

Clergy Trust Fund, and striking off one of the Auditors, a saving will be effected to the general funds of the Society of £112 10s.

The item next in order and amount, is printing, which costs about £200 per annum, the principle part of which is expended in the publication of the Annual Report. Your Committee consider that this item can be reduced to £50 per annum, by curtailing the Report, and publishing only the General Report of the Society at the expense of the Society, leaving each Parochial Association to defray the expense of the publication of its own Report and List of Subscribers, if such publication with the General Report be required; and for that purpose, each Association should forward to the Secretary, ten shillings for the expense of publishing the Report, and twenty shillings if the list of subscribers is also to be published, and that the money be obtained and transmitted immediately after the Easter Vestry. Your Committee recommend that the number of the Annual Report be reduced, and a sufficient quantity only be published at the Society's expense, to enable the Secretary to send one copy to each Clergyman having the cure of souls, and one copy to the Churchwardens of each Parish, and that any other person requiring a copy should pay for it. Upon the other items, your Committee do not see how any reduction can be effected but by the alterations proposed, if adopted by the Society, there will be a diminution of nearly one-third of the expense of management, while its efficiency will be in no measure impaired.

Your Committee further recommend that the Report for the past year be published in accordance with their suggestion herein, and that the Secretary communicate with the different parishes forthwith to ascertain their willingness to contribute to the expense of the publication of the Reports of, and subscribers to, their own Associations, and that as by the 15th of August next the Report will be sent to the Printer, that immediate answers will be required.

Your Committee would further suggest that with the view of increasing the interest of Church people in the proceedings of the Church Society, that greater exertions be made to induce the laity to take part in the proceedings at the Annual Meetings of the Parochial Associations, and that at the Annual General Meetings of the Society, the services of prominent laymen be solicited for the Annual Meetings of the Association in the country, and that arrangements be made for the holding of such Parochial Meetings at such periods as may be most convenient for that purpose. Your Committee throw out this suggestion, although it is not directly made the subject of reference to them, as they consider that it is not out of place to advise the adoption of means that may tend to raise the funds of the Society, while they have under their consideration the best mode of diminishing the expense of its management.

Your Committee believe that the complaints of the cost of management have been mainly caused by the proportion they bear to the income of the Society, and that they would very soon cease, were the Churchmen of the Diocese, both clerical and lay, to take a greater interest in the operations of the Society, and to keep its claims upon the whole people more constantly before their notice. The same staff that is required to administer an income of £4,000 a year, would suffice to administer an income of £20,000, and the funds of the Society might be largely added to by increased exertions on the part of its members, without any increased expenditure.

JOHN HILLYARD CAMERON,

Chairman.

Church Society's Office, 12th July, 1858.

The alterations recommended in the foregoing

report, were approved of by the Society in the month of November following, with the exception of some amendment with regard to the report, but they could not be fully carried out until after the quarterly meeting of the Commutation Trust Committee in February 1859, so that but little was effected in this Trust when the last report for the year ending 30th April was printed. With regard to the comparison alluded to in the last paragraph of the report, we must say that we think that the Parent Society is to blame for not having in the annual report published a statement of all the funds managed by the Society. The income derived from the Clergy Commutation Fund, amounted since July 1855, to we believe somewhere about £83,000, and the Clergy were paid through the Church Society Office, by quarterly cheques during the same period, to the amount of £78,000. The present annual income of the Society from the investments for this Trust is somewhere about £18,000; (we make not this statement on authority,) the payment from other trusts and endowments by the Society during the past year, amounted to £642 1s. 8d., independent of those named in the annual report. If these facts had been fairly stated, the comparison between the cost of management and the income of the Society would be greatly in its favour. They prove at least the correctness of the concluding sentence of the committee's report.

DEATH OF SIR J. B. MACAULAY.

It is with the deepest sorrow we record the death of that good man, Sir James B. Macaulay. The loss is a public one. But a few weeks since he kindly consented at the request of the Diocesan Church Societies to settle the portion of the several funds to which each was entitled in consequence of the division of the Diocese. He devoted much time and energy to the work, and only a few days previous to his decease signed the award, so that one of his last labours was undertaken from motives of love to his Divine Master, and for the purpose of promoting harmony and peace in His Church. We have received permission to copy the concluding remarks of the Lord Bishop in his sermon when referring on the following Sunday to the melancholy bereavement. "In conclusion, with such excellent dispositions, and habits, and continued prosperity, and having experienced none of the calamities to which we are generally exposed, it is natural to believe that Sir James B. Macaulay enjoyed an especial portion of happiness, even in this fleeting world. And perhaps very few found more completely from their own experience, that the ways of wisdom are ways of pleasantness, and that all her paths are peace.

