

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Collections appointed by order of the Lord Bishop of Toronto to be taken up in the several churches, chapels, and missionary stations, in the Diocese of Toronto, on November third, being Thanksgiving Day.

Previously announced.....	\$1172.63
St. Paul's, Fort Erie	17.56
St. John's, L. R.....	1.54
Per Churchwardens	
Streetsville, per Rev. R. Arnold	19.10
St. George's Quelph, per Churchwardens	11.00
Grimsby, per Rev. Dr. Lundy	19.18
Trinity Church, Barrie	1.00
Shanty Bay	16.32
St. John's, Oro	2.00
St. James's, Vespra	2.00
St. Peter's, Innisfil.....	1.75
Lennox School House, Essa	1.00
St. Paul's Church, Innisfil	1.70
Per Churchwardens	
St. John's, Murray	25.49
Trinity Church, Conseccon	3.20
Collingwood, per Rev. J. Langtry	
Gore	4.00
Grahamsville	5.00
Per Rev. J. Carry	
St. Paul's, Kingston, per Rev. J. A. Muloch	5.11
Seymour	11.00
Percy	4.83
Per Rev. F. G. S. Groves	
Saltfleet	8.00
Ontario	0.95
Stoney Creek.....	1.05
Per Rev. J. L. Alexander	
139 Collections, amounting to	3.00
1297.51	

Erratum.—In the collection for Sustentation Fund taken up at Cornwall, published in the Gazette of the 15th ult., the total should be \$34 25cts, instead of \$24 25cts.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

The second, fourth, and fifth objects of the constitution of the Society are intended to be aided out of this fund, besides the expense of general management. According to the last report we find that the second and fourth objects cost in grants of books for schools and distribution \$362 70cts, since that time, for the same object grants have been made to the extent of \$253 50, for the fifth, erection of churches and parsonages, &c., only \$80, though from the same source we learn that promises to the extent of \$50 each had been made to ten parishes so soon as the fund could afford it, which owing we believe mainly to the monetary depression of the last two years, it has not yet been in a position to perform; hopes were subsequently held out to five other parishes, making the liabilities of the Society in this way amount to \$550 to eleven parishes for churches, and \$200 to five parishes for the erection or repairs of parsonages. Total promised \$750. In consequence of the increasing balance against the fund, the Society was obliged reluctantly to pass a resolution not to increase in this way its liabilities, until all claims had been liquidated and a balance to

the credit of the fund to meet current liabilities. The Secretary was ordered to register all applications, so that if any were required when the Society was in a position to grant it, each might receive it in its turn. If these objects were fairly brought under the notice of the several congregations in the annual sermon appointed to be preached in the month of January, the proceeds of the several offertories would, there can be no doubt, enable the Society to make more liberal grants to aid the poorer parishes. The people would not give less, (especially at the commencement of a year, when with gratitude to the Divine Disposer of all events for being still spared, and for past blessings, they beseech him to vouchsafe to continue them,) because they remembered that they would shortly be called upon to contribute their usual annual contributions to their Parochial Branches of the Society, three-fourths of which, as a general rule, have been expended by committees within the District in which they have been collected, for the support of missionaries in the destitute parts of the same. The last annual collection only amounted to \$795 63cts., and the previous one to \$891, yet many are disposed to blame the Central Board for not making more liberal grants. The Parent Society feels bound to distribute the small sum which might easily be increased to pounds instead of dollars, if every member of each congregation put into the plate in proportion, as God had blessed them, over the whole Diocese for the above named object; the districts only expending the amount retained by them for the support of their own missionaries.

Another source of income of the Society applicable to this Fund is derived from the \$5 subscriptions of incorporate members. The rules of the Society, as will be seen by reference to by-law No. IV., limits the number of members of the Corporation to 300, in addition to those who were made members by the Act of Incorporation. All associated members and all subscribers to a district branch are on the payment of \$5 eligible to be balloted for as members of the Corporation. At the present time the number of incorporate members does not exceed 383, viz.: 133 original members, 64 life members, (many of whom were elected under the old by-law, since changed, which entitled a person to be a life member of the Society who had contributed a certain sum for certain church objects within his own parish,) and 186 members elected by ballot, which number includes nearly all the Clergy. Surely there are persons in every parish who would be glad to pay \$5 for the privilege. Not one that has been proposed has as yet been black-balled. It may sometime or other be of great importance to the interests of their parish that they had been incorporated before the number was complete. It should be remembered that the patronage of the Rectories was given by the Legislature to the Society, but delegated it to our beloved Diocesan, not only because he had previously always had the appointments left to him, but also because it was mainly owing to his foresight and energy that rectories were established. May he be long spared to exercise that patronage, which cannot be delegated by the Society to another for the same reason, and those who have taken so little interest in the general welfare of the Church, that they have withheld an annual contribution of \$5 from the Church Society of their own Diocese, may justly be excluded from sharing in its privileges. Moreover, by-law V. empowers the Standing Committee with the sanction of president to recommend persons, whether associated members or not to be elected into the Corporation, without reference to the limitation of numbers. The members of the Corporation should be at least four times the number, considering how many professing to

belong to the Church there are in the Diocese well able to afford the annual payment. No right minded churchman would hold back because according to his idea there was some fault in the management, but remembering that every thing earthly is fallible, would clear his own conscience by doing what lay in his power to remedy the defect, and if he failed to persuade the majority, would be humble enough to believe that he might be himself in error, and if he could not at once affect all the good he desired, he would still contribute to the cause which is truly a good one, awaiting the time to convince others, or to be himself convinced by them.

The income from the lands belonging to this object is at present very small, what are leased being on improving leases, and of late the tenants being mostly of the poorer class have got into arrears, some have left the country, the books shew \$745 due; steps are being taken to secure as much as can be recovered of this sum, but it is impossible to count upon receiving the rents punctually. The only other available source of income is the quota remitted from the District Branches, which last year amounted to the small sum of \$1734. In consequence there was a deficit in this account at the close of the financial year of \$1800, which has now been nearly doubled. We trust, however, that the late bounteous harvest will enable many to contribute much more largely than they have hitherto done, when the collection is taken up in their churches; and that the Bishop's pastoral circular lately published, may have the effect of stirring up the zeal of both the Clergy and Laity, and so largely increase the parochial lists both in numbers and amounts.

Besides affording aid to the objects above mentioned, this fund has to bear nearly the whole expense of the Society's management. On this subject, the best thing we can do is to republish the following circular, mailed in the month of July 1858, to every incorporate member of the Society.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXPENSE OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Expense of Management of the Church Society, beg leave to submit the following Report:— Your Committee have had before them the various books of the Society, and have examined the work performed by, and the duties required of, the Secretary and other Officers, as well as the various disbursements made for the Society on different accounts, and they find that the expenses of the general management fall under the following heads:—

SALARIES,	STATIONERY,
PRINTING,	OFFICE EXPENSES,
RENT,	TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The Salaries amount to £549 per annum, made up as follows. Secretary, £400; Clerk, £100; Auditors, £25, Messenger £24, and in none of those can your committee recommend any alteration in amount, but they consider that the services of one Auditor would be sufficient, and that £100 of the Secretary's salary should be borne by the Commutation Fund, as a considerable part of the time of the Secretary is employed in services connected with that fund which has now no other charge upon it for management, except the salary of a Book-keeper at £100 per annum, and the travelling expenses of the members of the Committee who reside out of Toronto. The Committee cannot recommend any decrease in the Secretary's salary, as they consider the present amount not more than adequate remuneration for the various duties which that officer has to perform; but by placing £100 per annum on the