

the Society will be proportionately less, and that therefore it will be less able to carry out all the other excellent and important objects, which it was designed to promote.

For this reason, your Committee are humbly of opinion, that it would have been better for the general interests of the Church, if this arrangement could have been postponed until the Diocesan Church Society had attained that degree of strength and stability, which would have enabled it, by the increase of its funds, to meet its numerous calls without exhaustion.

With regard to the Diocese in general, there are two weeks of the past year which your committee desire to notice with thankfulness—the first is, the safe return of our venerable Bishop to his Diocese, after a residence of some months in England, during which his Lordship was laboriously employed in advocating the interests of the Church in Canada; and the second is, the commencement of our Church University, which, it is earnestly hoped, will proceed, in spite of all opposition, to its successful accomplishment, and be a blessing to generations yet unborn.

And with regard to this District in particular, the only change your Committee have to notice is the removal to another Diocese of the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, late Rector of Louth, whose regular attendance at their meetings, from the very commencement, and zealous advocacy of the Church Society's claims, will long be remembered by this Association.

Your Committee would also notice with pleasure the safe return from England of one of their own members, the Rev. T. B. Fuller, Rector of Thorold, to resume not only his pastoral duties, but also those of Secretary of this District Association, an office which he has ably filled from the first formation of the Church Society.

By the Treasurer's account there appeared, after the last Annual Meeting, a balance of £172 12 10
 Expenditure since in payment of Travelling Missionary..... £55 11 0
 Extra allowance to ditto for loss of a horse..... 12 10 0
 Payment of the Saddler's account for ditto..... 5 12 6
 £73 13 6

Leaving a balance of £98 19 4

The following are the Reports from the several Parochial Associations:—

GRIMSBY.

The Parish of Grimsby Reports—
 Donations for Widows and Orphans' Fund. £5 5 0
 Subscriptions..... 30 13 9
 Total..... £35 18 9

This amount, which is indeed very creditable, the Parochial Committee hope will be deemed satisfactory, when it is considered that the parishioners have now to contribute a large proportion of the Incumbent's salary.

LOUTH.

This Parish regrets that, in consequence of having now to make up a considerable portion of their own Clergyman's salary, they are wholly unable at present to contribute any thing to the general funds of the Church Society.

THOROLD.

The Parish of Thorold reports that the sum contributed this year is less than that for last year, owing to various causes; the chief of which are, the removal from the parish of several contributors; the amount paid by the parishioners, as a voluntary offering, to the gentleman who officiated during the Rector's absence; the large contributions of the same parties to a new church, which is to be commenced early in the ensuing spring; and the cessation of the large expenditure of money on the public works, which has for several years materially aided the Church Society subscriptions in the parishes on the line of the Welland Canal.

Subscriptions for general purposes..... £37 5 6
 Donation for Travelling Missionary..... 0 15 0
 Total amount..... £38 0 6

STAMFORD AND DRUMMONDVILLE.

The Committee of the above branch of the Church Society, within the parish of Chippawa, report that the amount which they have to remit does not equal that which was collected last year; but they must at the same time state that, while some of their largest subscribers, have removed from the parish, and others have thought themselves obliged to withhold their annual subscriptions for this year, yet the number of subscribers will be found to be increased, which is rather encouraging than otherwise.

They would also mention another circumstance, as a reason for the small amount of subscriptions, and that is—these united charges have had, for the first time, to contribute, during the past year, towards the support of their Clergyman, to the amount of between £30 and £40, independent of the collections at the weekly offertory.

Subscriptions for general purposes..... £12 9 4½
 Donation for the Parent Society..... 0 9 4
 Total amount..... £12 18 8½

CHIPPAWA.

This parish reports—
 Subscriptions for general purposes..... £30 8 9
 Donations for Widows & Orphans' Fund... 10 0 0
 Total amount..... £40 8 9

PORT ERIE.

The parochial Committee of the Church Society in Port Erie, in making their report, acknowledge with regret that of late years much has not been done by this parish in furthering the objects of the Church Society. But this is in some measure to be accounted for by the protracted illness of their late much esteemed Pastor, which terminated in his lamented decease.—This event caused an important change in the affairs of their parish, which was then called upon for the first time to assist in the support of their Clergyman.

