

Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto.

REPORT

OF THE

Parochial Association Committee

FOR THE YEAR 1860.

The only organization of the Church in the Diocese is the Church Society, of which this Parish is a Branch; the objects being through it:

1st.—The supporting of Missionaries and Catechists in the destitute portion of this vast Diocese.

2nd.—To distribute at a low price the Holy Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and sound religious tracts; and where the people are too poor to purchase them, by a free grant.

3rd.—To provide annuities for the widows and orphans of Missionaries whose incomes have been inadequate to provide for their families.

4th.—To assist young men who are studying for the ministry, by founding Scholarships, &c., in the University of Trinity College.

5th.—To contribute towards the building of Churches, &c., in destitute places.

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Since the establishment of the Branch of the Church Society in this Parish, in 1854, the subscriptions received through the offertory have risen from £33 in that year, to £47 in 1859, but this sum has been contributed by only sixty-six persons, out of a congregation of eight hundred souls. The Committee confidently hope for a large increase this year, and by this means evince your interest in the Missionary objects of the Church.

They trust that it is only necessary to bring plainly before you the pressing wants of the Church, and the claims she has upon the affections of her members, to induce all to contribute as God has prospered them, in assisting to extend the Redeemer's kingdom to the remotest portions of this vast diocese.

The Church Society was founded in the year 1841, to carry out the following objects; and it must be borne in mind that it is the only organization through which the Missions of the Church, and the consequent watchfulness over the religious instruction of its members, can be efficiently provided for.

1.—For the support of Missionaries and Catechists in the destitute portions of Canada West, through the Mission Fund.

2.—To aid in the education of candidates for holy orders, by the establishment of Scholarships in Trinity College, through the Students' Fund.

3.—To provide for the Widows and Orphans of Missionaries, whose incomes do not exceed £150 per annum, the small annual pension of £50 per annum, through the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

4.—To aid in the erection of Churches and Parsonages, by small grants of £12 10s. each, in parts of the Diocese where such donations will enable the people to complete the buildings for Divine service; and also to grant Church Services and

donations to Sunday Schools, through the General Purpose Fund.

The endowment possessed by the Church is only sufficient to provide moderate stipends for the Clergy who were ordained up to 1855, while all those who have since entered the ministry and been appointed to new parishes, have been compelled to depend for support upon the voluntary offerings of their people (the settlers themselves generally struggling for a livelihood) aided by such small stipends as the poverty of the Parent Society enables it to grant: and had it not been for the self-denial of every one of the Clergy of the Diocese, this provision would be altogether lost upon the death of the present Incumbents; but they, with a disinterested zeal—which it would be well if the laity would follow—voluntarily, on the request of their Bishop, consented to allow the capital sum to which they were entitled on the settlement of the Clergy Reserves, to remain as a perpetual endowment for the future benefit of the Church; thus sacrificing, particularly in the case of the younger Clergy, large sums and increased incomes, in order that future generations might benefit by the sacrifice they have made.

It is only by such self-denial, on the part of both the Clergy and Laity, that the wants of the Church can be adequately met; and until all make the cause their own, and learn to feel that if one member suffers, all suffer equally, that she can fulfil her holy mission of instructing her people in the truths of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

Thousands, who have left their native country, are at this moment deprived of the blessings of the Church's ministrations, which we in this Parish so abundantly enjoy. They never hear in their forest homes the glad sound of the Church bell, calling them to prayer and praise. They have no Church, no schools, no clergyman; their children, unless they take them a great distance, remain unbaptized; in sickness or bereavement they have no religious consolation. Well might they address to us the following complaint:—"We left our British homes, allured by the glowing accounts of Canada; we expected a British welcome—and above all, the blessing and comfort of religion, which we enjoyed at home." But, bitter is their disappointment! And whose fault is it? That of the Laity. And your Committee ask you to avoid such reproach

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resting upon this parish, by contributing the means of supporting additional clergymen. They ask you to come forward and prove that you are truly members of the same household of faith, by sending among them the same blessings which you enjoy: and if you are true soldiers of Him whose name you bear, you will consider it your dearest privilege to extend, by every means in your power, His kingdom on earth.

Believing, as we do, that our pure branch of Christ's Church is the surest bulwark against the errors of Papal Rome, on the one hand, and the various schisms which so unhappily prevail on the other, the Committee feel it their duty to call upon all to aid her in her holy mission of evangelizing the dark places of this vast continent.

The question is, how this is to be accomplished. The estimated number of members of the Church in Canada West is between 300,000 and 400,000; and if each would contribute the small sum of \$1 per annum, ample means would be provided for all our requirements, but nothing can be accomplished without union, and every thing by cordial united action. For temporal objects, men band themselves together in societies of every name and nature, while the Church is notoriously lukewarm and indifferent. Such a state of things ought not to exist. We are all members of the same household, having the same privileges, enjoying if we will the same blessings; and if we neglect the duties which are clearly set before us, the day will come when as a people we shall be punished.

