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## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Annual Meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto will be held (D.V.) on Wednesday, the 9th of June, for despatch of business, at 11 A.M., and a public meeting will be held in the evening.

### SYNOD.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto has been convened for Thursday, the 10th of June, to commence with Divine Service, at the Cathedral Church of St. James, at 10 A.M.

### SYNOD EXPENSES.

Many of the parishes have not paid their assessments in accordance with the 13th Canon of the Constitution of Synod. The Treasurer has therefore been unable to liquidate the debts incurred for the past four Synods. Whether the assessment would yield a much larger sum than what was required, was not a question to be decided by any parish after the Synod had regulated the amount, and we hope that the Treasurer will not have to report many defaulters in June.

The Treasurer will then be prepared with a statement of the expenses of each of the four past Synods, and thus an estimate can easily be formed to guide the Synod in proportioning the assessment in future. If it be found that there is a sufficient surplus, there may be no assessment required for the next year, and with regard to the Diocese of Huron, the proportion of the surplus received from the parishes within that Diocese may be returned to the Treasurer of their Synod.

### DELEGATES TO THE SYNOD.

The Secretary is unable to send out the notice of business proposed to be brought forward at the next Synod, because the names of several of the representatives of parishes have not been sent to him.

### CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 12th, at the Society's Rooms.

Present:—The Lord Bishop in the chair; the Revs. Dr. Beaven, D. E. Blake, S. Givins, Dr. Lett, E. Baldwin, A. Sanson, J. H. McCollum, H. J. Grasset, and A. Dixon; Messrs. S. B. Harman, R. B. Denison, J. G. Gamble, C. Gamble, W. M. Westmacott and the Secretary.

The prayers were read by the Bishop.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A statement was read of the various accounts and balances.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. O'Meara, in which he informed the Society that the New England Society had consented to pay the salary of the Rev. Mr. Chanco, at Garden river; at his suggestion, therefore it was resolved to pay to the Rev. Peter Jacobs so much of the sum formerly paid by the Society to Mr. Chanco, as may be necessary to make his salary £150 sterling per annum, and the balance to be given towards raising a salary for a schoolmaster at the Little Current.

Resolved,—That the Secretary be authorised to ascertain what is the value of the timber taken off lot 16, 3rd con. of Georgina, and also as to the value of that which remains, and report to the Society.

Resolved,—That a grant of £12 10s. be made to the Rev. G. Viner, for St. George's Church, Duffins' Creek, so soon as the Society has the funds to meet it.

Resolved,—That books be granted to the Rev. T. W. Allen, for his Sunday school at Millbrook.

The Secretary read a letter from Robert Armour, Esq., which accompanied a deed of 2 acres of land at Port Breton, in the township of Hope, given by Mr. Timothy Soper, to the Society in Toronto. Mr. Armour had the deed duly executed and registered. The Secretary was directed to communicate the thanks of the Society to Mr. Armour.

Resolved,—That authority be given to the churchwardens of Christ Church, Emily, Messrs. Turner and Curry, in conjunction with C. Knowlson, Esq., to dispose of the north-west quarter of lot 10, in the 4th con. of Emily, for not less than £8 per acre, they undertaking to apply the proceeds, first to the payment of the balance of the purchase money due on the other 50 acres, and the remainder to finishing the parsonage house.

The Secretary gave notice that, at the meeting in June, the Hon. J. H. Cameron would be prepared to offer some amendments to the by-law for the management of the Clergy Commutation Fund, which would provide that a certain number of members of the committee of management should go out in succession annually, and also for the equitable representation of any new Dioceses at the board.

Resolved,—That Clarke Gamble, Esq., Hon. H. J. Boulton, and Messrs. Cameron and S. B. Harman be a committee to commune with the Bishops of Toronto and Huron, as to the advisability of proceeding with the bill now before the

Legislature, for the incorporation of the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron, and to recommend such steps as they may deem necessary in order to protect the charter of the Society of the Diocese of Toronto from being interfered with by the Legislature.

Rev. D. E. Blake gave notice that, at the June meeting, he would propose the following:

That all after the word "shall," in the latter part of the last clause but one of the 18th Rule, be expunged, and the following be substituted instead thereof: "be expended, with the sanction of the Lord Bishop, for the maintenance and support of missionaries within the district in which they have been made, the allotment to be made at the Quarterly meetings of the District Branch Association; all moneys remaining unexpended at the General Annual Meeting of the District Association shall be forthwith transmitted to the Treasurer of the Society at Toronto."

Rev. Dr. Beaven gave notice that he would propose to omit in the Annual Report the names of individual contributors to parochial branches, excepting clergymen and incorporated members.

The following gentlemen were nominated as candidates for election at the next meeting:—S. L. Shotton, Esq., of Erin, by the Secretary, at the request of Rev. J. A. Preston; George Durand, Esq., of Toronto, by Rev. S. Givins; Thos. Fuller, Esq., of Toronto, by Rev. Dr. Lett.

The following gentlemen were duly elected:—Rev. H. W. Davies, of Cobourg; Rev. A. Stewart, of Kingston; F. Cumberland, Esq., of Toronto; Messrs. J. S. Crookshank, J. A. Henderson, W. F. Grasset, and W. Rudston, Esqrs., of Kingston.

The usual prayers were read, and the meeting adjourned.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,  
Secretary.

### SYNOD.

#### MOTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED.

1. HON. JAMES PATTON, on limitation of Lay Delegates to one, see page 18, proceedings of Synod 1857.

2. REV. DR. LETT, on defining boundaries of Parishes, see page 19 of the proceedings of Synod of 1857:

That whereas it is expedient that defined local bounds be assigned to each settled cure, duly organized within this Diocese, and also that provision be made for the division and sub-division of existing parishes.

Be it therefore enacted by the authority, of the Lord Bishop, the Clergy and the Lay Delegates in this Synod assembled.

1. That the clergymen and the churchwardens of each settled cure, now established, do, within —months after the adjournment of this synod hold a conference with the clergymen and churchwardens of the adjacent parishes, and by mutual agreement arrange and define the boundaries of their adjacent several parishes and report the

same to the Lord Bishop for his consideration, and should his Lordship approve of the same, that the boundaries so arranged and approved be the boundaries of the parishes aforesaid.

2. That in cases where the boundaries cannot be arranged by such mutual agreement, then that the Bishop be requested to issue a commission to the Archdeacon and the Rural Dean in whose jurisdiction said parishes are situated, and to one lay representative not locally connected with said parishes, directing and authorising them to investigate the merits of the case and to decide thereon and report their decision to the Lord Bishop for his consideration, and should his Lordship approve of the same, that then the boundaries so arranged and approved be the boundaries of the parishes aforesaid.

3. That should any of the parties interested still suppose themselves aggrieved, that then an appeal may lie to the synod, his Lordship the Bishop's consent, in writing, being first obtained for said appeal.

4. That the boundaries of a parish being once defined and approved, may not be disturbed within a space of five years, except in the case of the erection of new parishes.

