

lowing gentlemen be a Committee for the management of the Eastern Episcopal Fund.—Rev. Dr. Patton, Rev. Dr. Lauder, Rev. J. A. Muloch, J. A. Henderson, Esq., C. S. Ross, Esq., D. B. O. Ford, Esq., and Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq.”

Two applications were made from parishes in the Diocese of Huron for the transfer of lands held in trust for them; it was resolved that unless there is any very urgent cause for immediate action, the transfer had better be delayed until all the special trusts have been conveyed to the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron.

The Secretary read a Resolution of the Church Society, Diocese of Huron, forwarded by the Secretary,—

Resolved.—That the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Huron, specially convened by the Lord Bishop, while regretting that the matters in which both Church Societies are interested have not yet been finally arranged, desires to express its opinion that a plan might be devised of settling these matters by the appointment of parties, by both Societies, with full powers for the final settlement of the same, with the understanding that, if it is thought desirable, the Widows and Orphans' Fund be left as a common fund that shall be managed by a joint committee appointed by both Societies, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the Clergy of both Dioceses.

A grant of books, to the value of \$10, was voted to the Rev. J. VanLinge, for his Sunday-school at Mono.

The Rev. H. C. COOPER handed in the following Resolution:—

At a Vestry Meeting of St. George's Church, Etobicoke, held on Easter Monday last, it was *Resolved*.—That the thanks of the Vestry be tendered to the Church Society for the grant of £12 10s. towards the liquidation of the debt of that church, but that as the immediate necessity had been met from other sources, the Vestry respectfully decline drawing upon the funds of the Society for the above amount.

The Hon. Mr. CAMERON gave notice of a motion to alter the By-law appointing the Trustees of the Commutation Fund, so that the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Huron may also be *ex officio* a President of the said Trust Committee.

On the motion of the Rev. H. C. COOPER, seconded by the Rev. T. B. REED, it was resolved “that the mode adopted by the Secretary in regard to the last annual report—namely, of printing only as many copies as shall be ordered and paid for by the Parochial Associations before the end of June, with the entire lists of all Parochial Associations so ordering and paying for reports—be approved by the Society.”

Rev. W. S. DARLING, seconded by Rev. W. A. JOHNSON, gave notice that at the next meeting of the Society, he would move “That a Committee be named for the purpose of considering whether an entire change cannot be made in that bye-law of the Society allowing the appropriation of three-fourths of the parochial subscriptions to local purposes.”

The Secretary gave notice that, in order to carry out the suggestions of the “Committee on the Expense of the Management of the Church Society,” which had been adopted, he would, at the next Monthly Meeting, move that the words “Two or more Auditors,” in the Seventh Article of the Constitution, be struck out, and the words “One Auditor” be inserted in lieu.

Resolved.—That the thanks of the Society are due to the Auditors, for their services during the past year.

No change was made in the Officers or Committees, and Mr. Brent was elected Auditor.

The following gentlemen were proposed as Members of this Corporation:—By Rev. Dr. Fuller, the Rev. Wm. Ross, of Thorold, by Rev. Dr.

Patton, the Rev. Charles Forest, by Mr. Kirkpatrick, the Rev. Henry Sharpe, of Wolfe Island, by Hon. Geo. Boulton, Rev. Mr. Jones, of Cobourg; by Revs. Dr. O'Meara, Rev. Jas. Chance and Rev. Peter Jacobs, by Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Rev. C. L. F. Haensel, and George Taylor, Esq., of Hamilton.

The Rev. Edwin Loucks was unanimously elected a Member of the Corporation.

The Bishop then adjourned the Meeting to the St. Lawrence Hall at 7½ p. m.

EVENING MEETING.

The St. Lawrence Hall was well filled. The Lord Bishop in the chair. The Rev. H. J. Grassett, Chaplain, and the speakers on the platform. The Secretary read the following Report.—

REPORT.

In presenting their Seventeenth Annual Report your Committee have again to deplore a deficiency in the income of the Society. In no previous year, perhaps, has the scarcity of money been felt by all classes of the community, as it has been during the past year; yet some branches have reported an increase in the amount collected which they attribute to the fact that the objects of the Society had this year been urged upon the attention of the congregations at public meetings, and the services of earnest minded collectors engaged; your Committee have but little doubt that the same means would every where produce like results. In their opinion what the members of the Church can and are prepared to do for the Society, has never yet been fairly tested. In many parishes the objects are not named at all, and instances have occurred of individuals sending their contributions direct to the Parent Society, with expressions of regret that they had no opportunity of giving in their parish Churches. In many others, the notice that there will be a collection, is only vaguely given, and with no exhortation or instruction, so that the people give without any definite knowledge as to the importance of sustaining or furthering this or that object, much less with any interest for its success.

