

for distribution in the mission of Mersea, on application of the Rev. J. Kennedy.

A set of service books for the Church at Enniskillen, on application of the Rev. Dr. MacNab.

A set of service books for the Church at Cartwright, on application of the Rev. W. Logan.

A set of service books for the Church at Vankleek's Hill, West Hawkesbury, on application of the Rev. R. L. Stephenson.

A set of service books for the Church of Westminster, on application of the Rev. S. Geo. Caulfield.

The sum of £12 10s. on application of the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, so soon as the General Purposes Fund can afford it, towards the re-building of the parsonage at Shanty Bay.

The Rev. Adam Townley and Mrs. Elizabeth Townley were elected life members in consequence of the lot of land given by them as an endowment of the Township of Nottawasaga.

At a meeting of the Society, held on the 16th November, the following grants were made:

Set of service books for the Church at Stratford, on application of the Rev. E. Patterson.

£12 10s. towards the re-building of St. Paul's Church, Kingston, so soon as the General Purpose Fund will afford it.

The Secretary read a report of several lots of land visited by him this summer, and the recommendations of the local committee founded on it. The Society agreed to all the recommendations, and the following resolution was passed:

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Lett, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Beaven,—That the society are much pleased with the detailed account of the lots recently visited by the secretary, which he has just read. The society further recommend that the secretary do, as far as his time will allow, continue his labors in the personally inspecting the lands of the society.

Moved by Dr. Lett, seconded by Dr. Beaven,—That a committee be now appointed to enquire into, and report on, the mode adopted in the issuing the licences to celebrate marriages without publication of banns, which the Clergy of the Diocese are in the habit of receiving, and on the authority on which said licenses are thus issued, and also to enquire, and if necessary, to take legal advice whether the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has not authority vested in him in virtue of his episcopal office to issue a licence to any of his own clergy to celebrate a marriage without the publication of banns, mentioned in the book of Common Prayer; and that Dr. Beaven, Mr. Harman, and Revs. D. E. Blake, C. Cooper and the mover, be the committee.

The following gentlemen were balloted

for and declared elected members of the society:

S. Price, John H. Davidson, E. Warren, and W. D. Hale, Esquires, of Port Stanley; also, the Rev. A. Adamson, D.D.

The secretary read a note from W. M. Westmacott, Esq., accompanied by a deed and memorial of lot 10, Cathcart Street, in the town of Sydenham, to be held in trust for the sustentation of missionaries.

The Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by the Rev. J. G. Armstrong, moved, that the thanks of the society are due, and are hereby given to W. M. Westmacott, Esq. for his liberal donation.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Lett, and seconded by the Rev. S. Givins,—That the thanks of this society are due, and are hereby given to Allan McLean Howard, Esq., for his donation of 45 acres in St. Vincent Township in trust for the endowment of a Church at Meaford.

Parochial Meetings were held at the following places during the last month:—Hannahville, Wellington Square, Palermo, Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Norval. A meeting had been called at Hornby, but the weather being wet there was no attendance. The most numerous meeting was at Milton. At Hannahville there were more than 40 of the parishioners present, although the morning was very wet and snow falling heavily. Several of the laymen made some very interesting and telling speeches. Mr. Spence gave some valuable statistics with regard to the population of the township, and the proportion professing to belong to the Church; and drew a comparison between what was done and what might be done by the Church if all her members did their duty.

Mr. McCoy, in supporting the resolution of thankfulness to God for the measure of success which had attended the operations of the Society, said that it was not only a cause of thankfulness to Churchmen that money had been subscribed to enable her to carry on her work, but also that she had succeeded in doing away with many prejudices which existed in the minds of those who, having for so many years been deprived of her ministrations, were entirely ignorant of the character of her Clergy, believing them to be a proud, inaccessible class of men; and also of the scriptural character of her doctrines and liturgy. He some years ago was a most strongly prejudiced dissenter, and he would give the reason for the change which had happily taken place in his views. He became disgusted with the numerous quarrels and splits which occurred amongst the various sects, and therefore determined to examine for himself whether the prejudices which he had imbibed against the Church were

well founded: the consequence was, that one after another they were dispelled, and for years he had been an attached member, and the more he knew of her the more he loved her, and he believed that many others had experienced the same change in their opinions, therefore we had good cause for thankfulness. The speaker eulogized the Rev. T. O'Neil, who some years since visited the district as a missionary, and is affectionately remembered by many, for this was not the only meeting at which his labours were mentioned, and the people were everywhere glad to learn that he was about to settle in the Diocese.

The Rev. T. Greene, of Wellington Square, T. Marsh, of Norval, R. Shanklin, of Oakville and F. Tremayne, of Milton, attended at all the meetings, and most ably advocated the cause of the Society. The Rev. C. Dade moved the adoption of the report at Georgetown. The Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary of the Society, was present at all the meetings except the one at Palermo, which official duties at Toronto prevented him from attending.

At Georgetown the Clergy took the opportunity of visiting the beautiful bridge in course of construction, and nearly completed, by the Grand Trunk Railroad Co. over the river Credit. — Young, Esq., kindly accompanied them and took much pains in explaining everything connected with the structure of this work, of which the Province may well be proud. Some faint idea may be conceived of its magnitude from the following facts:—Its length is 840 feet, divided into 8 spans of 150 feet each, supported by cut stone piers, the stone quarried in the neighborhood. The rivets used in fastening the plates of the bridge weigh 40 tons, and the whole iron work, independent of the rails, 400 tons. The height from the top of the bridge to the river is 150 feet. This sight alone will well repay the trouble and cost of a visit to Georgetown.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1855, TO BE APPLIED TO THE FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN.

Previously announced .....	£32 6 8
St. James's Cathedral, Toronto, per Churchwarden .....	75 0 0
Christ Church, Port Stanley, per Rev. J. A. Preston .....	3 2 6
Northport, per Rev. T. Bousfield.....	0 10 6
St. Jude's, Oakville .....	8 12 0
Palermo .....	0 10 0
per Churchwarden .....	4 2 0
Christ Church, Huntingford .....	2 12 8
Lot 28, 12th Con., E. Zorra .....	0 14 7
per Rev. F. D. Fauquier .....	3 7 3
Holy Trinity, West Hawkesbury .....	4 4 7
St. John's, Vankleek's Hill .....	0 6 5
per Rev. R. L. Stephenson .....	4 10 0
St. Paul's, Yorkville, per Churchwarden .....	12 19 0

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