

Edwardsburg.....	0	17	9
Mountain.....	0	8	6
Per Rev. J. Harris.....	1	6	3

173 Collections, amounting to £411 5 6

MISSION FUND.

Previously announced.....	£262	1	1
Edwardsburg.....	0	17	3
Mountain.....	0	8	2

Per Rev. J. Harris.....	1	2	5
Bolton Mills, per Rev. H. B. Osler for } Home District.....	10	0	0

161 Collections, amounting to £273 3 6

PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

Warwick, per Rev. Smyth.....	3	5	0
Lloydtown, per Rev. H. B. Osler.....	10	0	0
Bolton's Mills, per Rev. H. B. Osler.....	10	0	0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. J. S. Clarke.....	£	1	5	0
H. F. Campbell.....	1	5	0	
R. F. Campbell's subscrip'on in arrears	10	0	0	
E. Denrocho.....	1	5	0	
J. Harris.....	1	5	0	
Jas. Henderson, Esq.....	2	10	0	

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NAPANEE BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Napanee Branch of the Church Society, took place on Tuesday evening, the 27th of January, in St. Mary Magdalene's Church.—There were present of the Clergy, the Rev. H. Mulkins, the Secretary of the Society for the city of Kingston, the Rev. Mr. Dobbs, and the Rev. Mr. Clark.—The Rev. the Rector in the chair. The meeting was well attended, and the several resolutions were ably spoken to. The Missionary objects of the Society were particularly brought before the Meeting, and the duty of contributing, to aid the Church in this work clearly shown and enforced. Thrown, as the Church now is, upon the afflictions of her members for her extension, and seeing the great spiritual destitution which prevails in this portion of the Diocese, there is a loud call on all who have the means to contribute, as God has blessed them, to meet this want. At the close a collection was made in aid of the Mission Fund of the Society. The following is the report of the Committee.

REPORT.

The last Annual Meeting of this Branch of the Church Society, was held in the summer, as, from the inclemency of the winter, it was thought to be for the benefit of the Association, to change the time of holding it to that season; but finding, from its being a busy time of the year, that there was not the attendance which was anticipated, we have returned to the winter and purpose holding it earlier than we used, when we hope to have fine weather. Your Committee have to report that the quarterly collections have been regularly made, and sermons preached, bearing upon the objects of the Society. The Collectors have also succeeded in raising £10 17s 9d by subscription, which does not appear in this year's report of

the Parent Society, it having been closed before the collection was made. The Church has been comfortably pewed, the expense of which has been met by the proceeds of a concert, and funds in the hands of the Church Wardens, without calling on the congregation for anything. The debt on the Font and Sunday School Library has also been paid, with the exception of a small balance.

Your Committee are glad to learn by the report of the Parent Society, that it has prospered during the past year, and that there is an increase to its funds over previous years, and would desire to give thanks to the Author and Giver of every perfect gift for this success, while they would look in faith and hope for a continuance of his favour.

Your Committee, in taking a survey of the Midland District, have to express great sorrow of heart, for the spiritual destitution which prevails throughout it, amongst the members of our beloved Zion. While all other parts of the church in this Diocese, show an increase in the number of clergy, this portion has to deplore a great falling off; and your Committee would here deplore the loss which the church has sustained in the removal, by death, of the Rev. P. Shirley, who for many years had labored zealously in the townships of Camden and Sheffield.—This loss is particularly felt, as our Missionaries are few: however, we would desire to bow with submission to the will of the Great Shepherd, who tries his people for their good.

Your Committee have to complain that, considering our great spiritual destitution in this part of the Diocese, the whole of the mission fund should be spent west of Toronto. They think that, inasmuch as this part of the Diocese contributes its portion, it should have a share in the fund. They would entertain a hope, that, when this is looked into, by those who have the disposal of it, a fairer distribution will be made; and that, when they have to report again, they will be able to congratulate you, that a Missionary is not only laboring in the Townships of Camden and Sheffield, but that a travelling missionary is engaged in ministering to the poor members of our church in the Midland District, who are at present as sheep having no Shepherd.

W. B. LAUDER,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE ORILLIA BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING MARCH, 1856.

In making this report the committee feel that there is cause for rejoicing and gratitude to Almighty God, for the encouraging progress made in the operations of the Church since the last meeting of this Society. The erection of St. James's Church in this village, though a work of great magnitude to be hastily completed, has made great progress during the past year. The exterior is finished, and it need only be seated for the performance of divine service. Its solid and ecclesiastical structure will form a beautiful and substantial memorial to many generations that the pure and spirit of worship of our church was valued and maintained by christians of the present day. Within the same period a small church has

been commenced and nearly finished in the township of Mara; and the congregations of the new churches of St. Luke, C. W. R., and St. Marks, Oro, have been engaged in removing debts and adding to the comfort of the buildings.

The committee have the greatest satisfaction in again noticing the diligent and successful exertions of the Ladies' Industrial Society. More than £30 has been received from sales during the past year, clear of all expenses, and by this means the whole remaining debt upon the parsonage has been removed at a much earlier period than the most sanguine had anticipated; and the society is now going on in good earnest to assist in the expense of the new church.

Engaged in so many local objects, requiring all the energy that can be enlisted to accomplish them. The committee rejoice in the existence of a branch of this society in the parish, as tending to keep alive the proper unity of the church in action as well as spirit. While the members of this congregation owe their best thanks to christian friends at a distance for liberal assistance to St. James's Church, it should be to them a cause of pious joy, that by the contribution of their mite to the common funds of the Church Society, they are permitted to shew their interest in the Church's onward progress throughout the land. Under the circumstances already mentioned, it would have been difficult to increase the sum remitted to Toronto, the committee have therefore been content to send the same amount £6 10s. as on the two previous years, together with the four quarterly collections, amounting to £9 1s., making in all £15 1s. £A has been taken up at the offertory, £6 of which has been applied to the Sunday School and charities, and the remainder to expenses of the church.

At our last annual meeting the chairman expressed the hope that the society in this district would in future be conducted more in accordance with its constitution by the organization of a district branch, from which some beneficial district movement would follow, and stated that he had urged the necessity of such a step in other places interested; and accordingly a resolution was passed expressing the desire of this branch of the society to join in the proposed measure; but the committee regret to learn that nothing has yet been done to promote this desirable object.

In conclusion, the committee would earnestly commend the Church Society to the prayerful and hearty support of every member of the church in this mission, and implore the blessing of Almighty God upon its efforts here throughout the extent of its labours.

Fitzroy Harbour, February 26, 1857.

DEAR SIR,—I perceive from some remarks contained in the last number of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, that you experience some difficulty in preserving its life for want of pecuniary nourishment.

I believe that the death of the paper, from such a cause, would be very discreditable to us as well as to the lay members of the church. Is it possible that so little interest is really felt in operations of the church in these provinces, that a paper which chronicles her acts cannot, or will not, receive sufficient encouragement to continue its work? The fate of the "*Church*," paper is discreditable enough. As we permitted the father to die of inanition, common shame ought to induce us to throw a few crumbs to sustain the tottering steps of the child.

I highly value the *Gazette* as a medium of communication with distant parts of my mission, and as a means of exciting interest in the work of the mission, and diffusing a knowledge of what is doing, and has been done. I avail myself of my annual Church Society reports for these objects. In these I take care to record any item of local interest, to explain away misconceptions and to provoke to unanimity and zeal—as comparatively few persons hear the report read. I find it to be an easy and highly acceptable mode of affording all, without exception,