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COMFORT IN AFFLICTION. BY MRS. JOSEPH FEARN. From the Church of England Magazine.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord elivereth him out of them all." Ps. xxxiv. 19. How blest the people of the Lord!

Though many their afflictions are, Within their heart they keep the word, And trace the light that shines from far. They lean upon Almighty's strength,

When tribulation gathers round: The victory shall be gained at length, For Jesus will their foes confound.

The Captain of their hosts is he, Whom righteous souls securely trust, Assured, though not from sorrow free, That "trouble springs not from the dust."

Our fathers have his truth declared; And we confess with them of old, How from the furnace, well prepared He brings his people "forth like God."

'Twas thus himself was perfected,-The righteous One, whom we adore ;-Then wherefore should we fear to tread Where such a Leader went before.

We need but gaze, as Stephen did, By faith upon the heavenly land; And then, the glorious scene amid, See Jesus stand at God's right hand:

And our affliction shall be light Compared with his, who drank the gall; Nor shall we doubt his arm of might, To bring us safely through them all.

## Selected.

WHAT PLACE OF WORSHIP IS IT MY DUTY TO ATTEND?

of feeling, which they put in the place of a if our feelings were a good test of our religious exercise. What a common de- safety! ceit is this! But surely it is nothing better than indulgence in self gratification, which is no religion at all. Now since our that we ought to be always ready to sus- shall I go to get the most good?" by them. We should learn continually to feelings ?"

fancy that they are pleasing God and ransgressing the express law of God.

For take now the case of a person who For in their most solemn act of religion goes into a meeting house to hear a woman they regard not those who are set over preach. The sound of the church bells rings in his ear as he goes; perhaps he walks close by the Church, where the appointed minister of Christ is about to the general meeting in the develope of the council and submitted to the general meeting in the council and submitted to th lead the Worship of the people according the unity of the Church; which is as we think that we have other things to do that purpose. Carried unanimously.

in his sacred office. But this is not exciting enough; this does not move his feelings enough. So he goes to a meeting house where Miss Shepherd is to preach. There he is charmed with the Sermon, and his feelings are deeply moved, and he understands her, he says, better than he does the Church Minister, and he is affected to many tears, and says that "he gets much good." But now let us see how such a one is entirely led astray from the path of duty by his weak and deceifful feelings. Let us consider the right and the wrong of the matter. What is the will of God? What does the word of God say on this point? For it is a great mistake to say that "the heart is everything." Surely the will and law of God is rather everything. If our hearts are ever so much gratified and moved, if we mean and hope ever so well, yet if we are acting all the while contrary to the law of God, how can it be well with us? If we indeed desire to serve and please God, it is so far well; yet that desire must be guided and corrected by the law of God, or else our zeal the end. Let us then consider what is the will of God concerning the matter before us. "Let your women keep silence in the Churches; for it is not permitted unto them to speak." (1 Cor. xiv. 34.) And again, "for it is a shame for woman to speak in the Church.' (1 Cor. xiv. 35.) And almost directly afterwards the holy apostle of Christ adds, "If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant." (1 Cor. xiv. 37, 38.) These then are not the commandments of man, but of God. The same apostle also. in the first chapter of his first Epistle to Timothy, declares again the same rule and order for the whole Church, saying, " I will therefore that men pray everywhere;" men, he says, emphatically, not women. The Apostolic rule is that in the public assemblies of the Church men are to pray everywhere, not women. And shortly afterwards the apostle of Christ adds. " 1 We all profess to believe that the natural suffer not a woman to teach." What then heart of fallen man is "deceitful above all can be plainer? Where is the commandthings." This should make us always ment of the Lord declared more expressly very ready to suspect our natural feelings. on any point? Who can doubt as to the Until we have learnt to suspect, watch and will of God on this matter? Who will Until we have learnt to suspect, watch and govern our feelings, we live for the most part only like little children, and are most probably deceived in many things. Our feelings however form a part of our consti
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But we may see a far commoner case feelings are thus deceitful, transient, and of self-deception than the one just described. treacherous, and yet we are all necessarily For do not the generality of Christians say so greatly influenced by them, it is plain to themselves on the Lord's day, "Where pect them. Until we have learnt to check which they secretly mean, "Where will and govern them, we live only like little my feelings be most affected and gratichildren, and are led into numberless errors fied? How few ever think of saying, "Where is it my duty to worship God? correct ourselves, by asking ourselves the Where ought I to go that my worship may question, "Am I doing this because it is be offered to God, according to his will?" right; or merely because it gratifies my No: they are led by feeling, not by a sense of duty. And so it comes to pass, that their very religion is little more than A very plain example of self-deception, a pleasing of self in another shape. May caused by the deceitfulness of our feelings, it not be said with truth that intense selfishmay be seen in the case of those persons ness is the prevailing character of the who never once ask themselves the ques- popular religion of the day? In their most tion, "What place of worship is it my solemn acts of Divine worship do they not duty to attend?" For many such persons rather seek to please themselves than to glorify God. Do not the generality of obtaining his blessing, when in fact they people go on the Lord's day, not where are merely gratifying their own poor weak they ought to go, but where they can hear feelings, and at the very time are openly their favourite preacher, and have their own feelings affected and gratified? And so in the very act of public worship, how many transgress the express law of God.

