

the members of the society in the district, on the appointment of two travelling missionaries to labour within its limits.

In October last, the Rev. R. S. Birtch was appointed to the mission of Durham, and the Rev. John Wood to that of Northumberland. The former gentleman holds regular Sunday services in the back part of the townships of Hope, Clarke, and Darlington—the latter extends his labours over the four townships of Alnwick, Cramahoe, Brighton, and Murray. The following extract from the quarterly report of the Rev. John Wood will give a general idea of the extent of his field of labour, and the spirit in which he has entered upon its cultivation:

"I have at present four stations in four townships. I hold service at Brighton every Sunday, and at the other stations every alternate Sunday. Alnwick is distant from Brighton about 25 miles. My services are arranged as follows: Alnwick at 10 a.m., Caselton, in Cramahoe, at 3 p.m., and Brighton, at 7 p.m. The next Sunday I take Brighton in the morning, and Smith's Corners in the afternoon. The congregation range from 70 to 100, and are steadily increasing. Subscription lists have been made out and put in circulation for the building of churches at each of the stations, which four churches will, if possible, be erected during the coming summer; as yet there is no church building in the mission. The families who attend service are visited as regularly as time will admit. I have had baptisms, 30; marriages, 1; burials, 1.

The missionary in the county of Durham reports, during the half year in which he has been employed, baptisms, 13; marriages, 2; burials, 5; services, 88; visits, 95. He has usually three full services, and travels an average of thirty-seven miles every Sunday. From the regular attendance of the congregations, he reasons a becoming appreciation of the ministrations of the gospel and of the church on the part of the people.

REPORTS OF PAROCHIAL COMMITTEES CONVOUR.

The amount collected in this parish in 1861, amounted to \$398.09, and in the present year, when the returns are completed, it will not fall much short of that sum. The amount actually returned as paid, or sure at this time, is \$343.24. This parish has also contributed largely to the Church Society through the Sunday collections, for specific objects—those for missionary purposes alone during the last twelve months amounting to \$200.

CAYAN

The aggregate amount collected so far, reaches \$107.35, which is made up as follows:

St. John's parochial branch,	\$45.86
St. Paul's " " "	29.27
St. Thomas' " " "	32.73

PETERBORO'.

A meeting was held in St. John's Church, on the 23rd January last. The ladies who had for the last year acted as collectors, were requested to continue their services, and, notwithstanding the very severe financial difficulties which press especially upon a town which depends altogether for its prosperity upon the lumber trade with the United States, the sum of \$91.53 has been collected. In addition, also, the sum of \$709 has been raised in the parish, for the purpose of paying off the debt due on the church.

PORT HORN.

From this parish \$45 00 has been transmitted to the society.

DOWMANVILLE.

The committee hope to remit a sum equal to that collected last year, viz., \$45.20.

NEWCASTLE.

The amount of subscriptions for this year reaches the sum of \$100, being in excess of the previous year, by \$20. This gratifying result is due to the efforts of the ladies who, with ready will and earnest spirit, undertook the office of collectors.

CARTWRIGHT.

This mission has not slackened in its zeal. The committee report \$60 as its contribution to the good cause.

GRAFTON AND COLBORNE.

Your committee have to report, that the customary annual meetings were held in both these parishes on the 5th Feb. last.

The meeting in Grafton was but very thinly attended, having been held in the day time. But the meeting in Colborne, which was held in the evening, was very numerous attended, being, in fact, the largest meeting ever held in that place for the promotion of the society's objects. The church was well filled with a large and attentive congregation, who appeared to listen with much interest to the appeals made by the various speakers, as they advocated the claims of the Church Society upon the benevolence of our people. There were seven clergymen present, including two from the Diocese of Ontario, and this circumstance appeared to give additional interest to the meeting, as evincing a spirit of unity and brotherly love. The missionary feature of our society received due prominence, and much good was anticipated from the due administration of the funds by the Mission Board. The amount raised was cheerfully granted to the society, when it was known it was to be applied to missionary objects.

In order to assist destitute places in securing the services of the missionary, it was determined at the meeting in Colborne to aid the mission board as much as possible. For this purpose a committee of collectors was appointed, consisting chiefly of young ladies of the congregation, and so vigorously did they set about the work, that many persons were immediately applied to, as they left church, for their subscriptions, and the result of the collectors' labours has been, that ninety-seven dollars has been raised, and sent to the society.

GRAFTON.

The committee report from this parish \$22.50. These returns, although indicating a slight decrease in the amount contributed last year, afford no grounds for discouragement, as most voluntary associations are subject to such fluctuations. Local wants, or changes of residence in contributors, so often occurring in a country like this, may increase or lessen the subscription in particular places, and so affect the general fund. For what has been done let us thank God, and pray his acceptance of our poor offerings, and in faith look forward to a more abundant harvest of good works in years to come.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

DIOCESAN SYNOD, LONDON

FIFTH SESSION.

25th DAY OF JUNE, 1862.

London, May 28, 1862.

Sir,—We are directed by the Lord Bishop to

inform you that the Synod of the Diocese of Huron will meet in London, on Wednesday, the 25th day of June. The programme of proceedings during the week, and a list of the notices of motion sent to the executive committee are given below.

We remain

Your obedient servants,

J. W. MARSH, M.A., } Sec's.
L. LAWRASON,

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK.

ORDINATION AND VISITATION.

TUESDAY, June 24.—11 a.m.—Service in St. Paul's Cathedral.—Ordination. 4 p.m.—Evening prayer in St. Paul's Cathedral, Triennial Visitation.

SYNOD.

WEDNESDAY, 25th, 9 a.m.—Service and Holy Communion in St. Paul's Cathedral. Meeting of Synod in St. Paul's school house after service, adjourn at 1 p.m.; meet again at 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 26th.—9 a.m., Meeting of Synod in St. Paul's school house; adjourn at 1 p.m.; meet again at 3 p.m. 7 p.m., public annual meetings of Church Society in the city hall.

MEETING OF CHURCH SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, 27th.—9 a.m., meeting of Church Society in St. Paul's school house.

NOTICES OF MOTION SENT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

REV. DR. CAULFIELD.—1. To change article 1 of the "Order of Proceedings," as follows: "The first day's meeting of the Synod shall be preceded by public morning prayer, and the administration of the holy communion."

Do.—3. To change article 7 of the "Order of Proceedings," as follows:—"The Synod shall meet on the first day immediately after divine service, and on each subsequent day, at 9 a.m.; adjourn at 1 p.m., and meet again at 3 p.m. Every member attending the Synod shall be in his place during each session of the Synod, and shall not leave until the final adjournment, except by permission of the chair."

J. JOHNSON.—3 To amend article 3 of the Constitution, as follows: To substitute words "from among the members of the church in this diocese," for the words, "from among their own number," in said article.

REV. DR. TOWNLEY.—4. A resolution, vesting the appointment of rural deans in the bishop.

Do.—A resolution on the duties of rural deans.

Do.—6. A resolution on separate common schools.

Do.—7. A resolution on the qualifications of persons entitled to vote for lay representatives.

Do.—8. A resolution on the appointment of a clergyman to a parish in arrear to its former incumbent.

REV. DR. SANDYS.—9. To alter article 15 of the Constitution, thus, to substitute the words "three months," for the words "six weeks," in the said article.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—PRESENTATION TO THE REV. MR. STEWART, ASSISTANT MINISTER OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

On Tuesday last the parishioners of St. George's Church presented the Rev. Mr. Stewart with a purse of money, on the occasion of his leaving them, both in token of their esteem, for his past