

Collected after Sermons for Missionary purposes .....	£58 16 0		
Collected on day of Thanksgiving .....	65 17 6	630 12 1	
Remittances from the Country .....	292 4 3		
Collections after sermons for Missionary purposes .....	69 13 0		
Collections after sermons on Day of Thanksgiving .....	46 11 10	408 12 1	
		1055 4 2	
Collected at Gen. Annual Meeting, 1855 .....	20 10 7		
Rents, Interest, &c.....	22 11 8	43 2 3	
Total from the ordinary sources of Income ...	£1098 6 5		
Balance of last year.....	249 1 10		
Making a total of.....	1347 8 3		
Total expenditure for the year .....	800 3 2		
Balance on hand .....	£487 5 1		

## WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Amount of Collections in Montreal .....	£34 18 6		
Amount of Collections in the Country .....	84 12 4	109 10 10	
Donations (see Appendix) Put to the credit of this Fund from the Fund for general purposes		6 0 0	
Interest and Dividends		66 5 0	
Premium on Bank Stock		124 15 10	
Collected at the Visitation at the Cathedral		85 10 0	
		7 5 7	
		409 6 3	
Balance in Treasurer's hands last year .....		199 14 11	
		609 2 2	
Invested during the present year .....		707 8 6	
Balance due to Treasurer	£98 5 10		

Total amount of Investments now made for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund is £2,457 10s.

During the year there has again been an increase in the amount raised in Montreal of £255 18s. 7d., and there is an increase in the remittances from Parishes and Missions in the country of £34 18s. 11d.

The thanks of the Society are due to the members of the Montreal Parochial Association, for their exertions in the Society's cause. The Association has paid to the Treasurer the sum of £350 13s. 2d, which includes £105 19s. 2d. contributed through the Missionary boxes.

The total income of the Society from ordinary sources is £353 16s. 10d. more than last year.

By by-law No. 7, the missions in the country are permitted to expend half of the

money which is raised in the name of the Society on local objects. The amount thus expended is £121 8s. 10d., which does not appear in the Treasurer's accounts. Many of the Clergy do not avail themselves of this privilege but place the full amount subscribed to the credit of the Society.

Contributions valued at £195 8s. 5d., have been received toward endowments, and £77 have been received for the sale of books.

The total amount raised within the year for Church purposes is £8586 16s. 6d.

The events of the past year have added another to the many claims which the Society has on the support of the members of our Church. The Clergy Reserve question has been settled by an Act of the Legislature. This measure would have deprived the Church, after the death of the present recipients from the Clergy Reserves Fund, of the endowment which it had hitherto enjoyed, had not permission been given to the Clergy to commute their incomes, with the consent of the Church to which they belong. This has been done throughout the diocese, and in order to secure to the Church the sum thus obtained, the Society has guaranteed the payment of the annual income which was received by the Clergy from the Reserves at the time of the passing of the Imperial Act.

As the commutation money when invested will not yield an income sufficient to cover this expenditure, the balance must be made up from the funds of the Society. By this arrangement the capital sum thus invested will be secured in perpetuity for the benefit of the Church in this Diocese, to be applied hereafter (when the present incumbencies shall cease.) in such manner as the Society may deem expedient.

It is to be hoped that the increasing liberality of the friends of the Society will not allow its ordinary operations to be impeded by the demand which will be made on its funds in securing this important arrangement.

We regret that our space will not permit us to publish the Reports received from the different Parishes and Missions.

## EDUCATION.

From the Report of the Colonial Church and School Society of the past year, it appears that the expenditure has amounted to £3850. To meet this outlay there has been an income of £3796, viz: from the Government for two years £1000; Parent Society in England £970; School Fees £250, and private contributions £1579; a large portion of which was contributed for a special purpose in Upper Canada and the United States; the whole income exceeding that of the last year by £1100.

The Model School, which has about 30 Teachers, progresses most satisfactorily and there is an increase in the number of the Society's Schools in the Diocese.

## WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND

The sum of £2457 10s. is now invested for this fund. The amount added to this fund from all sources during the past year is £409 7s. 3d.

By the lamented decease of the Rev. D. Gavin, an annuity of £40 per annum is payable to his widow. This sum is at present paid from the general funds of the Society, in accordance with the provision of the 8th clause of the W. and O. by-law. To this purpose many of the collections made on the Day of Thanksgiving were appropriated in accordance with the suggestion of the Lord Bishop.

## DEPOSITORY.

The following are the issue during the past year:—

Bibles .....	72
Prayer Books .....	533
Miscellaneous Books .....	1345
Tracts .....	4147

6097

The Central Board thankfully acknowledges the interest which has been manifested in the well-being of the Society during the past year, and earnestly entreats its members to make more fully known the purposes for which it is established, the important object which it ever keeps in view in the distribution of its funds, and the claims which it has on those to whom an abundance of this world's goods is intrusted. And may their contributions be accompanied by fervent prayer to the throne of Grace, that the operations of this Society may be blessed to the promotion of God's glory and the edification of His Church.

The Venerable Archdeacon Lower then moved the first resolution—

“That the Report now read be adopted and printed, under the direction of the Secretary.”

He recapitulated some of the statements contained in it, and remarked on the increase of the income of the Society, both in the country and in Montreal. In Montreal it had been relatively greater than in the country; but he supposed their country friends would give very good reasons for that, and nothing could be further from his intentions than to make invidious comparisons. He thought the contributions might be much enlarged, and that many who had not had an opportunity to contribute would be glad to do so, should one be afforded them. He particularly called on the more wealthy of the members of the Church to increase their subscriptions. They must do so if anything great was to be done. More was expected of them this year than they had done in the last. He particularly remarked on the increase of income that had arisen from boxes. This amounted to £205, and it was a sum that he did not think would have been collected at all but for the boxes. He contended that this species of collec-