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The publisher of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* having need of the March numbers of the paper, in order to complete some sets, he will be willing to pay 6d. each for a few copies.

## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

As the Quarterly Collection to be taken up in the several Churches and Parishes, on behalf of the Mission Fund will shortly take place, the Secretary of the Church Society will forward to the Clergy, after the Annual Meeting, an extract from his Report, showing the state of that Fund.

The following Notices of Motion for the next Synod, have been sent to the Secretary:

The list of acknowledgments of the receipts of the Church Society, for the past month, was received, but has been unavoidably crowded out.

TORONTO, May 26, 1857.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

I beg to give notice through you, that, at the next meeting of the Synod, I intend to introduce a measure for the Division of Parishes in this Diocese, coming into immediate operation in certain cases, as regards *Parochial limits*, but not affecting *Endowments* till after the decease or removal, or with the consent of present Incumbents.

I remain,

Rev. and Dear Sir,  
Your obed't. serv't.,

STEPHEN LETT, LL.D.,  
Incumbent, St. George's Church.

The Rev. T. S. KENNEDY,  
Secretary to the Synod.

### Amendment to Section 1 of Rules and Regulations in regard to the Election of Bishops.

1. The clergy and laity shall vote separately by ballot; the clergy by individuals, and the laity by parishes. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of all the parishes entitled to vote be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

Moved by Rev. Edward H. Dewar, Rector of Sandwich.

PARIS, C. W., May 12, 1857.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—

Learning that the Executive Committee of the

Synod of the Diocese of Toronto is to meet this week, I beg to give notice that I purpose, at the ensuing Synod, to bring forward two Resolutions, similar in intent to the following:—

“That this Synod do now appoint a Committee of six of its members, to take into consideration the best method of advancing the general, continuous, and permanent moral and religious, in connection with the secular, education of the youth of this Province; and that the said Committee do report to-morrow.” Also,—

“That seeing the entire failure of the Voluntary System, as usually understood on this continent, in providing adequate religious instruction and a due administration of the ordinances of the Church of Christ, a Committee of six be now appointed to take into consideration the wisdom, necessity, and obligation of resuming the Scriptural and primitive practice of paying Ministerial Tithes, and the best method of receiving, ordering, and appropriating the same, and that the said Committee do report thereon before the closing of this Synod.”

I remain,

Rev. and Dear Sir,  
Faithfully yours,  
ADAM TOWNLEY.

To the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Toronto.

### PRESENTATION.

On Wednesday, the 7th day of May, the Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D. of the University of Dublin, and Incumbent of St. George's Church, Toronto, was presented by the ladies of his Parish with a very handsome and complete suit of canonicals, from the celebrated house of Edle & Co., London.

The children of the Sunday School of St. George's, also, on the same day, presented the Rev. Doctor with a beautiful silver salver, on which was engraved the following inscription:—  
“To the Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D., by the children of the St. George's Sunday School, as a testimonial of regard for their pastor.”

Our readers will bear in mind that this presentation was made on the day of Dr. Lett's auspicious marriage with Miss Eliza Frances Spragge, not only as a memento of their sincere regard and esteem for the Doctor, but also for his amiable and beautiful bride, who for many years faithfully and earnestly discharged the duty of a teacher in the Sunday School of the Parish.

We congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Lett on the reception of such a warm manifestation of friendship and regard from the members of his congregation, and only express the feelings of our subscribers when we wish him and his bride long life and great happiness.

### REPORT

Of the Newcastle District Branch of the Church Society, for the year ending March 30, 1857.

The following is a statement of the Parochial Reports, as far as they have yet been received:

CLARKE PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE.

The Clarke Parochial Committee are happy in

being able to report a material increase, both in the number of Subscribers, and the amount subscribed to the Society. This is peculiarly encouraging, inasmuch as the gentlemen who form the Building Committee of the church about to be erected in the village of Newcastle, were at the same time engaged in soliciting additional aid in behalf of that object.

For this very satisfactory result, the Committee acknowledge themselves indebted to the praiseworthy exertions of those Ladies, who kindly undertook the work of collection.

The amount at present in the hands of the Treasurer is £33. The balance, after deducting the fourth to be transmitted to the Parent Society, will be sufficient to pay off the debt on the Parsonage, which, for some time, has been a serious drain on the resources of the Association.

The Committee hope, at no distant period, to be in a position to appropriate, without prejudice to parochial claims upon the funds at their disposal, a larger proportion than one-fourth to the general purposes of the Parent Society.

### PERRYTOWN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The subscriptions for the year just closed, although not quite filled up, show a very satisfactory increase over those of the preceding. The Committee report on behalf of St. Paul's Church, Perrytown, the sum of £23 Os. 1½d. And from the

### ELIZABETHTOWN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION,

The sum of £7 10s., making together £30 10s. 1½d. from this comparatively new Mission.

The Committee also report various parochial improvements, effected chiefly by means of the funds raised for local purposes. It appears that they have been enabled to purchase *Communion Plate* for both churches; together with new coverings for the desk and altar at Perrytown. A gallery is also in process of erection, and the church at Elizabethtown has been painted at an expense of £21. Towards this object, and the procuring of a bell for the church at Perrytown, the Committee intend to appropriate the three-fourths applicable to local objects.

It is also gratifying to be able to state, that the people of this Mission paid upwards of £100 to their Pastor's salary during the past year. What an example is this to older, and more wealthy parishes! And how essential it is to the prosperity of the Church, and to the efficient working of our Institutions, that the salaries of our poor Missionaries should be regularly and punctually paid. Some Missions are already ruined and gone to waste, owing to the heartless conduct of the people in this respect.

### CAVAN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meetings were held, as usual, in St. Paul's and St. John's Churches. The latter was well attended. The Committee report that the church at Millbrook is nearly finished; and it is expected that it will be ready for Divine Service early in the ensuing summer. Some delay has been experienced in completing the Subscription Lists, in consequence of the recent illness of the Rector.

The collections in this Mission, however

amount to the sum of £35, viz. :—  
 St. Paul's Parochial Committee, £18 0 0  
 St. John's Parochial Committee, 17 0 0

CARTWRIGHT PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

At the last Annual Parochial Meeting of this Association, the sum of £9 17s. 6d. was immediately collected. And, it is hoped, that no difficulty will be experienced in raising the amount to £16, one-fourth of which is to be set apart for the Parent Society. The interior of the church in this Township has been thoroughly painted since the last report; and the congregation have contributed the sum of £35 towards their Minister's income.

MANNERS PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The attendance at the last Annual Meeting of this Association is reported as not so large as on the preceding occasion. The sum of £6 was collected at the meeting. The collections are not yet quite finished; but the sum of £5 has been promised for the Parent Society. The members of this congregation have paid £30 to their Missionary's income for the past year.

GRATTON PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

This Committee have to report a sad falling off in the Subscriptions for the past year. This is, in part, to be attributed to the difficulty experienced in the work of collection; but chiefly to the great loss sustained by the Parish, in the lamented death of John Dugald Cameron, Esq. He was a sound churchman—a pious and devout christian, and a liberal supporter of every institution connected with the well-being and prosperity of his Church and Parish. "The memory of the just is blessed;" and his name will be held in grateful remembrance by those who saw, and admired his various works of piety, and christian beneficence.

The amount at present collected is £13 10s., which, it is hoped, will yet be increased before the closing of the past year's accounts. The usually allotted portion will be reserved for the general purposes of the Parent Society.

