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CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Society met on the 14th of February. Present-The Lord Bishop, the Revs. D. E. Blake, R. Mitchele, S. Lett, H. Mortimer, R. Denison and H. Rowsell, Esqs.

The Rev. Dr. Lett acted as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

After the usual prayers, the minutes of the Receipts in February last meeting were read. The balance sheet and Do. do. March, particulars of the various accounts were read and laid on the table.

The following donations were received during Expended in February £15 0 the past month :- Sir J. B. Robinson, £12 10s.; L. R. Marsh, E-q. £10, to be divided between the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the Mission Pund; a dividend of 31 per cent. on Bank U. C. stock, 129 shares, total £50 8s. 9d., had been received and placed to the credit of the Wislows and Orphans' Fund; also, a bonus on same, amounting to £189 15s.; interest on Grand Trunk debentures, for same account, £18 9s. 10d; and dividend on Commercial Bank stock, £3 10s.

Invested on the Widows and Orphans' account during the past month, in purchase of seventeen shares, say £212 10s., Bank of Upper Canada stock, at par, and in purchase of two shares, say £50, Commercial Bank stock.

The Society approved of the following investment on account of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, on the recommendation of the Finance and Standing Committees:-two Middlesex county debentures, one for £250, the other for £500 having mneteen years to run, at the rate of £77 10s. per £100, or £581 5s. for the £750—the legality of the by-law under which said debentures were issued having been ascertained.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Society agreed to pay £12 10s. per annum to the Rev. R. Flood, for the payment of an interpreter for the Muncey Mission, the engagement to date from the 1st July, 1851.

On the application of the Rev. J. Carroll, a grant of books and tracts to the amount of £2 10s. was ordered, for distribution in his mission.

On application of the Rev. W. Stennett, a grant of books and tracts for the Sunday school and mission of Ca. leton.

The Committee appointed to report on the Rev. A. Townley's Letters on Education presented their report, which was ordered to be laid on the table; as also a letter from Captain Rubidge: those documents having been received subsequent to the meeting of the Stand ing Committee, and therefore not considered by that body.

meeting adjourned.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

The April Monthly Meeting of this Society was held at the Society's rooms, on Wednesday, 1 by the Bishop.

The minutes of the February meeting were then read, as there was no quorum in March, the only members present being the Bishop, Hon P. B. DeBlaquiere, and R. Dennison, Esq. The balance sheet was read and laid on the table, as also a statement of the receipts and expenditure on account of the several funds, during the months of February and March.

Purposes Fund, February, -189 12 8 do. March, Do. £318 1 10 Sundries expended during February, - . £22 11 5 Do. in March -6 33

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Receipts on account of General

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND. £29 13 28 5

£57 19

MISSION FUND. Receipts in February, - £8 2 Do. do. March, 1 10 1 2

Expended in February, £81 5 STUDENTS' FUND. Paid for Taxes on Lot in Dunnville, £4 0

BANK OF UPPER CANADA. £221 17 Deposits in February, - - -185 Do. do. March,

£506 18 £189 12 Paid out in February, 49 14 4 Do. March, £239

Cash in Bank,

The following letter was read from Mr. Chance, Catechist at Garden River.

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Garden River, Dec 29th, 1855.

REV. AND DEAR SIR, -I embrace the earliest opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of the cheque which you kindly forwarded, to the amount of £21 17s. 6d., and to express my deep obligation to the Society for their kindness in granting my request. I had previously Although the pecuniary aid from the Society came too late in the season to enable me to make the necessary repairs for our domestic comfort and convenience, yet I was exceedingly thankful for it, inasmuch as it afforded me the desirable assurance that they had an increasing interest in the prosperity of this too long

neglected mission.
It was not altogether impossible to do the intended repairs; but the winter had already

Prayers were read by the Bishop and the new roofs; and with the prospect of new buildings in the spring, we resolved to endure all the inconvenience inseparable from such incommodious places at best, as these we now occupy for the winter.

With the permission of the Society, we will the 11th mst. Present, the Right Rev. the devote the money which they gave to us (to Lord Bishop, in the Chair; the Hon P. B. promote our own comfort) for the purpose of DeBlaquiere, the Revered's Rural Dean Oster, assisting in building a house and Church, which Rural Dean Blake, J. O. Geddes, Provost White will tend to the benefit of all the Indians; taker; Messrs. H. Mortimer, H. Rowsell, and whereas the other use of it would only have the Secretary. The usual prayers were read tended to the benefit of ourselves for a short time, and then permanently to that of a few others, who, in all probability, would have expected the same amount of rent for their houses from the Society as though no improvements had been made. I am happy to inform the Society that the Indians have, at length, began to do something themselves towards providing for me.

I called a meeting of the Indians some time ngo and tried to convince them of their duty to do all they possibly could towards building a suitable place for the worship of God, and a house for me. I so far succeeded that they promised if I would give them something to eat every day they went to work, they would go into the wood and prepare logs, bring them out, and raise them. I agreed; but they, Indianlike, were more ready to promise than to perform, and allowed several weeks to pass without making any effort.

I thought it would be well to bring the subject before them again in a more solemn manner. So, last Sunday week, in the afternoon, I addressed them from the prophet Haggai, 1st ch. 7th and 8th verses. When the service was over and the Indians began to move, one of the old chief s sons (the old chief himself being con fined to his bed) requested them to remain a short time, as he had something to say to them. He then addressed them for a considerable time in a most eloquent manner; telling them what they had promised to do for a missionary if one should permanently settle amongst them, and reminding them of what they had heard from me as to their duty. He concluded with a most earnest exhortation to begin the good work at once. The next morning as many as we could conveniently entertain came to breakfast, and after doing ample justice to the food which Mrs. Chance had prepared, they took their axes and departed for the wood. Last week they got out logs for one house.

I do not suppose that they will have much gold or silver to give, but I feel persunded that they will do what they can, and this to me affords encouragement. The Indians lately have manifested much earnestness about the concerns of their souls; our school-room has been crowded to excess. I had the satisfaction of seeing at our service last Sunday for the first time, one of the most bigoted Papists at Garden River, who has for a long time been the object felt that I was alone and uncared for, and as of special prayer. I thank God for this proof though no one took any interest in this Mission; of Ilis unspeakable goodness in hearing and but such feelings were entirely suppressed by answering prayer, and I take courage. May Ho that substantial proof to the contrary, for which further answer prayer, and open her heart, and I return my sincere and heartfelt gratitude the hearts of all in a similar condition, even as He did the heart of Lydia; so that they may carnestly attend to the things which concern their everlasting peace.

I must mention, however, that I have had much to discourage me as well as much to encourage. Some of the Papists, prompted doubtless by their deluded Priest, have obstinately refused to listen to the reading of God's Holy Word, and have told me that they did not want to see me. The inmates of one wigwam in parset in, and rendered it very difficult. I did all ticular gave me the warmest assurance possible I could to make these places habitable without that they would rather have had the little space