

tion \$5.00. The sum of \$4.00 was spent in the mission for church purposes; the balance I now send down to Toronto. A larger amount would have been raised for the Society, had the season just gone by been a favourable one for sugar making. Only half of the quantity of sugar that was made last year has been made this year; yet the amount of money raised this spring is nearly equal to that raised last year, there being a decrease of only \$1.54.

With sincere wishes for the prosperity of the Church Society's work in this Diocese,
I am, Rev. and dear Sir,
Your humble and obedient servant,
PETER JACOBS.

The Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.

P.S.—The money that I am sending you, with the exception of my own subscription, is intended to aid the Mission Fund of the Church Society.

ROMAN CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE.

The following decree from Pope Pius IX. has been published in the Toronto Freeman, in compliance with the wishes of Bishop Lynch, the Romish prelate at Toronto:—

“PIUS P. P. IX.

“FOR A PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE.

“Our Venerable Brother, John Joseph Lynch, the present Bishop of Toronto, set forth to Us, that it is his wish to establish a Sacred Pilgrimage at the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Peace, situated near the Falls of Niagara, in that Diocese.—Wherefore, he earnestly besought Us graciously to open the heavenly treasures of indulgences, by establishing for the faithful the above named Holy Pilgrimage. We, to increase the piety of the faithful, and to save souls by the heavenly treasures of the Church, favouring the prayers addressed to Us, grant through the Divine mercy, to all the faithful of both sexes, who are truly penitent, and have confessed their sins, and received Holy Communion, a plenary indulgence and remission of all their sins, on whatever day in any year they may choose to perform the Holy Pilgrimage at that Church, and there pray piously to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the concord of Christian Princes, the peace and triumph of Our Holy Mother the Church, the extirpation of heresies and the conversion of sinners. On whatever day the faithful shall perform the pilgrimage to the aforesaid Church, with contrite heart, and shall pray as above prescribed, We grant an indulgence of seven years and seven times forty days from canonical or otherwise enjoined penance, in the usual ecclesiastical form; all of which indulgences, absolutions of sin, and remissions of canonical penance, We make applicable to assist the souls who have departed this life in friendship with God. Notwithstanding all past acts to the contrary, this is to avail for all future time.

“Given at St. Peter's Rome, sealed with the Fisherman's Ring, March 1st, 1861, in the 18th year of our Pontificate.

J. CARD. ANTONELLI.

“PIUS IX., PONT. MAX.”

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BRANCH.

Cobourg Parochial Association.....	
50 Reports	\$ 5.00
Cash to balance.....	54.60
	\$ 59.60
Port Hope, balance	44.00
Cavan—	
Rev. T. W. Allen.....	\$5.00
Subscriptions added	4.00
	9.00

Perrytown—	
Rev. J. Hilton, W. and O.....	\$ 5.00
“ Missions.....	5.00
Collections	25.00
	85.00
Newcastle Parochial Association.....	83.28
	\$280.78
Previously remitted.	
From Port Hope.....	\$ 73.75
Per chairman District Branch	650.00
	723.75
	\$954.53

REPORT OF THE NEWCASTLE DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Important changes and amendments have been made in the frame-work of our Diocesan Church Society since the District Branch held its last annual meeting; and these alterations, your committee are of opinion, will prove highly beneficial in advancing the interests and increasing the usefulness of the Society.

The by-law regulating the management and distribution of the Widows and Orphans' Fund has been revised in accordance with the recommendations of a sub-committee specially appointed for that purpose; and a graduated scale of pensions adopted by which the amount granted is made to depend upon the resources of the applicants.

The permissive clauses allowing parochial committees to retain three-fourths of the moneys raised by them is abrogated. Wise and judicious as were the provisions made by the framers of the original Constitution, by which local improvements might be carried out, and local wants supplied through the various parochial organizations, yet what at one time was felt to be a praiseworthy consideration for the wants of individual parishes, soon came to be very generally acknowledged an objectionable feature in the character of the society, and a hindrance to its full success. Some from the beginning questioned the soundness of such an appropriation of funds raised in its name; but however this may be, it cannot be doubted that the energies as well as the resources of the society have in this way been sorely crippled. Now, under more favourable circumstances, and with an almost absolute certainty of largely increased funds, it may safely assume its proper position and claim the support of our people as the Church Missionary Society, having for its first and paramount care, Home Missions.

To carry out this main design with greater efficiency, a Board of Missions has been established, and in order the more effectually to enlist the sympathies of the whole diocese in the work, the constitution of the board has been framed on the most liberal basis, wisely composed in part of members of the society, and in part of members chosen by the Synod. This board is now actively employed in furthering the great work entrusted to it; and, depending on the hearty co-operation of the great body of the church, has incurred responsibilities to a large amount, but which the offerings of the faithful will no doubt enable it punctually to meet. Measures have already been taken by the board for the increase of both travelling and settled missions; the extent of that increase will depend solely on the means placed at its disposal.

Under this new and auspicious state of things, your committee have not been unmindful of the wants of our own district. There are many townships around us spiritually destitute as regards the ministrations of the church. To be

aware of this destitution without making an effort for its removal or alleviation, is criminal. It may be this sin now lies at our door. No special missionary effort has been put forth by our district branch for the last ten or twelve years. Previous to that period, by the aid it was enabled to afford, the partial services of a missionary were secured for the townships of Cartwright, Manvers, Alnwick, Asphodel, Seymour, and Percy; and to the effect produced by these visits, few and hurried as they were, may be attributed the appointment of the settled missionaries now labouring in two of these townships.

Similar, and it may be greater results would now follow the establishment of one or more travelling missions within this and the adjoining counties; nor could there be a more favourable time than the present to enter upon this enterprise. The secretary of this association, at the suggestion of its chairman, introduced and carried a resolution at the last meeting of the Board of Missions, providing for the payment of the stipend of a travelling missionary for this district, as soon as the requirements of the board are complied with.

From the returns made by the Parochial Committees, a few which are now about to be submitted, your committee are glad to learn that the promised stipend can at once be claimed, as the sum to be transmitted to Toronto will exceed the required amount.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Cobourg, Port Hope, Darlington, Clark, Cavan, Grafton, Colborne, Peterboro', Cartwright, Perrytown.

These statements are encouraging and full of hope. Enough has been done to shew that the duty of fostering the missionary cause is acknowledged amongst us, but not enough to prove the duty fully discharged. With the increase of a missionary spirit in this and kindred associations, we may hope to see the speedy occupation of every spiritually barren spot within the bounds of the diocese. And to effect this, it only needs that the energy of churchmen be put forth; that these offerings bear as true a proportion to their numbers and wealth as they must do to their piety, and the resources of the church will be increased so as to meet the spiritual needs of the people.

The following abstract of the treasurer's account shews the total amount raised by the several local committees during the current year:—

Cobourg Par. Ass.....	\$398.09
Port Hope “	117.75
Grafton “	\$76.00
Colborne “	87.62
	163.02
Cavan, St. John's Par. Ass.....	48.57
“ St. Paul's “	29.27
“ St. Thomas “	40.45
“ Add subscribers.....	4.00
Rev. T. W. Allen.....	5.00
	128.29
Newcastle.....	83.28
Perrytown.....	25.00
Rev. J. Hilton	10.00
	85.00
Cartwright	58.60
Peterboro'	112.00
Bowmanville.....	45.20
	\$1186.78

REPORT OF COUNTY SIMCOE BRANCH OF CHURCH SOCIETY, FOR YEAR ENDING 30th APRIL, 1861.

In viewing the working of the Church Society for the past year, and the extensions of its labours