COLBORNE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

This Parochial Committee are happy to report, that the debt on the Glebe has, at length, been finally paid off; and this small endowment secured in perpetuity for the benefit of the Incumbent. This has been effected by a course of steady perseverance, during a period of twelve years; and the members of the church have now the satisfaction of knowing that their parish is entirely free from incumbrance of any kind. It is intended to place this trust in the hands of the Church Society—the only corporate body in the Diocese capable of holding church property,—while the management of the trust is to rest with the Incumbent and churchwardens, for the time being.

The same Committee of gentlemen who, for so many years have exerted themselves on behalf of the Church Society, have undertaken the work of collection this year also; but as their reports are not yet completed, the exact amount cannot be ascertained. It is hoped, however, that it will not fall much short of the preceding year's collections. Yet, it is right to state, that in the Village of Brighton, from whence various subscriptions have hitherto been received, steps are now being taken for the erection of a church, as they enjoy the occasional services of the Rev. William Bleasdel, from Trenton.

It has been since ascertained that the amount subscribed by this Parochial Association for the year just closed is £22 13s. 6d.—one-fourth of which is available for the Parent Society.

DARLINGTON PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Parochial Committee Report, that within the last year, the heavy debt on the new church in the Village of Bowmanville has been decreased to the amount of £150, the proceeds of two concerts given for that purpose.

It appears, also, that during the past year, the sum of £20 has been contributed to the funds of the Church Society: of this amount, one-fourth is to be transmitted to the Parent Society; and the remaining three-fourths are to be appropriated to the Missionary Department of the Society's operations.

COBourg PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The task of collecting for this Parochial branch was this year delegated almost exclusively to Ladies; and the success of the arrangement has been manifested in an increase of more than £20 over the collections of the preceding year.

This progressive increase is nothing more than could have been expected from the steady increase of the population, and the great advance in the prosperity of the Town. And we feel that we are right in being nothing daunted in our appeals for this Society, by the numerous other local church objects which demand our liberal aid. The church debt, which at Easter, 1855, amounted to about £750, was reduced last Easter to £475, and it is expected that, on Easter Monday next, it will be further diminished by £150. A considerable sum has, besides, during the last summer, been laid out upon the church and church premises, and about £70 expended on the Parsonage in part of a grant by the Vestry. Upwards of £200 has lately been pecuniarily subscribed for defraying the expense of lighting the church with gas, and purchasing a new bell. The gas has been provided and proves highly satisfactory; and a bell has been ordered from England, and may be expected in the course of the month of May.

After all this has been effected, much more remains to be done,—serving practically to prove to us that the work of christian benevolence is never to stop; that we are never to rest or slacken in our liberality, as long as God's gifts are continued to us. When God ceases to give, then and then only may we think of standing still in our bounty for His cause.

The appeals in this parish for various objects, have been, perhaps, unusually frequent during the past winter; but it is a gratifying fact that, nevertheless, the Offertory Collections on Sundays have never before been so large. This proves that it is the active and constant exercise of almsgiving which creates heartiness and liberality in giving. To plead the pressure of local claims as a reason for withholding our aid from a public institution like the Church Society, is a reproach to which we trust this Parochial branch will never subject itself.

The account for the present year stands thus:

Cr.	
By balance from last year .....	£ 2 13 2
By subscriptions received for 1857...	116 15 7½
	£119 89½
Dr.	
To paid for Sunday School	
Reward Books.....	£ 9 1 9
To paid carriage of Reports, &c.....	0 5 0
To paid Mr. Down tuition of 4 pupils.....	2 8 9
To one-fourth to Parent Society .....	29 0 0
To grant to Cemetery Fund	38 10 0

To do. St. Peter's Church Fund.....	88 10 0
	117 18 6

Balance in Treasurer's hands...£ 1 10 3½  
 PORT HOPE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

From this Parish no report has been received; as it is understood that nothing has been done, or is likely to be done, in furtherance of the Society's objects.

RICE LAKE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

From this Association no report has been received.

CLERICAL CHANGES SINCE LAST ANNUAL MEETING.

The Rev. Charles Rutten has been removed to the Mission of Hillier, in the Prince Edward District; and the Rev. Charles Thomson succeeds him, as assistant minister of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg.

Before concluding their Report, there are two points of great importance, to which the Managing Committee beg to call your attention. First, the establishment of a *Depository*, for the circulation of Bibles, Prayer-books, religious tracts, and other publications suitable for distribution among the youthful portion of our members. And, secondly, the formation of a *Mission Fund*, for the support of one or more travelling Missionaries for the back settlements, and destitute portions of this extensive District.

With respect to the first of these objects, viz., the establishment of a central Depository, from which the clergy of the District could obtain at a cheap rate, Bibles, Prayer-books and religious tracts, your Committee feel that they cannot recommend it too strongly. There are cases constantly occurring, of people attending our churches from among the surrounding denominations who if they could only be correctly informed on the nature and principles of the Church her—divine institution—her Apostolic Ministry—her doctrines, worship, and sacraments,—would, we cannot doubt, be anxious for admission into her fold. Now, although it is very true, that the clergyman, in the course of his pastoral visits from house to house, can do much in the way of removing prejudices, and correcting erroneous impressions; yet, how greatly would his labours be facilitated, and his hands strengthened, by the aid of such books and tracts, as would afford the requisite information on these important subjects.

And even of our own members, how few, comparatively, rightly understand the principles and doctrines of the church to which they belong. This arises, in most cases, from early parental neglect, or else, from defective training. Now to such persons, what valuable assistance might not be afforded, by placing within their reach, such books and tracts as would bring them to a correct knowledge of the doctrines and duties contained in the Church Catechism, and in the Book of Common Prayer.

They would, then, by God's blessing, acquire a taste for reading of a higher and better order than that in which they commonly indulge—they would obtain the best of all knowledge—the knowledge of God, and their relation and duties to Him—and be enabled to give to every man that enquired of them, "a reason of the faith that is in them."

Towards the establishment and maintenance of such Depository, your Committee would therefore beg to recommend that an amount equal to one-tenth of all moneys collected for the Church Society within the District, be hereafter annually appropriated.

With regard to the second of these objects, in the formation of a *District Travelling Mission Fund*,

your Committee trust that they need use no lengthened arguments to convince you of its necessity and importance. When we look around us, and behold the spiritual destitution which prevails, we need not say another word to show the urgent necessity of adopting some agency whereby it may be relieved. The township of Seymour, with Church and Parsonage, has no clergyman. Percy has no Missionary. Asphodel, while possessing a church, is yet without a Missionary. Dummer, with a church, has no resident Missionary. Alnwick has no Missionary. Besides the back parts of the other townships lying within the Counties of Northumberland and Durham, which can but rarely be visited by the resident clergy within these bounds. Surely this is a state of things which calls loudly for some exertion being made on our part, to carry the ministrations of the Church into these settlements. It may not be possible for some time to come, to supply all these places with resident and settled ministers; but the deficiency may be in part supplied, by affording them the occasional services of one or more travelling Missionaries. And with a view to the furtherance of this important object, your Committee beg to recommend that another tenth of the entire sum collected, be hereafter set apart in aid of a Travelling Mission Fund, towards the support of one or more travelling Missionaries, to be employed within the Counties of Northumberland and Durham.

By some such arrangement as this, *one-fourth* would still be sent to the Parent Society, for general purposes, and *one-fifth*, or two-tenths would be devoted to the maintenance of a Depository, and the support of a Travelling Mission Fund. The remainder would still be available for local purposes within the respective parishes, so long as they continued to need such support.

