

REPORT OF THE PENETANGUISHENE PAROCHIAL BRANCH OF THE  
CHURCH SOCIETY, 26TH OF JANUARY, 1863.

In referring to the operations of this Branch of the Church Society, your committee have the satisfaction of stating, that since our last meeting this Parish has been enabled to raise the sum of \$400 towards the salary of an assistant clergyman; and this desirable result has been brought about by the zeal and diligence of the two churchwardens in soliciting subscriptions, and by the readiness with which the members of our Church have responded to their call. Your committee would further beg leave to mention that the churchwardens have (as far as this mission is concerned) completed the business by becoming sureties to the Church Society for the payment of the above mentioned sum.

Your committee have next to state the amount of the annual subscriptions of this Parochial Branch of the Church Society for the last year, and also the proceeds of the annual sermons for special purposes.

The annual subscriptions amounted to \$62 13, which was transmitted to the parent society for missionary purposes.

The collections after the special sermons were as follows:—

Mission Sermons .....	\$16 00
Students' Fund .....	5 00
Widows' and Orphans' .....	5 00

Having now stated the operations of this branch as connected with the parent society, your committee will briefly report on matters more immediately connected with this mission in regard to church objects.

The offertory collections of last year amounted to \$70.63. Out of these collections the expenses connected with the church are defrayed, such as the payment of the sexton, firewood, &c., and the overplus has been expended on the parsonage house.

There was expended last year on the parsonage house \$79 50.

Your committee have the satisfaction of stating that the amount raised in this mission for church purposes is much larger than in any former year; for including their liabilities to the parent society in regard to the salary of (expected) assistant clergyman it amounts to more than \$600.

In concluding their report, the committee beg leave to remind the members of the church that something still remains to be done to make the parsonage house a fit and convenient residence for the expected clergyman; and therefore suggest that it would be well (as soon as the season will allow) to employ some of the time which may elapse before his arrival in finishing the parsonage house, and also enclosing part of the land immediately adjoining it, to give an air of comfort and respectability to the premises.

*Summary for the year 1862.*

Bonds to Church Society .....	\$400 00
Subscriptions to Penetanguishene Parochial Branch of Church Society .....	62 13
Collections after the special sermons .....	26 00
Offertory collections .....	70 63
Expended on Parsonage House .....	79 50

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GEORGE HALLEN,  
Chairman.

THE DEVOTIONAL SERVICES OF THE CHURCH.—The height of beatific purity and holiness to which, as christians, we are called to rise, and the influence from above by which alone we can thus by anticipation dwell in God's tabernacle, and rest upon his holy hill, are the two grand points to which the devotional forms of our church are directed. Concluding the matter of our true happiness to consist in a virtual, but vital commencement of our future heaven, and the indispensable means of that happiness not less to consist in a really divine communication, our church aims at forming us to such habits and feelings of devotion, as must imply a constant commerce of the heart with heaven, and a gradual approximation to its purity, its