

raised by their church in aid of the church society's operations.

Besides this sum, a small amount has been received for special purposes, immediately connected with their church.

The committee feel gratified in being able to point out to the members of their association, that by the last printed annual report of the church society, it appears, that out of 32 stations from which collections have been remitted to the parent society, the aggregate forwarded from the church of the Ascension stands second on the list, Christ church, Hamilton, occupying the first place. The committee deem this a satisfactory circumstance, especially when the well-known zeal of the Gore and Wellington district in the operations of the church society is borne in mind. May this circumstance act as an incentive, though not the only, or chief one, to the members of their association to sustained exertion in the cause, in which they have shown so laudable an interest.

The committee may mention that their collection this year would have reached a larger sum were it not that some pressing engagements have within the last few weeks occupied the attention of their own church, the annual cost of duly maintaining which has occasioned a special collection among the pewholders of \$650, their church being one of the very few in the diocese left wholly to their own unaided resources. They are thankful, therefore, that they are able to do something in aid of parishes more needy than their own; as they feel it a duty to act upon the Apostolical precept,—“Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.”

The committee would desire to notice also, that the project of building a parsonage house is just now being entertained, one half of the proposed cost, or \$2,400, having been raised for that purpose by the laudable exertions of the ladies of the congregation, and a site having been sometime since purchased and presented by the joint liberality of two gentlemen, who for a few successive years filled the office of churchwardens.

The committee, in closing this very brief report, would, on behalf of their church, thank those ladies and gentlemen who kindly undertook the duty of collectors for their association, and would ask them, and all their fellow-labourers in the work of their blessed master, not to grow weary in well-doing, knowing that in due time they shall reap the reward of their labours if they faint not.

In conclusion, the managing committee cannot refrain from expressing their gratification at the return of the rev. chairman of the district, the rural dean and rector of Guelfh. They cordially welcome him back after an absence of two years to the scenes of his former labours, and especially to the anniversary meetings of the Gore and Wellington branch of the church society, of which he has always been a most zealous, able, and efficient member.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. GAMBLE GEDDES,

Hamilton, 29th March, 1860 Secretary  
The Gore and Wellington District Branch Church  
Society, in account with the Treasurer

|           |  |             |
|-----------|--|-------------|
| 1859      | Dr.  |             |
| March 18, | to cash paid for use of hall for annual meeting..... | \$ 4.00     |
| July 16,  | to cash paid for advertising, posting handbills....  | \$ 8.80     |
|           | Travelling expenses, attending meetings.....         | 4.00        |
|           | Barnes' mounting map of district                     | 1.50        |
|           | Stationery, postage, printing circulars.....         | 16.63       |
|           |  | <hr/> 23.96 |

To cash remitted parent society, one-fourth of collections of \$286.46 for 1858, received subsequent to meeting for that year.....

71.60

Dec. 31, to cash paid stipends of following missionaries for past year:

|                         |        |         |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| Rev. Mr. Higginson..... | 400.00 |         |
| “ “ Drinkwater.....     | 400.00 |         |
| “ “ Houston.....        | 375.00 |         |
|                         | <hr/>  | 1265.00 |

To cash remitted parent society. Amount of special subscriptions \$5 cash for 16 clergymen..... 8.00 80.00 15 lay incorporated members.... 76.00 One-fourth of \$1324.05, balance of year's collections..... 331.01

489.00

To balance on hand carried forward.....

828.46

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March 17, by balance brought forward per statement rendered.....

790.00

Nov. 14, by collections of 1858, received too late for last annual report, from following, viz.:

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|-------------------|--------|
| Oakville.....     | 107.00 |
| Beverley.....     | 63.25  |
| Saltfleet.....    | 4.37   |
| Stoney Creek..... | 7.38   |
| Binbrook.....     | 6.00   |
| Elora.....        | 18.70  |
| Ontario.....      | 10.75  |
| Lowville.....     | 79.00  |
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286.45

Dec. 31, by interest allowed on moneys in treasurer's hands.....

