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ENGLAND.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE,
67, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Tuesday, May 8th, 1855.

The Lord Bishop of St. Asaph in the Chair. The Lord Bishop of Melbourne was present.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Graham's Town, dated Feb. 16., 1855, upon the subject of a grant made by the Society in 1850 towards the erection of a church at Bloem Fontein. It appeared that since that grant was made the "Sovereignty," as it is called, beyond the Orange River has been abandoned by the English government. And it was agreed that the grant of £150 intended for Bloem Fontein be assigned to the erection of a church at such place as the Bishop shall approve.

The Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, in a letter dated St. John's, Red River, Feb. 8, 1855, recommended the application of the Rev. John Chapman, minister of St. Paul's Red River, who is desirous of receiving a grant of books for his school, containing upwards of sixty children. The people are composed of Indians and half breeds, just emerging from barbarism, but they sent £5 as a mark of their willingness to do what they can, and they hope at some future time to express their gratitude in a more substantial manner.

The books requested were granted.

The Bishop of Melbourne addressed the meeting on the subject of Church matters in his diocese:—

"I. As to the Church Buildings.

"His lordship acknowledged several grants which had been made by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge to various churches, schools, &c., referring especially to the grant by the Society of an iron church and parsonage-house which had been sent out from England. After some delay, arising from difficulties in putting the party together, the church and parsonage-house had been erected at Williamstown, the port of Melbourne, and the former had been consecrated shortly before his departure.

"He also described the comparative position of the Church in respect of buildings on his arrival in the colony and at the present time, with reference to Melbourne, the chief city, and Geelong, the next largest principal town. On his arrival there were only two unfinished churches (St. James's and St. Peter's) at Melbourne, and a small neat church at Geelong. There was no parsonage at Melbourne, but there was one at Geelong, a substantial brick building. There was also a neat brick school-building at Geelong. At Melbourne there was nothing but a miserable weather-board building. Since that time the number and the character of the churches, parsonages, and schools, though far from adequate to the wants of a rapidly increasing population, had been such as to indicate no small measure of zeal and liberality on the part of the people.

"II. As to Prayer Books and Religious Books.

"The Bishop stated that he had on his arrival established a Book Depot, and had made arrangements for the disposal of the books furnished by the Society, at such prices as would cover the cost, and, to a certain extent, prove remunerative.

"III. As to the Character of the People, and their power to provide Church Buildings for themselves.

"As to the Educated Class.—1. A general respect was entertained for religion. They took great interest in the welfare of the Church, and had a strong sense of their responsibility and of their duty to make such provision according to their means.

"2. A great liberality had been shown by many individuals of that class. As an instance, the Bishop stated that a Stipend Board having been established, with the object of raising, by voluntary contributions, a general fund, out of which all deficiencies in local contributions might be made up, and thus a certain stipend secured for every clergyman; by means of this Board in the year 1852 alone, the large amount of £1652 12s. has been raised (chiefly in the parishes of St. James and St. Peter in Melbourne), in addition to local subscriptions for individual parochial ministers.

"As to the Uneducated Class.—1. The mass of this class the Bishop stated to be ignorant, and indifferent to spiritual things.

"2. Their means were small, and they were unaccustomed to give. They were chiefly laborers, and resembled the laboring class in England.

"3. A few of them were, however, godly and liberal.

"IV. As to the Principles by which the Bishop had regulated his own conduct in the administration of his Diocese.

"1. He had endeavored to commend his actions to the judgment of all, both clergy and laity, by the most perfect openness.

"2. He had sought to obtain the co-operation of the laity by consulting them, and showing a deference to their opinion on ecclesiastical matters. He had held two conferences of the clergy and laity to consider the affairs of the Church, which were attended by some of the principal officers of Government, and by many of the chief bankers, merchants, and other commercial men, whose time was extremely valuable to them; but who gave up their time for several days, and several hours each day, to the discussion of the topics submitted to their consideration.

"3. While maintaining the closest connexion with the Church in England, he had aimed from the commencement of his episcopate to cherish a feeling of independence in the colony, which might make the members of the Church trust to themselves rather than to foreign assistance for its support.

"V. As to the Necessities of the Church in the Colony, and its Claims for help.

"As to its Necessities.—The Bishop referred to certain returns made by the clergy in answer to printed inquiries circulated by him. These

returns showed an inadequate provision for the members of the Church of England in comparison with other religious bodies.

"As to its Claims for help.—These the Bishop stated to be founded—

"1. On the immigration, annually, of many thousand poor persons from England; and,

"2. On the return of most of the rich to England. As soon as people had made their fortunes they went home again.

"Thus poverty was constantly flowing into the colony, and wealth flowing out of it."

In conclusion the Bishop requested the prayers and sympathy of the Society.

The Rev. Dr. O'Meara, missionary among the Indians of Lake Huron and Superior, Canada West, in a letter dated London, April 9, 1855, requested the aid of the Society towards the erection of a new church in his mission. He also requested a grant of books for the schools in his mission.

The Board granted £25 towards the church, and books to the value of £5 for the schools.

Letters were read from the Rev. J. Wallace, dated Koualio Hospital, April 23, 1855, from the Rev. H. P. Wright, dated Headquarters, Army in the East, above Sebastopol, April 22, 1855, and from the Rev. J. Escreet, dated British Hospital, Smyrna, April 30th, 1855. They severally gave an account of the manner in which the books granted by the Society for the use of soldiers and for hospitals in the East had been distributed, and requesting further supplies of the books. These requests were complied with.

The Secretaries stated that other very considerable supplies of Bibles, New Testaments, and Prayer Books, with religious books and tracts, as well as volumes from the supplemental catalogue, had been forwarded to the army in the East and to the military hospitals.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. F. Taylor, missionary at Tristan d'Acunha, dated Tristan, Jan. 5, 1855, acknowledging the further grant of books made by the Society for the use of the people under his charge. Mr. Taylor said, "Such a favor was totally unanticipated, but none the less desired. I have also received the books, &c., quite safe; they will be very useful and acceptable. The collection of pictures broad-sheets of objects in natural history will be specially interesting to my young pupils, whose acquaintance with the living objects does not extend to more than a dozen different animals. For one and all I return our grateful thanks to the Society, and for past as well as present favors. Were you to enter our little room in which we meet to worship God on Sunday, you would see every person, from the oldest to the youngest, without exception, employing a Prayer Book and Bible supplied him from the first liberal grant of the Society. Our school is almost equally indebted, and our public library contains many valuable works. We have now a neat open room, just large enough to hold us all, set apart for school and public worship; and every one on the island may still be found there twice every Sabbath-day. And they do use their Prayer Books, not merely hold them

in their hands. All join with voice, if not with heart, in the holy service; I trust often with both. All now above the age of six or seven can read sufficiently to use a book. At daily prayers, and on the other holidays, many of the women, and occasionally some of the men, attend, and good fruits are being brought forth from all this."

Tuesday, June 6th, 1855.

The Lord Bishop of Llandaff in the Chair.

The Lord Bishop of Colombo, in a letter dated "On Visitation, at Sea, 'The Rangoon,'" April 3, 1856, wrote as follows:—

"Having just completed my visitation, embracing the eastern portion of the Diocese, with Trincomalee and Batticaloa, I gladly employ my ship-board leisure to recount its gratifying circumstances to the Society. The latter has lately been made a full station of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, by the transfer of the services of the Rev. S. Nicholas, a native Presbyter, who has been now resident nearly a twelvemonth, with a native Deacon and Catechist to assist him. By his activity and zeal it has been satisfactorily organized, amid difficulties which he has met in good spirit. His services, both in English and Tamil, are well attended, and the Holy Communion, every fortnight alternately in each language, the average number of communicants being about twenty-five and thirty in each. On this occasion of my visit the number was more than doubled, and it was very gratifying to observe so nearly an entire adult congregation remaining to partake of the Lord's Supper. At the early service previously, he presented to me fifteen approved candidates for Confirmation, selected from a much larger number, the greater portion of whom he judiciously required should receive further instruction before their admission to the holy rite. The Confirmation was administered in the English, Portuguese, and Tamil languages.

