

amount to the sum of £35, viz. :—

St. Paul's Parochial Committee, £18 0 0
St. John's Parochial Committee, 17 0 0

CARTWRIGHT PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

At the last Annual Parochial Meeting of this Association, the sum of £9 17s. 6d. was immediately collected. And, it is hoped, that no difficulty will be experienced in raising the amount to £16, one-fourth of which is to be set apart for the Parent Society. The interior of the church in this Township has been thoroughly painted since the last report; and the congregation have contributed the sum of £35 towards their Minister's income.

MANNERS PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The attendance at the last Annual Meeting of this Association is reported as not so large as on the preceding occasion. The sum of £6 was collected at the meeting. The collections are not yet quite finished; but the sum of £5 has been promised for the Parent Society. The members of this congregation have paid £30 to their Missionary's income for the past year.

GRATTON PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

This Committee have to report a sad falling off in the Subscriptions for the past year. This is, in part, to be attributed to the difficulty experienced in the work of collection; but chiefly to the great loss sustained by the Parish, in the lamented death of John Dugald Cameron, Esq. He was a sound churchman—a pious and devout christian, and a liberal supporter of every institution connected with the well-being and prosperity of his Church and Parish. "The memory of the just is blessed;" and his name will be held in grateful remembrance by those who saw, and admired his various works of piety, and christian beneficence.

The amount at present collected is £13 10s., which, it is hoped, will yet be increased before the closing of the past year's accounts. The usually allotted portion will be reserved for the general purposes of the Parent Society.

COLBORNE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

This Parochial Committee are happy to report, that the debt on the Glebe has, at length, been finally paid off; and this small endowment secured in perpetuity for the benefit of the Incumbent. This has been effected by a course of steady perseverance, during a period of twelve years; and the members of the church have now the satisfaction of knowing that their parish is entirely free from incumbrance of any kind. It is intended to place this trust in the hands of the Church Society—the only corporate body in the Diocese capable of holding church property,—while the management of the trust is to rest with the Incumbent and churchwardens, for the time being.

The same Committee of gentlemen who, for so many years have exerted themselves on behalf of the Church Society, have undertaken the work of collection this year also; but as their reports are not yet completed, the exact amount cannot be ascertained. It is hoped, however, that it will not fall much short of the preceding year's collections. Yet, it is right to state, that in the Village of Brighton, from whence various subscriptions have hitherto been received, steps are now being taken for the erection of a church, as they enjoy the occasional services of the Rev. William Bleasdel, from Trenton.

It has been since ascertained that the amount subscribed by this Parochial Association for the year just closed is £22 13s. 6d.—one-fourth of which is available for the Parent Society.

DARLINGTON PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Parochial Committee Report, that within the last year, the heavy debt on the new church in the Village of Bowmanville has been decreased to the amount of £150, the proceeds of two concerts given for that purpose.

It appears, also, that during the past year, the sum of £20 has been contributed to the funds of the Church Society: of this amount, one-fourth is to be transmitted to the Parent Society; and the remaining three-fourths are to be appropriated to the Missionary Department of the Society's operations.

COBourg PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The task of collecting for this Parochial branch was this year delegated almost exclusively to Ladies; and the success of the arrangement has been manifested in an increase of more than £20 over the collections of the preceding year.

This progressive increase is nothing more than could have been expected from the steady increase of the population, and the great advance in the prosperity of the Town. And we feel that we are right in being nothing daunted in our appeals for this Society, by the numerous other local church objects which demand our liberal aid. The church debt, which at Easter, 1855, amounted to about £750, was reduced last Easter to £475, and it is expected that, on Easter Monday next, it will be further diminished by £150. A considerable sum has, besides, during the last summer, been laid out upon the church and church premises, and about £70 expended on the Parsonage in part of a grant by the Vestry. Upwards of £200 has lately been pecuniarily subscribed for defraying the expense of lighting the church with gas, and purchasing a new bell. The gas has been provided and proves highly satisfactory; and a bell has been ordered from England, and may be expected in the course of the month of May.