It seems to the Managing Committee that by this means fresh energy may be infused into the working of our Society; and our people be led to take a more lively interest in its welfare, when they see the apparent good effects of its management brought more immediately under their observation.

Our members are annually increasing in numbers; our wants are continually becoming more urgent; but the supply is by no means adequate to the demand. Our Missionaries are few in number—over-worked and badly paid, while the whole country is in a state of unexampled prosperity. Agricultural industry and commercial enterprise are abundantly rewarded; men quietly amass wealth; independent fortunes are made and spent; the worldly element is in the ascendant; God is forgotten, and his heritage, in many places, lying waste. Parents educate their sons, with a view to worldly acquisitions and worldly wealth; but the self-denying labours of the ministers of the Gospel are not anxiously sought or desired, because they promise so small a share of worldly honour, profit or emolument. But if our increasing prosperity only makes us more effeminate, luxurious and extravagant, what shall we do? Will our earthly acquisitions avail us if God's service is neglected? If we live in ceiled houses, and indulge in costly equipages, while so many houses of God require to be built, without lending our aid, are we not provoking his displeasure? If, while every secular enterprise is prosecuted with avidity, the cause of Christ and his Church be suffered to languish for want of support, will it not bring down upon us a curse and not a blessing? "Whoso is wise, will consider these things, and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord."

J WILSON,  
Secretary.

Grafton, April 1, 1857.

#### GORE AND WELLINGTON BRANCH CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Gore and Wellington Branch Association of the Church Society, of the Diocese of Toronto, was held in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, Hamilton, on Thursday evening, March 20th, and although the attendance was not so numerous as usual, the proceedings were not the less interesting, nor the speakers less eloquent and effective. The various resolutions were spoken to with much ability and effect. Among the speakers were the Rev. Dr. Beaven, the Rev. Dr. Cronyn, the Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rev. Messrs. Osler, O'Neill and Armstrong, John Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., T. C. Dixon, Esq., and the Rural Dean, who presided. The following Report was read and adopted, which we trust may prove interesting to the readers of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*.

#### REPORT.

March 26th, 1857.

The Managing Committee of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society, of the Diocese of Toronto, are again called on to present to its members the Annual Report of their proceedings. And it affords them sincere gratification to be able to say that their exertions have again, under the blessing of the Almighty, been crowned with their wonted success.

Before entering into the details of their own operations, they would call the attention of the members of the Church to the fact, that the Parent Society, which has nearly completed the 15th year of its existence, and on which, humanly speaking, the future progress of our Church in Canada so much depends, has increased in usefulness and prosperity from year to year since its formation. So that we are now warranted in regarding it as a great instrument raised up in the Providence of God for the maintenance and extension of true religion in this country; and in anticipating for it a long career of usefulness and blessing.

The Report has been in the hands of the subscribers for several months, and from it they will have learned that its income during the year previous amounted to £5,052 14s. 10d. They will have derived information from the same source as to the manner in which the Society has expended the funds so received in promoting the various important objects embraced in its constitution.

The Gore and Wellington Branch, which has ever received honorable mention in the Reports of the Parent Society, has not relaxed in its efforts during the past year, although, from peculiar circumstances in some of the Parishes, a falling off may possibly appear. It numbers about 20 Parochial Associations, and its annual revenue has been steadily increasing from £199 in the first year of its existence, by various stages, till it has reached the respectable sum of £669 0s. 8½d., being a small increase over the last year's, £619.

It employs three travelling Missionaries, and provides wholly for their incomes, besides contributing partially to the salaries of two more—having incurred in all an annual liability for Missionary purposes alone of upwards of £500. The appropriation of so large a sum to the destitute portions of their own Districts, after transmitting one-fourth to the Parent Society—leaving but little for local expenditure—so that the members of this Association have the satisfaction of knowing that they spend but little of the funds upon Parochial objects, although many such objects are recognized by the constitution of the Parent Society; the chief portion of their subscriptions being devoted to the spread of the Gospel in the backwoods, by means of travelling Missionaries.

The Report received from these gentlemen communicates much interesting information—a brief summary of which must suffice for the present occasion.

#### ARTHUR.

The Rev. Mr. Preston occupies the Mission of Arthur, at which village he has his head-quarters; the extent of his labours may be gathered from the following extracts from one of his Reports:—

"I have under my charge eleven Townships, some in the County of Grey, some in the County of Wellington. They are as follows: Glencig, Bentinck, Egremont, Normandy, Arthur, Minto, Luther, parts of Peel, Maryborough, Garrafrax and Erin." In his last Report, the Missionary says: "I have to Report, with much pleasure, an increase in every one of the congregations under my care, a growing feeling of reverence for the doctrines and ministry of the Church, and a desire to extend her ministrations appears to be pervading the people; and the fact, slowly breaking upon them, that all State-support has been withdrawn, appears to influence them to desire to give of what God has given them, to the service of His Sanctuary. The number of baptisms, marriages and burials for the past year have been respectively: baptisms, 98; marriages, 6; burials, 9; and miles travelled during the year, 3,532.

The Missionary concludes with an earnest prayer that God may bless the efforts of those who are endeavouring to extend to destitute Districts the blessings of the Gospel, and that He may "send forth more laborers into His harvest."

"A very gratifying fact connected with my labours is the anxiety of parents to have their children baptized. Scarcely a service passes without baptisms—and in several instances I have baptized whole families. Where opportunity offers, I catechize the children, and have distributed about 100 copies of the Church Catechism with explanation and questions; as also 50 copies of the Book of Common Prayer, and if I had more I could dispose of them, as the people are constantly asking for them. [The settlers are generally found to possess already the Holy Scriptures, having brought their Bibles with them from the old country, or being supplied through other sources here.]"

#### OWEN'S SOUND.

For several years the Rev. Mr. Mulholland, in addition to his stated ministrations at Owen Sound, has given a considerable portion of his time to the zealous discharge of travelling Missionary duties. In consideration of his services in this latter field of labour, your Committee have contributed towards his stipend a sum of £60 per annum, and they have reason to believe that the best results have attended Mr. Mulholland's exertions to supply the destitute members of the Church in that part of the United Districts, with her ministrations.

#### SAUGEEN.

The Rev. Mr. Hodge, one of the travelling Missionaries paid wholly by this Association, has for his field of labour the whole of the County of Bruce, containing eleven townships, exclusive of those recently formed, in which he has been engaged in Missionary duties for nearly two years. His principal stations are Southampton, Paisley, Kincairdine, Mud River and Walkerton, besides which he extends his ministrations to Durham, in the County of Grey. In his rides to and from these stations, he has held Divine Service at a number of places on the road. In the last Report received from Mr. Hodge, he says: "I am persuaded that my labours are not in vain, not

by any means, thanks be to God, and this reflection is sufficient to sustain me amid the hardships and privations I undergo. It is my unceasing prayer to Him whom I serve, that it may be His will to make me the humble instrument of turning many to righteousness, and of ministering to the edification of His Church."

The Rev. Mr. Drinkwater, whose Mission comprises the townships of Peel, Wellesley, Mornington, Maryborough, Wallace and Etna, writes as follows:—

"Mission House, Allansville, Jan. 30, 1857.