"I observed in his chapel that there are no books for the English Services, and as they have newly and very neatly seated the whole chapel, and obtained lately new Communion plate and a bell from England, and are about to put up a font, I shall be thankful if the Society will kindly grant a £40. bible, prayer and altar books.

"The summons by the Metropolitan to Calcutta for the consecration of the Bishop elect of Labuan will readily be obeyed in October next, if by God's blessing my health enables me to continue so long within the tropics; but I have already obtained the Secretary of State's permission to leave the Diocese for a twelvemonth to recruit my enfeebled strength, and may be sent home to England at a week's notice. I shall not however leave Ceylon till after the consecration unless compelled to do so.

"The college buildings for the divinity students are progressing satisfactorily, and we hope to get them covered in before the rains."

The Board granted books for the performance of Divine Service in the church at Batticaloa.

The Bishop afterwards informed the Society that, on account of the state of his health, he had been advised by his medical attendants to visit England; and in a letter dated "The Indus," off Gibraltar, May 28, 1855, he wrote as follows:—

"We hope to reach England in about a week, and after a short period of retirement with my family, if my health continues to improve, I shall gladly avail myself of an early opportunity of being present at the meeting of the Society.

"A full meeting of the Diocesan Committee was held at St. Thomas's College a few days before my departure, at which I was able to

preside; and after a kind address presented to me by the clergy, was deputed to convey to the Society their sincere feeling of reverence and gratitude for the continued and effective aid given by them to every good work in the diocese for the extension of the Church's usefulness and blessings in so many ways

"Our whole voyage has been one of blessing: both vessels on either side of the Isthmus of Suez, the 'Bentineck' and the 'Indus,' being very full, and in both it has been a real comfort to assemble a congregation of fifty or more in daily service of prayer and thanksgiving every morning; and on Sundays the observance of the day has been correct and exemplary. It was the ground of, I hope, not unthankful feeling as I went on board at Galle, on the tenth anniversary of my consecration, that with so many shortcomings I had been permitted to complete the first decennium of the episcopate without having left the diocese or its duties."

The Gospel according to St. Luke, in Japanese and Chinese intermixed, sent by the Lord Bishop of Victoria, was laid before the Board.

The Lord Bishop of Cape Town, in a letter dated "Bishop's Court, Cape of Good Hope, Feb. 3, 1855," informed the Society that, at the village of Plumstead, in his neighborhood, Mission premises are being erected, containing school accommodation for 200 children, but there will still be a great deficiency.

"The mission," said the Bishop, "was commenced about three years ago, and has been already greatly blessed. At present there is an attendance of full 100 children daily in a small dilapidated building, in which also a night school is held, and which is the only place in which Divine Service can be held for the colored people. The new premises are intended to serve both for chapel and school. Through means of this Mission not a few adults both from the Heathen and Mahomedans have been brought into the fold of Christ, and I can safely say that it is effecting great good. It has been taken up warmly by some of the laity residing in the district, who will be very thankful for any assistance from the Society.

"Another case is that of a school at Riversdale, undertaken by a zealous layman and his aunt, with a special view to the instruction of Heathen and Malays in the Christian faith. May I hope that the Society will help forward this good work also?

"Now that our churches are to a great extent erected, we are turning our attention more and more to direct Mission work among the Heathen. For this we are greatly in need of devoted men."

The Board agreed to grant £50 towards the school-buildings at Plumstead, and £25 towards the school at Riversdale.

Thomas Turner, Esq., brought forward the motion of which he had given notice, and proposed the following resolution for the adoption of the Board:—

"That the Fourth Rule* be altered by leaving out the part beginning with the word 'Except' in the second line, and ending with the word 'And' in the fifth line."

R. Perry, Esq., seconded this.

It having appeared on a show of hands, that the numbers for the adoption of this resolution and the numbers for its rejection were equal, the Right Reverend Chairman gave his vote in favour of its adoption.

The Rev. R. Belcher gave notice, that at the next meeting he should propose that Rule IV. stand thus,

"That a General Meeting be holden at the Society's house on the first Tuesday in every month, except when such Tuesday shall fall upon the Tuesday before Easter, and except the

months of August and September, at two o'clock."

J. C. Meymott, Esq., gave notice, that he should move that the Rule be restored to the state in which it stood previously to the adoption of the resolution of the Meeting of this day.

The Rev. J. W. Welsh's Report of the visitation of emigrants leaving the port of Liverpool, was laid before the meeting. The following is an extract:—

"A considerable diminution has taken place since I last wrote to you in the number of emigrants sailing from the Mersey. Two or three years ago the average daily departures were 600, at present they average scarcely 400.

"This, however, is a large number. They are chiefly of a much better class than in former years; and a new feature in emigration from this port seems to be commencing, namely a majority of females."

The Lord Bishop of Montreal, in a letter dated Seo House, Montreal, May 4, 1855, wrote as follows:—

"As I have not forwarded any account to the Society of our proceedings since I was in England in 1853, I will now proceed to furnish you with some facts connected with the expenditure of the grants of money received by me from the Society for this diocese, and also of the distribution of the Service Books and other publications with which we have been supplied.

"I have appropriated the following grants towards the erection of the under-mentioned churches:

Durham (additional)	£25 currency.
Russettown do.	25 "
Buckingham do.	25 "
Petite Nation	10 "
Stukeley	50 "
Gore of Chatham	25 "
North Shefford	25 "
St. Luke's, Montreal	50 "

£235 currency.

leaving a balance unappropriated of 31l. 11s. 2d. currency.

"All the above-mentioned churches, with the exception of the one at the Gore of Chatham, are either already in use, or rapidly advancing towards completion.

"It may interest the Society to know that, independently of school-rooms and private houses, where Divine Service is either steadily or occasionally performed, there are now in this diocese sixty-one churches, of which forty-six have been consecrated, and fifteen others are in use, but, for various reasons, the consecration of them has not yet taken place: some of them are small wooden buildings, which are intended to be replaced by larger and more suitable ones of brick or stone. There are five more also in course of erection, which will, I hope, nearly all of them be sufficiently advanced for use, if not for consecration, before the lapse of many months. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has been a liberal contributor to the funds required for a large number of the various buildings, many of which (in former years especially) I verily believe owe the actual existence to its aid. Not that I mean that the whole cost was defrayed from the funds of the Society, but that the encouragement given to local exertions by the amount of ready money thus granted enabled the inhabitants of many of our poor districts, by contributing labour and materials, to accomplish their work. I find that of the above sixty-six churches built, or now in course of building, the Society has given assistance to no less than forty, in various proportions from £245 downwards to smaller sums, as in the list returned with this letter. It is

satisfactory also to observe, that while the number of the churches is increasing, there is also a very decided and progressive improvement in the style and character of the buildings which are being erected. And though there are many obstacles in our way, such as scantiness of means, difficulty of obtaining materials or experienced workmen in many of the country districts, yet I find that in almost every instance where a church is now projected that there is an anxiety to obtain some approved plans, and, as far as possible, to carry them into execution. Of course, as we can seldom expect to afford much above £100 or £500 for a church, we can hope for no great results; but the same spirit and desire may be manifested, I hope, in our humble attempts, as in those assisted by more costly offerings, viz. a wish to do what we can for the honor and service of God.

"In connection with this subject of church-building, I may inform the society that I am desirous of obtaining a grant of some more sets of Service Books to be placed in them. Since my last report I have placed sets of Service Books in the churches at Edward's Town, Durham, Henryville, Rawden, and Frost Village.