5. When the parishioners residing in a part of any existing parish, shall desire to have said part erected into a new and distinct parish, that then said parishioners do present a memorial to the Lord Bishop, stating fully the reasons moving them thereto, also the proposed boundaries of the contemplated new parish, and whether the rector of the existing parish aforesaid be a consenting party, and also that they do present to his Lordship a subscription list representing half the sum necessary for building a church for said new parish, that then his Lordship, should it seem advisable to him, may issue his permit for the building of a church within the proposed limits, and when said church is built and its finances are placed on a satisfactory basis, that then his Lordship do declare said portion of the parish to be a new parish. In cases where the rector of the existing parish withholds his consent from the preliminary memorial, that he be required to state his reasons, in writing, to the Lord Bishop, who is to decide on their validity; but should said rector suppose himself aggrieved by said decision, that then an appeal may lie to the Synod, his Lordship the Bishop's consent, in writing, being first obtained for said appeal.

That the term rector, where it occurs in this canon, means the duly licensed minister of a parish duly organized under the authority of this canon, and that all such ministers be and are entitled to said designation,

Dr. LERT will move for a committee to draft a canon on parts 3 and 4 of his notice of motion No. 16.

3. MR. FARREL, on alterations in the Constitutions, page 25.

4. COL. O'BRIEN, on Vestries &c., page 21:

Whereas there are many Churches in the country, in which, by reason of there being no pews or sittings held by the members of the congregation thereof, no vestry can be legally formed for the direction of said churches, the management of their property, or other necessary matters: and whereas by the act Victoria, c. entitled "an act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada to meet in synod," authority is given to the Bishops, Clergy and Laity, members of the said United Church of England and Ireland, meeting in Synod, to "frame constitutions and make regulations," "for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs and interests of the Church."—Be it enacted that in all such Churches in this Diocese where by reason of the seats being free, no vestry can be formed,

the members of the congregation of each said Church, shall have power and authority to constitute and form a vestry. And such vestry shall consist of such members being of the full age of 21 years as shall declare themselves in writing in a book to be procured for that purpose by the congregation, to be members of the United Church of England and Ireland and habitually attending worship in such Church. And being so formed and constituted, such vestry shall have the same power and authority, and do and perform such matters and things as are possessed and done by vestries formed of holders of pews or sittings in other churches.

Provided always that such vestry shall have no power or authority to interfere with, alter or change any right, rule or custom existing in such Church by virtue of any gift, endowment or regulation of the Bishop of the Diocese, or right or interest unreserved by him. Such right, rule, custom, or reserved right or interest being set forth and recorded either in a deed of gift or endowment, or by order of the Bishop in the book hereinbefore directed to be provided for the enrolment of the members of the vestry. And which record shall be duly authenticated by the then incumbent of such Church, and by the first (not less than three) members of the congregation then enrolling their names.

5. REV. DR. SHORR, on lessening amount of drunkenness, page 28.

6. REV. E. DENROCHE, on Archdeacons and Rural Deaneries, page 28.

7. REV. W. S. DARLING, on the Diaconate, page 22, (to be moved by Rev. S. D. Ardagh.)

8. REV. DR. BEAVEN, on assessment for expenses of Synod:

To amend the order of proceedings by adding the following words to c. 3, the assessment shall then be received from the representatives of parishes; after the rate fixed by the committee appointed for that purpose, and no representative shall be permitted to act as such, until the assessment is paid.

9. REV. DR. FULLER, on uniformity in the celebration of Divine Service.

10. COL. O'BRIEN, on Provincial Synods: That as it is most desirable for the well being of the Church in this Province, and essential to the harmonious and consistent working of synodical action through its various dioceses, that there should be a general controlling power, aided by the advice and assistance of the Bishops acting as a united body. His Lordship the Bishop of this Diocese be respectfully solicited to communicate to the Bishops of the several Canadian dioceses in order that steps be taken as immediately as possible for the formation of a Provincial Synod under the provisions of the act authorising the same in Canada.

E. G. O'BRIEN.

Toronto, March 19th 1858.

COLLECTIONS UP TO 14TH MAY.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels and missionary stations, in the diocese of Toronto in the month of April, in behalf of the Students' Fund of this Society.

Previously announced .....	\$ 2 00
Elizabethtown, per Rev. W. C. Clark ..	1 72
St. George's, Clarke, per Churchwardens	3 61
Tyrconnel, per Rev. H. Holland .....	8 67
St. Paul's, Yorkville, per Churchwardens	44 02
Brampton, per Rev. J. Leach .....	2 00
St. John's, Oakridges .....	\$ 2 60
All Saints, King Station .....	1 60

Per Rev. Dr. Beaven .....

St. Peter's, Credit .....	11 82
Sydenham .....	7 07
Per J. Magrath, Esq. ....	18 80
St. John's, Thorold .....	2 03
St. Paul's, Port Robinson .....	2 03
Per Rev. T. Fuller .....	4 05
St. George's Georgina .....	8 40
Sutton .....	1 65
Park's School-house .....	0 90
Per Rev. W. Ritchie .....	5 95
Williamsburg .....	3 70
Matilda .....	2 20
Per Rev. J. Boswell .....	5 90
Christ Church, West Gwillimbury ..	1 56
Trinity .....	3 92
St. Paul's .....	0 52
Per Rev. J. Ritchie .....	6 00
St. Paul's, Newmarket .....	4 00
Christ Church, Holland Landing ..	2 78
Trinity Church, Aurora .....	1 61
Per Rev. S. F. Ramsay .....	8 39
St. George's, St. Catharines .....	32 35
St. Andrew's, Grimsby, per Dr. Lundy	5 39
Trinity Church, Chippewa, per Rev. W. Leeming .....	13 00
St. Peter's, Barton .....	4 50
St. Paul's, Glanford .....	3 60
Per Rev. G. A. Ball .....	3 00
St. Paul's Church, Cavan .....	4 27
St. John's .....	2 78
Per T. W. Allen .....	7 00
Woodbridge .....	7 50
Tullamore .....	3 72
St. John's, Gore .....	2 75
Grahamville, Gore .....	2 70
Additional .....	0 32
Per Rev. J. Carry .....	16 99
St. John's Church, Elora, per Rev. C. E. Thompson .....	6 25
Georgetown .....	2 50
Norval .....	2 00
Per Rev. F. G. D. McKenzie .....	4 50
Christ's Church, Amersburg .....	4 00
Paris, per Thos. Ryall, Esq. ....	8 20
Trinity College, per Rev. J. Ambery ..	11 64
St. George's, Grafton .....	10 00
Trinity, Colborne .....	6 00
Per Rev. J. Wilson .....	16 00
St. Mary Magdalen, Picton, per Churchwardens .....	9 00
Grace Church, Arthur .....	1 00
Oakville .....	4 28
Palermo .....	1 72
Per J. Williams, Esq. ....	6 00
St. James', Kingston .....	4 00
St. Paul's, Fort Erie .....	4 00
St. John's, L. R. ....	0 60
St. James' Church, Orillia .....	3 07
St. George's, Medonto .....	1 50
St. Luke's, C. W. R. ....	1 10
St. Mark's, Oro .....	1 83
Per Rev. J. B. Read .....	7 00
Perrytown .....	2 73
Elizabethville .....	1 27
Per Rev. F. Tremayne .....	4 00
Christ's Church, Mimico .....	2 00