"I would willingly defer sending you a Report of what I am doing, till after the commencement of spring, were I not aware how anxious the members of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society are to know what has been done during the past three or four months, by their unworthy and inexperienced Missionary. I can, however, briefly place before you the locality, and number of stations I occupy. My regular monthly Sunday Services are held in the township of Peel, at Allansville, Cross' School House and Hugh McConnell's; in Maryborough, at Hollin School House and Hustonville; in Wellesley, at Irwin's School House and Cross Hill Town Hall; and in Wallace, at Cowansville.

"In addition to these, I hold occasional Sunday Services, in the afternoon, at places within six miles of Allansville, viz., in Wellesley and Peel, at Samuel Holt's, William Belt's and Mr. Atkinson's; in Mornington and Maryborough, at Mr. Watson's and Mr. Grey's. I have also commenced to appoint week-day services in the less populous and newly-settled townships, that is to say, in Wallace, Etna and Mornington.

"I have baptized twenty-one children since the 19th of October, solemnized one marriage, and read the burial service once.

"Hoping that God, whose we are and whom we serve, will deign to bless the efforts of the Society—to advance the kingdom of Christ through the length and breadth of the land."

WILMOT.

The Rev. Mr. Rally, a German clergyman, recently employed as city Missionary in Cincinnati, came to this Diocese in the course of last summer, highly commended to the Bishop by Bishop MacIvaine, of the Diocese of Ohio; and having been appointed to minister to the Germans in the townships of Wilmot and Waterloo, he entered upon his duties in the month of October last. The Bishop having no longer any funds at his command from which he could assign stipends to additional clergymen, was obliged to inform Mr. Rally that he must depend entirely upon the voluntary contributions of the people in his Mission. At a meeting, at which the Rural Dean attended, the people responded to the appeal made to them by guaranteeing to Mr. Rally about £70 per annum and a house; and the case being an urgent one, the Rural Dean took upon himself to guarantee £25 additional, a charge which Your Committee have since assumed. Your Committee have only to add that Mr. Rally has been engaged in Missionary duties since October, and that some fruit of his labours has already manifested itself in a large attendance on Sunday School instruction, and in a contribution of £5 6s. to the funds of this Association. Mr. Rally Reports that the Parish of Wilmot will become ere long a self-supporting Parish, so as to require no longer the fostering care of your excellent Society—whose valuable assistance is thankfully acknowledged.

The Gore and Wellington District Branch of the Church Society in account with the Treasurer, for year ending 31st December, 1856.

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By balance per statement rendered.....	£167 16 4		
Add, error in the charge'd for Parent Society.....	0 5 0	468	1 4
By collections on account of 1855, received subsequent to the meeting, viz:			
Paris, additional.....	0 5 0		
Galt do. ....	1 8 2		
Hornby do. ....	0 15 0		
Oakville and Palermo do	3 13 1½	6	1 3½
December 31.			
By Building Society shares realized..	13 12 9		
Interest and profit on Building Society investment.....	82 5 4		
Collections of 1856 from Associations, viz:			
Hamilton, Christ's Chur'h	123 0 0		
Do. Church of Ascension	56 10 0		
Guelph .....	85 1 10		
Dundas.....	30 0 0		
Galt .....	60 0 0		
Brantford .....	60 0 0		
Mohawk and Tuscarora..	38 14 6		
Ancaster.....	20 0 0		
Oakville .....	36 7 0		
Palermo .....	12 3 0		
Norval.....	5 18 9		
Georgetown .....	12 16 3		
Milton.....	21 11 1½		
Hornby .....	17 1 3		
Mount Pleasant.....	13 0 0		
Binbrook.....	12 10 0		
Barton and Glanford.....	16 17 6		
York and Caledonia.....	12 13 9		
Paris .....	26 8 9		
Wilmot.....	5 6 0		
Lowville.....	3 2 0		
Beverly .....	10 0 0		
		669	0 8½
		£1239	1 5

Dr.	PAYMENTS.		
March 13, 1856.			
To remitted Treasurer of Parent Society.			
One-half of Paris collections of 1855.....	£12 4 6		
One-fourth of balance of 1855, collected £5 16s. 3¼	1 9 1		
Balance due Milton and Lowville P. Associat'n	5 7 3		
Do. Norval do.	3 19 2½	23	0 0
To Paid Account Mission Fund.			
Grant to Rev. Mr. Butler, for duty.....	8 6 8		
Printing Accounts, several years.....	6 12 2		
Gas at Hall, Gene'l Meeting.....	2 10 0		
The Stipend, Rev. Mr. Hodge, the year.....	150 0 0		
Do. Mr. Preston, do.	150 0 0		
Do. Mr. Drinkwater, 3 months.....	30 0 0		
The half Stipend, Mr. Mulholland, the year..	60 0 0	407	8 10
To Repaid Parochial Associations, on account of Income of 1855, for local purposes, viz:			

Hamilton, Christ's Chur'h	34	8	1½
Do. Church of Ascension	8	9	4½
Guelph .....	14	1	3
Dundas.....	9	16	3
Galt.....	12	4	6½
Nelson.....	7	10	0
Brantford.....	8	10	0
Mohawk and Tuscarora..	7	4	0½
Ancaster.....	5	7	6
Oakville .....	6	1	1
Palermo .....	2	19	11½
Georgetown .....	3	17	9½
Upper Cayuga.....	1	16	9½
Mount Pleasant.....	2	1	3
Binbrook.....	3	8	9
Barton and Glanford.....	2	12	0½
Hornby .....	4	1	8½
			134 9 6½

December 31.	
To Remitted Treasurer of Parent Society.	
25s. for each of 18 Clergymen.....	22 10 0
25s. for each of 18 Lay Incorporated Members	22 10 0
The one-fourth of £623 Os. 8½d., the balance of year's collections.....	155 15 2
Special donation Widows and Orphans' Fund....	1 0 0
	201 15 2
To Balance in hand.....	472 7 11
	£1239 1 5

MEM.—The above balance, together with the sum of £378 Os. 8d. invested in Building Society Stock, is held entirely for the District Mission Fund.

HUGH BAKER, Treasurer.

Hamilton, 26th March, 1857.

Your Committee, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the various Parochial Associations, submit brief extracts of their Reports.

GUELPH.

"Your Committee have great satisfaction in reporting that the subscriptions of the members of this Association, for the past year, have amounted to the sum of £87 16s., of which £77 9s. 4d. has been paid in, as no doubt the balance will also be in a day or two. The amount now reported exceeds the receipts of the last year by the sum of £27 16s. 10d., which cannot but be regarded as a most satisfactory and cheering increase."

Since the receipt of the foregoing Report, the amount of £81 ls. 10d. has been paid to the Treasurer.

ELORA.

The Rev. Mr. Smithurst writes, that special circumstances have prevented the collection of the annual subscriptions of the members of the Elora Association, in time for transmission to your Treasurer previous to this meeting; but that he has every reason to believe that the amount will be the same as that reported last year, and will be very shortly transmitted.

YORK AND CALEDONIA.

The Rev. Mr. Hill writes:—"Our collectors this year for Church matters kept two separate lists, the one for contributions for Parochial purposes, the other for the funds of the Church Society. Thus each contributor was invited to state what he wished to assign to each cause respectively. He was informed at the same time that all that would be set down in the list for the Church Society, would be assigned to that cause without any deduction. Your District Treasurer,

therefore, will merely remit the fourth part, according to the general Rules of the Parent Society, and the Committee of the United Districts of Gore and Wellington will retain the remainder for the cause of their Missions.

