

it is believed will number many scholars, is about to be commenced at Cookestown.

The regular services performed during the last year have been,—

1st Sunday in the month: Three full services and the Sacraments administered at Trinity Church, Davis's Station and Mrs Bird's School House.

2d do. Three full services, St. John's, Trinity and Cookestown.

3d do. Two full services, St. John's, Trinity and Cookestown.

4th do. Three full services, St. John's, Trinity and Cookestown. A regular weekly Monday evening service at Mrs. Bird's School house, and monthly services at Davis's, Hummitt's and Whiteside's Schools, with many occasional services in different places

WEST GWILLIMBURY

Rev. A. Hill, B. A. Incumbent.

In this Township the interests of the Church have been steadily gaining ground, and the members of her communion are becoming more alive to their blessed privileges and responsibilities; still there is manifest room for improvement, and it is hoped that here there may be no falling behind, but all may be actuated by the onward spirit of progress.

At Christ's Church things are somewhat in the same state as they were last year. At Bradford we are shaking off the incumbrances which have hitherto hung so heavily over us: the debt upon our church, which at one time amounted to £100, has now been reduced to about £17, and this we hope to liquidate in the course of the next three months.

We have here to acknowledge the liberal conduct of an individual member of our communion who has so liberally erected the spire of our church at his sole expense; an addition to which all must acknowledge to add much to its beauty, and may serve to remind us of the Heaven to which it points,—the home of the Christian and of his Redeemer Christ.

The Offertory Collections (not including those after annual sermon) amount to £16.

Our Sunday School at Bradford is sadly affected by the want of teachers, and it is hoped that others will follow the example set by one female member of the congregation, and come forward and aid in the work.

The congregation assembling in Coulson's School house continues on the increase. During the past year upwards of £150 has been subscribed by the people in this locality towards the erection of a church. An acre of ground has been purchased of Mr. John Coulson, and a church has been commenced, and we confidently expect will be ready for Divine service by the first of next June. May God speed us and bless the work of our hands.

Divine service has been celebrated at Christ Church every Sunday morning at....11 A.M.

Bradford Church " 2 P.M.

Coulson's School "4½ A.M.

Also in Pinkerton's School house in summer at 6 P.M. every other Sunday.

The collections on behalf of the Clergyman last Feb., amounted to a little more than £50; but great allowances are to be made when the other heavy expenses connected with Church matters are taken into consideration.

In conclusion, your Committee would refer to the gratifying fact, that last year our subscriptions were nearly double those of the preceding year.

Your Committee, and the young friends who so kindly assisted them as collectors, pleaded for Christ's poor: and kindly was that plea responded to.

Again, with the same object in view, the Com-

mittee appear before you. The whole of what may be contributed will be faithfully devoted to missionary objects: and thus the poor destitute settlers in the remote parts of our County, as well as those residing in the bordering Townships, will feel that there are some who care for their souls, and who are willing for Christ's sake to give as hath been given unto them.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SOCIETY, YORK MILLS.

The annual meeting of this Branch of the Church Society was held in St. John's Church, on Monday evening the 6th inst., the Rev. R. Mitchele, M.A., Rector, presided.

The following clergymen were present, and explained and enforced, most eloquently, the various objects of the Parent Society. The Rev. James Beaven, D. D.; Rev. Stephen Lett, L.L.D.; Rev. D. E. Blake, B. A., Rural Dean; Rev. J. D. McKenzie, B. A.; Rev. G. S. Hill; Rev. W. Belt. That which made the meeting most interesting was the part taken by the laity, who moved all the resolutions.

The St. John's Parochial Branch of the Church Society, was established, the more effectually to assist the Parent Society in carrying out the various Christian objects which the Church has in view. A retrospect of the affairs of our local branch, so far as collections may be taken as a test, is upon the whole very encouraging for the past year. The collections made amounted to £20 18s. 11d. of this sum £10 9s. 1½d. was transmitted to the Parent Society, and the remainder £10 9s. was handed over to the Churchwardens.