"Out of a grant of books made at the same time for parochial lending libraries, I have given grants to eight different missions in which libraries have been established. If the Society will be pleased to make another grant for similar purposes, I am sure it will be most acceptable and useful. I have received many applications lately from the clergy for help in establishing these lending libraries.

"On coming out from England to this country, there is much knowledge to be acquired by actual experience amongst the people, before it is possible to form any correct judgment as to the best means of advancing the great work in which we are engaged; and, after all, we must for a long time yet be content with the day of small things, working in faith and with much patience, and praying always that, while we are planting and watering, God will be pleased in his good time to own our work and give the increase."

The Board agreed to place at the Bishop's disposal towards the erection of churches £100. Six sets of Books for the performance of Divine Service. Lending libraries to the value of £80.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, "Bishop's Court, Red River, April 10, 1855." The following are extracts:—

"I have the pleasure of informing the Society that I have succeeded in forming a Board of Trustees, in accordance with what I proposed in my last letter. It will be called 'the Collegiate Board of St. Johns, and consists of the following members, the two archdeacons and myself being *ex officio*, the others being elective in case of vacancy by death or otherwise, but always in the same proportion, three laymen and three clergymen. The first appointments have of course been made by myself.

"I have, with the permission of the Society, drawn one bill on the Treasurers for £500, in favour of the Honourable Hudson's Bay Company, which will be followed by another for £200, in two or three months, these both being from £1000 voted to me.

"Allow me at the same time to return my thanks for the £100 (the second sum of that amount) granted by the Society to St James's Church, on the Assinibhine. The £200 so furnished will form the only public aid afforded to the erection of that church. Other kind and liberal donations we have received from friends in England and in this country, but no other public grant. As the responsibility rested on myself; I feel now relieved from much anxiety

through the Society's gift, and I hope to consecrate it, free from all debt and incumbrance, soon after Whit-Sunday. The interior is nearly finished with the exception of the staining, which could not be done until the frost had left us.

"I still think of another trip to our distant stations on James's Bay in the course of the summer, but I shall start for Moose with a light heart, having completed the erection of the church, which has been much on my mind for the last three years. Not that beyond anxiety of mind I have had any labour; the Rev. W. H. Taylor has, with his own hands, assisted the men throughout, painting both the exterior and interior, and superintending all the details of the carpenters' work. The churchyard will not be ready in sufficient time, for want of wood to erect a suitable fence; its consecration must therefore be deferred until the following spring.

"Begging a continuance of the Society's prayers that God would graciously bless the infant work in this remote land, I am ever," &c.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Jamaica, who is now in England, requesting Books for the performance of Divine Service in the Cathedral of Jamaica, to which a new chancel has lately been added, a considerable increase of accommodation having been thus gained.

"I have also," said the bishop, earnestly to request of the society a grant of bibles, prayer books, and school books, to supply numerous wants in my diocese, and especially for the benefit of a large congregation of dissenters in a district called the Red Hills, which has recently come over to the church of England, and which it is most desirable to encourage and foster by every means in our power.

"With the tender of my sincere and grateful thanks for the aid of the society, without which we could hardly have accomplished the great and necessary work of the rebuilding on an enlarged scale of at least one part of the cathedral of Jamaica, I remain," &c.

The board granted books for the performance of divine service, and bibles, prayer books, and tracts to the value of £15.

DIocese OF QUEBEC.

FLOATING CHAPEL FOR SEAMEN.—In about ten days hence the spiritual wants of the many seamen frequenting this port, will be supplied by the opening (at Mr. Dumlin's wharf, below the inclined plane) of a Bethel ship which has been generously placed at the disposal of the Revd. Mr. Carden by a friend to the church. The cost of fitting the vessel for the purpose alluded to was left to be met by private subscription; and, although a portion thereof has been already contributed, the reverend gentleman licensed to the charge appeals to the Christian public for aid in this new and long required place of worship. When it is considered that this appeal is made in behalf of the spiritual welfare of a class who are now without convenient means of Sabbath observance and of receiving religious instruction, we feel confident that the charity of a community whose temporal welfare only, is mainly dependent upon the mariner, will not be sought in vain.

Contributions may be addressed to the *Quebec Mercury*.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

Church Society's Office,
Montreal, July 1, 1855.

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

A letter was read from the Rev. W. Anderson, Sorel, requesting a grant of a large bible and prayer book for the performance of divine service to a distant congregation in his parish, and also of 12 prayer books for gratuitous distribution. These books were granted by the Board, with a recommendation that the prayer books be paid for when practicable.

An abstract of the treasurer's account was laid on the table, from which it appears that the following sums have been received since the last meeting.

Collection at Abbotsford, per Rev. F. Robinson	£0	15	10
Collection at Rougemont, per Rev. F. Robinson	0	16	8
Annual subscription of Rev. F. Robinson	1	17	6
Annual subscription of Rev. T. A. Young	1	17	6
Subscription at St. Martin and St. Therese	8	1	3
Amount received from Mrs. J. J. Gibb, treasurer of Ladies' Committee, Montreal	75	18	6
Annual subscription of Rev. J. Mack ½ of annual subscriptions at Chambly, per Rev. J. P. White	15	4	0
Annual subscription of Rev. J. S. Pyko	1	17	6
Collection at Stanbridge East, by Rev. J. Constantine	2	10	6
Collection at Christ Ch. Cathedral, for missionary purposes	25	0	0
Subscription of Miss McCord	0	10	0
" Jane McCord	0	5	0
" Master L. D. McCord	0	5	0
" David McCord	0	5	0
" H. Myers	0	5	0
" J. Ogilvy	0	10	0
" H. Mussen	0	10	0
" Mrs. H. Mussen	0	5	0
" Miss E. Mussen	0	2	6
" Master W. H. Mussen	0	2	6
" B. Mussen	0	2	6
" Mrs. Geo. Mead	0	5	0
" R. P. Isaacson	1	0	0
" G. Smith	1	5	0
" Mrs. G. Smith	0	15	0
" A. C. Webster, 1854-5	2	10	0
" D. R. Wood	1	5	0
" D. M. Patterson	0	5	0
" J. Glass	1	5	0
" S. Phillips	0	10	0

Edw. J. ROGERS, Secretary.

CONFIRMATION TOUR OF THE ANGLICAN BISHOP.

During the last month the Lord Bishop of Montreal held Confirmations at the following places:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
June 8—Lacolle:			
Rev. C. Morice	4	6	10
June 10—Clarenceville:			
Rev. Canon Townsend, M.A.	10	22	32
June 12—Philipsburgh:			
Rev. R. Whitwell and Rev. C. A. Wetherall	9	11	20
June 14—Bedford:			
Rev. J. Jones	2	10	12
June 17—Stanbridge East:			
Rev. J. Constantine	3	11	14
June 17—Dunham:			
Rev. J. Scott, M.A.	7	18	25
June 19—Frelighsburg:			
Rev. Canon Reid, D.D.	5	7	12
June 20—Cowansville and Churchville:			
Rev. J. C. Davidson	5	9	14

