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ANNUAL REPORT

FOR

1891-92.

# THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.



### NAME.

1. The Society shall be called the "Catholic Truth Society of Ottawa."

### OBJECTS.

2. The objects of the Society shall be:—

(1) To disseminate among Catholics small and cheap devotional works.

(2) To assist the uneducated poor to a better knowledge of their religion.

(3) To spread among Protestants information about Catholic Truth.

(4) To promote the circulation of good, cheap and popular Catholic books

3. The Society shall be conducted as a branch of "The Catholic Truth Society" of England.

### OFFICERS.

4. The Society may elect one or more patrons.

5. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Executive Committee of ten, who shall be elected by ballot, separately in the above mentioned order at the annual general meeting of the Society, and who shall constitute a committee for the government and management of the affairs of the

Society, for the furthering of its ends and the carrying out of its objects.

6. In the event of a vacancy occurring in this Committee, the remaining members thereof shall have power to fill such vacancy.

#### COMMITTEE.

7 The Committee, of which five shall form a quorum, shall have charge of and control all the affairs of the Society, and shall decide all questions that arise affecting the interests, objects or work of the Society.

8. The Committee shall have control of the funds of the Society, and shall cause to be prepared annually a detailed statement of the condition of the Society, showing its receipts and disbursements, and summarising the work done during the year, which shall be submitted at the annual general meeting.

9. The Committee may convene a special general meeting of the Society at any time.

#### AUDITORS.

10. Two Auditors shall be elected at the annual general meeting, to examine the current year's accounts and to report thereon at the next annual general meeting.

#### ADMISSION.

11. Applications for membership shall be in writing addressed to the Secretary, signed by the applicant, and shall be accompanied by the recommendation of a member and by the sum of one dollar, being the membership fee for the current year.

12. Members shall be elected by a vote of the Committee

13 Ladies shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

14. Any lady or gentleman may be admitted as a life member upon payment of ten dollars and shall thereupon be entitled to all the privileges of ordinary members.

#### FEEES.

15. The membership fee shall be one dollar per annum payable in advance.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

16. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers of which due notice shall be given, shall take place during the month of October in each year, unless the Committee shall otherwise order.

#### CONSTITUTION.

17. No alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution except by a vote of two thirds of the members present at a general meeting of the Society, notice of which and of the proposed changes in the Constitution shall be given in writing by the Secretary to each member at least one week before the date of such meeting.



## REPORT FOR 1891-92.

In laying before the Catholic Truth Society of Ottawa this our first annual report, the Committee have to congratulate the Society on the very fair progress that has been made during the year. The Society was formed on November 8th., 1891. An account of the initial proceedings will be found in our pamphlet No. 1. The objects of the Society as set forth in its constitution are identical with those of the English Society with the additional feature borrowed from the Catholic Truth Society of America, of undertaking the prompt and systematic correction of mis-statements, slanders or libels against Catholic Truth.

The Committee have during the year held eighteen meetings at which there has been an average attendance of 9.33 or nearly two thirds of the members of the committee.

The work the Society has undertaken to perform and which the Committee have done their best to carry out, may be summarised by saying that we endeavour by every means in our power to promote the spread of Catholic Truth and Catholic Devotion among Catholics and non-Catholics alike, and to defend the Catholic Religion whenever publicly attacked. Our chief means towards the accomplishment of this end is the circulation of cheap literature, either published by ourselves or imported from other similar societies, by means of sales at our depôts, or whenever practicable, by free distribution. We have established depôts for the sale of our publications at the following book-stores:—J. Durie & Son, 33 & 35 Sparks Street, W. P. Batterton, 111 Bank St. and

P. C. Guillaume, 495 Sussex Street. The thanks of the Society are due to all of these gentlemen for their kindness in aiding us in this respect, and more especially to the last two, who, being Catholics, sell our publications without remuneration. A considerable number of orders by mail also have been filled directly by the Secretary.

#### LOCAL PUBLICATIONS.

While the circulation of the Society's publications remains at or near its present limit, very much more can, as a rule, be accomplished for the same expenditure, by importing the publications of the English and American Truth Societies than by undertaking the publication of works ourselves. Nevertheless the Committee have thought it advisable to issue during the year two pamphlets of our own. Number 1. contains a short introduction by the Secretary, describing the formation of the Society; a paper by Mr. J. A. J. McKenna entitled "A neglected Field," and the Inaugural Address of our President Sir John Thompson, giving some account of how the Society proposes to work, and what it hopes to accomplish. This pamphlet is entitled "The Catholic Truth Society, its Aims and Objects." Number 2 is entitled "Traditions" and is by Mr. Joseph Pope. One thousand copies of each were published and of these 1044 have been sold or distributed leaving 956 on hand. A large number of copies of pamphlet Number 1 have been distributed free both in the City and elsewhere with the object of adding to the membership of the Society and of endeavouring to bring about the formation of similar societies in other places in Canada.