This Parochial Branch of the Church Society was re-organized on the 7th June last, when they were favoured with the valuable assistance of the Venerable the Archdeacon of York; and on the 22nd of October following a sermon was preached by one of the District Secretaries in St. Paul's Church, which was attended with marked and, it is to be hoped, beneficial effects. Three collectors were appointed, and the sum of £14 17s. 6d. has been the result. This may appear small when compared with what has been done in other parishes; but when it is stated that a considerable outlay has been expended in the repair and improvement of the two Churches in the parish, in addition to the raising of between £60 and £70 towards the support of their clergyman, which was never done

before, the Port Erie committee venture to hope that it will appear evident that there does not lack any disposition, on the part of the parishioners, to assist to the utmost, in carrying out the holy and benevolent objects, which it is the design of the Church Society to promote.

PORT MAITLAND AND DUNNVILLE.

Port Maitland reports that the parish has been called on for several local improvements at the Glebe and also at the Church; having constructed at the latter a shed, which cost £30; and at the former a well some twenty feet deep; and that the Church still requires some substantial repairs.

Donations for Widows and Orphans' Fund £3 5 0
 Subscriptions for general purposes 11 7 6
 £14 12 6

Subscriptions at Dunnville..... 8 1 3
 Total amount in both places... £22 13 9

NIAGARA.

This parish reports the amount of—
 Subscriptions for general purposes to be... £61 2 7½
 Donation for local objects £6 5 0
 Donation for Widows and Orphans' Fund £1 0 0
 £7 5 0

Total amount £68 7 7½

When the depressed state of business in this place and the removal of some subscribers, are taken into account; and when it is also considered that immediately preceding the collection of the Church Society subscriptions, the sum of £25 was raised for a local object, it must be admitted that it speaks well for the energy of the Parochial Committee and for the liberality of the members of the church in Niagara, that this parish is enabled to make such a favourable return.

ST. CATHARINE'S.

This parish begs to report as follows—
 Donations to Widows & Orphans' Fund... £ 3 10 0
 Subscriptions for general purposes (including £9 12s. 8d. from the Eight-mile Creek congregation) 68 8 1
 £71 18 1

being an increase over the amount subscribed last year of £27 15s. 7d.

The Parochial Committee cannot forbear expressing their satisfaction and thankfulness at being enabled to make so favourable a report, more especially as just before the collection of the Church Society subscriptions, the congregation contributed a large sum for the purchase of an excellent Bell; and that all these efforts are in addition to the Quarterly Church Society collections, and to the sum of about £220 annually contributed for local church objects. And they deem it but justice to say that much of the success of the present year is owing, under God, to the zeal and energy of the collectors, by whose means several new subscribers have been added to the list.

Summary of the whole.
 Grimsby..... £35 18 9
 Thorold..... 38 0 6
 Stamford and Drummondville..... 12 18 8½
 Chippawa..... 40 8 9
 Port Erie..... 14 17 6
 Port Maitland and Dunnville..... 22 13 9
 Niagara..... 68 7 7½
 St. Catharine's..... 71 18 1
 £305 3 8

According to the above returns, the total amount of donations and subscriptions for the past year appears to be £305 3s. 8d. which, compared with the previous year, shows a decrease of £9 6s. 9d.; but this deficiency is far less than, for the reasons already stated in this Report, was to be expected, and your Committee see much cause for thankfulness that it is not greater.

On a review of the whole, therefore, your Committee consider that, taking into account all that has been done in each parish, their Report is a very favorable one. It must be remembered that this Society is as yet in its infancy, and that in advancing to the strength and vigour of manhood, it will have to struggle with many difficulties. Its progress will be gradual, and its success variable. As in the natural, so in the religious world, every thing is progressive; nothing starts into maturity at once. A reference to the history of the Church, and of other Church Societies, proves the assertion. That noble and oldest Missionary Society in the world, for instance, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to which the Colonial Church is so much indebted, found a small sheet quite sufficient to contain its first Report; but now its annual Report forms an interesting volume. At one time it had but twenty missionaries, and those but in one portion of the globe; but now it has hundreds scattered over the whole earth—in the north and in the south, in the east and in the west. And as regards the progress of the Church itself—a few years ago, there were but four or five Colonial dioceses—now there are six-and-twenty, and others in contemplation.