After all this has been effected, much more remains to be done,—serving practically to prove to us that the work of christian benevolence is never to stop; that we are never to rest or slacken in our liberality, as long as God's gifts are continued to us. When God ceases to give, then and then only may we think of standing still in our bounty for His cause.

The appeals in this parish for various objects, have been, perhaps, unusually frequent during the past winter; but it is a gratifying fact that, nevertheless, the Offertory Collections on Sundays have never before been so large. This proves that it is the active and constant exercise of almsgiving which creates heartiness and liberality in giving. To plead the pressure of local claims as a reason for withholding our aid from a public institution like the Church Society, is a reproach to which we trust this Parochial branch will never subject itself.

The account for the present year stands thus:

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| Cr. | |
| By balance from last year | £ 2 13 2 |
| By subscriptions received for 1857... | 116 15 7½ |
| | £119 89½ |
| Dr. | |
| To paid for Sunday School | |
| Reward Books..... | £ 9 1 9 |
| To paid carriage of Reports, &c..... | 0 5 0 |
| To paid Mr. Down tuition of 4 pupils..... | 2 8 9 |
| To one-fourth to Parent Society | 29 0 0 |
| To grant to Cemetery Fund | 38 10 0 |

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| To do. St. Peter's Church Fund..... | 88 10 0 | 117 18 6 |
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Balance in Treasurer's hands...£ 1 10 3½
PORT HOPE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

From this Parish no report has been received; as it is understood that nothing has been done, or is likely to be done, in furtherance of the Society's objects.

RICE LAKE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

From this Association no report has been received.

CLERICAL CHANGES SINCE LAST ANNUAL MEETING.

The Rev. Charles Rutten has been removed to the Mission of Hillier, in the Prince Edward District; and the Rev. Charles Thomson succeeds him, as assistant minister of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg.

Before concluding their Report, there are two points of great importance, to which the Managing Committee beg to call your attention. First, the establishment of a *Depository*, for the circulation of Bibles, Prayer-books, religious tracts, and other publications suitable for distribution among the youthful portion of our members. And, secondly, the formation of a *Mission Fund*, for the support of one or more travelling Missionaries for the back settlements, and destitute portions of this extensive District.

With respect to the first of these objects, viz., the establishment of a central Depository, from which the clergy of the District could obtain at a cheap rate, Bibles, Prayer-books and religious tracts, your Committee feel that they cannot recommend it too strongly. There are cases constantly occurring, of people attending our churches from among the surrounding denominations who if they could only be correctly informed on the nature and principles of the Church her—divine institution—her Apostolic Ministry—her doctrines, worship, and sacraments,—would, we cannot doubt, be anxious for admission into her fold. Now, although it is very true, that the clergyman, in the course of his pastoral visits from house to house, can do much in the way of removing prejudices, and correcting erroneous impressions; yet, how greatly would his labours be facilitated, and his hands strengthened, by the aid of such books and tracts, as would afford the requisite information on these important subjects.

And even of our own members, how few, comparatively, rightly understand the principles and doctrines of the church to which they belong. This arises, in most cases, from early parental neglect, or else, from defective training. Now to such persons, what valuable assistance might not be afforded, by placing within their reach, such books and tracts as would bring them to a correct knowledge of the doctrines and duties contained in the Church Catechism, and in the Book of Common Prayer.

They would, then, by God's blessing, acquire a taste for reading of a higher and better order than that in which they commonly indulge—they would obtain the best of all knowledge—the knowledge of God, and their relation and duties to Him—and be enabled to give to every man that enquired of them, "a reason of the faith that is in them."

Towards the establishment and maintenance of such Depository, your Committee would therefore beg to recommend that an amount equal to one-tenth of all moneys collected for the Church Society within the District, be hereafter annually appropriated.

With regard to the second of these objects, in the formation of a *District Travelling Mission Fund*,