As pamphlet Number 3 of our series the Committee decided to reprint the excellent article "Roman Catholic Church" from Vol. VIII of the new edition of Chambers' Encyclopedia. The requisite permission for this was obtained from the J.B Lippincott Co'y. the owners of the American rights, and the pamphlet was actually set up and the revised proof corrected. On the eve of publication, however, it was discovered that the Canadian copyright was owned, not by the J. B. Lippincott Co'y. but by the Chambers themselves, and the latter firm refusing their permission, the work had to be abandoned.

#### IMPORTED PUBLICATIONS.

The most active work of the year has been in the direction of importing and circulating publications of the English and American societies. From the former we have purchased in all 3780 copies of 53 pamphlets and 4400 copies of 48 leaflets; from the latter 2000 copies of 14 pamphlets and 315 copies of three leaflets, and from other sources 158 copies of three pamphlets. Of these, 2786 pamphlets and 2944 leaflets remain on hand and the balance of 3152 pamphlets and 1771 leaflets has been put into circulation either by sale or distribution. Adding the copies of our own two publications this makes a total of 7938 pamphlets and 4715 leaflets acquired and 4196 pamphlets and 1771 leaflets, or a grand total of 5967 publications put into circulation during the year. These figures include an order purchased through us by the St. Vincent de Paul Society for free distribution among the poor whom they visit.

Owing to lack of funds we have not so far been in a position to keep in stock anything like a full selection of the publications of the Catholic Truth Society

of England. We have therefore been obliged to select from their catalogue those works most likely to do good, hoping to add new works from time to time as the increase of our revenue permits. The Catholic Truth Society of America has, as yet, issued very much fewer publications than the English Society. We have therefore been in a position to keep on hand a complete stock of their pamphlets and leaflets with the exception of a few which appeal peculiarly to the people of the United States and which would not be of interest in Canada.

We have printed and largely distributed a price list of all the publications we keep on hand.

#### LECTURES.

Shortly after their election a year ago the Committee decided that the work of the Society would be materially aided by the holding of free public entertainments, at which, in addition to an attractive musical programme, papers on subjects germane to the work of the Society should be read.

It was originally intended to hold five or six of these meetings during the season, but unavoidable circumstances prevented arrangements being made for more than three. These, under the name of "Musical and Literary Evenings," were numerous attended and otherwise most successful, and without doubt contributed largely towards increasing the membership of the Society and advertising our publications.

The first was held in the Catholic Lyceum on December 17th, and was the occasion of the delivery of the President's Inaugural Address, and of Mr. Pope's paper on "Traditions" both already referred to. The second entertainment was held in the Hall

of the Rideau Street Convent on February 4th. The paper of the evening was a description by Mr. J. A. J. McKenna of the Convention of the "Apostolate of the Press" held a short time previously in New York. The third and last took place in the Music Hall of the Gloucester Street Convent on March 5th, a member of the Society contributing anonymously a paper on the late Cardinal Newman.

The thanks of the Society are due to the ladies of the two convents and the authorities of the Catholic Lyceum for the free use of their respective Halls, as well as to the several ladies and gentlemen who aided in making the programmes attractive.

It is strongly recommended that these meetings should be continued during the coming season and that if possible one should be held every month, commencing in December. As last year they entailed a necessary expenditure for printing, hire of chairs &c., of from ten to twelve dollars each, it has been suggested that during the coming season in order to cover expenses, a nominal admission fee of ten cents should be charged.

#### NEWSPAPER WORK.

Under this head there is very little to report. The local newspapers have been singularly free from misstatements on Catholic subjects, and none of the usual anti-Catholic lecturers have appeared in our midst since the formation of the Society. It has therefore been necessary on two occasions only to send communications to the press in defence of Catholic Truth.