Time was—and it may be in the remembrance of some present—when there were, throughout this vast Diocese, but five Clergymen of the Church of England, and these separated from each other by many a weary mile. And if we take a much later period—some twenty years ago—we shall find in the whole Diocese of Quebec, extending from Gaspe to Lake Superior, not more than fifty or sixty Clergymen, a number very inadequate to the spiritual wants of the then Church population. Such was the state of things. But what do we now behold? Instead of one Diocese in Canada, we now have three, and a fourth in immediate prospect. And instead of only fifty or sixty Clergymen, not very long ago the whole number in Canada, we now have in the Diocese of Quebec 38; in the Diocese of Montreal 52; and in the Diocese of Toronto, (where at one time there were but five), the large number of 145; thus making the whole number of the Clergy to be two hundred and thirty-five!

And if we refer to the Sister Church in the United States, the same fact is observable. About thirty years ago, the number of her Dioceses was about twelve, and of her Clergy 281; whilst now she numbers two-and-thirty bishops, and nearly sixteen hundred Clergymen. In the face of these facts, your Committee deem it would be sinful to be discouraged. In order to insure success, it is only necessary that the members of the Church have a just view of their responsibilities. He who has been brought to feel and enjoy the precious blessings of the Gospel, says from the heart, "What can I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me?" The mercies of God constrain him to a willing, joyful, and entire surrender of himself and all he has unto God; and he is thus taught to know his true position as a steward in God's household. Your Committee would desire to impress this conviction, that we are

all of us stewards; that all we are and have belongs to God; and that He entrusts it to us as His stewards, that we may have a full and delightful share of His own happiness in doing good to others. If then we are stewards of all our time, ability, money, influence, and every other talent, and that all is given us by the solemn charge, "Occupy till I come," let us, as stewards, lay out every thing according to the gracious mind of our heavenly Lord. Let us emulate those worthies, who lived in the spring season of Christianity, when the blossoms of Christian love first flourished on our earth, and who aimed to be like their Saviour in diffusive blessedness, and called not that their own, which they might spend for the good of others. Let us emulate those, in our own day also, (and there are not wanting, thank God, some noble instances), who have counted it a privilege to give liberally; not confining their bounty to domestic, family, or local circles, but regarding their money only as a means of benefiting their fellow-creatures in general, have, in the founding of bishoprics, the building of Churches, and in sending forth heralds of the cross, diffused abroad, even to the remotest regions of the earth, all the blessings of the gospel of Christ. These are the truly rich, for they are rich towards God; while hoarded money is real poverty and condemnation, and will be found to be so in the coming day of Christ.

Finally, in anticipation of that day, let us now exercise our stewardship. Let us now work, as those who must give an account. O what a scene of glory will then burst on the view of all faithful confessors of Christ, and "fellow-helpers" in His Church, when the myriads of souls that have been gathered into His fold, shall stand forth as the glorious monuments of such exertions as these! O the enrapturing emotion then of having been instrumental now in helping on this glory! Let us rise, then, to higher, larger, and fuller views of our duty as stewards of God, and followers of a self-denying Saviour; and amidst all the difficulties and discouragements of way, let us keep in mind, and let us be sustained by, the final sentence of approval, "WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS, ENTER YE INTO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD!"

A. F. ATKINSON, Secretary pro tem.

Resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society, held at Niagara, on Wednesday evening, Feb'y 26th, 1851.

Moved by Walter H. Dickson, Esquire, M.P.P., seconded by Col. Kingsmill, High Sheriff,

1. That the Report now read be adopted and published in "The Church" paper.

Moved by the Rev. A. F. Atkinson, seconded by John Powell, Esq.,

2. That while grateful to Almighty God for the measure of success with which the past labours of this Branch Association has been blessed, we deem it a solemn duty to pray for a continuance of the Divine favor upon its future exertions, and that it may please God to dispose the members of the Church to manifest a liberality proportionate to their means, in aid of those important objects, which the Church Society was designed to promote.

