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*The Incorporated Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.*

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The primitive ages of Christianity were alike remarkable for the constancy, with which its professors endured persecution on account of their religion, and for the singular love and good will which they exhibited in their relations to each other. So great, indeed, was the mutual charity of Christians, and so fully and faithfully did they carry out the new commandment of their Divine Master, that their conduct, on this point, failed not to attract the attention of the heathen, and elicit their admiration. Amongst the most pleasing records of the infant Church, we find it stated that "all that believe together, and had all things common," and we are told, that as possessed goods or property disposed of them, and placed the money in the Apostles' hands, for the common support themselves and their brethren. It is not intended, by these remarks, to recommend an exactly similar line of conduct in these days, nor, even if it appeared desirable, would it be possible, in our present social state, to literally adopt the same course: besides which, the external relations of Christianity with the world itself have gradually undergone a great change in the course of eighteen centuries, and it must be evident to all, that rules, which were admirably adapted to the wants of a small society, numbering at most a few thousand souls, would become totally inapplicable, when, in the lapse of time, whole nations should, according to the promise, be received within the pale of the Church of God. Yet, without adhering to the letter, this simple record of what was certainly an Apostolic practice, teaches most forcibly the necessity of being charitable according to our ability, that it is incumbent upon all Christians, in all ages of the Church, to remember the oneness and the closeness of those sacred ties by which they are joined together, as having "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism," and that it is, therefore, their bounden duty to contribute a portion of their worldly substance for the support of the ministrations of religion, and for the proper relief of the wants of their poorer brethren.

Believing that the Christian religion still produced the same fruit as in Apostolic times, and that the charity of the people only required to be called into action, this Society was established about seven years ago, for charitable purposes, chiefly by the exertions of our venerable Diocesan, and the Chief Justice of Upper Canada. As may be seen by the Annual Reports of its proceedings, this Society has proved itself, from the first, an useful handmaid in many things connected with the temporal interests of the Church in this Diocese. Several special objects, which were provided for by the Constitution, and for the furtherance of which funds are annually procured, through the medium of special sermons, are being now successfully carried out; the Widows and Orphans' Fund has, after much careful deliberation, been brought into operation. From another special Fund eight Missionaries are supported, either in part or whole; while from another, several deserving young men have been provided with a portion of the means requisite for pursuing their theological studies in the Institution at Cobourg. It is a matter of great satisfaction, to be able to observe the increasing confidence which is, year after year, reposed in this Society, as upon this the ultimate success of every charitable association must mainly depend: nor is it unreasonable that such confidence should exist, for, as was stated last year, the General Monthly Meetings of the Society are open to every member, and no measure of importance is ever brought up for regular discussion without some previous notice being publicly given to the Diocese, so that all, who feel inclined, may take a part in such proceedings, either personally or by letter. And it is believed, that as long as this Society is, in this way, careful to remember its true character, as a charitable Incorporation, it will continue, as heretofore, to receive the support of all zealous members of the Church, and to prove itself a serviceable auxiliary in carrying out several legitimate objects of charity, which are not provided for by our parochial system.

In concluding these few introductory remarks, and in presenting the Seventh Annual Report of its proceedings, the Church Society of this Diocese thankfully embraces the present public opportunity, of recording its humble thanks to Almighty God, for the considerable measure of success with which He has again been pleased to bless the labours, undertaken in its behalf during the last twelve months.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

The following is a brief account of the Society's Income for the past year:—

During the first few years of the Society's operations, it was always customary to include, under the head of actual Income, the amount of receipts from sales in the Depository, and also of the rents received from Lands, held in trust for special purposes: but it soon became apparent that this system, if persevered in, might unintentionally mislead the members of the Society, with regard to the amount of resources actually available from year to year; and it was therefore deemed advisable, that, for the future, the account of actual Income should be confined to the amount of charitable contributions received during the year, and the dividends arising from the monies invested for general purposes. This new arrangement has now been carried out for two successive years, and has given general satisfaction to the members of the Society.

Receipts of the Society for the year ending 31st March, 1849, (not including monies received on trust, and sales in Depository) £2010 18 3

The amount of Income was last year increased by the proceeds of the Sermon preached on Good Friday, 1847, in behalf of the distressed Irish and Scotch, which collection passed through the hands of the Society's Treasurer, and was thus necessarily included in the current accounts of that year. Deducting, therefore, this item, the statement of accounts for this year exhibits a very slight increase of Income over that of last year, a state of things which is certainly gratifying and encouraging, as it might have been reasonably expected that the funds of a charitable Society, which entirely depends on voluntary contributions, would have actually decreased during a year of such unwonted commercial distress as the past one.

