preparing an address to the members of the Church in this Diocese, inviting their attention to her present state, the dangers besetting her, and the duties required of the members of the Church in Canada on her behalf. After much careful deliberation an address was prepared, approved of at a general meeting, and The Executive Committee, in the fulfilment of the printed. duties intrusted to them, aimed at giving it the widest cir-Up to this date 7,000 copies have been printed and culation. nearly all distributed; in addition to which it has been reprinted in leading papers in Toronto, Montreal, St. John's, Newfoundland, and elsewhere, so that its circulation thus far probably exceeds 25,000 copies.

The attention which this address excited has been proved in many ways. Members hastened to join the Association; leading elergymen and laymen in other dioceses wrote expressing their hearty sympathy; and among those the Deans, both of Montreal and Huron, sent in their adherence, the former with a liberal donation and the latter becoming a life member.

The importance of the movement thus inaugurated was further shown by his Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, issuing a pastoral in reply.

The unfeigned respect which the members of this Association bear towards their Bishop, alike personally and by reason of his high office, was manifested by their desire to obtain his countenance as their Patron. The same spirit has guided the Executive Committee in every allusion they have made to his Lordship's pastoral. But they would have failed in their duty, alike to this Association and to the Church, had they neglected to correct misconceptions to which it was calculated to give rise. They accordingly prepared and issued an Occasional Paper, entitled "*What is Ritualism*?" in which they aimed at setting clearly before their fellow members of the Church in Canada the real question at issue, and the dangers which have to be averted. This paper has been welcomed by many as well suited to the times; and of this already 7,000 copies have been printed, and the greater number put in circulation.

Since then three additional papers have been prepared and printed—one entitled, "*Ritualists in our Sunday Schools*— What do they Teach?" another, "The Guild Chapel of the Holy Cross," containing a further exposure of insidious and Romanizing teachings carried on by unfaithful members of our Church. These papers have excited much controversy; but we trust have drawn the timely attention of many to evils calculated, if left unchecked, to work the ruin of our Church. Of those two Occasional Papers, the joint edition already printed numbers 13,000.

The fifth Occasional Paper, entitled "Is there not a Cause?" has just been issued, and is now in process of circulation among the members of the Association.

Such are the means your Committee have thus far adopted for carrying out the duties intrusted to them, and endeavoring to diffuse information on all subjects specially affecting the welfare of the Church ; to ,aim at uniting all her members in a hearty and uncompromising maintenance of our most holy faith—alike against Tractarianism, Ritualism, Rationalism, or whatever other movements threaten to undo the great work of the Reformation ; to resolutely defend the doctrines for which so many noble martyrs of our Church—bishops, clergy and laymen—witnessed a good confession in the dungcon and at the stake ; and to resist all unauthorized changes or innovations in the services, and all novelties in vestments, decorations or practices, whether borrowed from the Church of Rome, or introduced as rites and ceremonies hitherto unknown amongst us as a Church.

While your Committee trust that the approval which has been already accorded to their course thus far by many of you individually, will be confirmed by the united action of this Association, they beg leave to remind you that the work cannot be carried on on the scale already indicated without funds. The liberality of the members has hitherto amply met all requirements; and it will not be thought unbecoming, they trust, if they remind the members that the preparation and circulation of the Association's papers involves a large sacrifice of time and labor on the part of those to whom this work is committed. All this, including the preparing the papers, the writing and replying to numerous correspondents, and addressing and posting many thousand copies of the papers, has been cheerfully done, and we doubt not members will be equally willing to contribute the funds for further prosecution of the good work.

The Association numbers at the present time 525 members,\* including ten life members. To those they doubt not fresh additions will continue to be made : and their hearty co-operation cannot fail to promote the objects which, under the Divine blessing, it is the aim of this Association to accomplish.

<sup>\*</sup> at the tine of going to press the number of members is nearly 80).

One other subject specially inviting attention is the proposition which has been made inviting a union of the Church Association with the Church Union of Toronto. On the 4th of November a communication from that body was laid before the Executive Committee, setting forth that the object proposed by them was "the combination of Churchmen of all shades of opinion in such works of piety and charity as must approve themselves to the understanding and heart of every member of our Church."