St. Paul's, Columbus	1 36
" " Manchester	1 65
Per Rev. T. Taylor	3 00
Milton	5 83
Hornby	4 20
Lowville	3 50
Per Rev. F. Tremayne	13 53
Puslinch	2 37
Rockwook	1 62
Per Rev. A. M. Stewart	3 90
Trinity Church, Thornhill	4 28
Vaughan	4 00
Per Rev. D. E. Blake	8 28
Niagara, per J. Baxter	10 00
Christ's Church, Ottawa	26 00
Caledonia	6 00
Cayuga	1 50
York	1 50
Per Rev. B. C. Hill	9 00
70 Collections, amounting to	\$359 13
(Collections up to 14th May).	
MISSION FUND.	
Previously announced	\$1273 79
St. John's, Smith's Falls, per Rev. J. B. Worrell	10 25
St. George's, Georgina	\$ 2 00
Sutton	0 63
Park's School-house	0 60
Per Rev. W. Ritchie	3 23
Christ's Church, West Gwillimbury	1 96
Trinity	2 08
St. Paul's	1 04
Per Rev. T. Ritchie	5 08
St. Andrew's, Grimsby, per Rev. Dr. Lundy	3 20
Cobourg Parochial Branch, special	4 87
Lansdown rear	2 40
11 Con. Elizabethville	2 60
Per Rev. F. Tremayne	5 00
168 Collections, amounting to	\$1305 42
(Collections up to 14th May).	
GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.	
Previously announced	\$838 95
St. James', Wilmot	2 50
New Hamburg	1 06
Emanuel Petersburg	2 00
Per Rev. W. R. Ralley	5 50
Cartwright, per Churchwardens	2 00
St. George's, Clark, per Churchwardens	7 10
St. John's, Tecumseth	1 70
Trinity	3 50
Per Rev. Dr. Strong	5 20
St. John's, Thorald, per Rev. T. Fuller	4 25
St. George's, Georgina	1 60
Sutton	2 15
Park's School-house	0 50
Per Rev. W. Ritchie	4 25
Christ's Church, West Gwillimbury	1 89
Trinity	3 31
St. Paul's	0 55
Per Rev. J. Ritchie	5 75
St. Andrew's, Grimsby, per Rev. Dr. Lundy	4 25

Christ's Church, Scarboro'	6 00
St. Paul's	3 50
St. Jude's	2 25
Per Rev. W. Belt	11 75
Cobourg Parochial Branch special	2 00
145 Collections, amounting to	\$391 00
(Collections up to 14th May).	
WIDOWS & ORPHANS' FUND.	
Previously announced	\$1501 31
St. John's Church, Smith's Falls	3 25
St. James', Port Elmsley	1 40
Per Rev. J. B. Worrell	4 65
St. Georges' Georgina	4 82
Sutton	0 87
Park's School-house	1 80
Per Rev. W. Ritchie	6 99
Christ's Ch. West Gwillimbury	2 50
Trinity	5 40
St. Paul's	1 27
Per Rev. T. Ritchie	9 17
St. Andrew's, Grimsby, per Rev. Dr. Lundy	7 47
Grimsby Parochial Branch, special	1 50
190 Collections, amounting to	\$1531 09
PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.	
Cornwall	33 42
Hillier and Wellington, per treasurer	10 87
Georgetown, †	8 00
Smith's Falls, per Rev. J. B. Worrell †	7 10
City of Ottawa, †	58 75
Trinity Ch. West Hawksbury, †	10 78
Vanlecks Hill, †	6 83
Per Rev. J. G. Armstrong	17 61
Niagara District Branch	321 37
Perth	18 00
Georgina, † per Rev. W. Ritchie	11 00
Huntly	21 00
Goulborne	15 75
Per Rev. James Godfrey	38 57
Cartwright	40 00
Grimsby, per J. H. Pettit Esq., the whole	15 50
St. Paul's, Cavan	43 40
St. John's	45 05
Per Rev. J. W. Allen	88 45
Christ's Church, Scarboro'	14 76
St. Paul's	9 20
St. Jude's	3 56
Per Rev. W. Belt	27 52
Oakville, † additional Collection	0 75
Hamilton, † per H. C. Baker, Esq.	491 42
Amherstburg, per Rev. S. Mack	26 00
Home District Branch, per Treasurer	229 61
Woodstock	63 50
Cobourg, †	80 00
Darlington, †	20 00
Tyendinaga	20 00
Colborne	20 00
Per Rev. J. Wilson	40 00
Holy Trinity Toronto, per H. W. Westmacott, Esq.	34 00
St. James'	56 00
St. Paul's, Yorkville, per Rev. S. Givens	45 00
Perrytown, per Rev. J. Hilton	33 00
Elizabethville, per	31 00
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Samuel Ross .....	25 0	Note 3 y'rs.	
W. B. Simpson.....	25 0	"	"
Annastasin Bogert .....	25 0	"	"
R. F. Steele .....	25 0	"	"
Ch. E. Jones .....	25 0	"	"
J. L. Schofield .....	25 0	"	"
Geo. Sherwood .....	25 0	"	"
Jas. Crawford .....	25 0	"	"
C. P. Campbell.....	25 0	"	"
W. Fitzimons .....	12 10	"	"
John Weatherhead .....	12 10	"	"
J. Bancroft .....	12 10	"	"
T. Webster .....	12 10	"	"
Wm. L. Morris .....	12 10	"	"
George Easton .....	12 10	"	"
Thos. Reynolds, M.D.....	12 10	"	"
John Reynolds.....	10 0	"	"
Ed. Lawless.....	10 0	"	"
Eric B. Sparham.....	7 10	"	"
John McMullen .....	5 0	"	"
Thos. Cann .....	5 0	"	"
J. D. Buell .....	5 0	"	"
G. W. Arnold .....	5 0	"	"
John Steacy .....	5 0	"	"
W. H. Ellerbeck .....	5 0	"	"
Edward Jobling .....	2 10	Cash.	

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Rev. Dr. Lauder .....	25 0	Note 3 y'rs.	
As. Bristol, M.D. ....	10 0	"	"
T. H. Taylor .....	10 0	"	"
Alexr. Campbell .....	5 0	"	"
Robert Esson .....	5 0	"	"
G. H. Davy .....	5 0	"	"
H. T. Forward .....	5 0	"	"
Thos. Chamberlain, M.D.	5 0	"	"
Thos. Shiley, M.D .....	5 0	"	"
F. V. Cary, M.D.....	5 0	"	"
J. F. Bartles.....	5 0	"	"
C. & T. McGreer.....	5 0	"	"
Geo. Portt.....	3 15	Cash.	

Geo. Willson.....	2 10	Note 8 y'rs.	
John Blewitt.....	2 10	Note 1 yr.	
J. Benson.....	2 10	Note 3 y'rs.	
S. R. Shaw .....	2 10	"	"
Wm. Watts .....	2 10	"	"
Edwin Searls .....	2 10	"	"
Edwin Dickins.....	2 10	"	"
Henry Douglas.....	2 10	"	"
Jas. McBride .....	2 10	"	"
Avery Brown .....	2 10	"	"
Archibald Boyd .....	2 10	"	"
John Chamberlain .....	2 10	"	"
A. McGreer .....	1 5	Cash.	
Thos. Bowen.....	0 10	Cash.	
Andrew Wilde .....	1 5	Cash.	
Luke Carskalon .....	3 0	"	"
Archib'd McKay .....	3 0	Note 8 y'rs.	

The amount now subscribed, exceeds £0,000.

REPORT OF THE NIAGARA DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

In presenting this their sixteenth annual report your committee would express their humble and hearty thanks to the giver of all good for again permitting them to render an account of their stewardship.