The Income of the several District Branches of this Society has again been very considerable, and has this year amounted to £1216 2 2½

Deduct proportion remitted to Parent Society (about) £399 0 0

Which leaves a balance of £827 2 2½

To which add the Income of the Parent Society £2010 18 3

Total receipts of Society and District Branches for the year ending 31st March, 1849. £2838 0 5½

While on the subject of income and expenditure, the Society trusts, that it will not be thought out of place, if it embrace the opportunity thus afforded of urging upon all its members the necessity of renewed exertions in its behalf, not only with regard to such special objects, as are provided for through the medium of Annual Sermons, but more particularly with regard to the funds, which are available for general purposes. The

expenses incurred in the management of this Society, including rent of house, salaries, taxes, fuel and light, stationary and postage, may be taken at £375 per annum. To this must be added the cost of the Annual Report, of which 2500 copies are annually distributed in the Diocese, and which cannot be provided for much less than £75. These two items make a total sum of £450, permanently chargeable, year by year, on the funds available for general purposes. Now, by referring to the appendix of the last Annual Report, it will be seen, that the receipts under this head slightly exceeded the amount required for current expenses in the same year, while for this year there is no excess of receipts at all, and therefore, unless the income for general purposes be for the future much increased, it will not be in the Society's power to continue its annual grant of £15s. for each Clergyman to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, or to make small special grants to such Missions as most require assistance, which this Society had done from the first, according to its ability. The amount of the fund available for general objects will undoubtedly appear small, but all who refer to the Constitution of the Society will immediately perceive that only a very moderate portion of the funds is really available for this purpose, the large portion being subscribed for some definite object, as, for instance, the proceeds of the Annual Sermons, from which the greater portion of these means are derived, are always given for special purposes: of a like nature are most of the donations, which, therefore, merely pass through the Treasurer's hands, and are placed to the credit of some particular Trust, without affording any addition to the fund available for general purposes; consequently that portion of the Society's Income, which is subscribed under this head, is mainly derived from the proportion received by the Parent Society, of the collections made in the District Branches, and the several Parochial Associations. It is earnestly hoped that the Income for General Purposes will hereafter be so far increased, by the formation of new Parochial Associations and donations, that the Society may be enabled to sustain its new liabilities on behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and continue its system of making small grants for specific purposes, a system which has proved beneficial to the Society itself, and has never failed to call forth increased local exertion in those Parishes to which the grants have been made.

### THE ANNUAL SERMONS.

During the past year, three sermons have been preached for Diocesan purposes, and considerable sums have been collected in behalf of the special objects provided for by the Nineteenth Article of the Constitution. The call, which was made two years ago by the Society, upon all the Clergy, to assist in carrying out the various objects, for which these sermons were severally intended to make provision, continues to be most kindly and liberally answered. It would appear likewise, that the collections have again been much more general, than they used to be, during the first years of the Society's operations, in proof of which it will be enough to mention, that collections have been this year received at 194 Stations for the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and at no less than 198 in connection with the sermon which has been preached during the year for Missionary purposes.

### THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

During a great part of the last year, the Society gave much of its attention to the subject of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, with the view of making its assistance immediately available, and in the hope of being able to place the fund upon a satisfactory footing, in regard to the amount of income, and the method of distribution. The Society believes that it will not, on the present occasion, be out of place to briefly recapitulate the labours which have been entered into on behalf of this most important matter.

The subject was originally discussed by the Society at the general monthly meeting held in March 1848; and the general principles of a plan, embodied in the draft of a By-law and then submitted for consideration, were approved by the Society. Some modifications were, however, suggested, and adopted at this meeting, and a Committee was appointed to revise and alter the draft of the By-law in such particulars, as seemed expedient to the Society. This was accordingly done, and together with the amended one, the Committee also brought up the draft of another By-law which they considered safer and more practicable, but which differed from the original one in two important particulars: first, in dispensing with the compulsory contributions of £1 5s. per annum from the Clergy, and substituting in lieu of such contribution a grant from the general funds of the Society; secondly, in no longer making the benefit conferred an annuity £50 in all cases, but substituting instead a Committee of three, whose duty it shall be, to receive and decide upon all applications in behalf of any Widows or Orphans, and providing that no pension or annuity to be granted by the Church Society, through such Committee, or otherwise, should exceed £50.