June 21—Sutton:			
Rev. H. Montgomery.....	3	10	13
June 24—Brome:			
Rev. R. Lindsay, M.A.....	3	1	4
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Since the establishment of the Bishopric of Montreal there has been a great addition to the Church of England in this portion of the diocese especially. Many of the old parishes and missions have been subdivided into more manageable districts, enabling the clergyman in charge of them to concentrate their efforts, and give their services with regularity and frequency. Additional clergymen have been permanently stationed at Henryville, Stanbridge East, Cowansville, Sutton, Froste Village and Granby, all in this section of the country; and many new churches have been built, or are in course of erection. It is, however, matter for painful reflection to know how much more is being done for the support of religion in many of the less wealthy and newly constituted missions, where reduced grants have been made by "the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel" in aid of the stipends of the clergy, than in some of the old rectories, which have for so many years been receiving such liberal help for the payment of their ministers. At Clarenceville, on a vacancy occurring, the allowances now paid to the present rector will cease, and instead of looking forward to this contingency and preparing for it, except the church and grave-yard, there is no property belonging to the rectory whatever, no residence even or glebe; and the parish will, unless some great exertion is made, instead of occupying an important position in the diocese, sink down to an inferior grade, being served occasionally by a clergyman resident elsewhere. Philipsburgh is very little better off; there is here, it is true, a rectory house, but in a most dilapidated condition, and a small unprofitable glebe located at a distance. At Frelighsburg things are rather more in advance, and the members of the church appear inclined to bestir themselves—to do what is needful towards putting all in order; but a little more effort now would be advisable. Nor can the large and wealthy congregation that assemble in the church at Durham feel satisfied that they are in any fitting measure discharging the debt which they owe to God and kind christian friends for liberal help so long enjoyed. Archdeacon Lower joined the Bishop at Stanbridge East, and preached there and at Dunham, from whence he proceeded to Lennoxville, where he was to act as one of the examiners of the candidates for the degree of M.A. While they were at Stanbridge there was a meeting held in aid of the Church Society, and a Parochial Association was formed. The labours of the Rev. I. Constantino are beginning to produce some decided and manifest effects for good here. At the Bishop's previous visit there was not one candidate for confirmation, and scarcely a communicant, except amongst the clergyman's family; now fourteen were confirmed, several are regular communicants, and the congregation are full and regular in attendance. The parsonage house, an exceedingly commodious, substantial and appropriate one, is just completed. At Churchville the service was held in the new building, which however is yet incomplete; but it is expected to be ready for consecration in October. At Sutton all is going on exceedingly well. The congregations are always full ones here, and the members, if not very wealthy, seem to be working together heartily. The church is now completed, having lately received the addition of a tall and not inelegant spire; a good bell however is still wanting. The school is built and in use under a very

efficient mistress. The residence for the clergyman is in course of erection close to the church, with five acres of glebe; the addition of an adjoining lot would make it very complete. At Brome the Rev. R. Lindsay, who has lately returned from England in rather improved health, has resumed his duties, and will, it is to be hoped, long be spared to continue his care over his present charge. The new high school lately erected by Col. Knowlton, and endowed with a large lot of land adjoining, is likely to be a most useful institution for the youth of the country, and an able and experienced master is expected from England this month. From Brome the Bishop proceeded to Lennoxville to attend the convocation of Bishop's College. On Friday, the 20th ult., his lordship consecrated the new church at Compton, (acting for the Bishop of Quebec, who was prevented attending by severe illness), and returned to Montreal by rail the same evening.—*Con.*

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Toronto, June 27, 1855.

My Dear Brethren residing between Toronto and Kingston,—It is my intention to visit, for the purpose of holding Confirmations, your several Parishes, in accordance with the following list.

I remain, &c.,

JOHN TORONTO.

JULY, 1855.	
Wednesday 18,	Peterborough 10 a.m.
" "	" Lakefield 3 p.m.
Thursday 19,	Warsaw 10 a.m.
" "	" Norwood 4 p.m.
Friday 20,	Seymour 3 p.m.
Saturday 21,	Rice Lake 2 p.m.
Sunday 22,	Cobourg 11 a.m.
" "	" Port Hope 3 p.m.
Monday 23,	Grafton 11 a.m.
" "	" Colborne 3 p.m.
Tuesday 24,	Carrying Place 11 a.m.
" "	" Hillier 3 p.m.
Wednesday 25,	Wellington 10 a.m.
" "	" Picton 3 p.m.
Thursday 26,	Marysburgh 11 a.m.
" "	" Milford 2 p.m.
Friday 27,	Anuwood or Trenton ... 11 a.m.
" "	" Frankford 3 p.m.
Saturday 28,	Rawdon 10 a.m.
" "	" Hungerford 3 p.m.
Sunday 29,	Belleville 11 a.m.
Tuesday 31,	Shannonville 11 a.m.
" "	" Northport 8 p.m.

AUGUST.

Wednesday 1,	Mohawk Village 10 a.m.
" "	" Napance 3 p.m.
Thursday 2,	Clarke's Mills 10 a.m.
" "	" Bath 3 p.m.
Friday 3,	Adolphustown 11 a.m.
" "	" Fredericksburgh 3 p.m.
Saturday 4,	Amherst Island 11 a.m.
Sunday 5,	Kingston { St. George 11 a.m.
" "	" " St. James 3 p.m.
Monday 6,	Barriefield 11 a.m.
" "	" St. John's, Portsmouth 3 p.m.
Tuesday 7,	Waterloo 11 a.m.
Wednesday 8,	St. James, Pittsburgh 11 a.m.
" "	" South Lake Station ... 3 p.m.
Thursday 9,	Gananoque 10 a.m.
" "	" St. John's front, Lansd. 2 p.m.
Friday 10,	Brockville 11 a.m.
" "	" Prescott 3 p.m.
Saturday 11,	Bellamy's Mills 11 a.m.
" "	" Lamb's Pond 3 p.m.
Sunday 12,	Kitley's Corners 11 a.m.
" "	" New Boyne 4 p.m.

Monday 13,	Newborough 11 a.m.
" "	" St. John's, rear of Leeds 4 p.m.
Tuesday 14,	Trinity Church, rear of Lansdown 12 noon
Wednesday 16,	Perth 11 a.m.
Thursday 16,	Smith's Falls 3 p.m.
Friday 17,	Franktown 11 a.m.
" "	" Carlton Place 3 p.m.
Saturday 18,	Lanark, St. John's 11 a.m.
" "	" Ramsay 3 p.m.
Sunday 19,	Pakingham 11 a.m.
" "	" Fitzroy 4 p.m.
Monday 20,	Pembroke, Renfrow county 11 a.m.
Tuesday 21,	
Wednesday 22,	
Thursday 23,	
Friday 24,	
Saturday 25,	Ninth line, Fitzroy 11 a.m.
" "	" Huntley 3 p.m.
Sunday 26,	March Church, at the Parsonage 11 a.m.
" "	" March Ch., at the Hall, Mr. Pinley's 3 p.m.
Monday 27,	Bytown 3 p.m.
Tuesday 28,	
Wednesday 29,	Richmond 10 a.m.
" "	" Merrickville 3 p.m.
Thursday 30,	Kemptville 10 a.m.
" "	" Mountain 3 p.m.
Friday 31,	Edwardsburgh 10 a.m.
" "	" Matilda 1 p.m.
" "	" Williamsburgh 4 p.m.

SEPTEMBER.

Saturday 1,	Osnabruck 10 a.m.
" "	" Moulinette 2 p.m.
Sunday 2,	Cornwall 11 a.m.
Tuesday 4,	Hawkesbury 11 a.m.

The Clergy Trust Committee of the Diocese of Toronto meet at the Society's Board Room, on the 2nd Wednesday in August, at 11 a.m.

The announcement of the collection to be made in behalf of the Missions of the Church Society in the month of July was sent to us, but by some mistake was omitted both in our last issue and also in the Gazette.

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The general monthly meeting of the Society was held at the Society's rooms, on Wednesday, the 11th July, at 3 p.m.

The Hon. Jas. Gordon, Vice-President, in the chair.

Present—Rev. Jas. Beaven, D.D., W. S. Darling, G. S. J. Hill, D. Blake, M.A., S. Lett, LL.D., Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., H. Mortimer, Esq., and the Secretary.

The Secretary read the usual prayers. The balance sheet, prepared under the direction of the auditors, for the annual report of the year's accounts, up to the 30th of April, was read and laid on the table.

Whereupon it was moved by Rev. Jas. Beaven, D.D., seconded by J. W. Gamble, Esq., and unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be given to the auditors, Edward Goldsmith, Esq., and J. W. Brent, Esq., for the zeal and care with which they have discharged their responsible duties.