TORONTO, CANADA, JUNE 14, 1855. to the will of God, and to preach to them divisions. (Rom. xvi. 17.) So long as the morning; so shall Angels come to us their feelings are gratified, they never so shall Christ Himself meet us on our doubt but that they are doing right. And way; so shall He walk with us throughout the world, we too shall He world. The Lord Bishop stated that as the Committee had only met to will run to waste and come to nothing at so in every Parish, neighbours are all the world; so, too, shall He come to us at organize itself, they had made no report. pleased; no one considering, where ought the one for Easter Monday. I to go? So confusion, and disorder, and \_ division abound everywhere amongst us, to the open disgrace of our times. Now do Geelesinstical Intelligence. the enemies of Christianity rejoice; for great occasion indeed is hereby given them to blaspheme. The evil spirit of division CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO. reigns glaringly amongst us. The public The Annual Meeting of the incorporate worship of God on each Lord's day, in every parish, is a perfect scene of confusion amongst us, to the great and grievous dishonor of His holy name. For unity Cathedral Church. There were present—the in public worship is a matter of the highest consequence, being a great law of the Chaplain, the Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D. Church of Christ, arising from the most fundamental principles of the Christian religion: so that if we break this law in our very act of assembling together, our worship can scarcely be thought to be acceptable to him whose law is openly disregarded. Surely such as are led only by their feelings in this matter are most. their feelings in this matter, are most likely to be wrong. Moreover, they never consider that to hear only what pleases M. A., W. A. Johnson, W. Ritchie, T. J. Blackthem, is just the very thing that is so ex- man, G. J. R. Salter, W. Belt, J. G. D. McKenmost need to hear; these would be the stribents fold.

most profitable to us. At any rate, the nost profitable to us. At any rate, the confusion of the secondary of the path of duty, the nost profitable to us. At any rate, the nost profitable to only safe path is the path of duty, the path, that is, of obedience to the will of Received from Parochial Branches, 80 1 6 God. For our Saviour has said, " not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father Paid out of General Purpose Fund,

which is in Heaven." We shall never be

likely to obtain real good for our souls,

unless we seek it in the ways that God has

appointed. If we seek for good in ways

of our own choosing, or in Ordinances of

man's invention, we can never he sure that

God receives our worship, or that we have

indeed, but that is no test of safety. We

shall only be like Jeroboam. If in our

very public assemblies for the worship of

God, we transgress the law of Christ which

bids us to worship in unity with the breth-

ren, and in obedience to them that are

assembly be met together according to the will of our Lord? How can it be gathered

together in his name? What claim has it

to the promise of his presence? We shall

surely he in danger of being led astray by

our own deceitful feelings, and by some

false angel of light, who will pretend to give

us more light, but will in reality only lead

us into darkness. Our own poor weak

feelings may be all the while highly grati-

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us not be of the multitude of those who