At the adjourned meeting held on 17th May for the final settlement of this subject, his Lordship the Bishop intimated, that he recommended that no final decision on this matter should be made until after the annual meeting in June, as he wished that the proposed By-law should be for a time submitted for the general consideration of the Clergy and Laity throughout the Diocese. In accordance with this recommendation, the subject was laid over to October, and a By-law was finally adopted at the adjourned meeting held in December, which provided for a certain annuity of £50 in all cases, as long as the disposable funds are sufficient to meet such a charge; and instead of a special Committee, referred everything connected with the Widows and Orphans' Fund to the Standing Committee.

It will be seen by a perusal of this By-law (printed in the appendix of the Annual Report for this year) that, as was briefly stated under the head of income and expenditure, it is intended, whenever circumstances will admit, to appropriate annually about £150 to the Widows and Orphans' Fund from such resources, as are available for general purposes. This can be done for the current year from monies which the Society was enabled to accumulate during the first years of its operations; but it will be impossible, for the future, to make such an annual appropriation as this, unless increased exertions are immediately made with reference to that portion of the Society's income, from which it is provided that such assistance shall be given.

The Rev. Mr. Waddilove, to whom this Diocese owes a large debt of gratitude, has generously presented the sum of £50 sterling to the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

### DEPOSITORY.

The issues in the Depository, including grants of books to the value of £99, have amounted to £1,018 6s. 1½d.; being an increase of nearly £200 over the amount received from the same source during the previous twelve months. With reference to its Depository, the Society last year adopted a report made by a special Committee, recommending that Branch Depositories should for the future be permitted to purchase books to the value of £50 on a six month's credit; promissory notes to the satisfaction of the Treasurer being given in all such transactions. The Midland District Branch has availed itself of this privilege during the past year. The stock in the Depository is now sufficiently large for ordinary purposes, and has been so much increased during the past year, that it will in future be possible to limit the expenditure for books to the actual amount of sales. It is also confidently hoped that the profits from the Depository will soon be sufficient either to pay interest on the monies invested in it, or to return some part of the capital advanced by the Society, and thus render very material assistance to the fund for general purposes.

There have been circulated during the past year, through the medium of the Depository as follows:—

Bibles	853
Testaments	1230
Prayer-Books	1659
Publications of this Society	2570
Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge—	
Bound Books	1834 } 11310
Tracts	9476 }
Bristol Tract Society	1237
Miscellaneous—Bound	1109
Tracts	357
	1466
Total	20325

### PROPERTY INVESTED IN STOCK.

The sum of £79 17s. 6d. has this year been paid on instalments upon Building Society Shares held on behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund. Four shares in the Commercial Bank Stock, value £102 3s. 3d., and four lots of land in the Home District, on which the sum of £142 12s. 4d. has been paid, have been transferred to the same fund, making a total of £326 13s. 1d. invested during the year in behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund. The sum of £50 has been loaned from the Septuaginta Fund. The investments in lands have been £17 11s. 6d., and the disbursements on land during the same period have been £81 3s. 8½d., which latter are charged to the parties interested in such lands.

### GRANTS.

Besides the investments just above mentioned, the following small special grants have been made by the Society during the past year:—

Assistance to a Clergyman's Widow	£ 9 0 0
Carriage of a parcel of clothing for the Muncey Town Indians	2 12 6
Church at Muncey Town	25 0 0
Church at the Consec	12 10 0
On account of the Church in Mono	12 10 0
St. James's Parsonage, City of Kingston	12 10 0
Church at Vienna	12 10 0
Church at Innisfil	12 10 0
Widow of the late H. Wilson, Interpreter	10 0 0
Mrs. Peterson	5 0 0
Church at Norwichville	12 10 0

Grants of Service Books have also been made by the Rev. John McIntyre, Rev. W. Bleasdel, Rev. Charles Rutan, Rev. A. St. George Caulfield, Rev. Geo. Bourn, Rev. H. C. Cooper, Rev. W. S. Darling, and the Rev. R. G. Cox, for the use of Churches (in most cases newly erected) in their respective Missions.

Books and Tracts to the amount of £2 10s. respectively, have been granted to the following Clergymen for distribution in their several parishes:—

The Rev. S. B. Ardagh,	The Rev. H. Brent,
" R. G. Cox,	" Charles Rüttan,
" H. E. Plees,	" S. S. Strong,
" R. Shanklin,	" J. W. Allen,
" R. J. Macgeorge,	" W. M. Herchner,
" F. N. Sandys,	" R. V. Rogers,
" John Fletcher,	" N. Watkins,
" W. Bleasdel,	" Geo. Bourn,
" F. D. Fauquier,	" E. J. Boswell,
" W. Grieg,	" W. H. Ripley,
" T. B. Fuller,	" H. C. Cooper.