The Secretary then read the following statement of the last month's accounts, and laid the abstract and balance sheet upon the table.

<i>General Purposes Fund.</i>	
Dr.	
To paid out for salaries, &c.	£41 13 4
Petty cash	2 19 8
Balance	267 6 2
	303 9 2
Cr.	
By balance from last month	£242 11 5
Cash rec'd from Parochial Branches for 13th year.....	23 7 9
Incorporate members' subscriptions, including Lewis Moffatt, Esq., life subscription	37 10 0
	303 9 2
<i>Widows and Orphans' Fund.</i>	
Dr.	
To balance	£621 10 8
Cr.	
By balance	£614 10 8
Clergymen's subscriptions for 13th year	5 0 0
H. Bunting, rent	2 0 0
	621 10 8
<i>Mission Fund.</i>	
Dr.	
To balance	£431 7 0
Cr.	
By balance	£431 7 11
<i>Theological Students' Fund.</i>	
Dr.	
To balance	£163 6 9
Cr.	
By balance	£132 1 5
Collections	31 5 4
	163 6 9

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the following accounts were ordered to be paid.

H. Rowsell, half-yearly account for printing, stationery, &c.....	£26 14 2
3/4ths in cash, 1/4th on account of bond.	
H. Rowsell, for grants, at costs and charges	18 10 3
Auditors	25 0 0
For extra writing and book-keeping in preparing for report, &c., dur- ing the past year, paid for by Secretary	25 0 0
	95 13 5

On recommendation of Standing Committee, the following grants were voted:

Two sets of service books, on application of the Rev. Fr. Evans, one for the church at Victoria and another for the church at Port Dover.

A set of service books, on application of the Rev. A. Hill, for St. Paul's Church, Coulson's Hill, West Gwillimbury.

A grant of Sunday school books, on application of the Rev. Paul Shirley, for his Sunday school at Camden East, to the value of £2 10s.

Church tracts to the value of £1, on application of Rev. H. Brent, for distribution in the distant settlements of his mission.

Rev. Dr. O'Meara's travelling expenses, in visiting distant stations in his Indian Mission during the last year, £12 10s.

On the certificate of Rev. Dr. O'Meara that the expense was necessary, the sum of £17 10s. for rent of buildings at Garden River and £10 for an interpreter.

That the sum of £100 from the Mission Fund be set apart for the building of a church, chapel-school, or residence for the Missionary at Garden River at the discretion of the Lord Bishop; but that before the money is paid, the Rev. Dr. O'Meara be requested to lay before the Society, at a meeting to be specially called, if necessary,

during the vacation, an estimated cost of the building or buildings to be erected, and show where the funds are to come from to complete the work. The Society cannot advance any money on loan.

On application of W. P. Taylor, on behalf of the Church Building Committee at Fitzroy Harbor, that the Society would mortgage the land deced in trust for a church and burial-ground in that mission, to enable them to raise the funds to complete their church, it was resolved that the Society regret that it is not in their power as trustees to comply with the request.

The Secretary read a letter from H. J. Price, Esq., on the subject of a mortgage bequeathed by the late Dr. Burnside to the Society. Secretary was directed to confer with the executors of that gentleman.

The Secretary read the following letter from the Rev. John Gunne:—

“Zone Mills P. O., June 21st, 1855.

“The Rev. T. S. Kennedy,
Secretary of Church Society, &c.

“Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that William Hatelic, Esq. (late of Dun Eden Park, in the township of Mosca), deceased, hath, by his will, devised and bequeathed to the Church Society 102 acres of land, to be held in trust, for the endowing &c. of St. James's Church, Wardsville, and also to Trinity College 100 acres, to be applied to the general purposes of that institution, said property being in a good state of cultivation,—it, however, being provided that Adam Hatelic and Mary Boon shall enjoy the property during their lives.

“As the will is a long one, and the Church Society and Trinity College the parties interested, I think it is only just that they should bear the expenses of proving and registering the will, &c. I should willingly bear a part of the expenses myself, but the whole would be too much. Ten dollars would be sufficient.

“I am, dear Sir, your obd't servt.,
“JOHN GUNNE, Clerk.”

Resolved, That a copy of the letter of the Rev. John Gunne be transmitted to the Secretary of Trinity College. That inasmuch as the bequest is for the joint benefit of the Mission at Wardsville and Trinity College, the Society conceive that the expenses incurred in proving and registering the will ought to be borne by the Mission and the College.

The Secretary laid before the Society a statement from the Finance Committee, showing that the sum of £600 might be invested for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and recommending certain investments for the approval of the Society.

It was moved by J. W. Gamble, Esq., seconded by the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, and

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to invest £600 from the Widows and Orphans' Fund in debentures of the County of Middlesex, offered under the authority of By-law No. 29 of that municipality, at the lowest rate for which such debentures can be purchased, and being at least 25 per cent. below par.

The Secretary of the Church Society, by the direction of the Clergy Trust Committee, laid before the Society the minutes of the said Trust Committee at their last meeting on 21st June, as also certain resolutions relative to the investment of the Trust Funds, which they recommend for the consideration and adoption of the Church Society.

Resolved, That the said minutes and resolution be entered on the minutes of the Church Society.

Resolved, That the Trust Committee be authorized to invest in the following securities, viz., provincial debentures, municipal debentures,

and mortgages on the property of corporations: that in any investments made in municipal debentures by the said committee, they shall first require a certificate from the municipality, showing the amount of their liabilities and the ratable property for the last year, and no such debenture shall be taken when the liability is greater than 10 per cent. on such assessed value, so certified; the annual value being reduced into the actual value, in the case of cities or towns; that the trust committee will make no loan of any portion of the Commutation Fund to private individuals: *Provided always*, that the Manager of the Trust Fund shall keep himself duly informed, from time to time, and at all times, and by such means as he may deem expedient, of the actual state of the assessments in the several counties or cities in whose debentures the said Trust Funds have been invested; and that whenever the Manager ascertains that the amount of the assessment in any such case exceeds the maximum rate fixed by the Trust Committee, as that upon which investment of the Trust Funds be made, that then, and in every such case, a special meeting of the whole Trust Committee be summoned to take the same into consideration: it being distinctly understood that this adoption do extend only till the monthly meeting of the Society in October, when it is expected that the Commutation Committee will there present a full report of their proceedings.

The Rev. F. Fisher, of Orillia, on notice given by the Rev. T. B. Read, was then ballotted for and duly elected an incorporate member of the Society.

The Secretary, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. Gavenstin, that at the next meeting he would propose that William Pettit, Esq., of Palermo, be elected an incorporate member of the Society.

The Rev. Rural Dean Blake, M.A., gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that Norman McCleod, Esq., of Vaughan, be elected an incorporate member of the Society.

The Secretary then read the concluding prayers, and the meeting adjourned until the month of October.

T. S. KENNEDY, Secretary.

CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.
COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE MONTH OF JULY, 1855, TO BE APPLIED TO THE FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE SOCIETY.

St. Paul's, Newmarket...	£1 8 2
Christ Ch., St. Albans...	0 17 1
Trinity Church, Aurora	0 9 7
per the Secretary of the Society	2 14 10
Burwick, per the Secretary	1 16 7
Carlton Village, per Rev. W. Stennett	1 12 0
Elora, per Rev. J. Smithurst.....	4 0 0
Rico Lake, per Rev. J. W. Beck ...	1 17 6
Weston, per Rev. T. S. Kennedy ...	1 13 10

7 collections, amounting to.....£13 14 9
STUDENTS' FUND.

