

A grant of £25 was made toward paying for the Parsonage at Sydney, C. B., upon condition that the people there would raise the sum of £75 for the same purpose, within one year from the 17th of October, 1856.

Grants were also made of £5 to a Church school at Sherbrooke; of £10 towards a Church school house at Pictou.

The expenditure above noticed, together with the current and contingent expenses of the Society, amount to £857 7s. 4d., leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands at the end of the year of £464 18s. 2d., from which must be deducted the salary of the Missionaries for the preceding quarter, and the unpaid grants. This would show the true balance to be about £125.

A small saving has been made in consequence of the vacancies which have occurred in several missions.

The Committee regret that they have not been able to obtain, in accordance with a Resolution passed at the last General Meeting, any historical and statistical accounts of the Parishes for publication in the Report, but hope to be more successful during the ensuing year.

In noticing the income with which the operations of the Society are to be continued during the year 1857, the Committee cannot but express a regret that the changes which have taken place among the Missionaries in some Parishes, and the absence of others, have prevented several Collections from being made. From some other places, also, the contributions have not yet been sent in. They will no doubt be forwarded during the year; but it would be more advantageous to the Society if the Collections were made and sent in with greater regularity.

The total amount received up to the time of the Annual Meeting is £655 17s. 2d. for the general purposes of the Society.

From Albion Mines we have received	£ 8 6 0
From Amherst	10 0 0
From Annapolis	34 10 0
Antigonishe	20 6 8
And for W. & O. Fund	1 10 0
Which is larger than last year's Return.	
Aylesford	15 10 0
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The following extract from a Letter by the Revd. R. F. Brine, will shew the ability of the people there :—

"The hold the Church has in this Parish is far from being secure, and I find it very difficult to accomplish my purposes for its permanent advantage. The number of Church people is very small, and their means are far more limited than many abroad seem to think. The actual amount they have raised the past year has exceeded £200, and when I assure you that some heads of families in very moderate circumstances are annually paying from £12 to £15 each, I think the Society will consider my Parishioners well deserving of all the aid they can possibly afford."

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