"I sincerely regret that the people do not take a livelier interest than the small amount intimates, in the cause of your Missions; but they seem to act rather on the principle that 'Charity begins at home.' I spoke earnestly on the subject at several local meetings, but they seemed to think that their Pastor's income and the paying off the debt on their church, should be their chief concern. I may add that the whole amount collected in the Mission has rather exceeded that of last year, (as far as returns testify, for they have not all been got in.) As I have received liberally from the people, I have doubled my own subscription to the Church Society for this year."

PARIS.

Your Committee are happy in being able to Report that the contributions this year, amounting to £26 8s. 9d., exceed the amount transmitted last year; this amount would doubtless have been considerably increased were it not for the fact that several of the contributors of 1856 have left the Parish; besides, which, it may be right to state, that the majority of those whose names appear on the list this year, have contributed to present a horse to their Pastor, the Rev. Adam Townley, as a Christmas and New Year's gift. The collectors, too, have found that several having contributed somewhat largely to the fund for the Division of the Diocese, are this year unable to come forward as liberally as they might otherwise have done. It may not be out of place further to mention here, as connected with Church matters in this place, that since our last Report, (which, by the way, was sent last year in due time, but is in the General Report omitted,) a member of the congregation has liberally presented to the church a handsome Chandelier and Set of Lamps, while another member has kindly made a present of a Cow to the Rev. A. Townley. These facts are alluded to here in the hope that other congregations may be disposed to emulate that of St. James, Paris, and that Churchmen every where may feel it to be a privilege to aid in beautifying the temple of God, and in cheering and supporting His ambassadors in their work of labour of love.

Your Committee believe it is the general wish of the subscribers to the sum now remitted, that no portion of it should be returned for Parochial purposes; the surplus, after deducting the amount due to the District, being forwarded along with the clergyman's subscription, to the Parent Society.

DUNDAS AND ANCASTER.

It is feared that the subscriptions from these Parishes will not equal those of last year, which may be accounted for from the removal of the Rev. Dr. McMurray to Niagara, and the inability of the Rev. F. L. Osler to take up his residence in Dundas until within the last few days. As the subscriptions have not as yet been all received, a complete Report from these Parishes has not yet been forwarded to the Secretary.

MILTON.

The Committee report as follows:—"We have always been enabled to make a favourable report from this Branch, nor is this an exception.

"The annual collections amount this year to £21 11s. 1½d., being an increase of 9s. 4½d. over that of last year. Besides, which, we have been at much local expense, having painted the outside of the church, which cost £25, and laid out £33 in fencing the grounds. The congregation have also purchased a melodeon, and, besides,

somewhat increasing their minister's stipend, have made him a donation of upwards of £40. All this shows that the Milton people do not sleep where the interests of the Church are concerned."

HORNBY.

There is much cause for encouragement in regard to this Branch—which has continued to increase its collections since its first establishment.

This year we had a much larger meeting than usual, and the funds have been somewhat increased—although the congregation have been at much more local expense than usual, having built a shed 120 x 24 feet, at a cost of over £65. The collections this year amount to £17 1s. 3d.

LOWVILLE.

Here we have to report a slight decrease, but this is owing to the fact, that the people are engaged in church building. Another year, however, we hope to report a large increase. Their collections this year amount to £3 2s.

The collections from these three Branches are as follows:—

Milton.....	£21	11	1½
Hornby.....	17	1	3
Lowville.....	3	2	0
	£11	14	4½

BRANTFORD.

The Report from this Parochial Association is highly satisfactory, the sum of £60 having been remitted to the Treasurer, exceeding by £20 the subscriptions of former years. This increase, too, has taken place at a time when the Churchmen in Brantford are engaged in erecting a handsome and costly church edifice. They have likewise contributed handsomely to the Endowment Fund for the new Western Diocese. And the Incumbent very justly remarks: "Our local liabilities are exceedingly heavy, but they are self-imposed, and there is a fine spirit of unanimity and religious zeal and solicitude which gives hope that the claims of the Church Society will be liberally and conscientiously sustained, when we are in this Parish relieved of part of the pecuniary burdens which absorb the sympathies of our people perhaps too exclusively."

BARTON AND GLANFORD.

The Church seems favourably progressing in this Mission, and we pray that the Lord may continue to bless and prosper it.

The chief expenses peculiar to a new Mission have been most happily met, but one only remains, viz., the erection of a Parsonage house, which, however, we trust, will soon be commenced.

The congregation of St. Peter's have lately placed a well-designed marble Font in their neat little church, and to St. Paul's, Glanford, a similar Font; and a Communion Table has been presented by two worthy Church members.

St. Paul's Church, Glanford, will (D. V.,) be consecrated at the next visit of His Lordship, the Bishop of Toronto, in the ensuing summer.

The amount of annual subscriptions to the Church Society for this year is £16 17s. 6d., but it is confidently expected that the amount will yearly increase.

GALT.

The Committee of this Association beg leave to state that, although the past year is unparalleled in the history of this Parish, for the heavy demands that have been made upon the members of our communion, for both Diocesan and local purposes, many having contributed largely to the Diocesan Endowment Fund, whilst all have been called upon to assist in defraying the expense

incurred by the enlargement of the church, which has amounted to upwards of £1,000. Still, it is with much thankfulness to God, that they can testify to the increased interest that has been generally manifested in behalf of the important objects which this Society is, by God's blessing, so successfully promoting. It affords them much pleasure to be able to announce, that the contributions in this immediate part of the Mission amount to the respectable sum of £60, making an increase of upwards of £20 over last year from the Parish of Galt.

The Committee cannot here omit to state that much of this increase is to be attributed to the judicious and indefatigable exertions of the two ladies who kindly undertook the task of collecting.

The Report from the congregation that assemble in the church at Beverly has not yet been received, but it is confidently hoped that the subscriptions there will equal the sum sent forward last year.

MOHAWK AND TUSCARORA.

This interesting Association among the Six Nation Indians, on the Grand River, under the zealous exertions of the Missionaries in charge, the Rev. Messrs. Nelles and Elliott, continues to grow and prosper,—the collections of the present year, notwithstanding many drawbacks, exceeds that of the former by £7 10s. 3d., which has been transmitted to the Treasurer with the single remark,—that it is gratifying to the subscribers that their contributions are on the increase.

WILMOT.

The Parish having been engaged last year in the erection of a brick church, at an expenditure of £250, no effort was made towards the collection of funds for the Church Society, except at the Quarterly Sermons. The Rev. W. B. Rally having been recently appointed to the charge of the Parish, the Parochial Association has been revived under promising auspices, and the sum of £6 10s. has been collected and remitted to the Treasurer.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

The Mount Pleasant Parochial Association of the Church Society has remitted to the District Branch, as the amount of its collections for this year, the sum of £13, showing an increase of £3 10s. over that subscribed last year.

SALTFLEET AND BISHHOOK.

Owing to the removal of liberal and influential families, the Mission has suffered serious diminution both in wealth and the number of its members; and it may be said to be in a state of transition, as these have lately been called upon, for the first time, to make a general and united effort to provide a maintenance for their Missionary. It is yet uncertain whether a sufficient amount can be raised in the two townships to retain his services, much less to support an additional clergyman by dividing the Mission, as the present Incumbent proposes. With all the assistance he has yet received, he assures us that his income does not cover his expenses; and that he remains in the Mission only for a short time, in accordance with a proposal to that effect made some time ago to the Lord Bishop, until he has ascertained by personal appeals to the Church members, what permanent provision can be secured for one clergyman, if not for two.

There is also a call for aid upon the members of this Association, in behalf of an unfinished church in Saltfleet, for the completion of which the Building Committee are in want of funds.