Previously announced.....	£221 5 5
Woodstock.....	3 3 8
Eastwood.....	1 5 5
Beachville	0 13 4
per Jas. Ingersoll, Esq.	6 2 5
St. Peters', Brockville—Rev. J. T. Lewis	8 10 0
Christ Church, Scarboro'	1 0 0
St. Paul's, "	1 2 6
St. Jude's, "	0 7 6
per Rev. W. Belt	2 10 0
Carrying Place, per Rev. J. Padfield	0 10 0

St. Luke's, Mulmer	0	7	4	
Trinity Church, Adjala...	0	2	2	
St. Mark's, Mono	0	2	6	
St. John's, Mono	0	10	0	
per Rev. J. F. Fletcher				1 2 6
St. Paul's, Adolphustown	0	10	0	
St. Paul's, Fredericksburgh	0	13	2	
per Rev. J. Mulock.....				1 3 2
St. Thomas' Ch., Belleville, per Rev. J. Grier.....				3 2 0

167 collections, amounting to... £244 6 3

PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

Carrying Place, per Rev. J. Padfield	2	10	0
St. James's, Toronto, }—monies collected.....	13	6	3
19 incorporate members belonging to do.....	23	16	0
per T. Shortt, Esq. Treas. ———	37	1	3

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Rev. R. J. Macgeorge, XIII. year ...	£1	5	0
Rev. W. Belt, for XIII. year	2	10	0
Rev. J. Padfield do.	1	5	0
A Widow, for W. O. F., per Rev. E. Baldwin.....	1	0	0
Mrs. Arthurs, for W. O. F., per Rev. J. W. R. Beck	0	5	0
Rev. M. Harris, life subscription ...	12	10	0

T. S. KENNEDY, Secretary.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

On Thursday (June 29th) the annual dinner was given in the college hall; the company consisting of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, G. W. Allan, Esq., J. H. Hagarty, Esq., the Rev. J. Givins, Professors Hodder, Badgley, Hallowell, Philbrick and Russell, of the medical faculty, H. Y. Hind Esq., professor of Chemistry, G. W. Strathy, Esq., professor of music, and Charles Magrath, Esq. Bursar. There were also present, the Provost, Professor Irving, and the students of the college.

After the dinner the usual toasts were proposed, that of the Queen being received with the accustomed enthusiasm, as were also the names of The Chancellor who is now absent in England, and of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. His Lordship, in returning thanks, expressed in very strong terms his gratification at the progress of the college, and his sanguine expectation of its permanent prosperity.

Among the toasts which followed was that of The Prizemen of the year, whose names are as follow:

PRIZEMEN IN THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

Theological Class

Dr. Cooper.

ARTS CLASSES.

Third year.

Classics..... Broughall.

Second Year.

Classics..... Patton.

Mathematics..... Sandars.

FRESHMEN.

Wellington Scholarship..... Bourinot.

Bishop Strachan Scholarship..... Benson.

Allan Scholarship { Houston. Wethy.

The Allan Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Wethy, as Mr. Houston was already in possession of a Divinity Scholarship.

PRIZES FOR EXERCISES.

English Essay.....	Dr. Vankoughnet.
First Kent prize for Theological Essay.	Broughall.
Latin Essay.....	Sandars.
Latin Verse.....	Sandars.

Col. Tuftoon begs to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of £12 10s. 4d. from J. Macklem, Esq., Churchwarden at Chippawa, being the amount of a collection made in Trinity Church on account of the Patriotic Fund.

Garrison,
Toronto, June 30, 1855.

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Tecumseth Parochial Branch of the Church Society, read in Trinity Church February 1st, 1855

Again the good providence of our God has permitted us to meet together, to commemorate the thirteenth anniversary of our Parochial Branch of the Church Society, to give an account of monies entrusted to the care of your committee, and to tell what God hath done for and by us.

The great object which we have long kept steadily in view has been to relieve the spiritual destitution of those poor people who reside in the more backward townships of this county. Year after year we have hoped to obtain for them a missionary, but, owing to the deaths amongst the clergy, and the pressing wants of other places, the bishop was unable to spare one. Whilst thus unable to procure a clergyman your committee engaged the services of a faithful catechist, and during the year 1853, T. Duke labored with much success in that capacity, until obliged by ill health to resign the appointment. During part of 1854 Mr. Brereton was temporarily appointed to perform the same duties, which he faithfully executed. Now your committee rejoice in being able to state that the Rev. J. Langtry, a graduate of Trinity College, lately ordained, has been appointed to labour in the townships of Nottawasaga, Essa and Cookstown, and the hopes we long entertained are about to be realized. "In duo season ye shall reap if ye faint not," is the language of inspiration, we are about to experience the fulfilment of the promise, may we learn from it ever to trust, and not be afraid.

But the Lord hath ordained that those who preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel; and having obtained for our poorer brethren the blessing of the ministration of religion, the next important consideration is to support it. Hitherto very material assistance towards the support of travelling missionaries has always been afforded from the Clergy Reserve Fund; of that the Church is now deprived; her lawful patrimony has been taken away and her enemies indulged in the vain hope that by depriving the Church of her endowments she would soon be laid low; but they remembered not that the Lord is with her; she must go forth and prosper; and it devolves upon the members of the Church in this Province to make up by their individual contributions the loss which has been sustained. We have ever devoted our Church Society funds to the furtherance of the Gospel, and now more cheerfully than before you will cast into the treasury of the Lord, with the knowledge that what you give will be appropriated towards the support of the travelling missionary; and the Church people of this and the neighboring township of West Gwillimbury have the gratification of knowing, that owing to their liberal

contributions to the Church Society and the manner in which those funds have been appropriated, a duly ordained missionary is now about to go forth to preach to those long perishing for lack of knowledge the unsearchable riches of Christ.

It has been a source of much sorrow to your minister that during the past year the Sunday schools have not been in a prosperous state. The protracted and dangerous illness of one who had indefatigably superintended the female department, the want of suitable teachers, and the heavy Sunday and parochial duties of your minister will account for it, in a little time it is hoped they will be resumed with energy, and qualified young persons, both male and female, are earnestly requested to take part in this good work.

The Sunday and week day services in the different churches and stations have been kept up during the past as in the preceding year. In pecuniary matters your committee have the gratifying fact to announce an increase of £14 on the subscriptions to the Church Society during the past year; this may be attributed to the more systematic manner in which subscriptions were asked for, increased love to the Church, and especially the activity and zeal displayed by our young friends who kindly acted as collectors.

There was received in the united parishes of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury the sum of £64 12s. 11d.; viz.: in Tecumseth £41 18s. 11d., and in West Gwillimbury £22 14s.

It is hoped that the subscriptions this year will again show an increase, so that the liabilities incurred for the travelling missionary may be readily met. Let your prayers accompany your contributions, ever remembering, that a Paul may plant, and Apolos water, but God alone can give the increase.

Since the above report was read at the annual meeting, held Feb. 1st, the sum of £61 has been received in this township as subscriptions to the Church Society, being an increase of £19 over those of last year. £18 has been remitted to the Parent Society, and the remaining £43 is retained to meet our liabilities for the travelling missionary.

Thus we find in this purely rural parish the people give more willingly and liberally to the parochial branch of the Church Society, as they know that their contributions are applied, not to local wants, of which there are always many in every parish, but to relieve the spiritual destitutions of those poorer than themselves.

F. L. OSLER.

Seventh Annual Report of the St. James's Parochial Branch of the Church Society.

On Thursday, the 14th of June, 1855, the Annual Meeting was held of the St. James's Parochial Branch of the Church Society. The Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., Rector, in the Chair, when the following Report was read:—

The committee, in presenting a report of their proceedings during the past year, have no striking or remarkable incidents to record; nevertheless they deeply feel and would gratefully acknowledge that praise is justly due to a gracious God, the author and giver of every good and perfect gift; who has enabled them patiently to carry forward the work for which they are associated, and has, they trust, not withheld his blessing upon their efforts.