They accordingly invited the Church Association to make "at least an attempt to act in hirmony," and asked for a committee to be appointed to confer with one of their own body. To this a reply was sent reciprocating kindly feeling, but pressing on their notice the special distinctive object for which the Church Association had been formed, and asking them to state what objections, if any, they had to the Constitution of this Association; and in what respect it would require to be modified so as to be acceptable to them. To this the Church Union replied, declining to state any objections to the Constitution, but pressing anew for a Committee of Conference. In reply, your Committee stated that while they still believed that their original proposal was the true preliminary with a view to any effort at united or harmonious action, they would not press it further ; and the President and three Vice-Presidents were accordingly named a committee to confer with any committee which the Church Union might name. The Church Union thereupon nominated the Venerable Archdeacon Fuller, the Rev. the Provost, and the Hon. G. W. Allan.

The two committees held successive meetings, and received communications in writing, all of which have been communicated to the quarterly meetings of this Association.

It is sufficient, therefore, for your Committee to state that the only definite proposals submitted by the Church Union, with the professed aim of begetting harmony of action between the two bodies, so manifestly pointed to the abandonment of the active work of this Association in its appeals to the Church through the agency of the press, and in its efforts to expose and arrest growing evils before they come to a height, that they could not have approved of them without virtually abandoning the ends for which the Association has been formed. So little indeed did the members of the Church Union appear to realize the importance which this Association attaches to the timely coping with the evils which, owing to timid and temporizing counsels in England, now threaten the ruin of the mother Church, that in their final letter they charge against this Association, as though it were a grievous evil, that its avowed principle " is not to wait until there has occurred an undoubted and deliberate infringement of the doctrine, discipline, or ritual of our Church, but to anticipate any such evil by a system of prevention," which, they say, "cannot fail to produce endless unseemly contests."

The Executive Committee venture to hope that it will not be left to this or any other Association to interfere in cases of undoubted and deliberate infringement of doctrine, discipline, or ritual. That is the work of the Bishop of the Diocese; and with a body of Archdeacons and Rural Deans, a Mission Board, and other organized provision for the supervision of the Diocese, there must be a culpable wint of will for the performance of their duties by the legitimate heads of the Church, when they have to be supplemented or superseded by any other action.

But the experience even of the past year shows that not only unfaithful and unwise clergy, but guilds, confraternities, and lay teachers, actuated by a "zeal without knowledge;" Church Depository agents, selfishly pandering to the tastes of weak and designing men; and secular booksellers meeting the requirements which are developed amongst us as the inevitable accompaniment of a ceremonial ritual, fancy altar-cloths, processions, and the like imitations of the worship of Rome, can accomplish the greatest evil without any breach of ecclesiastical authority.

Our Sunday School libraries are being insidiously poisoned with Ritualistic and Romish literature; our schools are affected with the same evil; and in many other ways the work is being begun here which aims at subverting the principles of the Reformation, and dragging down our Church to the bondage of childish forms and degrading superstitions, from which it was only rescued with the life-blood of its noble martyrs and confessors. This Association does indeed desire to anticipate evil by a system of prevention.

But if the result of their exertions should be—as in some cases it has already been—to excite the wrath of those whose unfaithful dealings it becomes a duty to expose, and to disturb the false peace into which our Church was sinking whilst on the verge of such dangers as we have proved her to be exposed to the members of this Association cannot recognize in that any just ground for censure. Had the Reformers of the 15th and 16th centuries dreaded the disturbance of the peace of a Church then abandoned to sacramentarian superstitions and idolatrous priestcraft, the Pope would still be the head of the Church in England, and the Bible would have remained a sealed book to its people.

Your Committee have thus endeavored to lay before the Association an account of their work during the past year. They believe it has not been in vain; and they trust their successors in the executive work of the Association will be able still more effectually to accomplish the objects for which the Church Association of the Diocese of Toronto has been called into being.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee,

B. HOMER DIXON, JOHN GILLESPIE, Honorary Secretaries.

### The Church Association in Account with B. H. Dixon, Honorary Treasurer, from June, 1873, to June, 1874.

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TORONTO, June 22, 1874.

We, the undersigned, Auditors appointed by the Church Association, hereby certify that we have examined the books of said Association, showing the receipts and disbursements, and have found the same correct, with a balance in the Treasurer's hands up to 22ad June, 1874, of \$239 10.

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