"His increasing merits were so well known, and appreciated, that from time to time as appears from this imperfect narrative, honourable and substantial proofs of approbation were bestowed upon him. For her Majesty some years ago, in recognition of his long services, conferred upon him the civil order of the Bath, and recently the honor of Knighthood.

"Marks of deference and respect were also shown him, wherever he appeared, and he felt within himself the gratulations of a good conscience, and the hope of immortality. Moreover, it was delightful to see him employed to the last in works of charity and usefulness, and thus laying a new claim to increasing respect from posterity.

"In this active state of preparation, with the lamp of life still clear and bright, he was found by the great Shepherd of us all, when he came

to say, it is enough, and after one moment's pain to call him gently to his rest.

"My brethren, our beloved friend has gone to give an account of his stewardship. The Church, and indeed the whole Province, mourn in him the loss of one of our brightest ornaments.

"Let us then submit with holy reverence and resignation to the will of God, and as the most acceptable proof of truthful and loving respect to his memory, let us strive to practise the lessons he has taught."

CONVOCAION OF TRINITY COLLEGE.

The annual meeting of the Convocation of the University of Trinity College, was held in the College Hall, on Thursday, Dec. 8th, at one o'clock, p.m. There were present, Sir J. B. Robinson, Chancellor of the University, the Lord Bishop of Toronto, the Archdeacon of York, the Hon. G. W. Allan, the Hon. James Gordon, the Hon. H. J. Boulton, Mr. Ex-Sheriff Jarvis, J. L. Robinson, Esq., R. B. Denison, Esq., the Rev. Dr. Patton, the Rev. Dr. Lett, the Rev. Dr. Ryterson, together with the Professors, several members of Convocation, laity as well as clergy, and a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen from various parts of the Province. Sir John Beverley Robinson, as Chancellor, presided as usual; and, after Convocation had been opened with the accustomed prayers, the following degrees were conferred:—

B.A.—C. J. S. Bethune, J. Wood, J. A. Miller, G. Nesbitt, M. S. Baldwin, G. T. Carruthers, H. D. Cooper, Rev. E. Patterson, Rev. A. Williams. B.A. AD EUNDEM.—Rev. Samuel Johnson, Trinity College, Dublin.

M.A. AD EUNDEM.—Rev. E. K. Kendall, St. John's College, Cambridge; Rev. John McLean, King's College, Aberdeen.

M.A.—Rev. Samuel Johnson.

B.C.L.—Salter Vankoughnet.

M.D.—John Thomas Mackenzie (in his absence.)

The following prizes were distributed:—

John McNeely, Chancellor's prize for 1st class in Mathematical Honors, 1858.

John McNeely, the Bishop of Toronto's Theological prize.

G. J. S. Bethune, Classical prize in 3rd year.

E. Cayley, Mathematical prize in 3rd year.

P. E. Stewart, Classical prize in 2nd year.

P. E. Stewart, Mathematical prize in 2nd year.

Rev. W. Fleming and G. T. Carruthers, 1st Kent prize for Theological Essay.

H. D. Cooper, 2nd Kent prize.

J. Cayley, Dr. Fuller's 1st Reading prize.

D. McLeod, Dr. Fuller's 2nd Reading prize.

P. E. Stewart, Archdeacon of York's prize for Latin Verse.

G. T. Carruthers, Chemistry prize in 3rd year.

C. J. S. Bethune and E. Cayley, prize for Geology in 3rd year.

J. Douglas, Chemistry prize in 2nd year.

J. Douglas, prize for Geology in 2nd year.

L. H. Evans, Chemistry prize in 1st year.

R. Montgomery, prize for Experimental Philosophy in 1st year.

G. T. Carruthers, Dr. Bovell's Medal in Natural Theology, for 1858.

The Latin prize poem was recited by Mr. Stewart.

The following students were matriculated. J. W. B. Frazer, A. H. Baldwin, J. McCleary, A. G. L. Trew, W. T. Briggs, A. B. Cooke, R. S. Forneri, A. Fiddler, M. M. McMartin.

The proceedings were closed by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Bishop of Toronto.

The following gentlemen have been elected to