19.44

By collections of 1859, received from following, viz.:

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Rockwood.....                         | 83.14  |
| Binbrook.....                         | 6.00   |
| Oakville.....                         | 121.00 |
| Saltfleet.....                        | 12.50  |
| Georgetown.....                       | 58.22  |
| Acton.....                            | 25.00  |
| Cayuga, York, and Caledonia.....      | 30.00  |
| Guelfh.....                           | 369.83 |
| Waterdown.....                        | 36.50  |
| Milton.....                           | 101.50 |
| Hornby.....                           | 48.50  |
| Wellington Square and Nelson.....     | 32.00  |
| Ancaster.....                         | 59.10  |
| Dundas and Flamboro'..                | 108.92 |
| Barton and Glanford....               | 76.00  |
| Beverley, Lowville, and Strabane..... | 102.00 |
| Christ's church, Hamilton             | 261.84 |
| Church Ascension “                    | 116.50 |
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1592.05

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\$2688.03

The following resolutions were then adopted, after having been ably spoken to by the movers and seconders:

Moved by Rev. Mr. MACLEAN, M.A., curate of St. Paul's, London, C. W., seconded by DR. BULLINGS, that the report just read be adopted, and printed in such manner as the managing committee may direct.

Moved by Rev. Mr. DARLING seconded by Dr. BOVELL, That the church of England, being a faithful witness and keeper of Holy Writ, divinely constituted in her ministry, evangelical in her doctrine, and primitive in her worship and discipline, (the pure word of God being preached in her, and the sacraments duly administered according to Christ's institution,) is entitled to the

warm and zealous attachment of all her children; and that her ministers and members are bound to use her instrumentality in sending the gospel to the benighted Indian and to the destitute settler; and to see that the means are furnished her for this “work of faith and labour of love.”

Moved by Rev. Mr. ANXOLD, seconded by Rev. Mr. HARNSEL, that the Gore and Wellington branch of the Church Society, having rendered themselves liable for the salaries of three missionaries either in whole or in part, and having received urgent entreaties from several of the northern townships to send them missionaries, accompanied by bonds for the payment of one half the missionary's salary, this meeting would express their warmest sympathy for those destitute settlers, and pledge themselves to increased exertion on their behalf.

Moved by GEORGE TAYLOR, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. G. GEDDES, that the missionary labours of the Church Society and the dissemination through its means of the Word of God and the Book of Common Prayer among our fellow-countrymen in the destitute parts of the diocese, are objects which present a strong claim upon the members of the Church of England for their hearty and zealous support.

Moved by Rev. F. L. OSLEN, that the thanks of this meeting are justly due and are hereby given to all who have taken an active part in managing its business, advocating its claims, and collecting its funds, especially those ladies who have in various parishes discharged the arduous but highly honourable duty of soliciting subscriptions and donations; and that the officers of the past year be requested to continue their valuable services for the ensuing year.

[The reports from Stirling and the County of Simcoe, in our next.]

#### WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

DEAR SIR,—I think the article on this Fund in the last number of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, from a friend in the Diocese of Huron, is calculated to convey a wrong impression, as though the resolution it gives had been passed in that Diocese; now to the best of my knowledge, and I have been present I believe, at every session of the Church Society, and only absent I think, from one of the sittings such a resolution was never passed, or if passed rescinded before the meeting broke up.

The scheme is one which I regret to see in print; to me there is an intense pettiness about it, while it treats the clergy, in the persons of their widows and orphans, as though their sacred profession were little better than pauperism. Clergymen ought to be christians, gentlemen, and their families should hold a corresponding position, whether this scheme treats them as such, judge ye!

It is again totally inconsistent with the *dignity* of Christ Jesus the Lord, Humano-Divine Head of His Church, and that of His Church herself. This, however, the world, and especially lukewarm and pharisaic christians would trample under foot, let His ambassadors beware how they foster such a feeling by the assumption on their own part of a fleshly humility.

It is even in a worldly point of view most inexpedient to let down the claims of the servants of God by such small legislation; let the members of the Church cast, as they are really able, to the treasury of the Lord, and pay proportionably as far as it will go, and I do think you will find that the Widows and Orphans' Fund will not be the first to fail.

Insult the memory of no clergyman by offering his widow less than £50 per annum, nor his orphans less than £10. I believe much more