

Church fellowship. They have also under their immediate direction 32 Schools with more than 1000 Scholars receiving religious instruction. Their efforts in South America are but just commencing, but the field appears to be whitening unto the harvest.

In proceeding to lay before the meeting the Financial exertions of this Auxiliary Society, your Committee feel it due to themselves to offer a few preliminary observations.

During the summer of 1836, several Ladies and friends in our Congregation and Society, were laudably employed in preparing for a Missionary Bazaar, which was held immediately after the last anniversary of this Society. So successful were their benevolent efforts, that the sum of £160 was realized at the time of sales. After defraying incidental expences, they were enabled to hand over to the Treasurer of this Society the sum of *one hundred and forty pounds currency*. At that time, it was fully intended to call on the usual subscribers for their annual subscriptions, and collectors were accordingly appointed for that purpose; but the almost total failure of the crops throughout Lower Canada, causing a sudden and alarming advance in the price of all kinds of provisions, induced your Committee to defer their application at least for a time. During the winter it was deemed impracticable to take up a subscription in aid of the Funds of this Society, as two extensive fires had occurred, and the distressed state of the Poor pressed so heavily upon our friends and subscribers in general, that it was thought necessary still further to delay our application.

As it became necessary to close the Society's Annual Accounts at the beginning of the month of May, your Committee could derive comparatively no benefit by the prospect of the opening season.

About £10 were collected, which with the collections at the last anniversary, and a small balance in hand, amounted to £33 9s. 6d., this, with the sum raised by the Missionary Bazaar, made a total of £173 9s. 6d. currency, which was remitted in the usual way to the Treasurers in London.

Your Committee indulge the hope that a great proportion of the subscribers will kindly pay up the subscriptions of the past year, when they shall be called on for the present year's subscription, especially as Divine Providence has granted uninterrupted health to the community at large during the present summer, and is now graciously blessing us with an abundant harvest.

In conclusion your Committee would remark, that from all the publications of the Parent Society which have come to hand