The past year has been one of a very trying kind, not only has the commercial world been much convulsed, but also the British Empire, of which we happily form a part, has been visited with a calamity threatening even the existence of a most important portion of her Majesty's dominions. We have, however, cause now to thank God that He has been pleased to grant success to our arms, and has in a great measure allayed the fears which naturally filled every heart, and has restored comparative confidence among those, who until very recently were for some months exposed to the most unheard of and untold cruelties in India. We cannot overlook the fact that the cause of this frightful rebellion is in an alarming extent attributable to ourselves as a nation inasmuch as we have so shamefully truckled to the idolatrous practices of the natives, and studiously withheld the light of the ever blessed Gospel from those whom providence had doubtless put under our rule in order to their evangelization. With this awful struggle before us, let us beware lest we in this more favoured country be found withholding "more than is meet" of our worldly means, whilst many a spiritually destitute place is yet in our midst, let us beware lest we be found negligent in endeavouring to rear the standard of the cross in every nook and corner of our land, and when our time of reckoning shall come, we be found wanting in that most essential act of christian duty, the feeding the hungry, the giving drink to the thirsty, the clothing the naked, and the visiting the sick and afflicted.

Your committee would in passing thankfully notice the division of this immense Diocese, and the formation of the Western or Diocese of Huron, and the election and consecration of its first Bishop, and they would earnestly pray that the diocese still too extensive may yet be blessed by the formation of another see in the eastern extremity, being persuaded that upon the increase of the Episcopate and Episcopal supervision depends in a vast degree the growth of the Church and the spread of gospel privileges.

Your committee desire now to perform the grateful task of congratulating this branch association on the fact that an active and zealous missionary has by God's blessing at length been obtained for the principle portions of our too long destitute travelling missions. Although his field of labour is not so extended as that of your former missionaries, yet they have reason to believe more permanent good will be effected, and

the church more firmly established in what always were the more flourishing stations, through the more frequent visits of the missionary acting more as a resident clergyman than as travelling missionary, though having a large district.

In the early part of last summer, a clergyman from Nova Scotia, the Rev. J. Stannage, visited our district, bringing with him most satisfactory assurances of his being a single hearted hard working missionary, and having been taken to Merrittsville the County Town of Welland (which place your committee desired to make the head quarters of your missionary) and the parts adjacent, by the Rev. the Rural Dean, he engaged to return in the autumn, bringing with him his wife and family. Accordingly on September 19th last, he entered on his duties, and since that time has been actively engaged proclaiming the welcome tidings of the gospel in and around Merrittsville, Port Colborne and Marshville. Your secretary is enabled from private sources to say that his services are well received and highly appreciated by those among whom he labours. He has given an account of his work for the short time that he been employed, which is highly satisfactory, and the more so when it is known that he has succeeded in establishing three branches of the Society, one at Merrittsville, the others at Marshville and Port Colborne, with fair prospects of success. This gives your committee much encouragement when it is remembered that these places are called upon to contribute an amount equalling at least \$400 towards the missionary's stipend. Your committee would now however refer to his report and allow the Society to judge for itself. "I have been here as missionary since September 19th, and have been permitted to keep all my appointments but two at Port Colborne, the weather and the state of the roads being the cause. My congregations in all the three stations are steadily increasing, and some of the buildings (school-houses) most inconveniently crowded. Twenty-six children have been baptized, and many are soon to be. We have hired the Baptist brick meeting-house in this Town until June next, hoping that as times improve, and the zeal of churchmen increases, means will be found to procure or to erect a house of worship of our own. We have also formed a Parochial Branch Association in connexion with the Church Society at each station. Considering our small numbers and the many local objects we have at this moment in view, much could not be expected, but \$23 was subscribed in Merrittsville, \$8 at Marshville, and about \$30 at Port Colborne, and we hope to have something to add to these sums." The missionary continues, "I should be very glad if I could place the real wants of this mission in such a manner before the Society, as to call forth all their sympathies in its behalf. There is no time to lose, and no means should be spared to hasten the erection of churches in each of the three stations. Here in Merrittsville, where the congregation is greatly increased, we want a church that will be in some degree on a par with the county buildings and county town; about \$800 has been promised towards it, but we want \$4000 at least, and we hope your society will come largely to our assistance. In Port Colborne, a strong desire exists for a Church of England. The school-houses are crowded and most inconvenient; one person has offered to raise \$1000, and another, the Hon. T. Park, has promised \$100 for himself, and thinks he can procure \$200 more from his family, but this is nearly all we can expect from the place. The people's means have been rather heavily taxed in the erection of a building for all denominations, under the idea that they would not have a Clergyman of the Church. They assure me that if I had been there this time last

year, they would not have built it. In Marshville the same urgent need of a church is felt. The wretched school-house is crowded to excess, and it is a great pity that we cannot immediately put up a suitable edifice. The people are poor and very scattered but very zealous, and I think would contribute according to their abilities. A grant to each place to be paid when the work is done or in progress would be a very great stimulant." Thus it is evident to your committee that much is already gained, and they pray God that still more fruit may result from their efforts to send the glad tidings of the gospel as proclaimed by our reformed church to those too long neglected lambs of the flock of Christ.

Your committee would here advert to the gratifying result of the necessarily infrequent visits of the Rev. the Rural Dean to Merrittville. By the good providence of God on Sunday evening the 19th August last after at least nineteen miles travelling and two full services with confirmation, our Venerable Bishop visited that town and held a confirmation in the court room, which was crowded to excess with a most attentive congregation and seven candidates were confirmed. The Bishop addressed the candidates and congregation in his accustomed happy manner, with perhaps more energy and force than usual, this being his Lordship's first visit, setting forth the institution of that holy and apostolic rite, and urging all to increased holiness in heart and life. On Monday his Lordship proceeded to Marshville, where however he only held an afternoon service and preached, the candidates here through some mistake as to the day appointed not being present.

Hence it is evident to your committee that the seed sown has, though perhaps at rare intervals, through Christ wonderfully brought forth fruit. May this fruit be lasting and ripen, and be the earnest of a still larger harvest in God's good time! In rendering their tribute of humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for this apparent fruit from the labours of the Society, your committee would suggest, that, as part of our travelling mission is now provided for, the attention of the Society be turned, as soon as practicable, to the yet destitute and remaining portion. And they trust that the time may soon arrive, when they may be enabled, through the liberality of the members of our Church in the more favoured parts of the Deanery, to employ another missionary, in order that many now destitute of the bread of life, may have it broken to them.

Your secretary preached sermons in behalf of the Society at Fort Erie, and the Ridge Bertie, also at Thorold. He also attended a meeting of the Parochial Association at Dunnville, where there appeared much interest in the workings of the Society. He also proceeded with the Incumbent to Port Maitland, but through some untoward circumstances there was no meeting. The Rev. the Rural Dean kindly preached on behalf of the Society at Stamford and Drummondville. Your secretary was to have been at Merrittville, Port Colborne and Marshville, but owing to the state of the roads at the time, and indisposition, he was, he grieves to say, prevented.

The committee would strongly recommend that the regulation of this District Branch Association be as far as practicable more generally carried out; and meetings be regularly held by the various Parochial Associations at such time and place as to them shall seem most convenient, though the attendance might unhappily be small. And the neighbouring clergy are respectfully requested to aid one another to the utmost of their ability in bringing the claims of the Society before the people.