Moved by the Rev. Elliott Grasett, seconded by the Rev. Thomas Green,

3. That it having appeared, from information recently received, that owing to increased demands upon the general funds of the Church Society, especially upon the Widows and Orphans' Fund, the expenditure has much exceeded the income; and being fully convinced of the necessity of directing attention to this most Christian and charitable object—this association would earnestly call upon the members of the Church, and more especially upon those who have been blessed with abundance, to consider it an especial duty they owe to God to increase their contributions to this important Fund.

Moved by the Rev'd T. B. Fuller, Rural Dean, seconded by the Rev. R. Shanklin,

4. That this meeting desires to express its thankfulness to Almighty God for the safe return of the Bishop of Toronto to his Diocese, and to record its sympathy with his Lordship in his arduous and zealous labours for the establishment of a Church University.

Moved by the Rev. C. L. Ingles, seconded by Geo. Boomer, Esq.,

5. That the thanks of this meeting be given to the officers of this Branch Association, and to the collectors in the several parishes, for their zealous and efficient services during the past year.

Moved by the Rev. William C. Clark, seconded by the Rev. Thomas Green,

6. That the Rev. T. B. Fuller be requested to resume the office of Secretary, and George Ilykert, Esq., to act as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Thanks were then given to the Rev. William Leeming, chairman, and the meeting separated.

THE LECTURES IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The third of the course of Lectures advertised, was delivered on Wednesday evening last, by the Rev. Charles C. Brough, A.M., Rector of St. John's London Township, on the subject of "Infallibility and Supremacy."

The great number of persons who were assembled in the Church shows clearly the extent of lively interest excited by the subjects of these lectures. Those who were present on this occasion were amply repaid for the time which they devoted to that object. The discourse was delivered in a clear, eloquent, and impressive style, which was replete with information, sound reasoning, and just observations, which the importance of the subject called forth, and reflected the highest credit on the talent and ability of the speaker, and was listened to with the deepest attention and evident satisfaction by the audience. We are informed that the Rev. Henry Revell of Ingersoll, will deliver the Lecture on Wednesday evening next.—London Times.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR.

At the recent meeting of the Associate Alumni of King's College, held at the National School, amongst other matters of interest which came before the meeting, was a Resolution relative to the establishment of a Professorship of Pastoral Theology, to be called "The Inglis Professorship," as a mark of respect for the memory of our late lamented Diocesan, and expressive of the sense entertained of his devotion to the interests of the Institution.

We observe that a measure has again been introduced into the Assembly, to abolish the permanent grant to King's College. It will be met, we dare say, by the friends of the Institution; but we doubt whether the opposition will be able to delay, in

the present temper of the Assembly, this violation of Legislative faith. The friends of the Institution however, will do well to demand that along with the deprivation, the contingencies upon which the grant depended—the present anomalous government of the Institution—will be done away, and its supervision confided to those for whose express benefit it was established. It can hardly be imagined that opposition to this self evident expectation will be made, but it would seem necessary that the alumni should be prepared in case of any obstruction to such reasonable views, with the means of sustaining them. The College, under guidance of the Church, and untrammelled by legislative interference, or exclusiveness, cannot fail to attain to a high pre-eminence.

ARRIVAL OF THE "ASIA."

MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN ENGLAND.
 The Asia has arrived at New York, with dates to the 28th ult.

No new ministry has yet been formed in England. Political gossip says that the Duke of Wellington may possibly be induced to become the head of a Government, but no weight is attached to the rumour. All expectations of a Stanley Cabinet are at an end.