Foremost amongst the subjects which claim their attention is the maintenance and efficiency of the Parochial Schools, a labor of love, which in these days of "false doctrine, heresy and schism" seems to call especially for the sympathy of every member of our pure and Apostolic

Church. It is melancholy to reflect that in this large and populous city this is the only school for assisting in the elementary instruction of the poor where religion occupies its proper place, where the mind is trained and character formed, and the soul disciplined in citizenship for this life and for the promised inheritance of a better. The daily average attendance of boys is about seventy, and of girls sixty: a public examination of the pupils took place immediately before the Christmas vacation, which was attended by several members of the Cathedral congregation, and the manner in which the children acquitted themselves was highly satisfactory, and reflected much credit on the master and mistress: prizes were bestowed upon the most deserving of the pupils by the Lord Bishop, who was present during the whole examination and took a lively interest in the proceedings.

The necessity for making a more adequate provision for the proper maintenance of these schools induced the rector to make an appeal to the congregation for a stated annual subscription in aid of their funds. Two zealous ladies of the congregation cheerfully undertook the task of personally bringing this appeal before each pew-holder and regular attendant at the Cathedral, and a gratifying measure of success attended their exertions. The amount subscribed for this important object amounts to £126 9s. 7d., as will be seen by the return furnished in the appendix to this report marked B. Your committee feel deeply sensible of the obligations they are under to these ladies, and for their truly valuable services they desire to tender their grateful acknowledgments. Their thanks are also due to the congregation at large for having so liberally responded to the call, and who have thus proved by their generous donations that they are fully alive to the great importance of securing for their poorer brethren the inestimable advantages of a religious and scriptural education.

The Sunday Schools continue to be well attended, and the classes efficiently taught by the praiseworthy exertions of the voluntary teachers. The girls' School takes the lead in numbers, as it has always done, under the direction of its indefatigable superintendent Mrs. S. Ridout. Contributions are weekly offered by the teachers and pupils, towards the library attached to the School, which continues to be an object of great interest with the children; and a Missionary box has recently been placed on the table, from the proceeds of which the sum of £1 16s. has this year been remitted to aid the funds of the Church Missionary Society.

The Parochial Library has been enriched by the addition of a few valuable works purchased by the grant made last year from your funds, aided by a donation of books from Mrs. S. Ridout and Mrs. John Ridout. It is hoped that as the congregation becomes better acquainted with the advantages this Library affords, its importance as an auxiliary for diffusing scriptural and useful information will be more generally acknowledged and appreciated.

Some delay has unavoidably occurred in collecting the subscriptions for the present year. The Collector's return exhibits a total of £124 17s. 6d., (see appendix A.), but his work is not yet completed, and when the whole is gathered in, it is believed that the amount will compare favourably with former years. Your committee recommend that after the payment of the usual proportion to the Parent Society, the balance applicable under the constitution of the Church Society to Parochial purposes may be distributed in the same manner as before, to aid the Parochial and Sunday Schools, and the Parish Library.

In conclusion, your committee desire to ex-

press the fervent hope and prayer that the Lord of all power and mercy may abundantly bless this and every undertaking for the enlargement of His Kingdom and the promotion of His glory, and that he will be pleased to impart to His people here and everywhere an increase of faith and fear, and love, that they "plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of him be plenteously rewarded, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Toronto, June, 1856.

RESOLUTIONS.

It was then Resolved, That the Report be adopted and published, together with the proceedings of the meeting, and that 350 copies of the Report be printed for circulation.

That the sum of £10 be appropriated towards the Parochial Library.

That the sum of £5 be appropriated towards the Sunday School fund.

That the balance in the Treasurer's hands be appropriated towards the salaries of the Master and Mistress of the Parochial School, attached to the Parish Church.

And that the Committee for the ensuing year do consist of, Messrs T. W. Birchall, P. Paterson, E. H. Rutherford, W. L. Perrin, H. Mortimer, E. Goldsmith, J. H. Richey, A. K. Boomer, G. B. Wythe, H. Thompson, F. W. Jarvis and H. E. Bennett.

And that Charles Magrath, Esq., be Secretary, and Thomas S. Shortt, Esq., Treasurer.

(For the Church.)

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, BELLEVILLE.

It affords us much pleasure to insert the following interesting account of the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of this church; and we congratulate our brethren in that prosperous neighbourhood on the auspicious commencement of a much needed, and too long deferred undertaking. The site of the new church is one of the most commanding in the diocese, and as its supporters are numerous, wealthy and zealous, we shall anticipate a structure every way worthy of the sacred uses for which it is designed, and that it will prove an ornament to that incipient city. We trust it will be on a scale sufficiently ample to afford accommodation to the large numbers of our communion, who, in towns similarly situated require *free seats*.

We commend to the special notice of our readers, the impressive address of the "beloved Physician," upon whom devolved the interesting duty of laying the corner stone.

A more appropriate selection could not have been made. His address was but an epitome of the principles that have guided his long, consistent and useful life; nearly forty years of which have been spent in the Bay of Quinte to the lasting benefit of that community, and particularly to the advantage of the church which owes so deep a debt of gratitude to the name of "*Ridley*." Sincerely do we unite in the fervent prayer, that the day may be distant when he shall be removed from a sphere in which he has long been so bright an ornament and so great a blessing:—

Amidst many discouragements and drawbacks, which the cause of religion has experienced, and does still experience, there is one cheering sign, that cannot but encourage the world to persevere, and this is the evident and increasing appreciation of reality and earnestness of purpose. A real work will be recognized and appreciated even by those of a different school. So at all events think we. Perhaps we are too much inclined in general to exaggerate our differences; we start with minds warped to one particular idea or shade of color, and seek to force all other ideas or view into accordance with our own. Hence we are too often led to judge the good works of different bodies, by our own imperfect "line and plummet." It can then be nothing but the truth, which can permit men to break through this jealous barrier. It is a great blessing whenever and whenever we witness this. Split up, as religion and the state are into parties, each revolving on its own axis, we cannot look for any remedy for our wounds, except by doing away with all obstinate prejudices, by seeking for what is good and what is true even amongst those who differ from us, instead of always picking out the solitary point which divides us. We are sure that these few wholesome thoughts and considerations, or thoughts and considerations to the same effect, forced themselves on all who were present at the laying of the corner stone of St. Thomas' Church, on Wednesday last. And it was a fitting and a most suitable occasion for gathering together the Episcopalian clergy of the county and neighbourhood. It was an event! The need of such an undertaking must have suggested itself long since to the members of the congregation, and we were more than delighted with the whole ceremony. We feel that we have no apology to offer, for occupying the space we do with recording this event, but we should deem ourselves culpable indeed, were we merely to take a passing notice of the event.

Service commenced in the old church, at the usual hour; the clergy present were:—

Rev. W. Macaulay, of Picton; Rev. James Padfield, of Murray; Rev. R. G. Cox, of Millier; Rev. W. Bleasdel, A.M., of Trenton; Rev. W. B. Lauder, A.M., of Napanee; Rev. G. A. Anderson, of Tyendinaga; Rev. T. S. J. Groves, of Stirling; Rev. T. Bousfield, of Northport, and the Rev. J. Grier, A.M., Rector of the parish of Belleville.

The morning prayer was read by the Rev. J. Grier, and the lessons and the litany, by the Rev. J. Padfield. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Macaulay, from the text, 11 verse, 6 chap. Ezra, "And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and built the house that was builded there many years, which a great king of Israel builded and set up." And a most solemn, impressive and appropriate discourse it was. It was listened to with the greatest delight and attention. While the offertory service was being read by the Rector of the parish, a collection amounting to about £14, in aid of the funds, was taken up.