From the reports received, your committee are rejoiced to say that there is not such a falling off as might have been anticipated from the unpar-

alled pressure of the times. The Parish of Niagara report as having received since the last annual meeting the sum of \$50, being the annual contribution of R. Hiscoitt Esq., together with \$4 50cts. collected by that individual in his own neighbourhood. Your committee have great pleasure in being able to report \$228 20cts. as the amount collected for 1858, being an increase over last year. This goes to prove that the churchmen of Niagara have not forgotten that beautiful injunction, "Be merciful after thy power, if thou hast much give plentifully, if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little; for so gatherest thou thyself a good reward in the day of necessity."

The Parish of St. Catharines reports with great satisfaction the amount of subscriptions for the current year to be £60 1s. or \$240 20cts. In consequence of the commercial depression under which the country is now suffering, and which has been severely felt in this Parish, the amount above reported is much beyond what the Parochial Committee at this particular time had reason to expect. And they feel, that next to the influence of God's grace, by which the heart is moved to give, they are bound to acknowledge that much of this success is owing to the laudable and zealous exertions of two young ladies who acted as collectors within the town.

The Parish of Louth, no report received.\*

The Parish of Thorold, the chairman of this parochial branch reports that as the time came round for making our annual collections for the Church Society I had my fears that in consequence of the universal complaint of scarcity of money our collections would be much less than usual this year. However, I am happy to say that in this respect I have been agreeably disappointed. The congregation at Port Robinson have considerably increased their contributions this year; for this we are indebted to the very active exertions of the young gentleman who has for the three last years made the collections, and to the increase of the congregation during the past year. The congregation of Thorold have not been as well canvassed. The consequence of which is, that the contributions of the whole parish amount this year to \$122 75cts. being \$10 25cts. more than last year. Your committee would respectfully suggest that the hint given in the close of this parochial report be taken by all the parishes in the Deanery, which is, I think that for all the parishes on the line of the canal the earlier after the close of navigation the collections are made the better will be the returns.

The Parish of Chippawa reports an increase over last year, the amount being £49 1s. 3d. or \$196 25cts.

The united associations of Drummondville and Stamford in the Parish of Chippawa report that owing to various causes, such as the removal of several of the large subscribers, and the increased demands upon the liberality of the members of the Church in this parish, coupled with the general cry of depression, the amount to be reported this year is not near so large as last. This is, however, no just cause for the withholding our usual quota at least from that handmaid of the Church in this Diocese, the Church Society. They would, however, trust that at another annual meeting they may be able more favourably to report and shew a steady increase in the Society's funds, given with a feeling of reverence and gratitude. Much however has been done, All Saints Church has been opened, and a very large proportion of the debt remaining on the building

\* The Parish of Louth has since reported to the Parent Society direct, that the sum of \$33 25cts. was collected, and remitted \$15 30cts.

The Parish of Grimsby has reported that £3 17s. 6d. was collected, and remitted the whole to the Parent Society. T. S. K.

liquidated; the congregations have also materially increased their contributions to the curate's stipend. The amount to be reported is £6 16s. 10½d. for general purpose, and £9 8s. 3d. for special objects, making in all £15 1½d. or \$60 03cts.

The whole amount raised for church purposes from all sources within the bounds of this united association for the year ending Easter, 1858, was £108 11s. 1d. or \$434 22cts.

The committee would therefore say that although there is a diminution in the Society's funds, yet they have reason to believe that there is a growing attachment to our Church pure and holy as she is, protesting alike against formalism and superstition on the one hand, and a rabid indifference on the other. The number confirmed last summer was nearly double that of any preceding year, being 23 for Drummondville and 11 for Stamford. The Parish of Fort Erie reports the sum of \$37 50cts.

The Parish of Dunnville and Port Maitland, report \$45 or £11 5s.

In conclusion, your committee yet feel bound to say that without doubt the smallness in the Society's income is in a great measure to be attributed to the general depression of the country, as they cannot suppose there is any diminution in the desire to do what in us lies for the spiritual advancement of our destitute brethren.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is a text as strongly applicable now as formerly. It recognises no depression, it is conscious of no inability; however poor we may be or think that we are, still the same proportion of our means is required of us by God for the cause of Christ and His Church, and whether we have little or much, the poor should gladly give of that little, and the more wealthy of their abundance even an increased proportion. The gospel must be preached, missionaries must be sent forth, they must be supported; if therefore any say we cannot this year do any thing, let such ask themselves whether they have denied themselves any one superfluity or gratification! Whether they have not sustained their previous manner of living, have not rather continued their round of gaieties and pleasures, when the money spent in such ways is in truth needed by God for the spread of the gospel, but is now actually thrown away. While your committee cannot but deplore that in many instances, appearances would lead them to believe that a decrease in the expenditure has been first made in that which has been contributed in the cause of the church rather than in our own pleasures and superfluities, yet they look forward in hope that ere another annual meeting is held a more healthy state of things may arise, and the members of the Church within the bounds of this district association be more alive to their responsibilities, and the greatness of the sin of beginning at the House of God, when we would curtail our expenses. Our contributions to the spread of the gospel should come from our first fruits, and until such is the case, we dare not affirm that we have a single eye in the cause of God. The calls for increased exertions in the missionary cause come year by year louder and more loudly, and we cannot at the peril of our immortal souls hold back when we know our assistance is needed. Then your committee would say, notwithstanding the depression, let the contributions of the members of the church be but in the same proportion to their incomes or wages now, that they were a few years ago, and we shall not again have to complain of a deficiency; otherwise it may be said as of old "will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me; but if ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. LYCSTER ISLES, Secretary.

1. Moved by T. C. SHERK, Esq., seconded by Rev. W. McMURRAY, D.D., and resolved, that the Report now read be adopted and printed in the Ecclesiastical Gazette, and that 200 copies be ordered for distribution among the Parochial Associations.

2. Moved by COL. KINGSMILL, seconded by Rev. E. DENROCHE, M. A., and resolved that while this meeting cannot omit to render their humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for any good this Society may have been made instrumental in effecting, it would deplore the lack of zeal displayed by the members of the Church generally in not contributing more largely to its funds, believing the Society to be deserving of our hearty support.

3. Moved by Rev. T. S. KENNEDY, Sec., seconded by Rev. J. FLOOD, and resolved that this meeting views with very great satisfaction the report rendered by the missionary, and pledges itself to do its utmost to further his views both by its countenance and support.

4. Moved by COL. KINGSMILL, and seconded by Rev. Dr. FULLER, and resolved that this meeting desires to express its sense of the loss the Society has sustained by the death of a very prominent member, G. Rykert, Esq., and to record its heartfelt sympathies with his family.

5. Moved by Rev. E. DENROCHE, M. A., seconded by Rev. T. B. FULLER, D. D., and resolved, that this Branch Association deeply sympathising with our Brethren in the East, and being desirous of presenting a tribute of respect and gratitude to S. P. G. F. P. for their long fostering care for our spiritual well-being, do adopt the following memorial to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, praying for an opportunity of aiding that Society in extending its Indian Missions.

P. S.—The memorial has already appeared in the columns of the Gazette.

6. Moved by Rev. J. STANNAGE, seconded by Rev. J. J. S. MOUNTAIN, and resolved, that the Rev. T. B. Fuller, D. D., D. C. L., be treasurer and the Rev. C. L. Ingles, B. A., be secretary for the ensuing year.