These local wants and efforts are mentioned to explain why their collection this year is likely to be less than that of last year. They do not ex-

pect it will exceed \$40, or at most \$50, instead of \$60, their last year's collection.

At the same time they do not consider that this falling off in this branch, for the current year, ought to be viewed as discouraging by the other members of the District or Parent Societies. The cause of the Society has not become less popular, and by a more perfect organization, and thorough canvass, which has been resolved upon, by four distinct committees, one at each of the four Stations which will soon be opened in the Mission, instead of by one General Committee, as heretofore, the amount collected, it is confidently believed, will be much increased. The burden of collecting has hitherto depended upon the Missionary, aided by only one or two lay members, and he being over-taxed with other duties, has never been able to carry out the business of collecting so far as it might have been carried.

In conclusion, the Committee beg to observe that their omitting to send a Report to the District Secretary, for the last two or three years, was not from disregard to the rules of the District Branch with which they are connected, but owing to a cause already mentioned, namely, want of perfect organization, partly, also to their want of practice and skill in drawing up formal reports, as well as their absence of ambition to exhibit publicly any detailed statement of their proceedings. Indeed they consider their operations, so far, too unimportant to merit particular attention at a public meeting, or to be mixed among the Reports of the larger parishes. And, therefore, they were content, on some occasions, when their collections were small, to confine themselves to what they conceived the most essential part of their duty, namely, forwarding the cash to the District Treasurer; in which (although they confess the amount was much less than it ought to have been,) they trust they have not been less forward, or less liberal, according to their means and numbers, than other Committees.

#### THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, HAMILTON.

The Parochial Committee of this Association rejoice that, in submitting to their friends their Sixth Annual Report, they have not to notice a falling off in their subscription lists, and which they had feared, in consequence of the large amount raised by their congregation last autumn, to cover the expense of a boundary wall and iron fence, with which their church and its grounds have lately been inclosed. This heavy outlay, exceeding the sum of £700, has not served to lessen the interest of their Association in the prosperity of the District Branch of the Church Society. On the contrary, the Committee have to acknowledge the greatly augmented readiness to give which their collectors observed in their canvass. The Committee believe that this circumstance is altogether owing to the fact, that a large proportion of the funds to be raised by the Parochial Associations were required for the maintenance of Missionaries in destitute sections of the Diocese.

The Committee have to Report as subscribed by their Association to the GENERAL funds of the Society, the sum of £56 10s., against £42 12s. 6d. last year. This increase is, no doubt, attributable to the cause above assigned, from the further circumstance, that a proportionate diminution has taken place in the amount received by their collectors for SPECIAL purposes; this being for the present year £71 13s. 9d., against £85 3s. 9d. for the past. They would express a hope that they may regard the result of the year as an indication that the congregation they represent do not forget, in the midst of their own

pressing wants, the urgent need of their brethren in the common faith.

#### CHRIST CHURCH.

The Parochial Committee Report, as the result of their exertions, the sum of £123, and remark that the deficiency as compared with the receipts of last year, has arisen from the fact that the collectors deferred their visits to the subscribers as usual, to within a few weeks of the time for sending in their returns; and then the occurrence of that fearful disaster which carried death into so many families in this community, and engrossed the thoughts and time of their fellow-citizens, rendered it impossible to complete their work, so that many of the subscribers have not been called upon, and one or two of the collectors have made no Report.

The amount returned for local expenditure was appropriated under the sanction of the Parochial Committee, as follows:—

Repairs to St. Matthew's Chapel	£ 1 15 0
On account of Seats for do.	0 16 7½
Rev. Mr. Butler, for services.....	25 0 0
Freight of Reports.....	0 5 0
	£27 10 7½

Efforts are likewise now making to finish the Parish Church—a work of some magnitude, requiring an outlay of not less than £10,000. A beginning has been already made by two munificent subscriptions, each of £500, besides a number of £100 each. If this work is carried out with the energy and liberality which is anticipated, the amount of our annual collections for the Church Society may not, perhaps, exhibit any very large increase, but the congregation will never be backward in contributing a fair proportion of the means required to prosecute the Missionary undertakings of this Association with vigor and success.

A new place of worship, in connection with Christ's Church (St. Thomas' Chapel,) is just being completed in the eastern limits of the Parish, and will probably be opened for Divine Service by Easter Sunday. This building has been erected at an expense of about £600, and a considerable portion of this amount remains to be collected.

It is also in contemplation to erect another chapel at the west end, where Sunday Services are at present performed by the Rev. Mr. Butler. A site has been given for the building, and several subscriptions already promised.

The Committee, in conclusion, may be allowed to incorporate with their Report the following Resolution, which was adopted this day, convinced as they are that it will find a deep response in the heart of every individual present, and of all to whom it may be communicated.

"That the Church Society of the Gore and Wellington Districts desires to bow with deep submission to that awful chastisement, which Almighty God permitted to befall this neighborhood, in the late lamentable railway accident; and at the same time would express their deep sorrow at the sudden death thereby occasioned, of their beloved and respected brother, the Rev. Dr. Heise, whose earnest labours in this city for the spiritual welfare of his German countrymen, are hereby sincerely acknowledged."

They may likewise refer to a Resolution of a similar nature, adopted in October last, and which they desire to appear in their Annual Report.

"That this Committee desire to avail themselves of this their first opportunity, of expressing the deep regret they feel at the distressing cala-

mity, which has recently deprived the Church in this District of one of her most zealous and devoted Missionaries—the Church Society of a warm supporter,—and the members of this Committee individually of an amiable and highly-valued friend. They allude to the melancholy death of the Rev. Thomas W. March, who, in the mysterious Providence of God, was suddenly removed, when on the eve of landing on the shores of his native country, by a draught of poison inadvertently administered. They desire to tender their deepest sympathy to the bereaved widow and her family under this most trying dispensation."

Your Committee are thus reminded that the days of their own stewardship may be few, and that what remains to be done must be done with all their might, for there is neither wisdom, nor knowledge, nor device in the grave whither we are going.

J. GAMBLE GEDDES,  
Secretary.

#### DIocese OF MONTREAL.

#### LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

(From the Montreal Transcript, May 22.)

This solemn and interesting ceremony was performed yesterday by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by a great number of the Clergy, and in the presence of an immense concourse of people. The day was beautifully fine. In the morning—it being Ascension Day—full service with the Holy Communion was celebrated at St. John's Chapel.

We regret that our limits will not allow us even to give an outline of the sermon, which was a very appropriate and highly edifying one. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, a procession was formed, consisting of the Bishop and twenty-five of the Clergy in their robes, the children connected with schools belonging to the Church, the Officers of the Garrison, Staff Officers and Officers of the 30th Regt., and the Members of the congregation. They immediately proceeded to the site of the new Cathedral where the ritual was performed. It consisted of the usual office for the laying of a corner stone. The Rev. Mr. Gilson read the first part of the service, invoking the Saviour to "Bless this stone which is now to be laid in Thy Name. Be Thou, we pray Thee, the beginning and end of this work, which we take in hand to the praise and glory of Thy Name; and grant that whosoever, with pure and devout mind, shall render assistance in this good work, may receive Thy heavenly benediction, who, with the Father and Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end."