Let us then as a congregation prove, that the lessons we have been taught have not been thrown away—that we fully appreciate our privileges as Churchmen, by doing all in our power to extend the same blessings to others. Then may we gladly point to Canada as a country to which all who value the privileges they enjoy in the mother country may come; not as to a land of strangers, but where they will be surrounded by all they have been accustomed to hold dear. Peace and content will then be our lot, and "God, even our own God, will give us his blessing."

The Committee would here close their Report, did they not feel that this may be considered a Missionary Parish, from the fact of all its sittings being free and unappropriated, and that it derives by far the largest portion of its income from the

free-will offerings of the congregation through the weekly offertory.

They believe a much more considerable sum would be raised—and thus place the parish in the proud position of being free from debt, and providing adequate incomes for the Clergy—if the people would only reflect and make a simple calculation of what they would have to pay, were the seats rented at the same rate as in other churches. Take \$4 per annum for a sitting, and with our present congregation \$3,200 a-year would be received. The endowment is only £192 per annum, out of which £42 has to be paid for insurance, &c., thus leaving only £150 as a certain income for the expenses of the parish. The Incumbent—so far from deriving any income from the parish—annually expends considerable sums upon the various objects to which the Committee are about to refer; while the second Assistant Minister, to whom the Vestry voted a stipend of £150 per annum, has not received beyond a tenth of that sum. The Committee have no desire to trench upon the province of the Vestry, but refer to it in the hope that their fellow-parishioners will reflect upon these facts, and correct a state of things not at all creditable to us as Churchmen.

The Committee feel, that under God the measure of success that has attended our various plans, has been mainly brought about by the unwearied zeal and devotion of our Clergy. They are sure that all will unite with them in an expression of thankfulness at the improved health of Mr. DARLING; but it must be borne in mind, that this has been evidently effected by Mr. COOPER having assisted him in his very arduous duties, and whose aid, if to be continued, must be secured by greater liberality on the part of the congregation, in providing and regularly paying his very moderate income.

The Committee now turn to the bright side of the picture, and can congratulate the Parish on the progress it is making, in placing the several Associations connected with it on a secure basis.

The Parsonage House.

In the last year's Report, reference was made to the purchase of a plot of ground; but as the title was not deemed satisfactory, it was reluctantly abandoned, and the subscribers

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asked to allow their subscriptions to be made available for the erection of a Parsonage upon the land already belonging to the parish. This has, in almost every instance, been agreed to; and the list of subscriptions amounts to nearly £700, or within £100 of the sum required. The attention of the Congregation has so recently been called to the plans connected with it, as to require no further remark here.

The Parochial Schools.

These continue to be very efficiently conducted; and from the satisfactory progress made by the pupils, the Committee can confidently recommend them to the support of the Congregation, to a much greater extent than at present exists. It is only by the Parishioners sending their children and thus proving their interest in the principles upon which they were established, namely—that education, to be of any value to a child in his future path of life, must be founded upon religion; that mere moral training will never secure that end, and that the Bible should be made the source from which all his thoughts should flow, and to which he should be taught to look for happiness both in time and eternity—it is only by you as a Congregation aiding your Clergy in this work, that any adequate return can be hoped for, for the anxiety and labour they undergo in their daily attendance at the Schools. The number of pupils is—

Boys' School	28
Girls' do.	19

Several exhibitions have been founded, providing free education as a reward for good conduct as Sunday School Scholars, and for choir boys.

Sunday Schools.

The attendance is not quite so large as last year, owing to a want of teachers.

In the Morning School, there are only in actual attendance—

Male Teachers	3
Female do.	3
Scholars	45

In the Afternoon School, there are in regular attendance—

Teachers in Boys' School	14
Do. Girls' do.	19
Pupils in Boys' do.	110
Do. in Girls' do.	115

It only requires an increase in the number of Teachers for the Schools to be much larger in point of numbers, and it is hoped that this fact being known the deficiency will at once cease.—

The Parish has had to regret the loss of the lady Superintendent owing to the removal of the Government to Quebec, but the Clergy have been fortunate in securing as her successor a lady who has also always taken a very warm interest in the Parish work.

Owing to the exertions of the Librarian and his friends, the library in connection with the Schools numbers 700 volumes, and materially assists in their efficiency.

The Dorcas Society.

Has been again most efficiently worked by the ladies of the Congregation, and those only who have taken an interest in it, can form any idea of the benefit it has conferred upon the deserving poor.

The subscriptions received in money have been \$167.70, in addition to donations in clothing from friends.