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believe they are safe, just only because they feel so! But we will consider in the next tract years past, and which, if not available, should more particularly who has the right to call a public assembly for Divine worship; so closed by the General Purpose Fund; should that we may know more exactly where we any of them hereafter be paid, the amount will ought to go on the Lord's day. For the be passed to the credit of that Fund. time is now indeed more fully come of There still appear several accounts as liabiliwhich the apostle prophesied, saying, "The ties of the Society, and to which we would call time will come, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but, after their own lusts plify the accounts, and it is that the vouchers will they heap to themselves teachers, havpresented at the bank as coming from the
ing itching ears." For every Sunday accredited agent of that Institution should, on ing itching ears." For every Sunday people say, "What preacher shall I go posit. The voucher is in reality of the nature ments with Parishes or Missions, within their to hear to-day? Which one shall I like of a draft, value having been received for it, best? Who will please me most?" It is and may therefore justly be treated as such. of the 4 of their contributions, such engage all hearing preachers, rather than worship- By this course much confusion, unavoidable un- ments shall continue in force for the period of ping God. It is all waiting upon man, der the present system, would be obviated; and instead of seeking God in the ways and ordinances that he has appointed. If only a woman or a little boy be advertised to preach, what a crowded assembly meet ogether. But how can it be pleasing in the sight of man that we should be found Toronto, June 5th, 1855. amongst the hearers of these self-made teachers, pleasing our own selves, but disregarding his appointments? Oh let us and carried nem con. seek for some better guide to follow than That the Report of the Auditors be adopted, and the application which is sustained by the our own poor weak feelings. Let us be guided by principle rather than by feeling; and that the Secretary is authorised to act in largest amount of voluntary subscription from the locality, shall, other things being equal, be it relates to the vouchers for deposit; and that deemed to have, and shall have, a prior claim or else our religion will be little else than he do report at another meeting what number upon the Society's consideration.

greatest of all matters.

terrible a sin as any Christian can commit. that we must first go out into the world and | A list of those who have received Scholar-As the Apostle S. Jude says, "These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit." Separation, he says, is a work of the flesh, not of the Spirit. And the evening come to Christ? Too often will Church at Lambton, so soon as the funds of the to separate from one another in the very disappointed hopes, and cares, and vexaact of public worship, is the sin of separa.

tious, the frowns of the world which we be weighing.

On application of Rev. C. C. Johnson, the Society voted books and tracts amounting to £2 to separate from one another in the very disappointed hopes, and cares, and vexa- Society will admit of it ion in its most open and gross form. They have met with in the day time, be weighing loss, for distribution in the mission of Morpeth. eparate themselves from their brethren, as us down, and unfitting us for any more if they were too good to worship with them. thought or action; too often will our souls by a letter from Rev. J. A. Morris, it was They fancy themselves more enlightened, and bodies be at once "sleeping for sorar they say. They imagine that they alone row;" or, in other cases, where the mind not to loan the Widows and Ownberg! know the pure gospel. They go where has never during the day had one thought they can hear their own peculiar opinions; of God or Heaven, one prayer for pardon, Par then they suppose that they get good to no readiness for prayers in the morning, their souls. They never consider that they there will be far less inclination for it in the reace of God in case the evening little care to watch and prayers. are "called to the peace of God in one the evening; little care to watch and pray Waterford, in the county of Norfolk. body:" (Col. iii. 15.) They never think of least we enter into temptation, when we body." (Col. iii. 15.) They never think of least we enter into temptation, when we have not feared to go out prayerless and the Rev. J. R. Tooke, for St. Phillip's Church, the duty of being in communion with those have not feared to go out prayerless and who are set over them in the Lord; (Heb. heedless into the midst of temptation durtion in his mission. xiii. 17;) but on any pretext they set up new spiritual rulers for themselves. They never dream of the sinfulness of making Oh! let us not fail to seek Christ early in the land of the sinfulness of making of the sinfulness of the sinfulness of making of the sinfulness o separated one from another at the very eventide and whisper His blessing "Peace times when if at no other they ought to be be unto you;" so shall we lie down in peace, united; each one going to any place of and not in sorrow, and take our rest.worship where he thinks he shall be Sermons, for the Christian Seasons, from

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his blessing. We may please ourselves Collections, ...