The Society has this year contributed to the support of eight Missionaries, all of whom are maintained in the Diocese, either entirely from the Society's Funds, or by the congregations to whom they minister, with the Society's assistance. One Indian interpreter is yet supported, and a small grant is still continued to one Catechist and Schoolmaster.

The Bishop of Toronto has this year granted assistance to six students from the Bishops Students' Fund. The Society has granted annuities to three Clergymen's Widows and two Orphan Children of a deceased Clergyman, from the fund provided for that purpose.

### LANDS.

There is not much to communicate under this head in the Report for this year. Several donations of land, some of considerable value, have been made for Church purposes. It is hoped that the unendowed Missions will use every exertion to provide for themselves landed endowments whilst wild lands can be procured at so small a cost, and on such easy terms. If each parish would contribute £10 per annum for ten years, a lot of 200 acres could be procured, which might be leased on liberal terms, and at the expiration of only a few years would be so much improved in value, that it would be capable of producing an income; so that by using a little forethought now to procure land, even if distant from the Church which it is intended to endow, the time would soon come, when such lands might be exchanged for a farm in the immediate vicinity. Several Parochial Associations in the Diocese have done this, and there is little doubt, but that wherever the plan is adopted by men really in earnest, it will be carried into effectual operation. A peculiar obligation lies upon this present generation to provide for the future, inasmuch as this Diocese is now sharing largely in the liberality of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and our people are thereby greatly assisted in providing for the proper maintenance of our Clergy and the ministrations of the Church. And as this support cannot be continued to the next generation, it surely becomes not only an act of duty on the part of the present generation, but also a simple expression of their gratitude to provide, as far as lies in their power, for the benefit of those who come after them.

### DISTRICT BRANCHES.

It is satisfactory to be able to state that during the past year favourable Reports have been received from most of the District Branches, whose operations are becoming annually more systematic and interesting; and the Society trusts that every exertion will be made to support these labours, which have been so faithfully undertaken, as the successful working of the Parent Society must, in a great measure, depend on the zealous co-operation of its District Branches.

The District Branches are now ten in number.  
1. Newcastle, 6. Gore and Wellington,  
2. Midland and Victoria, 7. London, Western and Huron,  
3. Prince Edward, 8. Brock,  
4. Eastern, Johnstown, Bath-9. Talbot,  
5. Niagara, 10. Colborne,  
and West and Dalhousie, 10. Colborne.

### Newcastle District.

As is commonly the case in every new country, this District exhibits an abundant field for Missionary labour, but only a scanty few tend and gather in the fruits. During the year, meetings have been held in all the parishes on behalf of the Society. Meetings were likewise held in many places in which there is no resident Clergyman. Vigorous exertions are being made by the inhabitants of Cartwright and Manvers to secure the services of a resident Missionary for these Townships. Percy and Seymour are also endeavouring to obtain the same privilege in both Townships. A subscription towards the maintenance of a Clergyman has been commenced, and in Seymour it has been prosecuted with real earnestness. There are five Parochial Associations in connection with this Branch, and the sum received by them during the year has amounted to £132 5s. 4d.

### Midland and Victoria District.

A plan had long been formed by this Branch, of employing one Missionary in the two united Districts. The Victoria District, however, exerted itself so strenuously and successfully, as to become by itself, capable of supporting a Clergyman, and the Rev. Mr. Murphy was accordingly appointed as its Travelling Missionary. The Midland District immediately made the necessary arrangements for securing to itself the services of another Clergyman, and the Rev. J. W. Allen was appointed Missionary for this District on the first day of August last. This gentleman was ordained Deacon at the Bishop's last general Ordination at Hamilton. The obligations undertaken by this Branch are as follows: In the Pittsburg Mission, £30; to the Travelling Missionary of the Midland District, £60; besides which, the one-fourth of all subscriptions and donations for general purposes are regularly remitted to the Parent Society.

This Branch have found themselves much assisted in their management of their Branch Depository by that regulation of the Parent Society, which allows them a credit of six months, to the amount of fifty pounds, in the purchase of Books and Tracts; and they further declare, that in their opinion, credit to a higher amount might be afforded to the District Branches, with benefit to the Church Society at large.

Several new Parochial Associations have been established in the Midland District. This improved state of things, it is believed, is the result of the appointment of a Travelling Missionary, for when Mr. Allen undertook this office, a feeling immediately arose, that exertions must be made for his support in quarters, where nothing had been done previously.

