

newly arrived emigrants. "We Canadians," he says, can support our bishops and clergy, and, I trust, will do it. But the expense of sending the ministrations of the church to the emigrants in the backwoods, ought to be borne in part, at least, by the church which sends forth the emigrant."

To the Editor of the Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette.

SIR,—The people who attend the English Church in this Village presented the Rev. Mr. Sykes, of Clarendon, with a purse containing ten pounds on New Year's day.

Perhaps you will be kind enough to favor them by inserting their letter and Mr. Sykes' reply, in your paper.

Your obedient servant,

A SUBSCRIBER.

Portage du Fort, Jan. 5, 1857.

PORTAGE DU FORT, 1st Jan., 1857.

To the Rev. J. S. Sykes, Clarendon:

DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned, residents of Portage du Fort, beg leave to offer our grateful thanks for the zeal and kind consideration you have shown during the period in which our village was included in your extensive mission, in coming to us so regularly, under so many adverse circumstance and difficulties to perform the services of the Church. We request your acceptance of a Purse. If our best wishes to yourself and family could fill it, be assured it would be "good measure pressed down, shaken, together and running over." Half full as it is, you will at all events accept it as a memento of our deep respect and gratitude. With the highest consideration,

We are, Dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

G. W. Usborne, Allen Mason, J. L. Rowley, John Hoare, Jacob Nelson W. Wilson, H. Chambers, G. E. White, William Sommerville, Oliver Ingram, G. Nibbet, N. McLarnon, John Gordon, James Gordon, Jas. Sommerville, Chas. Shay, D. McLeron, E. Gorby, D. Quin, Jas. Slack, J. W. B. Ford, R. Tyre, Jos. Julian, Thos. Carey, E. White, J. Beattie, W. Sommerville, Senr., Geo. Purris, M.D.

CLARENDON, OTTAWA, C. E., Jan. 1st 1857.

My Christian Friends.—In reply to your address, so kindly handed to me this morning by a deputation from the inhabitants of our county town, I am happy to receive with gratitude the receipt of a well-filled purse, which accompanied the expression of your Christian love.

In visiting you I always found some grateful hearts, and tokens of Christian fellowship to cheer me on my way through storm and cold, and the burning heat of the summer sun; and felt it to be a great pleasure to celebrate the Divine Services of our beloved church, and discharge all the other duties of my sacred office. Portage du Fort is one of the bright spots in this wide field of missionary labor, where people are to be found who seem to value their high privileges in the Church of God.

When I think of your great liberality towards the building of a church,—your willing contributions towards fencing your grave-yard,—and your readiness to do all in your power in supporting a Clergyman, I scarcely know how to thank you enough for your kind consideration in thus thinking of me on this the first day of a

New year. Although the boundary line between my Reverend Brother and myself may make us two, we are still one in Christ.

I am, faithfully yours,

JAMES SAMUEL SYKES.

To the inhabitants of Portage du Fort.

DIocese of MONTREAL,

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY
Reported for the Montreal Gazette.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held at the Mechanics' Hall on Tuesday evening, the Lord Bishop of Montreal in the chair.

His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, in his opening remarks, stated that they would find, from the report which was about to be read to them, that the progress of the Society had been on the whole steady and satisfactory. He stated there was no doubt that the time was gradually approaching when the Church in this country must be self-supporting, and that, in view of this fact, the success of the Church Society was a matter of the greatest moment, for, under God, the success of the Church would depend, in a large measure, on the success of the Society. What was known as the voluntary system must be looked to as the main support of the Church in Canada; but it would be a very undesirable, and, indeed, he might say a humiliating position, if the several members of the Clergy were obliged to appeal directly to their congregations for their support. The Church Society was an organization which would prevent this difficulty, and afford the efficient means by which the whole Church could work together for the common good. He was happy to be able to say that he thought the Society was establishing itself in the favor of the members of the Church throughout the diocese. But he would not say more then, as several speakers would follow him.

Rev. Mr. Rogers, the Secretary of the Society, then read the following Report:

REPORT.

The Central Board of the Church Society for the Diocese of Montreal again congratulates its members on the satisfactory state of the Society's Finances. Although in the year ending 6th January, 1856, there had been a very large increase in subscriptions and offerings to the Society, it is encouraging to find, that at the end of another year that the interest in the Society's work is not diminished, as is proved by the fact that they have now to report a larger income than in any previous year.

The following is a summary of the Society's receipts for the past year:

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.	
Annual Subscriptions in Montreal	£408 10 9
Amount contained in boxes, received from Montreal Parochial Association	173 2 3
Collected after Sermons for Missionary purposes	67 5 8
Collected on Day of Thanksgiving	20 14 4
Subscriptions received from the country	265 2 3
Collected after Sermons for Missionary purposes	76 17 2
Collected after Sermons on day of Thanksgiving	14 14 0
Collected at General Annual Meeting, 1856	23 0 0
Rents, Interests, &c.	60 10 0
Total from ordinary sources of Income	1100 6 2
Balance of last year	487 5 1
Proceeds of land sold	335 0 4
Making total of	1923 0 7

Total expenditure for the year	1340 1 2
Balance on hand	582 19 5
WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.	
Amount collected in Montreal	65 4 1
Amount collected in the country	78 19 9
Donations, (see Appendix)	6 12 6
Put to the credit of this Fund from the Fund for General Purposes	65 0 0
Interest and Dividends	158 19 0
	£371 15 4

Total amount of investments now made for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund is over £2,500.

During the last year there has been an increase in the amount raised in Montreal of about £40, and there is a decrease from Parishes and Missions in the country of about £30.

The Montreal Parochial Association has paid to the Treasurer the sum of £632 18s. 2d., which includes £173 1s. 10d, contributed through the Missionary boxes.

The total income of the Society from ordinary sources has been £1000 more than last year.

The sum of £120 6s. 2d. was raised in the name of the Society and expended on local subjects, independently of the Central Board. This sum is not included in the income of the Society, as it does not appear in the Treasurer's accounts.

£64 1s. 3d. have been contributed towards endowments, and £101 8s. 2d. have been received for the sale of books.

The total amount raised within the year for Church purposes is about £3000.

With the exception of the moderate expenses incurred in printing, it is to be observed that the whole of the funds collected in the city are available for the sacred objects of the Society. There is no paid collector as formerly; the item of expenditure has been saved by the gratuitous services of those benefactors to the Society who have given effect to the organization of the Parochial Association in this city. The Board would here acknowledge the obligation of the Society to these effective and unwearying labours, on which it now confidently relies for the future furtherance of its interest and progressive improvement of its funds at the hands of members of the Church in the City of Montreal. They would be forgetful of a duty, they conceive, did they not take this opportunity of recommending to the notice of the Clergy in all parts of the diocese the value of associations such as this. The members of the Church need, generally speaking, but to have the claims of the Society set before them by those who can explain its object and operations, to acknowledge the duty of assisting it; and nothing seems so likely to maintain an interest in the work as periodical meetings of Parochial Associations, at which the friends of the Society may hear what is being done through its instrumentality.

They would point attention also to that which now may be said to constitute an important feature in the Society's working, inasmuch as from it is derived one-third of the funds collected in the city—the boxes for receiving the offerings of members of the Church towards the Society's work. Many who, for good reasons, may be unwilling to publicly pledge themselves, for more than a small subscription, may still be willing to add to its funds, as God may prosper them, and the thoughtful Christian will be glad to mark the instances of God's providence and goodness, which call forth his gratitude and will find in them a present and convenient channel for his offering to God and to the cause of His Church.

With the increase of its funds, the Society's operations have been enlarged. Especial atten-