Paid Rev. G. Salmon 2 year's Sal. 12 10 BANK OF UPPER CANADA.

Deposited, ..... 190 14 10 The balance sheet of the Society for the past year was laid upon the table, and the following Report from the Auditors was read by the

The Auditors, in submitting their audit of the ociety's Books for the year ending the 30th of April, beg to state that in accordance with the suggestion they made, and which met with the concurrence of the Committee, they have had the accounts opened in a simple and concise nanner, and by which the state of the affairs

nay be readily ascertained.
Upon reference to the Investment account, it will be seen that the General Statement under that head shews the whole amount invested, and represents the total of all the Investment | viz :fied, whilst we are nevertheless breaking accounts, while the balance of each will give the amount pertaining to that particular ac-

vestment or for other purposes. ber of accounts which had remained open for have been closed—those have been placed in the | said Society: Books under the head of Sundries, and will be

the attention of the Committee. It still remains to effect a change, which would very much simshould a voucher be lost or mislaid, a certificate | but nothing herein contained shall be

All which is respectfully submitted. EDW. GOLDSMITH,

a gratification of our own selves in another of the old balances may be considered available. shape; and so we will be deceived in the J. W. Gamble, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by the Rev. Rural Dean Palmer, seconded by the

Rev. A. Palmer, B.A., Moved, that an address from the Society to

On memorial of W. P. Taylor, Esq., backed

Resolved, That the Society cannot depart from not to loan the Widows and Orphans' Fund, the only one now available for investment, on any they can hear their own peculiar opinions; of God or Heaven, one prayer for pardon, Parochial securities; that if in its power when and then their feelings are pleased; and one aspiration for help, surely if there was

On recommendation of Standing Committee, R. C. McMullen was voted a Life Member—the Rev. Dr. Lett having certified that it was understood at the time he subscribed to the St. George's Church Parochial School House, that he

would be made one, as by the third by-law he It was moved by the Rev. H. Brent and carried unanimously, that the thanks of the Society are due to the officers of the Society for their exertions during the past year, and that the following be the officers for the present year:

PRESIDENT. The Hon. and Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of the Diece VICE PRESIDENTS.

The Ven. the Archdeacon of Rev. Jno. McCanl, LL. D.,

The Ven. the Archdeacon of Kingston,
The Ven. the Archdeacon of York,
The Hon. the Chief Justice,
" " Macaulay,
" Vice Chancelor Esten,
" " Spragge,
" Mr. Justice Draper,
" P. B. DeBlaquiers,
" John Macaulay,
" John Macaulay,
" James Gordon,
" Z. Barnham,
" Geo. Crookshank,
" R. C. Wilkins,
" Philip Vankoughnet,
" Henry Sherwoed,
" G. S. Boulton,
" Robert Baldwin,
" J. H. Cameron,
" G. J. Goodbrue,
Sir Allan MeNab,

STANDING COMMITTEE. NOING CONMITTEE.