CHAS. LEVINGSTON INGLES, Secretary

NAME OF PARISH.	TOTAL RECEIVED	FOR PARENT SOCIETY	FOR TRAVELLING MISSION	RETURNS TO PARISHES
Niagara .....	\$ 276 49 1/2	\$ 75 87 1/2	\$ 61 37 1/2	\$162 75
St. Catherine .....	240 20	75 05	65 05	110 10
Chippawa .....	201 24	87 81	36 06	75 62
Drummondville and Stamford .....	88 43	45 83	14 20	28 40
Thorold .....	135 50	37 62 1/2	32 62 1/2	13 36
Louth .....	33 25	15 30	4 32 1/2	13 62 1/2
Fort Erie .....	37 60	9 37 1/2	9 37 1/2	18 75
Danville .....	46 00	16 00	10 00	20 00
Merrittville .....	5 00	5 00	10 00	20 00
	\$1001 01 1/2	\$366 30 1/2	\$215 98 1/2	\$484 69 1/2

The Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society in account with T. B. Fuller, Treasurer, for the year ending 27th January, 1868

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC.

On S. Matthew's day, falling at the Ember Season, the Bishop of Quebec admitted to Deacon's Orders, Mr. Charles Hamilton, B.A., of University College, Oxford. The solemnity took place in S. Matthew's chapel, situated in the suburbs St. John, the Cathedral being still under repair. The Sermon, which was extemporaneous, was preached by the Bishop, and founded upon the whole portion of Scripture appointed for the Epistle of the day (Commencing with 2. Cor. iv. 1.), then which nothing can be more appropriate to the occasion of an Ordination. Mr. Hamilton is engaged at present as third curate in the Parish of Quebec, of which the Bishop is himself Rector: he is a thoroughly earnest labourer in the service of Christ, and his ministrations in the opening of his career, have met with encouraging acceptance.

On the 6th of October, the Bishop, accompanied by his son, the Rev. A. W. Mountain, as chaplain, set out upon a circuit to be made for holding confirmation and other objects of Episcopal visitation, in the mission of the Rev. W. King. The extent of this mission, of which the commencing point is thirty miles South of Quebec, is greater than that of many English Dioceses, and its character is itinerant,—not in the sense of exploring untried country or affording casual ministrations to unprovided settlements, but in that of supplying in rotation, a number of widely severed and for the most part, small and feeble flocks. The tract of country through which these labours are carried, consists in part, of the old French Parishes seated upon the river Claudiere, but in the more important division of settlements of more recent formation, principally occupied by the race coming from the British Isles. There are five churches completed and neatly finished, although without any sort of architectural pretensions. They are all built of wood and two of them, located in backwood settlements, are very simple and diminutive structures. There is a sixth church built of stone, which has been standing unfinished for many years, the proportion of Protestant settlers having rather dwindled away than advanced since it was undertaken—and there is another projected, upon a site given by Mr. Poyer, Seigneur of *Aubert Galton de l'Isle*, being part of an endowment of 120 acres made by that gentleman. Two of these churches were consecrated in the present Episcopal circuit, and four burying grounds were in like manner solemnly set apart within the Mission. In other places within the Mission, the services of the Church are performed in private houses; and in two instances, Mr. King, in making his rounds puts up as he ascends the Claudiere, at houses of which the occupants are respectively, the only Protestants in the entire Parish.\* In each of these cases, however, he holds a full week-day service with the family in the evening and again before his departure in the morning, giving also at one of the services a familiar sermon; and the families, in order not to lose sight of the decent exterior appointments of worship, keep in each case a surplice and a scarf for his use. In one of these houses the Bishop confirmed one person, in the other three. In one one of the rougher settlements, lying back West of the Claudiere, every thing is yet in a very backward condition, and the Bishop in going from church to church among them, could only pass, with his clerical companions on horseback, the roads not being fit for any other vehicle than such as a strong country cart as carried the bag-

gage. The people cheerfully provided the horses and their rustic equipments. The number of places at which confirmation was held in the Mission was eight: the number of persons confirmed, fifty-seven; the largest number in any one place fifteen. The Bishop preached upon every occasion, incorporating with the sermon, according to his usual practice in the rural districts, his address to the recipients of the rite, and interweaving with it also, upon all occasions but two, an appeal on behalf of the *Mission Fund* of the *Diocesan Church Society*, such as is annually made in all the churches of the Diocese,—as well as in the instances where it was required, an appropriate reference to the ceremonies of consecration, whether of churches or burying-grounds.

On the 15th of November, the Bishop held an ordination in S. George's church, Lenoxville, for the purpose of admitting to the grade of Deacon, Mr. Matthews Monkhouse Fothergill, late student of S. Augustine's Missionary College at Canterbury, who had arrived from England, with all due testimonials (having been engaged for the charge of *Travelling Missionary* of the *Diocesan Church Society*), before the Ember weeks in September, but had not then attained the canonical age. In the meantime he had been employed under Episcopal authority and clerical direction, as an itinerant lay-reader and catechist, in the tract of country in which Lenoxville is situated. The ordination sermon was preached by the Bishop himself. Mr. Fothergill, some passing notice of whose labours will be found further on, has been ever since very actively and very faithfully at work. (The mention in this summary, of the wants or efficiency of clergymen is confined to the cases of those being three in number, whose ordination, taking place singly in each case, is recorded.)

It is always gratifying to the Church people of these colonies to receive a visit from an American Bishop; and this gratification was afforded in the course of the Autumn, to those of Quebec, by the appearance among them of the Bishop of Massachusetts, who preached on a Sunday morning, at Trinity chapel, for the Colonial Church and School Society. In the afternoon of the same day, he preached at the Lecture Hall, which at that time temporarily accommodated the Cathedral congregation.

The *Fast* on account of the calamities of India, was observed, by proclamation of the Governor General, on Friday the 27th of November. The sermon in the Lecture hall just mentioned was preached by the Bishop of Quebec, and afterwards published by desire. The collection made upon the occasion, towards the India Relief Fund, amounted to about \$187,—making, in conjunction with the evening collection, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Percy, and with the contributions (all for the same object), in the different chapels of the Church in Quebec, the sum of \$400.

Two days after this, the Cathedral was reopened. The Bishop of Vermont came, by invitation of the Bishop of Quebec, who was his host during his stay, to preach the sermon upon the occasion. His effective preaching is well known. A collection was made after the sermon, for charitable objects, which amounted to about \$165. In this way, the Cathedral congregation alone (without counting the ordinary afternoon collection for common parochial purposes of charity, for which two collections are made regularly every Sunday) contributed in answer to the appeals from the pulpit on the Friday and the Sunday next following, more than \$400.

In the afternoon of the same day the Bishop of Vermont preached at S. Michael's chapel, Sillery,\* and again in the evening at S. Matthew's chapel,

upon which latter occasion (this chapel being within the city) the place was thronged almost to suffocation, and a number of persons were unable to obtain admittance.

On the 17th and 18 of December, the usual annual examination took place of the male and female departments, respectively, of the Quebec National Schools, at which about 150 children are in daily attendance. These schools which, for many a long year, have given happy opportunities to apt and diligent children of the lower classes in life, to avail themselves of the openings presented in a new country, for bettering their position and increasing their social usefulness, were never more efficient than at the present date. The scholars, being the larger proportion who belong to the Church, have also the benefit of religious training and instruction.

On the last day of the year the annual entertainment was given in the school rooms of the same institution, to a much larger number of children than that above stated, the children of the Sunday schools, whether the day-scholars or not, being comprehended. For the first time this entertainment took the form of a grand party, in substitution for the old fashioned English dinner of roast beef and plum-pudding, which had prevailed for some thirty odd years. There was, among some old friends of the school, a little grumbling at the questionable orthodoxy of this innovation, but the evening was found a more convenient time for the children and others concerned, and the Christmas-tree seemed abundantly to indemnify the little guests for the diminished solidity of their repast.

