

list the following gentlemen: the Rev. Robert Arnold, the Rev. Thos Stanton, the Rev. F. W. Beaven, and the Rev. J. Fleming, at the same rate of stipend, one hundred and fifty dollars each per annum, to commence on the 1st of January, 1860.

That in May last they made the same allowance to the Rev. H. W. Stewart, to commence from the 1st of January, 1860.

The board have the honour to state, that there are now twenty clergymen assisted from the Sustentation Fund, for although the funds actually at their disposal are limited, they have been unwilling to reject any application for aid from such as can justly claim it. There is a balance of £33 from the expenditure of 1859; the amount collected on the day of General Thanksgiving, in November last, and applied to this fund, is £377 18s. 4d.

His Lordship, the President of the Trust Committee for the Management of the Commutation Fund, has sanctioned a grant out of the surplus of said fund to the extent of £200 for the present year, and the amount collected in St. James' Cathedral on Tuesday last, also to be applied to this fund, is £21 6s. 9d.

The whole sum available for the year 1860 will thus be £632 4s. 1d., and the charges upon it £760—. They propose supplying the deficiency out of the amount of the collections to be made for this purpose during the ensuing season of Advent; and they have a full belief that, if this Board should be amalgamated with a Committee of Missions of the Church Society, they should be able, with the combined funds which would thus be at their disposal, to continue their payments to the clergymen already placed upon their list, and maintain also the present missionary staff of the Church Society. It is hoped, too, that under such arrangement, the sum of fifty pounds per annum, within a short period, could be paid to each Clergyman so adopted, instead of £37 10s. per annum, as at present allotted.

A. N. BETHUNE,
Chairman.

Toronto, June 13, 1860.

Ordered, that the above report be entered on the minutes.

The Rev. Dr. BEAVEN brought up the following report from the Committee on Church Music:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC.

The Committee on Church Music beg to state that they have advanced some steps in the preparation of tunes, embracing all the measures contained in the proposed Psalm and Hymn Book, which would probably be all, or nearly all, the measures in any similar book; having made a trial collection in all the measures, and having agreed upon a list embracing all the tunes which they approved, in common, long, and short metres.

Their further progress has been retarded by three circumstances. (1) the difficulty of collecting the committee, on account of the expense of travelling, and the engagements of its members, with sufficient frequency and for a sufficient duration of time; (2) the doubt, on the part of some members of the committee, of the utility of expediting the business before the Psalm and Hymn Book was compiled; and (3) the illness of the Chairman, which prevented an intended meeting in the month of May, at which their preparation would probably have been brought to a certain state of completeness, by settling the whole list of metrical tunes. It is, however, a part of their plan to add a small collection of chants.

But, notwithstanding the incompleteness of

their labours, they have to communicate to the Synod the progress and result of an experiment, which was tried by a few other persons, in communication with the committee.

During the last autumn a scheme was drawn up, chiefly by Mr. Carter, organist of St. James' Cathedral, and submitted to his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, and to the members of the committee, the chief features of which were: (1) the employment of music-teachers by a central board in Toronto, for the purpose of teaching in the different parishes, and (2) the raising a fund by a kind of assessment upon the parishes willing to co-operate, sufficient to cover the expenses of the undertaking, and in such a manner that the surplus from the wealthier parishes might be made to cover the deficiencies of the poorer.

A circular was accordingly addressed to every clergyman, requesting his suggestions and co-operation, and a number of replies were received, some of which were very encouraging, and a few contained valuable suggestions. The number of answers, however, was small, as compared with that of the clergy; and was not considered sufficient to justify the attempt to form a Board in Toronto in the manner proposed.

Desirous of giving the matter a trial upon a smaller field, two or three of the promoters of the scheme were requested to lecture upon the subject, so as to open it up more thoroughly to both clergy and people; and the committee conceive that it may interest the Synod to be informed of the progress of that part of the experiment in the field in which it was most fully tried.

The lake shore, west of Toronto, was visited by the Rev. Robert Shanklin, and lectures were delivered in St. Catharines, Thorold, Niagara, Hamilton, and Oakville; and in all, committees were formed to carry out the undertaking. In Hamilton classes were formed under the management of Mr. Clarke, author of the Canadian Psalmody, which were well supported by all the churches in the city, and carried on successfully during the winter. The action of the Niagara Deanery seems to have ended with the formation of committees, excepting that St. Catharines went so far as to enter into negotiations with a teacher. In Oakville and two adjoining parishes a teacher was employed, recommended by Mr. Carter, with considerable success, until the season was too far advanced for further progress on the same plan.

It thus appears to the committee that the plan originally sketched out was successful, so far as it was carried out; and that it may be made more successful, if taken up again in the ensuing autumn, but it must depend for its success on the intelligence and earnestness with which it is promoted and superintended by the parochial minister, or some person possessing his confidence.

The greatest want experienced throughout this experiment, was that of a suitable book of tunes and chants to put into the hands of the classes: the want of which, indeed, in some quarters, hindered any attempts to form classes. It is not that no books exist, but none so cheap as to be easily purchased by members of singing classes: and the same want is experienced generally by choirs of churches.

(To be continued.)

ST. PETER'S PARSONAGE, CREDIT.

Who, among the parishioners of St. Peter's, or the numerous passers by on Dundas Street on the morning of the 17th of August, 1859, that observed the black and smoking mass of ruins of the old parsonage house in the village of Springfield, and were at all aware of the difficulties to

be contended with, could have realised the fact that, in less than twelve months from that date, a commodious and substantial dwelling would stand upon the same site? Such, we are happy to say, is the case, affording as it does a verification of that trite, but trust of proverbs,—“Where there is a will there is a way.”

The parishioners were not disheartened by that untoward accident, which so suddenly deprived them of their recently purchased parsonage; and though unable, at that time, to see their way, they turned out to a man, in the effort to repair their loss.

The stones, lime, &c., sufficient for the erection of the basement story, were, without delay, hauled to the spot gratuitously, and before winter set in, were completed and properly secured against frost, ready for further operations in the spring. The brick, cut stone, and other materials were also purchased and hauled by the congregation during the sleighing. The building is 40 x 24 feet, is of red brick, with stone corner sills and lintels. It is of two full stories above the basement, and consists of hall, drawing, dining and breakfast rooms, a spacious back kitchen with servant's pantry and bed-room, and four bed-rooms, &c., up stairs. The shingles are laid in mortar—a process which, it may not be generally known, lessens much the cost of insurance. The contract was taken by Messrs. Leslie & Dingwall, of Streetsville, and reflects the highest credit on their workmanship.

Allusion has been made to the difficulties in which the parish was placed. There was still a debt on the former house, which it was computed, after meeting the ordinary liabilities of the mission, could not be liquidated in less than three years, and it became necessary, notwithstanding the great assistance rendered in various ways by the parishioners individually, to borrow funds sufficient to enable them to accomplish their object,—wisely judging that in the reasonable prospect of being enabled within a term of years to save out of the revenues of the parish the required amount, it was far preferable in the interim, to pay a small sum annually in the shape of interest than to disburse the same, if not a larger amount, in the rent of some unsuitable and incommensurable tenement.

Great praise is due to the whole congregation as well as to the building committee for their exertions in carrying through the work; but we must not omit to notice in particular the assiduous attention bestowed upon it by James McGrath, Esq., one of the Churchwardens, who has ever been foremost in every work which has for its object the building up of the Church in his parish.

Communicated.

July 10th, 1860.

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