B. D. T. W. Birchall, Esq.
Alexander Dixon, Esq.
Alexander Dixon, Esq.
W. M. Westmaco t, Esq.
George W. Allan, Esq.
H. Mortimer, Esq.
Lt. D. P. Roberts, Esq.
Lt. P. Legran, Esq.

and the Secr PINANCE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

TREASURER.
The Bank of Upper Canada. J. W. Brent, Esq. | Edward Goldsmith, Esq. The Rev. W. Bettridge then moved, seconded by the Hon. G. S. Boulton, the following resolution, of which he had given notice in April

"That as a necessary consequence of the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, the Church in this Diocese must depend solely upon the voluntary contributions of her members for the extension of her ministrations to her numerous estitute settlers; and that, as the custom nitherto prevalent in the Diocese of retaining three-fourths of the subscriptions and donations for parochial uses must greatly impede the missionary labours of the Society, the several district and parochial branches be requested to send the whole amount of their collections with-

That in no case shall any sums not actually eceived by the Treasurer of the Parent Society e admitted into the annual reports of the same The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere moved in amend

out any deduction whatever to the Parent

'That the proceeds of the subscriptions of the several local branches of the Church Society, which it is proposed shall hereafter be transmitted to the Parent Society without deduction, be apportioned in the following manner, in so far as regards three-fourths of said subscriptions,

In the first place, to make good any deficiency which may arise from any cause in the payment transgressing his express precept. Oh let runds itself being the amount available for inthe surplus to be divided annually into four As was represented, there were a great num- equal proportions, to be applied to the following purposes under the direction of the Church Society at the general annual meeting of the

The extending of Missions in the Diocese. The building of Churches and Parsonage-

The encouragement and support of Theological The granting additional support to the Ministry, when needed." The Rev. D. E. Blake moved in amendment.

that the following be added to Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere's amendment: Provided nevertheless, 1st. That wherever the respective bounds, touching the disbursements

three years from the date hereof, if required :

from the bank agent would be sufficient to es-tablish the credit for the specified amount. strued as to preclude the Society from granting any further or other aid to said missions as it 2nd. That while the Society reserves to itself. the right to decide upon each individual appli-Whereupon it was moved by Hon. P. B. De Blaquiere, seconded by J. W. Gamble, Esq., and carried nem con. not be lawful for the Society to entertain any

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Rev. Rural Dean Fuller,-

Resolved,-That the Society refrains from His Excellency the Governor General, be pre- making any alteration in its constitution in above one-fourth of their receipts as they shall think proper to contribute towards the general urposes of the Society.

A lengthy discussion took place on these arious resolutions, but as the Lord Bishop sug-tested that he had rather there was no division aken, the movers and seconders agreed not to ress them to a vote on the present occasion.

Resolved,-That it is essential to the efficacy the Society that the offertory collections in behalf of its various objects be regularly made in all the Parishes, Missions and Stations throughout the Diocese, and that a greatly increased measure of liberality be evinced by the members of the Church throughout the Diocese both in repeating to the appeals made Diocese, both in responding to the appeals made to them on the occasion of the quarterly collections and in other ways contributing to the unds of the Society.

The Rev. T. B. Read nominated the Rev. F. Fisher to be elected an incorporate member at the next meeting. The meeting then adjourned till the evening.

We are indebted to the Evening Patriot for the following very correct report of the Public Meeting in the evening :-

ANNUAL REPORT.

"The Society's thirteenth year, which has long-agitated plottings for the secularization of property set apart specially for religious purposes, has stamped the times with the indelible mark of a sacrilegious age. Yet amidst the storm of irreligious violence, the voice of justice has not been wholly overpowered, that which would have been utterly denied to the cause of God has been partially yielded to the claims of men. Hence in the Providence of Him who is over all things to the Church which is his body, there has been preserved, through the communication of property set apart specially for religious purposes, has stamped the times with the indelible in all these general benefits, Churchmen have fully participated, and your Committee would earnestly call on them to consider seriously from whom this prosperity flows, and to honour with their substance in increasing proportion, Him to whom they owe it all. "Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst there has been preserved, through the commuted claims of individuals, a fund, not adequate out with new wine." indeed to the extension of our Zion, nor yet equal to the maintenance of even her present equal to the maintenance of even her present limited ministry, but still of vast importance as forming a permanent nucleus, round which the contributions of her children may accumulate.

