

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY, EXTRACT FROM ANNUAL REPORT, 1858.

The proceedings of our Diocesan Church Society, for the past year, may be considered, on the whole, satisfactory and encouraging, considering the great financial difficulties under which this province has been labouring during the past year, and the great scarcity of money everywhere. Still there are many who do not yet seem to feel the importance of the work in which the Society is engaged, nor is the amount contributed at all corresponding to the great necessities of the Church. The Central Board would acknowledge with thankfulness the result which has been obtained, trusting to this past year's measure of success as an earnest of still much greater and better things to come.

The following is a summary of the Society's receipts for the past year:—

GENERAL PURPOSES.	
Annual subscriptions, Montreal	\$156.19
Amount contained in boxes, received from Montreal Parochial Association	384.00
Collected after Sermons for Missionary purposes	253.45
	\$1993.61
Subscriptions received from the Country	1612.99
Collected after Sermons for Missionary purposes	301.53
Amount received from boxes from the Country, per Montreal Parochial Association	15.82
	1882.34
Collected at General Annual Meeting, 1858	142.50
Rents, Interests, &c.	124.00
	266.50
Carried forward	4092.48
Total from ordinary sources of income, brought forward	4092.48
Proceeds of land sold	476.15
" loan returned	216.60
Donation to Education Fund	60.00
Balance of last year	683.35
	5527.98
Making a total of	5527.98
Total Expenditure for the year	3765.98
	1762.00
WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.	
Amount collected in Montreal	441.41
" the Country	311.16
Donations	82.00
	813.57
Put to the credit of this fund, from the fund for general purpose	260.00
Interests and Dividends	1195.10
	2268.67
Balance from last year	638.84
	2907.51
Total	2907.51
Amount invested during the year	2547.32
	360.19
Balance on hand	360.19
Total amount of investments for the Widows and Orphans' Fund is \$14310.	

During the year there has been a decrease in the amount raised in Montreal of \$166 92cts. and there has been an increase in the Parishes and Missions in the Country of \$472 68cts.

The Montreal Parochial Association has paid to the Treasurer the sum of \$1507 28cts., which

includes \$397 42cts. contributed by the Missionary boxes.

The total income of the Society has been \$406 38cts. more than last year.

The sum of \$698 72cts. was raised in the name of the Society and expended on local objects, independently of the Central Board. This sum is not included in the income of the Society, as it does not appear in the Treasurer's accounts.

\$486 70cts. has been contributed towards endowments, and \$312 have been received from the sale of books.

The total amount raised within the year for Church purposes is \$15656, which is \$5106 more than last year.

No doubt the difficulty of carrying on the ministrations of the Church so as to bring under her influence all the members of the congregation who used to attend at the Cathedral (a difficulty that we hope will be removed by the completion of the New Cathedral in the course of the present year,) may account in no small degree for the deficiency in the amount collected in the City, as compared with former years. But, nevertheless, it is most certain that, from whatever causes, the income of the Society is not sufficient to meet its demands; and not until the conviction be deeply impressed upon the members of the Church, that we are all stewards, that all we have belongs to God, and is only lent to us for a time to be employed in His cause and to His glory, shall we be found faithful—making the service of God the first consideration in all our calculations—honoring the Lord with our substance, and with the first fruits of all our increase. May God then be pleased so to incline the hearts of all the members of our Holy Church as that each shall cheerfully come forward and claim the privilege of being permitted to co-operate in the pious work contemplated by the Church Society, of spreading abroad the glad tidings of Salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, and of securing to themselves, and to those who shall come after them, the perpetuity of the ministrations of our Holy Church in this land. For it must be borne in mind, that the day is not far distant when churchmen in Canada will have to depend almost entirely on their own exertions for the maintenance and extension of their Holy Faith. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which has done so much for the Church in British North American Provinces, finding such innumerable and overpowering demands upon its funds from all parts of the vast colonial possessions of Great Britain, has resolved that the Canadian Church must not any longer expect to enjoy the large measure of help which has hitherto been afforded to it; and, it is evident that each colonial branch of the Church will eventually be thrown completely upon its own resources. To the Church Society it is, therefore, that we must look for the supply of our spiritual wants.

During the past year, aid has been granted towards the stipends of Clergymen to the extent of \$2115.

The following grants have also been made by the Central Board during the year:—

To New Church at Rawdon	\$200.00
" Hemmingford	200.00
To Book and Tract Committee	120.00
	\$520.00

EDUCATION.

The following Report was presented to the Central Board, Montreal, from the Education Committee, in February last:—

"The Committee to whom was referred the letter of the Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, on the subject of aid towards the Educa-

tion of the Sons of the Clergy, from which it appears that the Council of the College, in establishing their Grammar School and Junior Department, have resolved (to enable the Clergy of the Diocese of Quebec and Montreal to send their sons to it) to reduce the fees for tuition from £9 to £6, and their charge for Board from £10 to £26 per annum; now respectfully report, that as soon as the funds of the Church Society will permit, a sum of not less than £50 be annually appropriated for the purpose of affording aid to Clergymen within the Diocese desirous of sending their sons to the Junior Department and Grammar School at Lennoxville, at the rate of £10 per annum for each of the children: not more than one out of the same family receiving aid at the same time."

The Central Board desires particularly to call attention to this subject and gratefully acknowledges the kind liberality of two parties, who have enabled the Board to grant aid towards the sons of Clergy of this Diocese at the Grammar School at Lennoxville. The Rev. Mr Doolittle, at the commencement of the year, presented to the Society the sum of £10 towards the education of two scholars, and has again placed a like sum at the disposal of the Central Board, which, at the meeting in January, was appropriated to the education of one of the sons of our Clergy.

The Secretary was also authorized by another party to place at the disposal of the Board a sum of £10, with a request that the donor be permitted to make the first presentation. The Board have thus the satisfaction of reporting that, through the kind liberality of these friends of the Church, two sons of Clergymen are now receiving assistance to aid them in pursuing their studies at Lennoxville Grammar School.

Extract from the Report of Colonial Church and School Society for the present year:—

MODEL SCHOOLS AT MONTREAL.

Children.	
Boy's School gives instruction to	175
Girls' " " "	160
Infants' " " "	100

In the country there are 19 schools, with 663 pupils.

These schools are of much greater importance than might at first sight be admitted, but it must appear when it is remembered that destitute places are sought, where paucity of numbers and poverty make it almost impossible for the people to support an efficient school. But, besides, it should be borne in mind that the supervision of the Society, thus permitted, secures a Missionary school-master, who should be, and generally is, a willing assistant of the pastor.

It is especially observable that this working of the Society has gradually produced a complete revolution in the class of teachers; it is no longer composed of men who could succeed in no other way of obtaining a livelihood, or who could be trusted in no other employment; nor of women who sought the school-house only as a temporary means for obtaining a little ready money. They are becoming as respectable a body as any in the country, and, upon enquiry, we find that they have imbibed a love of teaching, and a respect for the teacher's office, under some well-conducted and christian teacher.

DEPOSITORY.

The following are the issues since the last report:

Bibles	73
Testaments	90
Prayer Books	449
Hymn Books	381
Sundry Books	559
Tracts	14895