The masses and the many, particularly in our cities, have rarely if ever opportunities afforded them of partaking in the work, which the body of which they are members has to perform. Our contributions are for the most part from a few, and they the more able and liberal of our congregations, who give freely to every good cause, but the large amounts which are raised annually by English Missionary Societies and other denominations are for the most part made up of small sums gathered from the many.

Were every member of the Church, rich or poor, old or young, throughout the Diocese solicited to contribute according to their means to the funds of the Church Society, (the only machinery which our branch of the Church has for the propagation of the Gospel within the bounds assigned her by her Lord and Master,) it would be enabled to meet the many claims which are multiplying continually. In order to do this there must be united and cordial action, for the purpose of securing which the constitution of this Society is admirably adapted. The Society is only the Trustee of what the Church does give, and if it faithfully account for what is entrusted to it, the blame of not doing more cannot be justly imputed to it. With the same organization hundreds of thousands instead of thousands might be managed, in proof of which your Committee need only mention the fact that the large amount received from the Clergy, (the proceeds of the commutation of their salaries,) was entrusted to the Society, and in consequence the cost of management has been a very small charge on the income of that fund, the sustentation and augmentation

of which is a matter of the greatest importance to every individual in the Diocese. If our borders are extending and our population annually increasing, it is surely a reason for the Church to wake up, and to enlarge her heart, and to increase the measure of her missionary contributions. The body is made up of limbs and members; the Church is composed of individuals; let each individual then enquire what his duty as a member of the body is, and then diligently and prayerfully set himself to perform it. By heartily engaging in such work we give proof of the vitality of our faith, and the sincerity of our love for him who so loved us, that He sent his only begotten Son into the world to redeem us from slavery and eternal misery; by his bloodshedding that blessed Son purchased us for himself to be a peculiar people zealous of good works. If we are not zealous in good works, are we the followers of Christ, indeed? Can we hope to hear those blessed words addressed to us by our master, “Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

INCOME.

The income of the Parent Society, when the books were closed and sent to be audited, exclusive of moneys received for various trusts and investments returned, deducting also £176 5s 2d. belonging to last year's income and credited in the appendix of the report, though received after the books were closed,

Amounted to.....	£2621	1	10	
Received since books were closed ..	211	0	4	
Income of Parochial				
Branches so far as at present ascertained	£1560	11	9	
Deduct remitted to Parent Society inclusive of Annual Members' subscriptions ..	433	10	1	
		1127	1	8
Money received for various Trusts and investments returned	707	8	1	

Total received by the Society.... £4663 11 11

Last year the income of the Parent Society was £3048 18s 1d, consequently there appears to be a deficiency when compared with last year of £216 10s 11d. Last year certain parishes and Clergymen in the Diocese of Huron contributed £177 to the funds of this Society, chiefly for the Widow and Orphans' Fund, this year only £1 5s. has been received. There is also due to the Society for reports £73 12s 1d.

On the other hand it must be stated that an additional collection, styled in the Society's books “Special Mission Fund,” was taken up by order of the Bishop, on the suggestion of the Synod, which amounted to £112 1s. 7d., and which is included under the head of Income

SERMONS.

The proceeds of the quarterly collections, at the several churches and stations, during the past year, are somewhat less than those of the preceding one, but when it is considered that last year £177 was received from the Western Diocese, your Committee conceive that they have cause to congratulate the Society, because they think that its objects must have been more forcibly urged on the attention of the Laity. The following table will show the comparison between the receipts of the last two years.

Year ending 30th April '59.	Stations	Year ending 30th April '58	Stations
Amount	amount	amount	amount
General Purpose Fund.....	120	198	145
Mission Fund.....	174	204	163
Widow & Orphans' Fund 176	337	5	190
Students' Fund ..	120	123	95
		123	111
		95	130
		0	2
		£923	13
		7	1061
Add to this the 4th collection for special Mission Fund ..	443	1	7
		1365	2
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