A large sum is apparently still due to the late Depository; and the Society, out of its General Purposes Fund, has, during the past year, paid all the liabilities, amounting to While we humbly bow before the will of the Great Head of the Church, who has permitted for wise ends, an act of spoliation, we cannot but give glory to him also for having raised up energetic and zealous friends in perilous times, to stem the torrent of vindictive covetousness, which threatened to sweep away the whole provision for the support of the ministry. Nor has the secularization of the Church's property been in itself an unmiting ted only been in itself and the content of the Students Representation of the Collections representation. for wise ends, an act of spoliation, we cannot but give glory to him also for having raised up energetic and zealous friends in perilous times, been in itself an unmittented with moved for ever, from the clamour of party, the fund, which, however diminished, from this time will form the basis of the m the Church in Western Canada. Furthermore, the hearty good-will with which the clergy have united in commuting their claims for the benefit of the body at a time when it was a matter of doubt with some, whether the assertion their claims, separately, would not have been better for their private interests, has afforded to this society subject of deep congratulation in

this tangible proof of zeal and unanimity. A new duty now devolves upon this society, and calls for increased exertions on the part of its officers and members—the proper adminis-tration of the Commutation Fund. We may humbly and confidently hope that the same Divine Power to whom we gratefully attribute that measure of success which has attended the efforts of those who have so nobly battled for the rights of the Church, will give also such sound judgment to this society in the management of the Commuted Fund, that it may remain a partial endowment of the Church for ever-a lasting monument of the goodly portion originally bestowed on her by a pious Government, and an enduring memorial of the energies of those who under God have saved this remnant for her. Your Committee regret to say, that those Clergymen who have been added to the list since the passing of the Imperial Act of 1853, have

as yet been unable to obtain a commutation of their claims on the Clergy Reserve Fund. The injustice of this will be apparent when it is considered that, if the Canadian Government, by withholding immediate action on that bill denied the Church the instant benefit of the Commutation of its then claims, they should not in common fairness have objected to meet any new claims consequent upon the legitimate growth of a living body, during the interval of their inaction, and this injustice will be the more laims are disallowed were for the most partap-

With this allusion to the wrongs which the Church in this Province has sustained, your Committee would now recommend the Society to forget the injury in the earnestness of action

Your Committee is unhappily not able to reort any increase in the general income of the ociety for the past year. Perhaps the storm which was lowering over the temporal interests of the Church, may have had a depressing effect upon some, so as to cause them to withhold their support for a while. Perhaps, as in falls short by £64 7s—only £299 7s. having the awful moments which precede the encounter of mighty hosts, "the bravest hold their breath for a time;" so Churchmen may have been waiting the result with expectation too anxious for energetic action. But now that incurred in the management of all the other the crisis is past, now that the ship has outrid-funds, and meet the numerous and urgent deden the storm, your Committee would call earnestly on Churchmen not only to return devout last year, grants were made from this fund thanks to Him who has preserved from alienamounting to £183 178 6d. Some of the tion, a portion of the temporalities of the church, but to show the reality of their gratitude by taking effective means to replace what has been lost, enabling the Society to pay all the stipends of the Clergy who have commuted, and so far as human prudence may, to prevent those evils which might threaten the grants sought for, month after month, by mis-Church in days to come, if her necessities com- sions which had a right to expect aid from the pelled her to diminish the capital so generously Society, and to be unable even to attempt to contributed by the clergy.

The Church is a perpetual Society, is a living, and therefore a growing Society. In providing for the temporal wants of such a body we must not consider merely the present day, the present ceipts of this Fund, collections having been generation; we are led by the consideration of made at 138 stations, instead of 165, and the for the temporal wants of such a body we must will in its turn provide for those who are to follow, even as we ourselves have benefitted and are benefitting by the labors and bounty of those who have gone before us.