Besides this collection, there were three special offertory collections made in the Church—one for the Mission fund, one for the Widows and Orphans' fund, and one for the General Purposes Fund, making together the sum of £9 9s. 7d. So that the sum of £19 18s. 8d. was contributed by this congregation during the past year, for the diffusion of true religion in the poor and destitute settlements of the Diocese.

The remainder of the subscriptions of the parishioners to Trinity College, Toronto, has with two or three exceptions, been all paid in during the past year, amounting to upwards of £30 5s.

From these facts, we may very reasonably infer, that were all the members of our congregation to devote but a small part of the tithe of their substance to the support of their religion, much good, both for the church at large, and for own division of it, under the blessing of God, might be effected.

In conclusion, we may mention, that the beneficial results of united effort were clearly seen in the hearty good will and the real feeling of interest manifested by our people, last summer, in providing a Festival for our Sunday School children.

May the same good, liberal Christian feeling ever continue amongst us, and establish that as a parochial re-union for our young people on the festival of St. John, after whom our church is called.

BURWICK PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

A meeting was held in the church on Thursday evening, the 9th instant, and was the first ever assembled for this special object in this place. The chair was taken at 7 o'clock by the Rev. J. Gilbert Armstrong, the Incumbent. After a hymn, the usual prayers were read, and the Rev. Chairman explained succinctly the objects of the meeting; saying he felt he need not enter on the subject at large, as so many gentlemen, both clergy and laity, had kindly promised to address the meeting: he, therefore,

called on J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P. and Warden for the County, to move the first resolution, which was to the effect, that the object for which the Church Society was formed have an imperative claim upon every member of the Church.

Mr. Gamble, in a very eloquent and effective speech,—which was most attentively listened to by a crowded audience—reviewed the history of the Church Society from its commencement. He said there were, however, one or two points which he would wish to see altered, one of which was the reduction of the subscription for incorporated members from £1 5s. to 10s. He thought that this was a happy moment for establishing a branch of the Church Society in this parish, and spoke of the interest all her members were now taking in the permanent establishment of their Holy Zion. Mr. Gamble instanced his late visit to New York, when he was honoured as one of the delegates from the Synod of this Diocese to the General Convention of the Church held in that city. He was never more gratified in his life than at the reception which he met with there, not as an individual, but as the representative—however unworthy—of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada. Mr. Gamble then went into a history of the rise and progress of the Church at Burwick, and hoped that her members in that locality would give their warm support for the furtherance of the exemplary objects of the Church Society and the maintenance of that entry which is her great characteristic.

This resolution was seconded by the Rev. S. Givens in a speech replete with interest, in which he gave to the meeting his own experience as to the efficient working of the Church Society during the last twelve years.

Before the meeting closed a subscription list was opened, and very liberally signed by many present.

Collector's books were also issued, and every hope is entertained of great success in this neighborhood for the Church Society.

CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING IN GODERICH.

A large and influential meeting of the church society was held in St. George's church Goderich, on Wednesday evening the 15th ult: the Rev. E. L. Elwood, A. M., Rector, in the chair.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of this association, with power to add to their number.

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| Thomas Mercer Jones, | John Longworth, |
| John Strachan, | Isaac Rettensburg. |
| George Brown, | W. E. Grace. |
| Morgan Hamilton, | T. W. Moleworth, |
| W. B. Rich, | Henry Percival. |
| Samuel Pollock, | Henry Hannels. |
| John Hallan, jun. | |

GALT CHURCH SOCIETY.

The eleventh Anniversary of the Galt Branch of the Church Society, was held in Trinity Church on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Mr. Boomer presided; and we have never, on any like occasion, witnessed anything like such a numerous and gratified meeting, comprising not merely the members of the Church of England, but many others belonging to the different congregations in the town. There were ten Clergymen present, viz.—The Rev. Messrs Be tridge, of Woodstock; Cronyn, of London; Evans, of Simcoe; Geddes and Hebdon, of Hamilton; Palmer, of Guelph; Ruttan, of Paris; Vaulinge, of Wilnot; and Green, Marsh, and Boomer. These severally addressed the meeting, and we never listened to more convincing or interesting speeches.

The Report was read by the Rev. M. Boomer