

organization that we must look, under God's blessing, as the only effectual means of bringing this acknowledged duty home to the hearts and consciences of the people. No parish in the land ought to be without its Missionary Association.* It is possible that, under present circumstances, our missionary efforts are best promoted through the agency of different societies. But we are of opinion that while the choice of the instrumentality is left with each several parish, efforts ought to be used systematically and vigorously to bring home to each individual member of Christ's Church the sense of his own responsibility in this matter.

"The experience of the last few years has abundantly shown the importance of continued effort and harmonious action, under a superintending head. We, therefore, earnestly recommend the further extension of the episcopate abroad, with a view to strengthen and increase the foreign missions of the English Church, and to afford increased facilities for admitting native converts to the pastoral office.

"Bearing in mind that the supply of missionaries is at present painfully inadequate to the daily increasing demands in foreign lands, we would suggest that this matter be commended to the serious consideration of our Universities, in order to the affording of increased facilities and encouragements to those who may be willing to give themselves to this laborious and self-denying service.

"We would also suggest whether some assistance might not be given to our missionary efforts by employing some of the funds of the various diocesan and archidiaconal and other charities for the sons and orphans of the clergy, in providing exhibitions for our missionary colleges, both at home and abroad. The families of the English clergy might thus not only derive benefit from these charities, but they might also, in their turn, requite the benefit by sending out some missionaries to our colonies and amongst the heathen."

(To be Continued.)

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS.

79, Pall Mall, March 4, 1859.

THE friends of the Society are again called upon to offer their thanksgivings to the Almighty Giver of every good gift, for another step in advance of the steady extension of the Society's means of usefulness which has given occasion for the repetition of grateful acknowledgments for many successive years. In the year 1857 the General Fund exceeded the largest amount which it had ever attained before. The following table will show that even that amount now is surpassed:—

GENERAL FUND.

Income—1858.

	£	s.	d.
Collections, Subscriptions, and Donations.....	63,863	7	0
India Missions.....	15,874	3	8
China Missions.....	391	13	1
Legacies.....	5,066	11	2
Dividends, Annuities, &c.....	4,875	7	4
	£90,071	7	3

Income 1857.

	£	s.	d.
Collections, Subscriptions, and Donations.....	59,553	3	4
India Missions.....	6,161	11	0
Legacies.....	9,406	11	6
Dividends, Annuities, &c.....	4,124	12	3
	£79,248	18	1

The first item (Collections, &c.) will show that

* At the present time there are about 3000 parochial associations in connexion with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The Church Missionary Society has about 1300 branch associations, each branch comprising generally several parishes. But it would be too much to assume that more than half of the parishes in England have as yet a distinct organization for promoting Church missions.

the result is to be mainly attributed (under God) to the exertions of the Society's friends and members, who are at work in their several parishes as local secretaries, treasurers, and collectors:

It will be remembered that last June and August the Society, considering the pressing exigencies of the sons of the native African chiefs left in Sir George Grey's hands in Capetown, and the perhaps greater emergency of the gold hunters, in British Columbia, went largely beyond the estimate of its income to pledge itself to assist in these two new fields of missionary labour. The year's income is such as fully to justify the confidence with which the Society hoped for an abundant blessing on the goodness of its cause, and the zealous efforts of its friends.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.

On Monday evening, the 28th ultimo, the annual meeting of the Napane Parochial Branch of the Church Society was held, pursuant to notice, in the Town Hall, the venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston in the chair. There were thirteen clergymen present—the largest number it has been our privilege to see at any parochial meeting before. The attendance of the laity was also most cheering. Between three and four hundred were present—nearly the full of our beautiful Hall. The speeches of the clergy on the work which the church is doing in Canada, as well as the missionary work which the mother church at home is doing for the evangelization of the world, were remarkably good, so good that the interest was kept up till past 11 o'clock, when all separated, greatly pleased with what they had heard, and I trust stirred up to more active zeal and greater liberality in the cause of God and His Church. The Church Society has in this day a particularly strong claim upon churchmen, as upon it now devolves the extension and support of the church in the newly-settled parts of the country.

Clergy present.—The Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston, Revs. Dr. Lewis, Messrs. Grier, Rogers, Dobbs, Mulloch, Lauder, Anderson, Bleasdel, Bousfield, Carroll, White, and the Rector.

REPORT.

In coming before you at the close of another year, your committee have not much to report in the way of aid given by this parish to the Church Society. The quarterly collections have been taken up, but no subscription, as at the time when it should have been taken up, the parish was visited by the Rev. Dr. Patton, on behalf of the "Episcopal Fund," and the resources of the people were so drawn upon to help that object, that your committee felt that they could not press at the same time the claims of this society, but they consoled themselves that while helping on the endowment of the Bishopric and procuring of a Bishop for this important portion of the Diocese of Toronto, the parish was doing a work which would greatly tend to the prosperity of our Zion. Your committee are glad to be able to say that over £130 was given for that purpose; however, this year we hope to make up for the past, and help on a Society which has the strongest claims upon the liberality of Churchmen—a Society on which devolves now the extension and support of the Church in the newly-settled parts of our own country.

As you are aware, the Church was planted in this country and supported for many years with a liberal hand by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, that noble Society which has been working in the cause of God and His Church for more than a century and a-half—

planting the standard of the cross wherever the standard of England has floated. For some years back, assistance in some degree was also obtained from the State, but in the year 1855 aid from these sources was cut off. The State, in an evil hour, withdrew its support from religion, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel having more urgent claims upon it in other parts of England's vast Colonial Empire, was obliged, reluctantly, to leave us to ourselves. Since then the work of the church has devolved upon this the Church Society, so that it not only the new parishes have to look for aid towards paying their missionaries, but in some cases the old ones when deprived by death of their clergyman, or by his removal to another sphere of labor.

This Society supports, in part, 13 clergymen, not one of whom, it is too much to say, would be doing God's work but for the aid given by it, and when we think of this number of ambassadors of Christ going out daily to do God's work, leading the young to Christ, administering God's sacraments, preaching His holy word, and endeavouring to "Make ready a people prepared for Him," must we not rejoice and give thanks to God for this measure of success? But when we look over this vast diocese and think of the many still as sheep without a shepherd, of the many members of our Zion sitting solitary without hearing that which they were in days gone by long familiar, the voice of their spiritual mother, of the many without guidance and direction in an evil world, and without the means of preparation for a better, we feel that there is a loud call still for further efforts, and would express a hope that this parish will not be backward in giving its aid towards the help of their less favoured brethren.

Your Committee are glad to learn that the amount required to enable us to proceed to the election of a Bishop to this portion of the overgrown Diocese of Toronto is completed with the exception of a small sum, and are glad to be able to entertain the hope that we shall soon have a chief pastor to take the oversight of this new diocese.

In looking to our beloved mother church at home, whom we would ever desire to remember at an anniversary of this kind, we rejoice to think of the life which she is exhibiting in her Master's service; and we thank God for that large portion of the spirit with which He is blessing her. She is now preparing to avail herself of those providential openings which have been made by war in that vast empire of China, as also in Japan, and to pursue with redoubled vigor and zeal her great work among the millions of India, who are sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. May the word, as brought by her to these benighted nations, have free course and be glorified, and she be made the honoured instrument of turning many from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God! Though your Committee cannot hope that in our present state we can, as a Church, assist in any great degree in this great work; yet, we hope that the day is not far distant when the church in Canada will not only give her money, but her sons, to join the armies of the living God, and that a SWARTZ and a MARTIN will be found willing to spend and be spent to pull down the strongholds of sin and Satan in the earth, and help to "Make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

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