

On referring to page 47 of last year's report it will be found that £60 16s. 2d., was received for the Students' Fund after the books were closed, and as the collection for this object is taken up in the last month of the Society's financial year, many collections for this object may yet be expected. Your Committee have no doubt that if each subject was intelligibly brought before the several congregations, an equal, if not larger amount would be contributed by the Laity of every congregation, as was contributed to the Special Mission Fund.

MISSION FUND.

The total receipts on this account have been £381 2s. 0d., £15 4s. 3d. having been received since the books were closed, whereas last year, the 47th page of the Report shows £432 12s. 1d. received on this account. The deficiency therefore is £48 10s. 0d. from ordinary sources, but to this fund may be fairly added the sum collected for Special Missions £442 1s. 7d., for though it was created at the suggestion of the Synod, it was received by the Society, and dispensed by a Committee of the Society nominated by the Bishop. The relief of special cases was doubtless intended, (as when the Fund which was raised and styled in the third Annual Report, "Septuagesima Fund,") and therefore it might rightly be dispensed by a Committee of the Society, nominated by the Bishop, who being the President of the Church Society would not countenance the establishment of another Missionary Society for his Diocese, particularly when the object for which the fund was specially raised, was one contemplated by the Constitution of this Society. Your Committee have no doubt upon this subject, but merely advert to it, as more than one influential member of the Society has questioned whether the sum collected could legitimately be included in its annual income.

The last report stated that the Parent Society had undertaken to expend £500 for the support of Missionaries and Missionary objects, such as payments to Catechists and Interpreters, and insurance on one Indian Church. The following statement shows an expenditure of £609 19s. 6d.

Rev. Geo. White, Miss. Mid. Dist....	£62 10 0
" R. Flood, for Interpreter.....	25 0 0
" Thos. Campbell, ½ year's salary	30 0 0
" T. P. Hodge, allowance from Missionary Fund, for ½ year....	12 10 0
" J. Langtry.....	30 0 0
" J. A. Preston, allowance from Missionary Fund.....	25 0 0
Peter Jacobs' salary as School Master at Walpolo Island.....	28 2 6
Rev. P. Jacobs.....	60 0 0
" C. H. Drinkwater allowance from Mission Fund.....	25 0 0
" E. H. M. Baker.....	60 0 0
Insurance on Manitowahning Church	5 0 0
Rev. A. H. R. Mulholland, Interpreter.....	50 0 0
H. C. Hogg, Schoolmaster to Muncey Indians.....	60 0 0
Rev. E. H. Dewar, Catechist to Irish Settlement.....	5 0 0
" J. Davidson.....	25 0 0
For Home District M. F.....	100 0 0
Taxes.....	16 17 0

Gore and Wellington District.....	£609 19 6
Niagara District.....	334 14 6
Homo District, to Missionaries.....	100 0 0
	165 5 0

The Rev. P. Jacobs has for the last two years, sent from his Indian flock contributions to the funds of the Church Society. This year the amount was \$18 64c. The Indians not having money, Mr. Jacobs accepted their Maple Sugar and sold it. They have likewise contributed for

the Colonial Church and School Society, \$26 44c. £170 12s 6d was expended by the Parent Society for Missionary objects in the Diocese of Huron, this Society being unwilling to withdraw its aid from the Indian Missions, until the Church Society of that Diocese was well organized.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The receipts to the credit of this fund during the past year, amounted to..... £1349 2 2
But from this must be deducted investments returned amounting to 431 7 8

917 14 6

The sum of £417 14 4 has been added to the investments, making the amount now invested for this object £8646 16 9.

The amount paid out in pensions... £430 0 0
" " for taxes on lands 11 12 9

The by law for the administration of this fund provides that 25 shillings for every clergyman duly recognised, shall on the 1st of January in each year be transferred from the General Purpose Fund to this Fund, provided it bear such a charge upon it, and that after the current and customary expenses of the Society are paid, this charge shall be the first defrayed. This sum of 25 shillings represents the subscription of a clergyman who is an Incorporated Member.