On the 16th of January, 1858, the Bishop left Quebec, according to his usual arrangement for interposing some circuit in the Diocese, between Christmas and Lent, when he can best afford to be absent from the Cathedral, for a tour in the Eastern townships lying on either side of the river St. Francis, for the inspection of the Missions and confirmation of the young. Ten Missions were visited, and confirmations were held in sixteen places. The total number confirmed was two hundred and sixty-nine: the largest number at any one place, forty-four, being at Richmond in the Mission of Dr. Falloon. The *minimum* was four. Confirmation was held in four or five places where the rite had never been witnessed before, and in three instances, places of worship belonging respectively to three denominations of Dissenters, all perfectly aware that such an act of accommodation could not, according to the rules of the Church of England, be reciprocal, was put at the disposal of the Bishop for the occasion. A new Mission has been opened at Standstead, a flourishing village close to the American frontier, by the help of the Colonial Church and School Society, and the foundation has been thus laid of a handsome Gothic church to be built in stone. The recently appointed Travelling Missionary of the Diocesan Church Society has also met with an encouraging return in his labours, and succeeded in gathering a body of well prepared candidates from different quarters, to a confirmation held at Conticook. In one station there were, upon the present circuit no candidates, and in another, the confirmation was reserved, by desire, for the Summer. The Bishop passed some few days at the College, the Principal of which, Rev. Dr. Nicholls, who is one of his chaplains, accompanied him in that capacity, over a considerable portion of his circuit. Towards the close of it, he was attended by the Rev. A. W. Mountain. The Church has a vast deal to struggle with, in this as in all other parts of the Diocese, but the results of the circuit were, upon the whole, replete with matter of thankfulness, and among some gracious evidences of Divine favour, may

be reckoned the excess over preceding years in the number presenting themselves for confirmation. The Bishop usually conducted the solemnity in the manner described in the notice above given, of his October circuit. He returned to Quebec on the 8th of February, and on Sunday the 14th (being the twenty-second anniversary of his own consecration at Lambeth) preached the annual *Quingua-gesima* sermon in the Cathedral for the general purposes of the Diocesan Church Society.

The established course of sermons for the Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent, for Passion Week and for Easter Monday and Tuesday, preached in the cathedral by different clergymen of the city and neighbourhood, was this year in the hands of twelve preachers, the Bishop taking three turns, and some others two. The close of Passion week was marked by two Confirmations held for all the candidates belong to the Cathedral and the four chapels within the city,—the males being presented at the afternoon service of Good Friday, and the females at morning service on Easter even. The whole number confirmed was one hundred and eighty-nine, but several cases were reserved for a supplementary Confirmation, to be held, D V., during the approaching Summer, and the Confirmation for St. Michael's chapel (where the number of recipients was thirteen), had been held separately some months earlier. These two days were chosen, one as aptly connected with the voluntary dedication of the youthful Christian to the service of a crucified Saviour,—the other as most appropriately harmonizing, according to the Scriptural view exhibited in the Collect for the day, with the open ratification of the baptismal vow by the lips of the baptised subjects themselves. Many classes had been formed in preparation for this occasion, and a portion of the candidates had been under direct training for nearly a year.

The anniversary, on the 5th of March, of the opening of the Church of England Female Orphan Asylum at Quebec, was celebrated in the usual forms. The address, partly directed to the Ladies' Committee, and partly to the children themselves, was delivered by the Bishop.

The number of communicants in the whole parish, at Easter was six hundred and eleven, of whom two hundred and thirty-nine, besides twenty-five soldiers at the separate military service, partook at the cathedral. The congregation of this church in particular has been much diminished by the removal of the seat of Government from Quebec.

During the past year an institution of small beginnings has been opened at Quebec, under the name of the Finlay Asylum, for the reception of infirm and disabled paupers. Miss Margaret Finlay, an exemplary Christian lady, connected with the best circles of society in the place, but living in a very retired and frugal way, left, at her death, a few years ago, a bequest of \$800 to the Bishop, at his absolute discretion, for the benefit of the Church of England poor of the parish. After allowing it to accumulate to a certain extent, the Bishop, with the help of the Church-warden in charge of the poor, applied it for the acquisition of an airy and beautiful site in the outskirts of the city, with a small house upon it, sufficing for the commencement of the undertaking, but with space around, affording facility for the erection of much more considerable buildings at a future day. The institution has been incorporated. The same lady bequeathed \$2,000 to the Bishop, for the benefit of the Widows and Fatherless Children of Clergymen in the Diocese. This latter bequest was transferred at once, by the hands of his lordship, to that department of the Diocesan

Church Society which provides expressly for the object specified by the testatrix.—*Church Journal New York.*

\* The word Parish, in English acceptation, describes territorial limits.

\* His eldest son, the Rev. J. H. Hopkins, Jr., had preached in this same chapel, upon occasion of a visit to Canada in August.

## English Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

67, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Tuesday, April 6th, 1858.

The Lord Bishop of CANTON in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. H. Hoare, acting as commissary to the Lord Bishop, and Secretary of the London Committee for Newcastle Diocese, New South Wales. The following are extracts:—

"A new Province is about to be formed out of the northern portion of New South Wales, to be called 'Brisbane,' or 'Moreton Bay.' It is the wish of the churchmen there, and also strongly advised and recommended by the Bishop, to subdivide the diocese in which the whole is at present situated, making a total area of nearly twice the extent of all Great Britain, in such manner, as to place this northern portion under the care of a separate Bishop. To this very reasonable wish the Government have already expressed their readiness to accede, provided a moderate but sufficient endowment can be found for the new Bishopric.

"On receiving the Bishop's instructions we proceeded at once to carry our appeal before his Grace the Archbishop, and the Council of the Colonial Bishops' Fund, from whom we obtained the most hearty concurrence in the Bishop's proposal, and a grant, to meet his views, of £2300 towards the endowment required.

"We next had recourse to private aid. And from this source, I am happy to say, we have succeeded in obtaining nearly £700, which promises to be increased eventually to about £1500. And we have the Bishop's guarantee, that he is ready from similar private contributions among his own people to devote immediately £700 to the new See.

"But as the Government requires a *minimum* of from £400 to £500 per annum as endowment of the See, which represents a capital of from £6000 to £7000 (invested in the colony at six per cent.); and as the whole that we can expect from all the above-named sources amounts to no more than £4500 (supposing all subscriptions to be paid), we are induced to make an earnest application to the Society for aid."

The following is the substance of a communication made to the Board on this subject by the Rev. G. Currey:—

The Diocese of Newcastle is the most extensive of our colonial dioceses, not excepting Calcutta and Rupert's Land. It extends northward from the River Hawksbury to the twenty-fourth parallel of south latitude, a coast line of about 800 miles, and stretches 700 miles inland. The lands in this diocese are year by year more occupied by settlers, and Government having determined to form a new colony in the north by the name of Brisbane, the present Bishop of Newcastle is most anxious at once to procure the subdivision of this enormous diocese, and the appointment of a Bishopric of Brisbane.