#### WORK IN OTHER PLACES.

Ever since the formation of the Society in Ottawa it has been the constant aim of the Committee to endea-

your to bring about the establishment of similar societies in other places in Canada. With that end in view the Secretary has distributed, wherever it was thought they might do good, considerable numbers of our own pamphlet No. 1, our price list, the advertising pamphlet of the American society and of two pamphlets published by the English society entitled "The Catholic Truth Society" and "How to Help the Catholic Truth Society." One tangible result is "The Catholic Truth Society of Almonte," the report of which, appended hereto, speaks for itself and does credit to the Catholics of Almonte. Would that every town and village in the country would do as well! This is the only branch actually established as a result of the formation of our own society, but the secretary is in correspondence with persons in some half a dozen other places where the formation of branches is under discussion; and it is sincerely hoped that in some at least of these Catholic Truth Societies will eventually be established.

Besides our own and that at Almonte, there are two branches of the Catholic Truth Society in Canada, one in Toronto formed some years ago, and one in Winnipeg almost contemporaneous with our own. There is also the recently formed "Catholic Association" in Montreal, which we believe aims at similar work. In Pembroke, while no branch of the society as yet exists, the Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has purchased a quantity of publications from us and distributed them free to the poor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
20TH NOVEMBER, 1892.

RECEIPTS

Members Fees	...	...	...	...	211.00
Sale of Publications	...	...	...	...	106.00
					\$317.00

EXPENDITURE

1891.					
Nov. 28	Purchase of English publications	...	...	...	37.05
Dec. 1	Bureau & Frères for Printing	...			11.25
Dec. 30	Hire and Cartage of Piano	...	...		4.00
1892					
Jan. 20	Duty and Carriage of English publications	...	...	...	16.34
Feb. 4	Hire of chairs for entertainment...		..		6.00
Feb. 9	Purchase of American publications...				18.20
Mar. 1	Expenses of Secretary's office...		...		15.02
Mar. 23	Bureau & Frères for Printing	...	...		50.00
Mar. 23	Cab hire...	...	...	..	1.50
Mar. 29	Purchase of English publications...			...	41.24
Apr. 4	Hire of chairs...	...	...	...	6.00
Apr. 8	Hope & Co. (Stationery)...		...	...	8.23
May 11	Duty and Carriage of English publications	...	...	...	17.27
Sept. 16	Bureau & Frères for Printing	...			10.50
Oct. 18	Purchase of English publications...			...	1.32
Oct. 20	Hope & Co. (Stationery)...		..	...	1.00
Oct. 31	Expenses of Secretary's Office			...	17.70*
Nov. 9	Bureau & Frères Post Cards and Printing.				2.00
Nov. 20	Balance on Hand...	...	..	...	52.38
					\$317.00

Examined and found correct

J. A. McCANN,

Auditor.

Ottawa, 19th Nov. 1892.

NOTE.—The two items which appear above as “Expenses of the Secretary’s Office” amounting together to \$32.72, are made up as follows:—

Postage...	...	...	...	...	10.93
Imported publications of Am. Soc’y...					11.41
Duty...	...	...	...	...	4.35
Cartage...	...	...	...	...	2.85
Sundries	...	...	...	...	3.18
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					\$32.72

The Society’s expenses for the year may therefore be summarised as follows :

Printing and Publishing...	...	...	73.75
Importing publications, duty and carriage			147.18
Postage and Stationery...	...	...	20.16
Hire of chairs, cartage, cab hire and sundries	...	...	23.53
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			\$264.62

To the amount \$147.18 expended in the importation of publications should be added an amount of \$27.00 expended through the Society by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in the importation of English publications for free distribution, bringing the total up to \$174.18.

J. A. MACCABE,  
Treasurer.



# CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS.

### PAMPHLETS AT NOMINAL COST.

No. 1—THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY, ITS AIMS AND OBJECTS.

No. 2—TRADITIONS—JOS. POPE.

No. 3—THE CIVIL ALLEGIANCE OF CATHOLICS—  
REV. M. J. WHELAN.

5 CTS. EACH OR \$2.50 PER 100.

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The annual subscription to the Society is one dollar, and ten dollars entitles to life membership. Any man, woman or child sending his or her name and address, together with one dollar, to the Secretary, will be elected a member of the Society. Members are entitled to numerous spiritual advantages and to free copies of all publications of the Society.

The Society's publications and most of those of the Catholic Truth Society of England and of the Catholic Truth Society of America may be had from the Secretary or at any of the following depôts:—

J. DURIE & SON, 33 & 35 Sparks St.

W. P. BATTERTON, 111 Bank St.

P. C. GUILLAUME, 495 Sussex St.

Catalogues of the works kept in stock and of all other publications of the English and American societies will be furnished by the Secretary on application. The members are urged to do all in their power to aid in spreading the controversial works among non-Catholics and the devotional works among the poor.

W. L. SCOTT,

74 Sparks St.

Secretary.