The Income of the Parochial Associations of the Midland District has amounted this year to £178 2s. 9d.

### Prince Edward District.

The Rev. Geo. Bourn has established Parochial Associations at Murray and the Consec, the Income from which has been £13 6s. 10d.

### Eastern District.

Reports have been received from the Parochial Associations at Prescott, Cornwall, Edwardsburg, Mountain, Winchester, Finch, Lansdowne, Portland, Kitley, Newboro'; total amount is not reported, but probably about £74. Two Travelling Missionaries are supported in these united Districts.

### Niagara District.

The respected Chairman of this District Branch, (the Rev. W. Leeming,) who, from the first, has so kindly presided over its deliberations, and has, for nearly seven years, continually aided it by his unfailing attendance at all its meetings, and his liberal contributions to its support, has been obliged, for a time, to withdraw from an active participation in its business. In consequence of Mr. Leeming's illness, the Bishop desired the Rev. C. L. Ingles, Travelling Missionary in this District, to take charge of Mr. Leeming's duty until his recovery, or some other arrangements could be made. Accordingly, Mr. Ingles repaired to the Parish of Chippawa on the 10th Nov., leaving the destitute portions of the District for a time without the services of a Travelling Missionary. This want has been, however, supplied by the appointment of Mr. Clark, who was ordained for this duty on St. Mark's day.

This District Branch continues to be managed in that excellent and earnest manner by which its proceedings have been characterised from the first. It has eleven Parochial Associations organised, the Income from ten of which has been £282 1s. 10d. No Report was this year received from Fort Erie, in consequence of the continued and very severe illness of the Rector.

### Gore and Wellington District.

The Reports of the different Parochial Associations connected with this Branch shew that the cause of the Society has been zealously and industriously advocated in every quarter of the united Districts, and the amount of their contributions to the general fund plainly evinces the success with which the exertions have been attended. Public meetings have been held in every Parish, and the objects of the Society have been generally made known, and the consequence has been that new Associations have been organised, while those which were languishing have been revived, and those, which were vigorously and carefully conducted, have been stimulated to make still greater exertions. The total receipts of this exceedingly well-managed Branch have amounted to £333 17s. 6½d., being an increase of nearly £30 over the Income of last year.

A second Travelling Missionary has been for several months employed in these Districts. The senior Travelling Missionary, the Rev. D. Fraser, states that "his Mission throughout is prosperous, beyond his most sanguine expectations."

### London, Western, and Huron Districts.

The donations this year for special purposes in the town of London have amounted to the large sum of £416 5s., and the subscriptions for general purposes to £31 5s. The whole of this latter sum is most liberally given to the Parent Society. The sum of £6 2s. 6d., which appears in the Treasurer's account, received from this Branch this year, is the remittance for the previous year, but came to hand too late to be acknowledged in last year's Report. A remittance has also been received from Port Burwell. Amherstburg Parochial Association has been several years in operation, and remits a larger sum to the funds of the Parent Society than during any previous year. Remittances have been received, and Parochial Associations established in Moore, Sarina and Plympton, Malden and Colchester.

The Income of this Branch has been £109 10s., exclusive of the special donations made by the London Parochial Association towards the building debt on their Church.

### Brock District.

The Rev. J. B. Worrell has been engaged in active duties within the District of Brock, generally, and in particular in the Parish of Woodstock, since August, 1848. An increase is announced from the Parish of Huntingford; no returns have been received by this Branch, except from Woodstock and Hungerford, but the hope is entertained of the formation of several Parochial Associations during the present year. The Income of this Branch has been £104 18s.

### Talbot District.

The District of Talbot has this year reported the Collection of £30 for the general purposes of the Society, which, with the addition of the Quarterly Collections, which have always been liberal, shows a great improvement in this small District, enjoying, as it does, only the services of one resident Clergyman.

### Colborne District.

No Report received.

### Huron and Simcoe Districts.

In the travelling Mission of the Simcoe District there are 16 Stations scattered through the various Townships, and widely separated from each other; viz.:—Ewasa, Innisfil, Medonte, King, Oro, Mulmur, Nottawasaga, Adjala and Mono, in all of which (with one exception) the congregations are good and attentive. Contributions to the Society have been, as was anticipated, generally much larger than those of last year, the sum of £26 10s. 1½d. having been received; being nearly double the amount of the previous year. Contributions have been received from the following places:—Mono, Caledon, Adjala, Mulmur and Toronto, West Medonte and Flos, Coldwater and Nottawasaga, Oro and Innisfil.

The resident Clergy in the Simcoe District have also continued to the Society their usual support, contributions