The London Standard of the 28th says, "the country will be sorry to hear that Lord Stanley has failed in forming a ministry, and has in consequence returned to Her Majesty the Commission which she had graciously entrusted to him. His Lordship had an audience of the Queen at Buckingham Palace, yesterday afternoon, when his inability to complete his Administration was made known to Her Majesty, and no doubt the circumstances which led to this result. Shortly afterwards, a Royal Despatch was forwarded from the Palace to Lord John Russell at his private residence in Chesham Place, and in all probability his Lordship has been again commanded to reconstruct his Cabinet, though we do not find any intimation in the Court Circular that his Lordship had any interview with Her Majesty in the course of yesterday. Both Houses of Parliament will re-assemble this evening, when it is confidently expected that Lord Stanley and Lord John Russell will be permitted by Her Majesty to give full explanatory statements as to the part each has taken in the fulfilment of the duty imposed upon them by their gracious Sovereign."

The Bank of England has reduced the rate of interest on Stock to 2½ per cent, while the minimum rate in Commercial Securities remains at 3 per cent.

Consols are 96½ a 96 3-8.

The London market for American Securities is without change.

The steamship Canada had arrived out.

At Vienna rumours are still prevalent of an Austrian expedition against Switzerland.

The Turin papers give a rumour that the northern powers have addressed a note to the Piedmontese Government, demanding the expulsion of the Italian immigrants, the suppression of the liberty of the press, and an immediate reconciliation with the court of Rome.

It is also stated that the greatest activity prevails in the Piedmont War Office, and that extensive preparations are making for the defence of that country.

Prince Schwartzberg's stay at Dresden will be prolonged beyond his original intention.

The ministerial papers contradict the late rumours of warlike measures; stating that an understanding had been effected at Dresden, between the agents of Prussia and Austria.

The kingdoms of Bavaria, Wurtemberg, and Saxony have protested against the competency of the Dresden conference to pass resolutions tending to restore the Old Federal Diet. No resolutions of any kind have been adopted. A fortnight has been fixed for further and more positive declarations.

Very little news from Rome. The Pope has announced three of the ex-Roman Constituent Assembly, and others have obtained an intermediate period of provisional liberty.

Further Extracts from our English Files.

POPERY EXPOSED BY A PRIEST—GAVAZZI IN LONDON.

On Sunday, between the morning and evening services, Father Gavazzi, the celebrated Italian priest, appeared pursuant to a circular issued among his Italian friends, to address an auditory hastily assembled in the concert room of the Princess's Theatre, Oxford street, and the celebrated orator fully realized all the accounts, which, during the late rise of the peninsula, were from time to time, transmitted to us about his electrical style of eloquence in popular assemblies. The father was attired in his black serge habit, as a Barnabite monk, and wore on his breast the rude wooden cross of his order. The subject of this, his inaugural discourse, was the abuses which successive Popes had heaped on the Church intrusted to their care, and the outrageous supererogations which disfigured the body Catholic in consequence of such Popery.

There are clergymen (he said) in our prostrate country, as elsewhere, who are mere sacerdotal tradesmen—*preti bottegai cleo trafficatore*. We know the men—*we know them of old*. They cry hush! if you whisper the word abuse. They say uncover not the shame of our mother. No; let the gangrene go on—let corruption eat further into the flesh until the whole mass become putrid—carrion so rank that it smells to heaven. We in the meantime eat and drink and make merry in the lazar-house, the church of the living God, or, like sailors in a plague ship with "Peter at the helm." So our rations are served out regularly, let the crew and all perish in the inevitable devastation we cannot cure. I am against dissembling, palliating, or plastering up the corroding scurvy. But, thank God for it, there is yet a portion of the Italian Church true hearted and sincere. There are in our land young Levites who are uncontaminated with the service of Rome's hoary-headed prevaricators who betray God's temple. In Lombardy and Venice they abound. In Tuscany they are numerous: in Piedmont they openly proclaim their abhorrence of Papal abomination—they are the hope, and will yet be the rescuers, of Italy. I have been told by the craven slaves of an anti-national and anti-christian system, you are false; you peril your future prospects, if you act on earthy views of personal gain like theirs; your glory will be noted down and remembered against you, if you glory in the denunciation of rascaldom. The Jesuits are watching you—their spies are taking down your words, (let Loyola do his dirty work—since known and defied him.) Do you see this in all cassock? Clad in these humble rags, I have ere this confronted the banded hordes of human tyranny in all their variety of denominations, nor shall I shrink from an encounter with the vilest and most treacherous of