

may be averted, and that the Bishop's appeal to the lay members of the Church may call forth a generous response.

Your committee cannot refrain from congratulating the Venerable the Archdeacon of Toronto upon the signal success of the Guelph Parochial Branch, standing as it does at the head, not only of all the parishes in these united Districts, but also in the whole Diocese, the amount reported from Guelph being the handsome sum of \$516.40.

Your committee have heard with regret that some well-meaning but mistaken individuals have withheld their usual annual subscription to the Church Society, because of prejudices they entertain against the management of the Commutation Trust Committee. Were this management ever so faulty and disastrous it would not furnish a reasonable excuse for crippling the missionary resources of the Society. But when we find on the contrary, that the funds of the Church of England have been so ably administered, their investments so judiciously made that the stipends of the clergy have been regularly paid, that the awards made by the late Chief Justice Macaulay, the Bishops of Toronto and Huron have been promptly carried out, a capital sum having been paid to the Diocese of Huron and the Diocese of Ontario sufficient to secure £400 per annum towards the Episcopal income in each Diocese reserving a similar capital sum for the Diocese of Toronto; When they further learn that at the end of the current year (if the interest be duly paid) there will be a surplus of \$1,500—thus enabling three or four more of the non-commuting clergy to participate in the benefits of the fund, and when they contrast with this state of things the fact that other religious bodies have lost the whole or the greater part of their funds by injudicious investment; the Methodists, for instance, by the failure of the Bank of Upper Canada, and the Scotch Church by the failure of the Commercial Bank—the committee are utterly at a loss to account for the strange perversity that will still maintain the idea of gross mismanagement, sufficient to shake the confidence of mercantile men.

At the close of the meeting, the following resolution was moved by the Rev. Mr. Geddes, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Drinkwater, and

Resolved, that the thanks of the Association are due and are hereby tendered to the officers of the Society during the past year; and also to the collectors of the several parochial associations, upon whose efficiency and energy the success of the society so much depends; and that the following gentlemen be appointed for the ensuing year: The Rev. J. G. Geddes, Secretary; James Bancroft, Esq., Treasurer; that the members of the managing committee be the same as last year, with the following exceptions: W. J. Simcoe Kerr to be added to Wellington Square; Thomas French substituted for Mr. Farmer, in Glanford; D. Gallagher for Mr. Stewart, in Waterdown; W. McGivern added to St. Thomas; and Hamilton: Thomas Davis and John T. Carscallen, for Stoney Creek; that the Rev. Dr. Greene be the clerical and William Farmer the lay delegates to the mission board."

WELLINGTON RURAL DEANERY.

The Clergy of the above Deanery, who desire to organize a Clerical Association, are invited to meet at the House of the Rural Dean at Dundas, on Thursday, May 14, inst., at 2 P.M., to make the necessary arrangements.

The Rural Dean will be glad to hear from those Clergymen who purpose attending, or who, if unable to attend, wish to take part in such an Association.

Dundas, May 1st, 1868.

F. L. OSLER, *Rural Dean*.

Gore and Wellington District Branch of the Church Society.

The following moneys were received too late to be mentioned in the Annual Report:

Mount Forest, Arthur, and North Arthur	102 93
Hamilton, St. Thomas's Church (additional).....	50