

is, every other Sunday of every other month. If his Lordship would recognise or license Mr. Simms as Lay-reader, and recommend the Society to make a small annual grant to meet the expenses of horse-hire, &c., the services might be rendered every Sunday. His Lordship stated that if Mr. Simms, through the Rev. Mr. McKenzie, presented satisfactory testimonials, he had no objection to recognize him as a Lay-reader, but in the present state of Mission fund he could not recommend the Society to vote any pecuniary assistance, for there were so many missions which would make application upon quite as strong grounds, and quote this as a precedent, that the resources of the Mission Fund would be entirely exhausted in the support of Lay-readers. He thought the locality deriving the benefits of such ministrations was bound to provide the funds for their sustentation.

An application for a grant of Books and Tracts was read from the Rev. Dr. Lauder of Napanee, this parish had always contributed to the funds of the Society. A grant of Books and Tracts to the amount of \$10 was voted.

Dr. Mewburn of Stamford applied for a grant of books for a Sunday School in that parish. Books to the amount of \$5 were granted.

The Rev. W. E. Cooper of the Holy Trinity Free Church set forth the large amount which it was necessary to raise from the congregation this year in order to meet their liabilities and repair the Church. He could not therefore call upon them for any purpose at present. He has now two Sunday schools in connection with the Church, the morning one being quite independent of the afternoon school; at least 300 children receive instruction in these schools, and the number is constantly increasing, for the instruction of such a number the books which they now have are but very few. He therefore begged the Society to make a grant for each school. Resolved that a grant of books to the amount of \$10 be made to each school.

The Rev. W. E. Cooper applied to the Society to assist Mr. C. E. Hatfield, (a colored person) lately in connection with the Methodist Episcopal body of Canada, he has withdrawn from that body and is desirous of obtaining orders in the Church. His Lordship is acquainted with his case and with his wish to receive ordination. He is of course at present deprived of the means he formerly possessed and requires assistance, might he not receive aid from the Theological Students' Fund, as a Student of Divinity until he can satisfy the Bishop as to his qualifications for receiving Deacons Orders. Resolved that the sum of \$50 be granted to the Rev. Mr. Cooper from the Theological Students' Fund for one year for the maintenance of Mr. Hatfield, to be continued, provided the Rev. Mr. Cooper can give satisfactory assurance that Mr. Hatfield can, with this assistance, be maintained during the period necessary for his attaining an education to fit him for the work proposed, Mr. Hatfield also engaging to minister, should he be ordained, to his own race within this Diocese.

The Churchwardens of Osgoode, Russell and Cumberland, applied for aid in erection of a parsonage house. They set forth that these townships are as yet new, and but partially settled, and the settlers with but few exceptions still hampered by the debts and difficulties incident to their position. Burdened with the necessity of paying off instalments due on their lands, subjected to serious expense in opening up new roads, &c., in the maintenance of their families, they are utterly unable to meet, as should be met, the exigencies of their Church. They have however done what they could, within the last four years through their own efforts and those of their friends. Two churches have been erected and a

third one completed at an outlay of about £700. In addition to this they have supported a Clergyman without assistance from the Society at an expense of £120 per annum, and they have subscribed £50 to the Eastern Episcopal Endowment Fund. They are now under a pledge to their minister for £125 per annum, all which they most cheerfully devote to the cause of God. Efforts are now being made to erect a parsonage which will cost £300 or £350 towards which they will even at the sacrifice of comfort contribute £100, for the balance required they must throw themselves upon the sympathy of the Church; humbly trusting that their confidence in the liberality of their fellow churchmen may not prove vain. Resolved that it is much to be regretted that the funds of the Society and the number of promises already made on the contingency of their being able to meet them, prevent the Society from doing more than placing the above application on the list with a promise of paying \$50 so soon as the General Purpose Fund will permit of it. If every member of the Church contributed to the funds of the Society a small sum annually, it could be enabled without any delay to respond more liberally to such applications, but when few comparatively speaking, contribute any thing to it, and the vast extent of the Diocese is taken into consideration, it is forced to limit its grants, so that there may be a prospect of their being paid within a short period.

The Rev. H. C. Cooper of Etobicoke forwarded the following resolution of the vestry of St. George's Church, Etobicoke.

