tion of a carriage shed attached thereto; while the whole of the subscriptions for the remaining year, were paid without deduction into the Parent Society.

The way in which the three-fourths belonging to the Thornhill association have been appropriated has been minutely detailed in the Reports of your committee for former years. It will therefore suffice on the present occasion to observe generally that for three consecutive years this branch appropriated £20 per annum towards the stipend of a travelling missionary in the Home District. This, amounting in all to the sum of £60, now stands to the credit of this association in the books of the Parent Society, and is still available for the purpose originally intended, the Lord Bishop not having been able as yet to spare the services of a Clergyman for that important sphere of duty. And here your committee beg to acknowledge with much thankfulness the munificent donation of £100 currency given a year or two since by a member of the Society resident in this Parish as a contribution to this object, which if not the most is certainly *one* of the most important objects which the Society has in view, viz. "the Mission Fund." For two years successively grants to the amount of £10 each year, were made in aid of the erection of the Church at the Oak Ridges; and for other two years the three-fourths were laid out upon improvements in the burial ground and Church at Thornhill. This brings the account of the expenditure to the close of the year 1851; since which period it has been resolved that the three-fourths belonging to this branch shall be applied to raising a fund for the erection of a Parsonage house in this Parish, and they have consequently been so applied for the years 1852 and 1853, and accounts brought into the Vestry books, of which the following is an abstract.

Parsonage funds in account with the Church Wardens.

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1852. By cash in hand,	£105	14	0
April 12. Subscriptions from Parish,	56	15	0
April 12, Honorable J. H. Cameron's Fee repaid by Parent Society,	2	10	0
April 12, Cash from Parochial Association,	14	7	2
April 12, Pew Rents collected by T. Brunskill, Esq. and given by Rector to this object,	17	15	11
Feb. 17, Pew Rents collected by Wm. Parsons, Esq., and given by the Rector,	18	10	0
March 28, Parochial association funds,	18	12	2
April 18, R. C. Gapper, Esq., donation	5	0	0
May 21, Pew Rents given by the Rector,	16	10	0
May 21. " " " "	15	2	6
	£270	16	9

Dr.

1852. Jan. 14, To paid Dr. Postage,		2	0		
Conner for deed,	£15	3	0		
	£15	5	0		
Feb. 11. Cash paid George Wright,				£105	5 0
" 17. Registering Deed,				12	6
1853 March 3, Cash paid (Wright's note,)				27	1 8
" " interest "				1	16 11
1854 Cash paid Wright's 2 notes,				54	3 4
" Interest "				6	10 0
				£270	16 9
Balance in hand,				£15	2 4

From the above it will appear that the gross amount subscribed and collected within the Parish for the erection of a Parsonage House is £270 16s. 9d., of which £61 15s. was subscribed by the members of the congregation, and £32 14s. 4d. contributed from Parochial Association Fund, making together the sum of £94 14s. 4d, from these sources; leaving, exclusive of Mr. Cameron's fee returned, a balance of £17 8s. contributed by the Rector; that £255 14s. 5d. has been expended in procuring a suitable site for the proposed building, which is conveniently situated as regards the church, about one half acre in extent, with a wide frontage on Yonge street, and that there remains at this date in the hands of the Treasurer of the building fund a balance of £15 2s. 4d. applicable to the erection of the building.

It having been thought advisable by your committee, on account of the very crowded state of the burial ground, to provide with as little delay as possible for its enlargement, and there being a piece of land immediately adjoining the present burial ground of about one acre in extent which it was thought would be very suitable for the purpose, steps were sometime since taken to ascertain the price and terms of payment upon which it might be secured for that sacred purpose; but your committee regret to be obliged to state that so large was the consideration demanded that they were compelled to give up all thoughts of securing the requisite enlargement in that way. Your committee, while alluding to this subject, cannot, however, omit to mention the liberal donation of a debenture which at maturity will produce the sum £66, and was given toward the accomplishment of this object by the same benevolent individual who, as already noticed in a previous part of this Report, gave the munificent donation of £100 to the Mission Fund.

Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Parochial Branch of the Church Society.

We read of an inspired Apostle that he thanked God and took courage; and it is with similar feelings that those to whom your contributions for the Church Society have been intrusted now present their Twelfth Annual Report of the Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury Parochial Association.

Deeply sensible that after having done all, we are unprofitable servants, it is yet permitted us to feel cheered and encouraged by the fact that our progress has been onward; that, although our local wants are many and pressing, the poor and the destitute have not been forgotten; through your liberality many residing in the backward townships have at least been reminded of what they had been familiar with at home, and many children who had been growing up careless and ignorant, instructed in the principles of the Gospel.

Our hopes and plans, when we met together in this place on the last Anniversary, were that a Clergyman might be obtained for Cookestown and Nottawasaga, and we engaged that to the utmost of our power we would assist the poor members of our Church in the latter place for four or five years to support their Minister. In that hope we were disappointed; many deaths having occurred among the Clergy, the old missions required to be supplied before new ones could be opened. It is, however, hoped and believed that during the ensuing summer a Clergyman will be appointed to those destitute portions of the Lord's vineyard, and we still continue our pledge that for five years a considerable portion of our missionary funds shall be devoted to his support. But when disappointed in obtaining a Clergyman, God enabled us to send a devoted Catechist, and in February, 1853, Thomas Duke was appointed to that office, with directions to visit the friends and members of the Church from house to house, read the Scriptures to the people, and when he could, pray with them, using the confession, some of the Collects and the Lord's Prayer; ascertaining what families might be destitute of Bibles and Prayer Books, that means might be taken for supplying them; where possible, to establish Sunday Schools, and when that could not be done, give the children portions of the Catechism and Scriptures to learn, to be repeated to him on his next visit; and on Sundays to assemble the people and read the Prayers and a printed Sermon.

For eight months he faithfully performed the required duty; but at the end of that time his health failed, and your Committee regret to have to state that Mr. Duke is still unable to resume his important labors. Whilst able to travel, he visited every member of the Church and many others in the townships of Artemesia, Collingwood, Ospry, Euphrasia, Nottawasaga, and parts of Essa and Innisfil. His journal concludes with the following observations:—"I would remark that I have left no house where they profess to belong to the Church without a Catechism; at present there are but few families where the children can repeat the answers contained in it. The excuse generally was,—we have no Catechism, nor can we obtain one. Now that they are left without excuse, I hope, if spared to visit them again, I shall not find the children so destitute of instruction as formerly. Also, whenever it was possible to read the Scriptures and have prayer in the several houses, I did so."

The subscriptions received in our Parochial Associations for the year amount to £48 12s. 7½d., which has been applied as follows:—

£12	2	6	Remitted to the Parent Society.
15	0	0	Last payments on West Gwillimbury Glebe.
21	10	0	Towards payment of Catechist's salary: the balance would have been made up by *private subscription.*

TECUMSETH.

Rev. J. D. Osler, M.A., Incumbent and R. Dean.

The amount raised in Tecumseth during the past year was, for the Church Society, £30 8 1½

Offertory collections, Trinity Church,	12	0	0
do. do. St. John's,	5	0	0
do. for Trinity College,	2	0	0
Donation to do. do.	10	0	0
Other collections,	6	0	0
And towards Minister's stipend	35	15	0

Besides which a handsome Melodeon has been purchased for St. John's Church, at a cost of £21, towards which one generous friend in the township gave £12 10s.—And a subscription is now being entered into and partly paid to paint St. John's Church inside, and to erect an addition of 64 feet to the shed at that church.

Also, during the past year the Church at Cookestown has been erected and completed, with the exception of the seats, and those would have been done had the builder performed his engagements. The Church was opened for Divine service on the first Sunday in the year, when fully 200 persons were reluctantly obliged to go away, being unable to effect an entrance.

Three Sunday Schools have been in operation during the past year, with an average attendance of 90 children, which number would have been much larger but for the paucity of teachers; but arrangements are being made by which it is hoped the numbers in our Sunday schools will soon be greatly increased, and one which