The congregation then proceeded to the spot where the corner stone was suspended, and gathered round the same, leaving room for the clergy and building committee to gather immediately around the spot, with Dr. Ridley, upon whom the choice had fallen to lay the corner stone. The service was read by the Rev. Mr. Lauder of Napanee, and a beautiful prayer for union and concord, peace, faith and charity, was read by the Rev. Mr. Cox. After which the ceremony of laying the stone commenced, during which, portions of the 87th and 127th Psalms and of the 4th chap. of Zech. were read. Dr. Ridley placed in a cavity for the purpose, a box six

inches square and five deep, in which were deposited, according to the memorial therein laid, and read to the congregation, a copy of "The Intelligencer," a copy of the "Hastings Chronicle," and a copy of "The Church," newspapers, together with various coins of the realm, and such other tokens of the times as will show our position, and state of forwardness and prosperity as a Colony of Great Britain, in 1855, if future events should lead to the discovery of memorial and tokens. The stone having been lowered, and declared duly laid by Dr. Ridley, he read the following, in which he was joined by the whole assembly:—

"This corner stone of the foundation, we lay in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: and may God Almighty grant that the building thus begun in His 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 Him and His service, to the honor of his name and the salvation of the souls of men, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

After which the choir sung that beautiful Hymn "Christ is our Corner Stone."

Dr. Ridley then addressed the audience, and although his voice was feeble, so intense was the interest in what he said, that every word was distinctly heard and listened to with the greatest pleasure, by all on the spot. He explained to them of what a Churchman's love and admiration for his church consisted; he pointed out the many advantages which its lessons and teachings bestowed on those who were dutiful to the vows and promises of baptism and confirmation. He declared that he, in common with all the churchmen, believed that in their baptism, they were made members of Christ and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven. That the water of their baptism, was not only a sign, but also the means of confirming the inward and spiritual grace it signified, that is to say a death unto life, and a new birth unto righteousness, and they felt, that after this baptism, their Church afforded them the new, heavenly and supernatural food for the support of the new and spiritual life. Under these impressions, it must necessarily be, as in fact it was a matter of great regret to him and all Churchmen, that a want of Church accommodation should have existed in Belleville. They desired that all who wished should benefit and profit by their teachings, and they knew that many were obliged to go elsewhere to worship, who from preference and education would worship in the Church of their fathers. It was the desire to afford this additional accommodation, more than anything else, which induced them to undertake the erection of the edifice, the Corner Stone of which had that day been laid, and when completed he hoped they would all be there at its dedication and consecration; and those who were of the Church, would then find abundance of accommodation, and return to the Church of their love and of their fathers. The Congregation felt the duty to be imperative, and were determined by the help of God to afford every one an opportunity of worshipping in the Church, who desires to do so. He then instanced his own case, and the inducements held out to him to settle in the town many years ago from the fact of a Church having then been founded. He spoke of the many comforts he had enjoyed from the spiritual instruction of the late Rev. Mr. Campbell, and of the present incumbent, his friend the Rev. Mr. Grier. He spoke of his baptism in the Church—of his marriage vow plighted on her altars—of the birth and baptism of his children in the

Church, and when it should please God to call him hence, he hoped his friend and Pastor the Rev. Mr. Grier, would read the Church's beautiful Burial Service over his body. He had often experienced the advantages of consolation from a duly appointed Minister, who never failed to impress upon his mind that the Church taught and inculcated the doctrine of regeneration and justification by faith, and that they must place their sole reliance for salvation upon Jesus Christ, and next to the Bible they were taught to love the Prayer-Book. They venerated their apostolic Ministers, because they were the servants of the Church, for Jesus' sake; not indeed that they had any dominion over the faith, but that they were helpers in the people's joy, and never failed to teach charity towards all men. He thanked them for the patient hearing they had given him, and prayed sincerely that the work they had commenced might prosper, and the building be completed and finished without any accident to the workmen.

The mild and evidently feeling manner, in which the whole discourse was delivered by one, known to every man, woman and child on the spot, had its peculiar effect; and when he spoke of his prospects of early death, many were the eyes that became moistened with tears, and we are sure many were the fervent and silent prayers at that instant offered up to the throne of grace, asking that lay to be long deferred.

The benediction was then pronounced, and the ceremonies of the day closed. —*Com.*

Miscellaneous.

TESTIMONIALS.—Testimonials of affection and esteem have been presented to the Rev. T. Coney, jun., by the Churchwardens and parishioners of Wick and Abson, on his appointment as Assistant-Chaplain to Her Majesty's forces in the East; to the Rev. W. H. Lewis, by the inhabitants of Bala, on his appointment to the Curacy of Denbigh; to the Rev. H. M. Mosse, by the inhabitants of Brailsford, on his retirement; to the Rev. T. Wolstencroft, by the teachers and congregation of St. Paul's Sunday Schools and Church, Bury, on his leaving; to the Rev. E. Brownrigg, by the parishioners of Ellingham, on his leaving.

PUBLIC BAPTISMS OF INFANTS.—**ST. CLEMENT DANES.**—On Whit Sunday, during evening service, the Rev. J. C. Mason, the newly inducted Rector of Saint Clement Danes, in the Strand, administered public baptism to ninety-three children of different ages without the fee usually paid for the performance of that essential and solemn rite. It is much to be lamented that many poor parents are from want of means to pay the fee of 1s 6d., hindered from having their children baptised in many of the metropolitan parishes where this fee is demanded, and the Rev. Mr. Mason having, during his visit amongst the poor of Saint Clement Danes, ascertained that so many children of its poor were unbaptised, determined that the non-payment of such fee should form no impediment to their being received into the Church. On this occasion a most interesting scene took place by the ceremony being witnessed by large numbers of the children of the several Sunday and other schools of the parish, two of which Sunday schools have been formed within the last few years since the present Rector has been appointed.

ST. PAUL'S, KNIGHTSBRIDGE.—On Thursday week the Bishop of London met the Hon. and Rev. R. Liddell and Mr. Westerton, at St. Paul's Knightsbridge, for the purpose of inspecting the floral decorations objected to by the latter. After a careful examination his Lordship expressed his approval of them.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.—At the second meeting for conversation of the members and friends of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel on Tuesday week, about 100 Clergymen and laymen were present, among them the Bishops of London, Lichfield, and Glasgow. The last meeting of the season will take place on Tuesday, June 19.

CONSECRATION.—By the Bishop of Winchester, the new Church at Ringwood, rebuilt on the site of the old one, at an expense of 6,659l., the channel being rebuilt by the Provost and Fellows of King's College, Cambridge, the patrons of the living, at a cost of about 850l.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID.—Of a new district Church in Prince's-street, to be dedicated to St. Andrew, providing accommodation for about 800 persons. The first Incumbent will be the Rev. A. S. Canney, late Curate of All Saints, Gordon-square.

SERVICE FOR WORKING MEN.—Notice of an early service, at half-past six, on Sunday, consisting of the litany, and a sermon, followed by the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, specially for those who "dislike coming to Church at a later hour of the day, in their working dress," has been given at St. Paul's, Brighton.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—(From a Correspondent.)—Adelaide, March 23rd, 1855.—As I believe a mail is leaving to day for England, it may interest your readers to know that yesterday (March 22nd) a Synod, convened by the Bishop of Adelaide, passed provisionally seven clauses contained in certain canons and constitutions presented for their consideration by his lordship, the effect of which is, that the Church of England in South Australia will be placed on a constitutional basis; and that Synod-men will be elected in Easter week in each year, by the different congregations, who will be summoned by the Bishop to assist him and his clergy in providing for the discipline of the Church, and temporal maintenance of the clergy.

The great want experienced by the Church here is a want of men. Young men proposing to take orders, and having good testimonials, would be able to complete their education as theological students in South Australia, at a comparatively small expense; and clergymen of real piety and energetic character would find ample employment. The income of our clergy is generally £300 per annum. In some instances it considerably exceeds this—in no instance, I believe, does a priest in charge of a parish receive less. Two clergymen are now especially wanted, who would receive that income, and be provided with a horse; and whose special business it would be to itinerate as missionaries in the unsettled and thinly-peopled parts of the colony. The Rev. W. Short, of Great Ormond-street, would, I am sure, give any information relative to the diocese to those who wished for it.

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