"That the Incumbent make application to the Church Society for a grant say of £12 10s. in aid of the liquidation of the debt upon this Church on the ground that the parochial Branch has for the last two years remitted and will for the present year remit the whole of its collections to the Society. The Rev. Gentleman further stated that by great effort the parish had paid off the principle sum of the debt, viz., £205 since last June. The local resources being thus exhausted and about \$100 of interest remaining unsettled, our vestry deemed that an application to the Society might meet with favorable consideration. Resolved that though an application from such a parish could hardly have been expected yet if the balance of the debt be at once provided for, under circumstances stated in the resolution of the Vestry, a grant of \$50 be promised so soon as the General Purpose Fund will admit of it.

The following report from the Eastern Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee was read.

To the Hon. and Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Toronto, President of the Diocesan Church Society.

May it please your Lordship. The Eastern Episcopal Trust Fund Committee, have to report to your Lordship that their Treasurer has received on account of the said Fund, the following notes and securities, viz.:

Cash Subscriptions	\$ 6612.25	
Notes Collected.....	1229.00	
Interest on Mortgage	\$141.00	
" " Notes.....	71.82	215.82
		8057.07
Mortgage, (Hooker).....		2400.00
Notes not collected		22527.33
		\$32984.40

There is also a deed from the Hon. R. C. Wilkins of a lot in the village of Trenton, containing one-fifth of an acre, value not ascertained.

Signed,
 J. A. HENDERSON,
 Chairman.
 A. STEWART,
 Secretary.
 Kingston, 14th March, 1859.

A memorial signed by the Rector and Churchwardens and others of Town of Port Hope; setting forth that the 8 acres of land given by the late Dr. Smith were very suitable for the purposes of a grave yard, that by laying out the ground well a greater revenue might be derived from it than by its employment for any other purpose, that such a disposition was the wish of the donor, they therefore prayed that the said land might be conveyed to the Rector and Churchwardens of St. John's Church, Port Hope, for a Cemetery. Resolved that if the Society's Solicitor is of opinion that the Society has the power to grant the petition of the Rector and Churchwardens, without being guilty of a breach of trust, that it be granted.

The Secretary read a resolution which had been forwarded to him by the Secretary of the Diocese of Huron, passed at the last meeting.

Resolved,—“That this meeting desires to express its sincere regret that the committees deputed by the two church societies of the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron, to meet and adopt some satisfactory basis for the division of the property held in trust by the Church Society of the old Diocese of Toronto, were unable to agree upon the terms by which that division should be made; it is therefore the opinion of this meeting, that the most equitable and righteous mode by which that important measure may be affected would be that of arbitration. The Lord Bishop of each Diocese to name an arbitrator, and these to name an umpire, and the decision of these, or any two of them, to be final and binding upon both societies.

Resolved,—“That it is not expedient for the Society to rescind a resolution passed at the last meeting, which resolved that the question should not be considered until June Meeting.

The Secretary informed the Society that Mrs. Spragge had through her husband sent a cheque for \$50 to be invested for the Mission Fund. Resolved that Mrs. Spragge's name be placed on the list of life members.

The following gentlemen were elected Incorporate Members of the Society: Rev. T. D. Phillips of St. Catharines, Rev. J. Bogart, Messrs. George Durand, D. B. Reid and R. L. Denison of Toronto, and J. Magrath of Springfield. The following gentlemen were nominated for election, the Rev. V. Clementi by the Rev. Dr. Lett, J. M. Chaffee, Esq., of Tullamore, by the Rev. J. Carry, Sheriff Jarvis, of Yorkville, by Rev. S. Givins.

JOHN TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS UP TO MAY 12TH, 1859.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels and missionary stations in the Diocese of Toronto, in the month of April, in behalf of the Students' Fund of the Church Society.

Previously announced	\$150.39	
Cavan, per Rev. T. W. Allen	5.80	
Fredericksburg	\$ 1.50	
Adolphustown	1.42	
Per Rev. R. Harding	2.92	
St. George, St. Catharines, per Rev. Dr. Atkinson.....	30.09	
St. Mary's, Lloydtown.....	5.20	
S. James', Albion	2.75	
Per Rev. H. B. Osler	7.55	
York	7.00	
Caledonia	4.25	
Cayuga	2.75	
Per Rev. B. C. Hill	14.00	