The following details will on comparison, show that in many parishes the amounts raised

The income of the Parent Society, exclusive of monies received for Special Trusts, the noble bequest of the late Dr. Burnside, of £1750, and the sum of £156 belonging to the previous year's income, and acknowledged in the Appendix though received too late for the audited ccounts, amounted

£2708 12 1

Some collections and propor-tions of Parochial Branch Subscriptions have not yet been received. The estimated income of the several branch-es and Parochial Associations, so far as has yet been ascer-tained, amount to which, £30 5s. 10d. was re-ceived after the Books were closed; deduct as remitted to Parent Society, something on an average over <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> £2524 12 4

£1741 10 5

o which add monies received on account of Instalments on Loans, Dividends and rents paid in for particular trusts. £294 18 3 £4745 1 3 The income of the Society last year, inclusive

of the bequest of the Hon. W. Allan, (£200) This Society held its Annual Meeting last evening at the City Hall, which was well filled on the occasion. The Bishop of Toronto opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Rev T S Konwach prayer, after which the on the occasion. The Bishop of Toronto opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary of the Society, read the Annual Report at the request of his Lordship. Many distinguished members of the Church of England, lay and ecclesiastic, were present, some of whom addressed the meeting. The speeches are reported at length below. Subjoined is the Report in full as read by the Secretary: war, or drained of men and money to supply its insatiable demands, and while in the Mother Country an increased taxation weighs heavily ust closed, has been rendered memorable by an upon the people, our favoured land has been cevent in which future generations of Canadian churchmen will recognise an important crisis in the history of our branch of the Catholic Church of Christ. The consummation of the consumm ong-agitated plottings for the secularization of perty has in most places risen in value beyond

Collections for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, made at 192 Sta-

tions amounted to ... Collections for the General Purpose Fund, made at 176 Stations,

made at 138 Stations, amounted to 201 4 0

MISSION FUND.

Your Committee are gratified to find that the Mission Fund Collections exceeded those of the past year in amount by £111 12s. 8d.; this may be accounted for by the fact, that they were taken up at 43 more stations. On this Fund the Church must now chiefly depend for the maintenance of her Missionaries, and your Committee feel confident that the Missionary cause has only to be prominently brought forward in every Parish from the pulpit, and at parochial meetings, to ensure to it the hearty sympathy and co-operation of every one, as even the most careless can readily be made to feel the miserable position of those who are, especially in times of sickness or calamity, debarred the comforts, which they know can then only be derived from God's Holy Word and Sacraments, and it may be hoped that some late Dr. Burnside, who bequeathed the sum of £1,000 for the furtherance of this object. £238 has been paid out on account of salaries to Missionani s, Catechists, School Masters and Interpreters, chiefly for the benefit of the Indian

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND. Your Committee cannot forbear to express their surprise at the falling off which there appears to have been in the number of stations at which collections were made for this object; their inaction, and this injustice will be the more palpable when it is considered that those whose from 227 stations, whereas during the past claims are disallowed were for the most partap-pointed to supply the immediate wants of the church and to fill the places of those who have since demised, but who were serving the Church in 1853. ber of stations they would have had to report a large increase of this fund. There is now invested on account of this object the sum of £6,369 16s. 10d., including £750 bequeathed by the late Dr. Burnside. fourteen orphans are on the relief list.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND The collections made for this object were, your Committee regret to say, taken up at only been received, to which add £783 Is 11d. proportion received from the Parochial Branches, and the Society has only £1,082 8s. 11d. wherewith to defray all the expenses mands continually made upon it. During the ranches appear to have lost sight of the alteration made last year in the by-laws of the Socarry on some important objects embraced in its constitution.

STUDENTS' FUND.

the immortality of the Church, by that looking forward which characterises those whose highest hopes are placed in futurity, to provide for a scholarships, namely eight, have been paid over to Trinity College.

Reports have been received from 93 Parochial

Branches, extracts from which will be given in the appendix. Reports have been also received from the sister Societies in the other North American Colonial Dioceses as well as from the venerable societies at home, which have not been equal to those of the preceding dant cause for thankfulness that amid the many new calls which have been made within the