There have been distributed—

New Garments	300
Warm Clothing	
Boots and Shoes, pairs.....	45

Subscriptions have been received through the offertory, to the extent of 64 dollars, for the purchase of wood, to be distributed by the Clergy to persons too respectable to ask assistance from the House of Industry; and 16 cords have been purchased. They report that it has proved a very great boon, and enabled them to relieve many most pressing cases of distress.

The Church being greatly in want of repair, a subscription was taken up, and more than \$1,200 subscribed, which has enabled the Churchwardens to re-shingle the roof, and paint

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The number of Baptisms has been	158
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Number Confirmed	52
Average number of Communicants.....	120

In addition to the daily morning prayer, at 9 a. m., and on all the festivals of the Church, weekly Communion has been celebrated at half-past 8 a. m., with the view of enabling those to attend, who from the state of their health or from other causes, are unable to be present at the monthly celebration.

In conclusion, your Committee would express their earnest hope, that all will evince their gratitude to Almighty God, for the blessings and privileges they have been permitted to enjoy, by an increased measure of liberality to the Church of which they are members, remembering that God bestows his benefits upon us, in order that we may have an opportunity of shewing our love to Him, by doing unto others as we would they should do unto us.

H. SCADDING, D.D.,
Chairman.

W. M. WESTMACOTT,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Rev. Mr. GIVINS, seconded by Rev. Mr. BROUGHALL—

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

Moved by Dr. BOVELL, seconded by J. W. BRENT—

That the Church Society being the only organization through which the Missionary efforts of the Church can be successfully carried out, it is the duty and should be considered a privilege for all her members to aid her by every means in their power, in carrying the blessings of religion to every home.

Moved by Rev. Provost WHITTAKER, seconded by Mr. R. SPRATT—

That the Bible having taught us that our duty is to lay aside on the first day of the week as God has prospered us, the first-fruits of our increase to be dedicated to His service, the Church, in obedience to Holy Writ, has appointed the weekly offertory, through which Her members may present their alms and oblations, and thus evince their gratitude to Almighty God for the benefits conferred upon them.

Moved by Mr. GIBSON, seconded by Rev. W. S. DARLING—

That to secure the religious education of the young, is a duty incumbent upon all, as the virtue and prosperity of every country must depend upon the character of the rising generation; and that the most effectual means of attaining this is the establishment of Parochial Day and Sunday Schools in every Parish, and we pledge ourselves to support those in our own Parish by every means in our power.

Moved by Prof. KENDALL, seconded by Mr. GIVINS—

That the following Gentlemen form the Committee for the ensuing year:—

The Clergy.	Dr. Gardiner,	J. W. Smith,
The Churchwardens,	W. Hay,	H. E. Smith,
Professor Buckland,	T. Hill,	Dr. Tipple,
F. W. Coate,	E. Hobson,	C. Thompson,
J. E. Ellis,	W. Ince,	W. M. Westmacott,
J. H. Gibson,	H. Rowsell,	W. Wheeler,
W. Griffith,	R. Spratt,	J. W. Young.

List of Subscribers to Parochial Branch of Church
Society for the Year 1859.

Anonymous.....	£0	2	6	Hill, T.	0	5	0
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Augusta, A. S.	0	1	3	Hornbrook, T.	0	10	0
Blachford, A.	0	5	0	Hodgetts, W.	0	5	0
Brown, J. (U.C.C.)	1	5	0	Hobson, E.	1	0	0
Brent, J. W.	0	10	0	Hammond, Miss	0	5	0
Brent, J.	3	2	6	Ince, W.	2	10	0
Brent, Mrs.	0	5	0	Ince, Mrs.	0	10	0
Brent, Miss.	0	2	6	Moore, W.	0	10	0
Brent, C.	0	2	6	McCaul, Rev. Dr.	1	5	0
Brent, G.	0	1	3	O'Brien, Donough	0	5	0
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Buckland, Professor.....	1	5	0	Rowsell, H.	1	5	0
Carman, G. H.	0	10	0	Rowsell, Mrs.	1	0	0
Coate, F. W.	1	5	0	Rowsell, H. S.	0	10	0
Coate, Mrs.	0	10	0	Rowsell, Miss	0	5	0
Campbell, C. J.	1	5	0	Smith, J. W.	0	10	0
Campbell, Mrs.	0	10	0	Smith, Mrs. J. A.	0	5	0
Catto, J.	0	5	0	Spratt, R.	1	5	0
Chapman, Mrs.	0	5	0	Spratt, Mrs.	0	10	0
Cooper, Rev. W. E.	1	5	0	Spratt, Miss	0	10	0
Darling, Rev. W. S.	1	10	0	Strachan, Mrs. J.	1	0	0
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Friend, A.	0	5	0	Scadding, C.	1	5	0
Friend, A.	0	10	0	Veith, F. C.	1	0	0
Gardiner, Dr. J.	1	5	0	Wheeler, W.	1	0	0
Gardiner, Mrs.	1	5	0	Westmacott, W. M.	1	5	0
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