Mr. Scott, the Architect, then read the following scroll:—

TO THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST.—This foundation stone of Christ Church, the Parish Church of Montreal, and Cathedral of the Diocese of Montreal, was laid by the Right Rev. Father in God, Francis, by Divine permission Lord Bishop of Montreal, the first Bishop of this Diocese, on the twenty-first day of May, being Ascension Day, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, in the seventh year of his consecration, and in the twentieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.  
His Excellency

SIR EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet,  
being Governor General of British North America.

FRANCIS FULFORD, D. D.,  
Bishop of Montreal.  
JOHN BETHUNE, D. D.,  
Dean of this Cathedral  
And Rector of this Parish.  
SAMUEL GILSON, M. A.,  
Canon of this Cathedral  
And Archdeacon of Montreal.

JOHN DYDE, Esq.,  
WM. FRASER, M. D., } Churchwardens.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Mr. Justice John Joseph Knapp, Esq.  
S. McCord. Thomas Mussen, Esq.  
Thos. B. Anderson, Esq. Frederick Penn, Esq.  
David Kinner, Esq. George Smith, Esq.  
Robert Smith Tylee, Esq.

Together with the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, the very Reverend Rector, the Dean, the Venerable the Archdeacon, and the Churchwardens of Christ Church Cathedral.

This Building was designed by Frank Wills, Esq. Architect, and, in consequence of his death, was executed by T. S. Scott, Esq.

Christ Church, the former Parish Church and Cathedral, founded in the year 1805, and situated in Notre Dame Street, in this city, was destroyed by fire on the 10th day of December, 1850.

The following papers and coins were at the same time deposited in the foundation stone:

Annual Report of the Church Society for the year 1856; the Montreal Herald and Gazette; the former containing the account of the enthronization of the Lord Bishop of Montreal. Letters patent and certificate of consecration and sermon preached by his Lordship on the occasion; and the latter an account of the conflagration of the late Cathedral.

A wood cut of the burning; Acts incorporating the Church Society, and Temporalities Act of 1852; Annual Report of the Churchwardens of Christ Church Cathedral—1857.

Coins:—A Sovereign, half Sovereign, Crown, Florin, Shilling, Sixpence, Fourpence of the reigning Sovereign.

The order of the Procession, and office of laying the foundation Stone of this Cathedral.

The Hon. George Moffatt, addressing the Bishop, said, they had assembled for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of their new Cathedral and Parish Church, to replace the one destroyed by fire. The loss of that venerated building had been a cause of much grief to many among the congregation, some of whom it had seen it built, and hoped within its sacred walls during the remainder of their days to have offered up their supplications of prayer and praise with the Divine blessing. But Providence had ordered it otherwise. Their beautiful house had been destroyed by fire, and its destruction was complete. Nothing of the Cathedral remained save the bare walls, and whether to rebuild upon these or not, was for some time the great question. The congregation promptly obeyed the request of their venerable pastor to assemble and discuss this matter, and it was gratifying to declare the unanimity with which they decided upon not rebuilding on the old site. They resolved to dispose of it and select another in a less confined situation, having regard also to the extension of the city westwards. The Rector and Churchwardens felt it their duty to rebuild the Church with the least possible delay. But they had been compelled to spend some time in examining and deciding upon a proper site, and this had excited more diversity of opinion than was at first anticipated. The present ground had been selected by a large majority of the congregation of the Church, and he thought he might say their decision was pretty well acquiesced in by the minority.

The Hon. gentleman proceeded to give the dimensions of the new Cathedral, which he said would be built in the Gothic style of architecture, and in a cruciform shape: its length from end to end being 212 feet. It was calculated to accommodate from 1400 to 1600 persons, and arrangements for the poor in the proposed plan had not been neglected. The death of the talented architect who designed the Church had delayed the completion of the plan and estimates for the building. But these had now been procured, and the cost of the Cathedral, inclusive of spire, bell and clock, was put down at £30,000. For the latter adjuncts it was supposed £8,000 would be sufficient. The available means at the disposal of the Building Committee was about £24,000; added to this there was a sum of £2,000 insured on the organ and church property; but it would be seen there was still a large margin to be made up by voluntary subscription, and it was much to be desired that the appeal should be liberally responded to, so as to render it unnecessary to solicit any aid from abroad. In conclusion he had now to offer his Lordship, on the part of the Building Committee, the trowel he held in his hand. It had been made for the occasion and was intended to remain in his Lordship's family as a memento of the proceedings of this day. And he had also to invite the Bishop to lay the corner stone of what, he hoped, would prove not only an ornament to the diocese, but a blessing to all around.

The Bishop accepting the trowel, and the stone having been adjusted, he proceeded to spread the mortar, and then repeated the following prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I lay this corner stone of an edifice to be here erected by the name of Christ Church, to be the Cathedral Church for the Diocese of Montreal, and the Parish Church of Montreal, in accordance with the discipline and doctrine of the United Church of England and Ireland.

Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ, who is God over all, blessed for evermore; and in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Amen.

The 100th Psalm having been sung, Major Campbell, C.B., addressed the meeting. He esteemed it no small honor to be allowed to take part in the interesting proceedings of to-day; and he rejoiced in the opportunity thus afforded him of testifying to the deep interest which the country laymen (of whom he was one) took in the progress and prosperity of that branch of Christ's Church of which they were members. Whatever the decision of their Most Gracious Sovereign might be as to the place where the Seat of Government was to be permanently fixed, Montreal would always retain its proud renown as the first commercial city of British North America. He felt anxious, then, that her buildings of this character should do honor to the proud position which she occupied. The low state of architecture which generally prevailed throughout this Province was as humiliating as it was striking, and was open to the criticism of the merest tyro in the science. What a contrast between our churches here and the magnificent old cathedrals, or just as stately parish churches which adorned and beautified the different countries of Europe. There they stood, the pride and the boast of christianity and civilization pointing their spires to heaven, and showing even in their internal arrangements, that they were but types, representing the glorious reality to be found beyond the grave.

It might be said that this was a land of liberty, and that every man might build as he pleased. To a certain extent he would admit this. His remarks did not apply to private buildings, whose

form and shape depended in a great measure upon the taste of those by whom they were erected. But Governments and Corporations had more to consult than mere individual whim or caprice. They ought to build not for themselves, but for posterity—not to answer their own tastes, or needs now, but with some regard to those who should succeed them. He was aware that a rabid cry of "economise, economise," was going round the Province. He implored his hearers not to listen to that: he said the people would be wrong if they were guided by it. Let them not be deterred from doing their duty by any such cry; nor follow the vagaries of any blundering blockhead who pretended to be an architect simply because it might save themselves money, and him, perhaps, time and trouble. A building such as they were now about to erect should serve as a model for future architects, and raise the taste of the general mass. He might have spoken strongly on this subject, but he felt strongly. He believed a high destiny awaited this Province, and that Montreal would have no small share in accomplishing it. Let us prepare for it then, that when we are called upon to take our place among the nations of the world, we would be found wanting in none of those essentials which this enlightened age requires. It had been said and often said, that this Canada was destined to be a great Republic. Well, if it were so, let it at least unite the learning of the present age with the taste of ancient days—with the beauty, the elegance, refinement and grace which distinguished, beyond all others, the classic land of Greece. (Cheers.) He hoped and trusted that not only the members of the Church in Montreal, but churchmen throughout the diocese, would be alive to the responsibility which rested upon them, and to the expectations they had given rise; and it was his earnest hope that a building would be raised, adapted not only to the wants of this growing diocese, but beautiful and chaste in its every proportion.