"It is desirable that the members of this



Society should be aware of the personal sacrifices which the Bishop is making. His income is derived from two sources, a payment of £500 from the Colonial Legislature, and a payment of £338 6s 8d from the Colonial Bishopric's Fund. Bishop Tyrrell, being anxious to secure at once two great objects, the permanent endowment of the Bishopric of Newcastle, and the subdivision of the diocese, has made the Trustees of the Colonial Bishoprics' Fund the following munificent proposal—that if they will place in his hands the capital which their annual payment represents, so that two-thirds be appropriated to the original See, and one-third to the income of a new See, he will himself contribute annually to the Endowment Fund the whole of the £600 which he now derives from the Colonial Legislature, and will, if possible, raise from the Church in that colony another £500 each year, until a sum of £20,000 shall have been secured for the endowment of the Bishopric; and further, will make the completion of this endowment the first charge on his remaining private property, should he be called away before the whole amount be provided.

"This offer has been approved by the Trustees of the Colonial Bishoprics' Fund, and the plan is now being carried into effect, the Bishop having already paid one £600 for that purpose. The result of the arrangement, as far as it concerns the new diocese, is that the Colonial Bishoprics' Fund has supplied £2300, the Bishop has made himself answerable for £700, private friends have contributed £700 more, and it is trusted that £1000 may be contributed from the Jubilee Fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and £1000 by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. This will furnish the maximum capital which Government requires before consenting to found a new Bishopric, and it is hoped that additional contributions from private sources may increase the amount so as to supply for the new Bishop an adequate provision.

"It may also be interesting to the members of this Society to know something of Bishop Tyrrell's exertions in his diocese. In the year 1851 a Church Society was founded in Newcastle for the purpose of obtaining assistance towards the great objects of the Church in that diocese. Under the auspices of the Bishop, this Society has so flourished that its income, which in 1851 was £531, amounted in 1856 to £5223; the objects which this Church Society promotes have all been cared for. The number of clergy has increased from twenty to thirty. A sum has been set apart for missions to the natives. In the Bishop's visitation tour in 1857 he saw eighteen new churches. In the course of building. Schools have been established, where the doctrines of the Church are taught; and the Bishop being very desirous to secure some permanent endowment for these schools, has already succeeded in securing £16,200 for this purpose. The Bishop also directed his attention to the establishment of a depot for the sale of religious and instructive books, many of them supplied by this Society. In the course of the last year the books sold at the depot realized £1002.

"It is instructive and encouraging thus to witness in the colony of Newcastle the vigorous action and progress of our Church under episcopal superintendence, showing the result of such activity in the continual furtherance of good works, and providing for the subdivision of labour by the construction of a new diocese, which may render a further supply to the growing wants of the Church, and lead, under God's blessing, to fresh growth and increased efficiency, "making increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

The Standing Committee gave notice that they

would at the General Meeting on the 4th of May propose a grant of One Thousand Pounds towards the endowment of the See of Brisbane; the amount to be paid as soon as a Bishop shall have been appointed, and the remainder of the requisite sum raised.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

79, Pall Mall, April 9, 1858.

The 157 Anniversary of the Society will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 16th. Divine Service will commence at half-past three p.m. Tickets may be obtained at the Society's Office in the preceding week. The District Treasurers and Secretaries will meet at the Society's Office on the above named-day at eleven a. m.

The Society is most anxious at the present time not only to procure additional contributions to the India Missions' Extension Fund, but also to add to its missionary staff young clergymen or graduates of either University, who are willing and fitly qualified to undertake work in India. The diocese of Madras, as well as that of Calcutta, needs additional missionaries, and the Society is prepared to support them. A letter, dated Feb. 27, has been received from the Rev. A. R. Symonds, the Society's Secretary in Madras, in which he says:—

"I most earnestly press upon the Society the urgent necessity for an accession of strength in the way of missionaries. We want men of power as well as of piety. Not merely to enlarge and strengthen our work, but to hold our own, we must have more men and of the true missionary stamp. We want superior schoolmasters for the Vedarapuram and Sawyerpuram seminaries, to make them thoroughly efficient, and to entitle them to the Government grants-in-aid. We want one or two men of vigour and holy zeal for Tinnevely, where the people are rapidly advancing in intelligence and independence. We want men for the missions of the Tanjore circle, where bold and vigorous efforts should be made to arouse and to quicken, by sending forth evangelists of strong faith and hallowed ability, and by establishing schools of a superior order. I do earnestly hope that, under the influence of the interest at present felt for India, it will be laid upon the hearts of many good men and true to say to the Society, 'Here am I, send me.' I would that many such may see visions of a man of India saying unto them, 'Come over and help us.'"

From Calcutta also, Dr. Kay writes:—

"I think that one thing which wants attending to in England is looking out for youths well and religiously brought up, and with a talent for acquiring languages. There are such, I think. If they could be impressed (not against their will) into the Society's service, they might either be trained at St. Augustine's, or sent out here to Bishop's College."

The Society therefore again presses most earnestly upon the attention of its friends the two things which are imperatively required for the advancement of its designs in India:—

"(a) An additional body of Missionary Clergymen, qualified as well by intellectual ability as by spiritual graces, to become Evangelizers of the Heathens.

"(b) An augmentation of pecuniary means by a sum of not less than £30,000 a year, for which a special 'India Missions' Extension Fund' has already been opened.

"For the supply of duly-qualified men, the Society makes its solemn appeal to the younger clergy to offer themselves for the work, at this most awful crisis of the Church.

"It appeals also almost earnestly to the Univer-

sities to send forth some of their more gifted sons as messengers of salvation to the East."

The Rev. W. A. Plumtre, M.A., of University College, Oxford; and Mr. R. J. French, a trained master, from Battersea College, will sail, it is hoped, this month, for Madras.

The contributions for the extension of Indian missions (exclusive of those which are appropriated to Cawnpore church) now exceed £13,000. The Society hopes to see this sum largely increased by annual subscriptions as well as donations.

The Society has received from the Bishop of Grahamstown the very gratifying information of the baptism, on Epiphany day, of twenty Kafirs, St. Mark's Station, by the Rev. H. T. Waters.

The following extract is taken from a letter of the Rev. W. Greenstock, dated Jan. 9, St. Luke's Station, British Kaffaria:—

"During the month of October, I paid two visits East London, as I expected to undertake a mission to the Kafirs there. The field of labour was in many respects a promising one. The chief man, Kana, was well disposed towards the truth. But it has since been decided that it is best to continue St. Luke's for the present, and I feel myself that it would be premature to give up the station just now. The people about here are very few, and their chief thought is how to find food for the body. They have cultivated maize in a small way, and till it ripens they are prolonging existence on roots. The Kafir remark is, that a clergyman must have food to enable him to teach, and the people must have food to enable them to listen. Umhala has held on in his own place till now, notwithstanding the dispersion of his tribe. At present he is in great fear of being apprehended; he has fallen under the displeasure of the Government on account of the conspiracy he formed with the other chiefs with the intention of bringing on a war. His son Makinnon has continued with him, and has been regular in his attendance on Sundays, far more so than his father.

"Our boarding-school consists of eleven boys and eleven girls. The progress of the girls under Mrs. Sedgely is very encouraging. Both boys and girls are taught by me daily. I commence with catechising them on Scripture history (generally the lessons of the day), then they read, and after that learn to speak English. They regularly attend the daily services, and I give them (as a rule) a short address morning and evening. Particular attention is paid to the order of the Prayer Book. There are a few more children in the place, and these, together with some destitute women and children from Umhala's kraals, are fed by me daily from private funds.

"I find interesting, and I hope it will prove useful employment in translation. This place is peculiarly favourable to that work; it is so quiet and so far removed from European society."

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