

the April collection could have been expected, and many of the others were not remitted. The year ending April, 1861, the number was 795; year 1860, 769; 1859, 686; 1858, 593, which was the last year in which we received contributions from that portion now comprising the Diocese of Huron, showing an increase in the number of stations where collections were then made of 218, and though there may not be a corresponding increase in the amounts collected, yet it is cheering to find that the duty of contributing according to their means is being so much more widely pressed upon the members of our church, for if this duty is plainly set forth, the increase to the funds of the church for the sustentation of the numerous and varied claims which she is bound to meet, will be not only ample, but enable her to look beyond the wants of this diocese, and gladly contribute to the funds of the Church Societies, whose peculiar operations are extended to the conversion of the Jew and the Heathen.

The last religious census sets down the number of professing church people of Upper Canada at 311,505; to this number may be added the large proportion of those who are set down as protestants 7,514, and a large number (to the credit of the province be it stated) of those who are included amongst those belonging to no religious denomination, amounting to 17,373, for certain ignorant and bigotted assessors, in various parts of the Province, refused to enumerate the infants and young children of the members of the church as belonging to her, although they felt constrained to do so when visiting the families of Roman Catholics, thereby proving that they, while in many instances professing to be protestants, paid more respect to the religious feelings of Romanists, than they did to those of the Protestant Church. Now if we divide the number given 311,565 (which we deny to be correct) by 5, there will be then 62,313 heads of families, and taking rich and poor one with another surely as many dollars on an average can be collected for the various objects embraced in the constitution of the Church Society. We would again commend the consideration of this subject to the members of our communion and especially to the clergy: let the census roll in each town, village and township be examined, and great benefits will accrue to the localities, and also, if properly followed up, to the Church in the Diocese.

INCOME.

The gross receipts of the society during the past year was.....	\$21926.66
Of this sum deduct amount received belonging to the income of last year, and accredited in the appendix, deduct	5910.04
Total receipts belonging to year.....	\$18016.62
Of the amount, \$21926.63 was received, as by auditors' statement, prior to the closing of the books, 30th April.....	\$20354.142
Subsequently, though for the same year, as will more fully appear in a sheet to be published by the secretary.....	4572.52
Total.....	\$21926.66
Deduct investments returned.....	800.00
	\$24126.66
Credited last year vide last report.....	5910.04
Society's income.....	\$18216.62
Last year, including as above.....	18004.77
Leaves.....	\$388.15

the total decrease which at present appears, when compared with the last year's income, though several collections and subscriptions promised have yet to be received for the same account. This statement of receipts, when taken in connexion with the previous clauses of the report, certainly gives great cause for thankfulness.

SERMONS.

The proceeds of the quarterly sermons received, and which are included under the heading income.....	\$5754.33
Miss. F., July, taken up at stations 172...	833.38
Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Oct 181...	1076.15
Advent Sunday special M. F.....	186... 1308.87
Mission Fund, January.....	175... 930.49
Students' Fund, April, 1862.....	117... 696.44
Number of collections.....	881... \$4754.33
Last year.....	795... 4836.85
Increase in collections.....	36 dec. \$82.52

The small decrease in the amount collected when compared with last year has been accounted for in various ways, wet weather when the collections for certain objects were to be taken up, the absence of liberal contributors from the parish, or their having removed altogether, or from other causes, yet, as has been stated above, there is cause for thankfulness, when we find that the clergy have endeavoured to advocate the objects which the society desires to support, with so much greater zeal than, under this heading, we have had heretofore any proof.

MISSION FUND.

Received on this account during the year, up to the close of the books on the 30th April.....	\$12735.71
Since that time.....	2771.79
Total.....	\$15507.53
Paid out for missionaries' salaries.....	\$12476.48
Number of missionaries (8) in Home District.....	1850.00
4 missionaries Simcoe District.....	1770.00
3 " Niagara ".....	1440.00
5 " Gore & Wellington Dist.	2895.83
2 " Newcastle District.....	491.65
2 " Victoria ".....	413.00
1 " Indian Mission.....	270.00
3 " Midland District.....	920.60
2 " Prince Edward District..	300.00
4 " Bathurst ".....	862.50
3 " Eastern ".....	1262.50
Total.....	\$12476.48
Leaving to the credit of the fund \$2771.79, minus some small deduction for postage, &c., and taxes on lands at present charged to General Purpose Fund.	

Out of this fund the sum of \$60 was granted towards defraying the expenses of publication of the Indian hymn book, and \$20 for insurance of Indian church, at Mantowauing. Liabilities for the payment of missionaries during the current year, \$8940.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The receipts on behalf of this fund during the year were.....	\$2273.21
Since 30th April, interest, &c.....	374.41
Transferred from General Purpose Fund for clergy.....	620.00
Total.....	\$3167.41
In the receipts is included a handsome donation from the widow of the Rev. H. Ripley, of \$400, who, at the same time, announced her	

gratification at being able to relinquish the pension she had received from the date of her husband's death.

The amount paid out in pensions to 9 widows and 4 orphans.....	\$ 2180.00
The investments on this account now amount to	\$30538.32

The Burnside bequest our solicitors hoped to have realized early in the summer of last year, and on this opinion, mortgages were purchased to the amount of but in consequence of the non-production of one title to the property, there has been some delay, which the solicitors state has been satisfactorily cleared up, and that they have been able to make a very satisfactory arrangement, fully securing the society without being forced to sell the property of the mortgagee at a great sacrifice. Another mortgage in the city, of \$4,000, has had to be foreclosed for the non-payment of interest, and after the time required by law will be sold, and it is believed will realize the amount paid, but pending the sale the amount of insurance on buildings, repairs, commission to collector, and law costs, has for this year proved an unproductive investment. The interest on the other investments has been, though not punctually paid to the day, realized on the average 8 per cent. Before the report is printed, an account of the lands held on this account will be given, which will be found satisfactory.

The balance to the credit of this fund is \$583.17, from which will have to be deducted the taxes on lands paid out of the General Purpose Fund.

BOOK AND TRACT FUND.

Though many complain that the society is so sparsely supplied with Bibles, Prayer-books, and Tracts, there are few who avail themselves of the privilege offered of becoming members of the Christian Knowledge Society, at the small cost of \$2.50 per annum, which would enable them to obtain the publications of that society at cost price, and charges for carriage. Since the Church Society was admitted on these terms as a branch of the Christian Knowledge Society, only persons have subscribed specially towards this fund. This is much to be regretted, as, if there were no Church Society in existence, members of the church would feel bound to subscribe to the Church, Bible, Prayer-book, and Tract Society, in order to disseminate the true doctrine of the Bible, as interpreted by the church throughout the diocese. A resolution was passed at the May meeting of the society which, if it can be carried out, will render the society what in name it has always been, the Bible Society of the church. It should also be the Prayer-book, Homily, and Tract Society, but to enable it to meet the wants of the diocese, special subscriptions or contributions after sermons, should be made for this object, one, it must be admitted, not of the least importance among those embraced in the constitution of the society. Up to this time, the clergy have been the chief contributors to this fund, perhaps the fault is theirs, in not bringing the subject more particularly before their flocks; but this is but another proof, that the church is blamed for not more efficiently discharging its duty, whilst the complainants withhold the means. During the past year purchases were made from the Society for the Promoting of Christian Knowledge, amounting to \$126.38.

Sales of Bibles, Prayer-books, and Tracts were made amounting to.....	\$131.75
Subscriptions to 30th April.....	10.00
" since ".....	5.00
Total.....	\$146.75