For the last few years it has been customary to place the clergyman's subscription at once to the credit of the Widow and Orphans' Fund, as the Collection for the General Purpose Fund is only appointed to be taken up in the month of January, and the Parochial Branches seldom report before the end of March, and many of them not till just before the Society's books have to be closed. Your Committee recommend that the by-law of the Society be henceforth strictly adhered to, as for the last two years such transfer ought not to have been made, for by reference to the appendix of the last year's Report, it will be seen that the General Purpose Fund at the close of the year had a balance to debit, and also this year, had the transfers not been made as above stated, there would have been £375 less to the Credit of this Fund.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

The proceeds of the Quarterly Collections for this Fund only amounted to £198 18s. 6d, less by £23 16s. 7d. than last year, only 120 Stations having contributed this year, whereas the previous year 146 Stations reported; add to this the subscriptions from Incorporated Members, and the quota from Parochial Branches, and it will be seen that this fund which has to bear the whole expenses of management &c., received from the whole Diocese about £860. By reference to the accounts it will be seen that the fund was deficient when the last Report was printed, £239 8d. 7s. There is now balance against it of something over £450.

Several Parishes owe for Reports furnished for the last two years..... £73 12 1
Rents due, amount to..... 169 2 6
And if to these were added 150 Incorporated Members' subscriptions, which were this and the past year transferred to the W. and O. F. amounting to..... 375 0 0

there would, instead of a deficiency, be a balance to the credit of this fund of about £200. Your Committee are at a loss to account for the fact that less is contributed for this object after the annual Sermon than for any other; as most of the parishes must have experienced how beneficial was a timely grant of even a small sum towards the completion of a Church or Parsonage, and the grant of Sunday School books and Tracts, which latter have never been refused. During the past year grants of Books &c. were made amounting to £90 13 6
And to Churches..... 20 0 0

while promises were made to ten parishes of assistance so soon as this Fund would admit of it, which promises the Society hoped to be able to redeem in January, but in vain

STUDENTS' FUND.

The collections in behalf of this fund were to be taken up in the month of April, and returns have been received as yet from only 120 Stations, the amount being £123 1s. 11d.

The names of eleven Students have been submitted to your committee as having been partially assisted out of this fund; £200 has been paid over as usual to the Bursar of Trinity College. This sum provides for only four Scholarships, tenable for two years, one being of the annual value of £30 currency, two of £25, and one of £20. Pecuniary assistance, in no instance amounting to one-half of the necessary expenses of college residence, is thus given to four Students annually, or to eight Students of the two years over which the Theological Course extends. It is hoped that some effectual means may be adopted of offering to young men of moral and intellectual promise, greater inducement to prepare themselves for the sacred ministry of the Church, as the difficulty of meeting the expense of their education is a most serious addition to the very grave discouragement, which is presented by the inadequate and precarious nature of the provision which is made for their maintenance when they have actually entered on the service.

Your Committee have to report that several new Parochial Branches were formed during the past year; public meetings were held and the cause of the Society ably advocated by gentlemen, who at personal inconvenience and cost, kindly attended a deputation in different parts of the Diocese, not only at the District Branch Meetings, but also at the Parochial ones. The Hon. J. H. Cameron devoted a whole week to the Niagara District, and also assisted at many other meetings. The great benefit which has accrued to the Society from the visits of these deputations, will doubtless be more apparent in subsequent years, as they have awakened an interest in the several localities where the meetings were held, which your Committee trust will not be allowed to subside; the parochial reports, which will be printed shortly, will give abundant evidence of this. The only clerical member who has been taken from us during the past year was the Rev. V. P. Mayerhoffer, who had attained the full age usually allotted to man; he was carried off by no disease, but for a long time it was apparent to himself and friends that his life was drawing to a close; he gradually sank in the possession of all his mental faculties, expressing gratitude that he did not suffer pain, and that he placed his sole reliance on what the Saviour had done for him, and not upon any works of his own. He has left an aged widow destitute of this world's goods, and your Committee trust that the Society will be enabled to afford her a small allowance for the few years which may yet be allotted to her. The Society has to deplore the death of H. C. Baker, Esq. of Hamilton, who was for 12 years the Treasurer of the Gore and Wellington District Branch. He was taken from us in the prime of life; the estimation in which he was held by the Branch of the Society, which he so long fostered, will be seen in the last paragraph of their annual report. But his loss will be felt by the Society at large, he took a lively interest in all its operations, and never, except when absent from the Province, omitted attending a meeting of the Commutation Trust Fund Committee, of which he was a most valuable member.

Your Committee congratulate the Society upon the success which the reports received from the Commutation Trust Fund Committee and the Eastern Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee