

the Society, the Committee feel that they are called upon in the first place to acknowledge the bounteous hand of our Heavenly Father, who has so eminently blessed the "small things" with which the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron had to commence its career; for already the Committee may congratulate the Society that the day of small things is passing away, and the income of the Society beginning to swell into proportions somewhat more commensurate with the important work which the Society has to fulfil.

Last year the income of the Society was \$3,540.88, which was the result of much exertion and of all the freshness of zeal and liberality which was naturally displayed in the circumstances under which our Society was established. This year the more creditable sum (\$6,387.63) is obtained, being an increase over last year of no less than \$2,846.75, wanting only \$694.18 of doubling last year's income; and this, it should be borne in mind, has been attained during a year of almost unprecedented commercial depression, and one marked by disappointments to the farmer, hardly ever experienced in former years.

Still, however, notwithstanding these gratifying results, much remains yet to be done, and there is room for further improvement during the coming year. The increased returns made to the Society have been obtained by an extended sphere of operation. Many parts of the Diocese have this year contributed to the Church Society which were never reached before, and there remain many places which have yet to connect themselves with the Church Society.

And here, before noticing the different funds of the Society, your Committee would desire briefly to notice two cases as samples to show the exertions which have been made for the Society during the past year.

First, they will take London, which stands, as indeed, it should do, at the head of the list. From the congregation of St. Paul's cathedral, and from the Parochial Association connected therewith, and from the Life and Incorporated Members who have subscribed to the same, no less a sum than \$1,000.38 has been poured into the treasury of the Church Society—a sum very nearly equal to one-third of the whole income of the Society last year,—and this is exclusive of large sums raised for local purposes and to aid in foreign objects, amounting to \$5,300.64.

As a second instance of increased liberality, they will take the congregation of Bayfield, on the shores of Lake Huron, a small and, in point of wealth, a poor congregation. Last year, the whole sum sent from this congregation was \$1.12. This year, from collections and Parochial Association, the liberal sum of \$58.38 has been contributed besides \$5.00 sent by the venerable incumbent, who has ministered there for years, and whose ill health caused the omission of three of the collections for the Society during the past year, otherwise the sum would have been greatly increased.

Looking at these cases, your Committee believe they are justified in calling upon the members of the Society to "Thank God, and take courage," for they believe that He who has thus prospered us in one part of our labours, will continue to vouchsafe His blessing if only we are found faithful to Him, and labour with a single eye to His glory.

The income of the past year is made up as follows:

Life and Incorporated members' subscriptions	\$ 867 00
Parochial Associations' collections.....	2284 60
Widows and Orphans' collections, &c....	660 18
Received for General Purpose Fund ...	88 06
For Mission Fund, three collections,	

and collections at Church Society meetings.....	2100 66
For Depository Fund	387 13

Total \$6387 63

This is the amount of income proper, but considerably more than twice that sum has passed through the accounts of the Society during the last year, as may be seen by the balance sheet in the appendix.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Besides the annual collection made during the month of January, and other donations, \$776 has been carried to the credit of this fund for Incorporated Members' subscriptions paid during the year, as per regulation of the Society, from which, when the expenditure for investments already made in the Building Society, &c., is deducted, there yet remains to the credit of this fund a balance of \$839 58, most of which may be immediately invested.

MISSION FUND.

The total amount received from this fund during the year in collections and donations has been \$2100 66, added to which \$120 has been repaid for advances to missionaries the previous year. No regular system of salaries from this fund has yet been adopted by the Society, but the Bishop, under the sanction of the Society's resolution, has made grants from this fund to various missionaries and students during the past year, amounting to \$1217, besides a special grant voted to the Rev. Mr. Carey of \$100, and \$376 paid to Indian interpreters and school masters. This fund has been largely increased by the custom of making collections at the Church Society meetings throughout the diocese, which is now followed almost every where, and your committee would urge its adoption in all cases; from this source alone, nearly \$600 have been received, which is more than equal to an extra collection for this fund. There is a balance of \$1,521 31 to the credit of this fund.

DEPOSITORY FUND.

This is a new fund which was commenced by collections being made on the day appointed in the month of November last as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for mercies received. The response to this call, including donations, was \$387 13, which has been expended in the purchase of prayer books and hymn books, a large supply of which are on hand to supply the wants of the diocese.

PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The meetings for this society have been held in almost every congregation in this diocese, during the past year, and liberal contributions have been sent from almost all the Parochial Associations; and the interest excited in the Society's work throughout the Diocese, by the visits of the deputation sent out, makes it desirable to continue this plan for future years.

The sum received on this account this year was \$2284 60, which, with the balance on hand last year, has been carried to general purposes fund, making a balance at present to the credit of that fund of \$1865 42, out of which the expenses of the Society must be taken, and then the balance can be carried to the credit of the Mission Fund, which is the chief branch of the Society's operations.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

This fund is in the hands of a Committee to arrange and report upon. A full statement of the fund will be given in the appendix. Since the 1st of January last, \$100 has been received by the Secretary towards the capital of this fund,

which has been invested in the usual way, and \$368 60 of interest, which had been paid towards the episcopal income.

During the past year, the division of the funds and property of the late Diocese of Toronto has been completed according to the award agreed to by the two Bishops and the late Sir J. B. Macaulay. A statement of the funds received will be found in the appendix.

COMMUTATION FUND.

The amount received from Toronto, on behalf of this fund, was \$261,409 00 in Debentures, and \$4795 00 in cash, this has been reinvested, by which a large addition has been made to the capital of this fund, and as several thousand dollars of debentures mature during the coming year, this fund will be greatly increased before the next annual statement is made. The annual interest accruing to the fund is now more than sufficient to meet the salaries at present chargeable on it; but, owing to the salaries becoming due in advance of the periods at which much of the interest is payable, a large sum will have to be borrowed quarterly for short periods from the bank, on which interest will have to be paid. This has been done for the quarter ending April the 1st, as the accounts will show.

Such is a brief view of the chief funds of the Society; the full details of all the accounts will be found in the appendix.

Your Committee cannot conclude this report without acknowledging the valuable assistance which is given to this diocese by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and the Colonial Church and School Society, as well as by many friends beyond the bounds of the diocese, and in the Mother Country, who have taken a deep interest in the work of the diocese, and in many cases contributed liberally to assist the Bishop in the arduous and important work of supplying the destitution which still prevails in the diocese. Among these friends, your Committee would desire to take special notice of the liberal donation of the Lord Bishop of Cashel, who had promised the Bishop £1000 sterling towards supplying a mission in the county of Grey, nor would they omit to record the munificent donation of two young men in Toronto, barristers on the threshold of the profession, to one of whom we are indebted this year for \$100, and to the other for \$50. Your Committee notice these examples of liberality in the hope that others may be induced to do likewise.

To the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, this Diocese has been indebted from the beginning for assistance towards the support of Missionaries in the northern counties, and your Committee learn, with the liveliest emotions of gratitude, that an additional grant has lately been made by this society, for missionary work in the diocese. To the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge the diocese has been largely indebted for assistance towards building churches, and seeing that large portions of this diocese are entirely without churches, and that others are wanted in all parts of the diocese, your committee would fain hope that this benevolent society will be induced to continue this assistance for many years to come.

To the Colonial Church and School Society also, this diocese is largely indebted for assistance towards the support of missionaries in various parts; and many additions have been made to the clergy by the liberality of this society, and thus parts of the diocese have been supplied with the ministrations of religion, which, had it not been for their assistance, must have remained destitute up to this time.

In conclusion, your Committee would desire to