

order to its consecration, in September last, in a manner that reflects the highest credit on their zeal for the honor of God's House. They have since been engaged in taking measures for procuring a parsonage, towards which object the sum of £100 has already been raised within the Mission, and a private individual has given land for a glebe. The sum of £6 12 1½. has been remitted to the Treasurer at Montreal, from St. Andrew's only.

### Mascouche District Association.

The Mission of New Glasgow, in this District, has been vacant during part of the year, but has recently been filled up. The Mission of St. Martin has been detached from the Beauharnois District Association, within the limits of which it was formerly comprised, and annexed to this Association. The annual meeting of the Association was held at Mascouche in February, all the Clergy of the District being present, and the Report shews a total amount raised within the year for the Society of £44 15 0½. There are annual subscribers in the Missions of Rawdon and St. Martin. Towards two new Churches, at St. Therese and Rawdon; a Parsonage at St. Martin; and other objects contemplated by the Society, the sum of £200 has been reported as raised within the District.—£18 10 7 have been remitted to the Treasurer of the Society.

### Beauharnois District Association.

The whole amount reported as raised within this District is £27 13 2½. This falling off is to be accounted for partly by the separation of the Mission of St. Martin from this Association, and partly by there being no annual subscriptions at Ormstown, the Missionary of that place not having judged it expedient to call upon his people on behalf of the Society, as they are engaged in active preparations for building a new stone church, for which he reports that they have already paid in the sum of £60. The Church at Côteau du Lac, with the assistance of a small grant from the Central Board, has so far advanced as to be nearly ready for consecration.

The amount remitted is £7 8 9.

### Richelieu District Association.

Although the members of the Church within this District are engaged in the prosecution of different works, in furtherance of which they are reported to have raised the large sum of £1170, there has been no falling off in the amounts contributed to the Society. In two Missions, on the contrary, there has been a marked increase, the annual subscriptions at Chambly having risen from £23 14 2 to £41 3 11½, and at Sabrevois from £5 3 2½ to £16 16 3. At the former place the Missionary, (the Rev. J. P. White,) took occasion, on the day appointed for public thanksgiving for the removal of the Cholera, to suggest to his Congregation the propriety of shewing their thankfulness, by consecrating a gift to the Almighty in aid of some benevolent design, and added that no fitter channel could be found for their bounty than the Church Society. The result was the increase mentioned above, Mr. White having followed up his suggestion by calling himself "upon every family who were in circumstances to give." It would be very gratifying to be enabled to report similar success, as the result of similar exertions, in every Mission. In a letter to the Secretary of the Society, Mr. White writes thus:

"The establishment of the Church Society in the Diocese, I feel to be a very great blessing, and designed ultimately to effect much good: by it the wants of the Church are brought more than heretofore under the notice of the people, and they are consequently stirred up to good works on her behalf. And we have this thought to encourage us in our endeavours to promote the Society's objects—It is the Lord's work, and He will crown it with His blessing."

These details from the Report of a single Parish have been given, in the hope that the example which it has set to the Diocese may have its due effect, in stimulating other parishes and Missions to greater exertion in the Society's cause. The most pleasing feature of the Report is the cause to which the increase is attributa-

ble, thankfulness, namely, for mercies received, which the people of Chambly were not satisfied with expressing only with their lips. If a due sense of the unnumbered and undeserved blessings daily poured upon us, were more widely entertained, it would not be as a solitary instance, that such an example as this would be recorded.

A meeting of the Parochial Association was held at Chambly in September last, at which the Lord Bishop of Montreal presided, and the Secretary of the Society attended. The presence of the Rev. Ernest Hawkins, who was then in the Diocese, was also expected; and, had he been present, he would have been enabled to make a gratifying Report to the Society upon his return to England, of the good spirit which was manifested upon the occasion.

The annual meeting of the Association was held at St. John's in March, when the Rev. C. Morice was appointed Secretary, in the room of Rev. C. Bancroft, resigned. Most of the Clergy of the District, and a large number of the laity, were present.

The total amount raised for the Society within the District is £170 11 10; proportion of annual subscriptions remitted from St. John's only, £36 18 6. The Mission of Sherrington in this District has been divided, by the erection of Hemmingford into a distinct charge.

N. B.—The amount of £1150, mentioned as raised for local purposes, does not include a sum of £650, subscribed in St. John's towards the erection of a new church.

### Missisquoi District Association.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Dunham in June, when all the Clergy of the District, with one exception, were present. The attendance of the laity was also satisfactory; the resolutions passed upon the occasion, are indicative of a desire to carry on the work energetically; and it is earnestly hoped the ensuing year will be permitted to witness a corresponding effort.

The resolutions were as follow:

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the District Committee of the Church Society, Missisquoi District, held at Dunham, Wednesday 19th June, 1850.

Present,—The Revds. James Reid, James Jones, Richard Whitwell, Thomas Johnson, Joseph Scott, William Jones, Andrew T. Whitten, and Robert Lindsay.

Resolved 1st. That the amount of contributions received by the Diocesan Church Society, from the Parishes and Missions within the Diocese is the principal evidence, to which the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel have access, of the value, which the people of this country put upon their Christian liberality, in providing for them Ministers of the Gospel, and the ordinances of religion.

2nd. That the income by subscriptions and donations, from the respective parishes and missions of this Diocese, having fallen short of the former year's amount, by nearly five hundred pounds, is calculated to lower our character in the esteem of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and induce them to think that their bounty would be better bestowed elsewhere.

3rd. That the deficiency in the last year's contributions, although in a great measure caused by the depression of agriculture and commerce, is an evident call upon both Clergy and Laity to use their best endeavours, and to pray to God, to put in the hearts of the people to be liberal to the Church, that we may recover our lost ground.

4th. That, in the opinion of this meeting, among the best means of establishing the Church upon its proper foundation, is the religious instruction, and training of youth; and therefore, it is earnestly recommended, that the children of the several parishes should be objects of particular attention, on the part of all true friends of the Church.

5th. That the hearty co-operation of the Laity with the Clergy, in all our undertakings, is necessary to insure our success, and is indispensable to the prosperity of the Church.