The Rev. Mr. Scott, one of the Bishop's Chaplains then came forward and delivered a very interesting discourse, shewing that from the earliest times it was the habit of the people to erect buildings more or less spacious and gorgeous—according to their tastes and developments—for the worship of that Being whom they sought to entreat, to worship, or to propitiate. He also referred to the magnificence of Solomon's temple, and impressed upon the people their obligation to make the House of God worthy of Him who inhabits there.

The Bishop stated that General Lyre had that morning sent him a telegraph from Sorel expressing his regret at being unable to be present, and called upon Lieut. Col. Munroe to say a few words on the occasion.

Col. Munroe apologised for presuming at such short notice to address such an assembly. But he and his brother officers felt a great interest in the new building—almost as much as they did in the one where hitherto they had worshipped. Montreal had been their first resting place after they had left the Crimea, and the late Christ Church Cathedral was the first consecrated temple where they had offered up their supplications for being preserved during the late disastrous war. He hoped the new building would surpass the old one, both in majesty and beauty, and though it could never be venerated in the same way by the gentlemen around, yet the young, and pretty, and nicely dressed children whom he saw before him, would tell their children the results of this day's proceedings, and call the new House of God, their House—endered to them, by all their happiest and most sacred recollections.

His Lordship the Bishop then said:—

Brethren, friends and neighbours,—You have already heard from those speakers who have preceded me (and especially from the Hon. George Moffat, the Chairman of our Finance and Building Committee,) some details respecting the work in which we are engaged, and the circumstances in which we are placed. It is, indeed, a work of no ordinary importance, and one that will require no small amount of anxious care, thought, and exertion to carry it forward to a successful completion; and most needful is it that we would lay the foundation in the name of that God, to whose service the building is to be dedicated, and implore His aid and blessing. I can imagine few acts in my official life as likely in their consequences and all the effects arising out of them, to be of more importance than that which I have been now called on to perform, and in which you are here to assist, viz., the laying the foundation stone of this new Parish Church and Cathedral. This stone is itself, in its solid and massive substance and its position, a type of the permanence and unity of the faith in Jesus Christ which we profess—the corner stone, which is to knit together the different parts of the building, and the foundation on which it is to rest; while above it there is to be raised the lofty tower and spire pointing to the skies, emblem, too, of the truth we teach, which is, by its holy influence, to raise us up from earth to heaven. Yes, I do believe that what we have this day begun in the name of God will be no ordinary work. Numbers are no certain test of truth, nor must we be too ready to accept the *vox populi* as the *vox Dei*, but whether as members of the Church of England, either in this city or diocese, we are now comparatively many or few, we are, I am sure, a growing body,—one that has within itself tokens of spiritual life and powers of reproduction; and one that is bound, and I hope always ready, to bear witness for the truth of its doctrine and discipline as a branch of the Reformed Catholic Church of Christ, embodying in itself the great principles of "Evangelical Truth and Apostolic Order." Having been deprived of our late Cathedral by the accident of a calamitous fire, which has been so feelingly and justly alluded to both by Mr. Moffat and the gallant Colonel, there has been a very general feeling that we ought to take advantage of this occasion to replace it by one more worthy of the present requirements of the Church and the state of the Province. It should not be, however, from any mere spirit of rivalry, because other domes and spires are rising around us, or from a desire (however right that may be in its place) to add another architectural ornament to adorn this, the great Commercial Capital of the Province, that we feel anxious to accomplish such a work, but because when we see the evidence of worldly greatness every where increasing—the private dwelling the mart, the exchange, the bank, the store, advancing in grandeur and magnificence—we ought to work still to dedicate our best to God, and should feel, with David, ashamed to dwell ourselves in houses of cedar, while "the Ark of God is neglected, or left to dwell in tents." It was the remark of the great Edmund Burke, in a letter written to his friends upon the first visit to London, when a very young man, "London is the very pink of vice, but its churches and charitable institutions, whose spires and turrets touch the skies, act like electrical conductors, and avert the wrath of heaven."—But to do this here for us, to avert from us the wrath of heaven, they must not only be begun in the name of God, as we begin this to-day, but continued and ended in the same spirit, and used according to His will. And if there be such a mind in us, we may indeed go boldly forward with our task. From what I have seen in our Finance and Building Committee, (and

I would particularly wish to name our Chairman, Mr. Moffat, to whose judgment, attention and zeal we shall all owe no small debt of gratitude,) I have no doubt that they will do justice to the trust which has been reposed in them: though we have no business to expect that in this judgment or any thing else we shall ever find perfect unanimity of opinion. Some differences that have existed amongst the members of the congregation will, I hope, be all softened down as the work proceeds, and especially since the purchase of St. John's Church, but whether this may be so or not, I can only go upon all, avoiding all unnecessary offences and stumbling blocks, to act conscientiously and endeavour to do what may approve itself to God, and then leave the event with him. As St. Paul says to the Corinthians. "With me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment. \* \* \* He that judgeth me is the Lord." The original design for our Cathedral, as sketched out by Mr. F. Wells before his death, will, we hope, be carried out in all its integrity by Mr. F. S. Scott, an architect well known in this Province, and highly recommended to us for his great practical experience, clear judgment, active habits, and general excellence of character, and whom Mr. Wells himself had been very anxious to have had associated with him in the work. The total cost of the building may be expected to be very little under £80,000, towards which, (after paying for the ground of this site, and assisting in purchasing St. John's Church, Gosford Street, for the use of the people at the Eastern end of the city,) about £13,000 will remain yet to be raised. A sum, which, though large in itself for our comparatively small numbers, burdened as we are with all the charges of an aged Church, is yet, in consequence of the circumstances under which we may have to commence this new building, and the amount obtained for the insurance on the old Church, a very moderate outlay for so large and handsome a Cathedral as we may hope to obtain. The architect tells us that the building may be easily completed and ready for use by August or September, 1859, two years and a half from this time. Whether such will be the case must, however, in a great measure, depend upon the spirit by which the members of our Church are moved to give their help. A noble, generous, and self-sacrificing spirit, in connection with works like this, has been increasingly displaying itself of late years amongst the members of our Church in England. I hope we may feel something of a kindred nature here. Then shall our gifts, which we cast into the Treasury, be indeed twice blessed—blessing him that gives, as well as him that receives. And when we look around at this immense assemblage collected here on this occasion, we may surely see in it some evidence of the interest which is felt not only by ourselves, but also by those who are without; while, from the attendance of our own clergy in such numbers and from such distant places, and of our laity of all ranks and professions, and these multitudinous voices of our own numerous Sunday and week-day scholars, we may, I hope, look forward to this as but the commencement—not only of this building as a new Parish Church, but as the Metropolitan Church, the mother of many others, which, knit together with her in unity of spirit and the bond of peace, shall deal forth bread to the hungry, soul and instruction to the ignorant, and gathering under her roof the young and the old, the rich and the poor, shall continue to hand down through many generations that sacred deposit which we have ourselves received.

The Dean of Montreal (Dr. Bethune) concluded the remaining portion of the service, by reading the usual prayers. One of these was to beseech

the Almighty "That the building now begun in Thy Name, may be happily carried on to its complete termination without injury or accident, let or hindrance; and that when completed it may be consecrated and set apart for Thee and Thy service, to the honor of Thy Name, and the salvation of the souls of men, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord." May God prosper the work; for unless the Lord build the house their labour is but vain that build it.—May

The gates, adorned with pearls most bright,  
The way to hidden glory show;  
And thither by the blessed night  
Of faith in Jesus' merit, go  
All those who are in earth distressed,  
Because they have Christ's name professed.

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