

subsequently to be done—which was absolutely essential to the comfort of the congregation and the due performance of Divine Service, that a considerable additional expenditure had to be incurred.

The churchwardens have, since Easter Monday last, been enabled considerably to reduce this debt; and they have besides laid out more than £100 upon the church and church premises. Much more is still to be done to render everything complete; but they have full confidence in being able, during the ensuing year, to effect most of these necessary improvements, and to pay at least £100 more towards the extinction of the debt.

These are circumstances which must to some extent abate the amount of donations to other objects; and amongst these the cause of so excellent an institution as the Church Society may be partially and temporarily effected.

The amount of receipts for the present year is as follows:—

Balance in hand April 30, 1855.....	£2	5	6
Rent of Parochial School House for 1855.....	12	10	0
Subscriptions received to date.....	92	10	0
Total.....	£107	5	6

The expenditure has been as follows:—

Tuition of 7 scholars at Mr. Down's School.....	£3	1	7
Tracts at sundry times for parochial distribution.....	2	16	6
Sunday School Reward Books distributed at Christmas.....	9	14	2
Reserved for transmission to Parent Society.....	20	0	0
Resolution of Committee on January 19,—Grant to Cemetery Fund according to the above resolution..	30	0	0
Fencing ground of the Parochial School House, paid out of rent....	10	0	0
Total.....	£105	12	3

Leaving a present balance in the hands of the local committee of £1 13s. 3d.

In respect to a cemetery for this parish, arrangements have been concluded for the purchase of ten acres of land for this purpose, in an isolated but convenient position, within the limits of the town; and although occasional aid from this association will be seasonable and useful, it is expected that ultimately a sum will be realized from the sale of burial lots, amply sufficient not only to pay for the land, but to enclose, improve and beautify it in such a manner as the universal feeling of the parish would desire to see carried out.

PORT HOPE.

This parish has expended within its bounds, for strictly local church purposes, about £300 during the past year. The parishioners have also freely and liberally contributed to the erection of churches and building of parsonages in various parts of the Province. They have given

largely to the Sabrevois Mission to the French Canadian Roman Catholics, under the sanction and control of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, and they have contributed also to the Bible Society. The Port Hope Parochial Committee have, however, collected a larger sum than they have ever before forwarded to the Parent Society; and not wishing to retain any part of it for local purposes, the whole amount is at the order of the Parent Society in Toronto; nearly of the whole of the contributors making their donation special to the widows and orphans' fund of the Church Society.

The sum in hand amounts to ten pounds sixteen shillings and three pence.

From this brief review of the various parishes or missions comprising this district branch, it will appear that the claims of the Church Society have not been passed over or neglected during the past year. That whatever the pressure of local wants may have been, they have not been suffered to interfere with missionary operations for the good of the church at large. And when it is considered that each mission or parish enjoying the benefit of a resident clergyman, is expected to contribute largely to his support; that there are pew rents to be paid in nearly all the churches; that there is also a weekly offertory, besides four quarterly collections for the society, exclusive of local improvements, such as the building and enlargement of churches, and the erection of parsonages; when all these things are considered, we should feel thankful that the work is so far permitted to prosper in our hands, and that if our excellent society have not yet received that full and general support to which its merits fairly entitle it; yet your committee have learned not to despise "the day of small things;" but rather hopefully to trust, from what has already been accomplished, that in due time much greater results may be anticipated.

The rapidly increasing wants of the church, the numerical increase of its members, the accessions to its ranks from other religious bodies, the organization of new missions, the increase of its clergy, and the contemplated division of this vast and too extensive diocese, but above all, the important task of self-government, which is likely to be conceded to it; all these events will call for the application of new and greatly increased energies, for sound discretion and a spirit of mutual forbearance and gentleness on the part of both clergy and people.

The following is a statement of the several Parochial Associations in connection with the District Branch, together with the amounts respectively raised for the society during the past year.

	Total am't col.	Am't paid Treas Parent Socy
Cobourg.....	£ 0 0 0	£0 0 0
Port Hope.....	0 0 0	0 0 0
Clarke.....	0 0 0	0 0 0
Darlington.....	0 0 0	0 0 0
Cavan, St. Paul's...	0 0 0	0 0 0
do. St. John's...	0 0 0	0 0 0
Grafton..	23 17 6	6 0 0
Colborne	28 10 0	7 2 6
Cartwright.....	0 0 0	0 0 0
Manvers.....	0 0 0	0 0 0
Perrytown.....	0 0 0	0 0 0
Elizabethville.....	0 0 0	0 0 0
Rice Lake.....	0 0 0	0 0 0

The following clerical changes have taken place in this district since the last annual meeting, viz.:—

The Rev. W. A. Johnson has been succeeded by the Rev. Charles Ruttan, as Assistant Minister at Cobourg; the Rev. John Hilton has been removed from the mission of Norwood to that of Perrytown; and the Rev. J. S. Clarke has been transferred from the mission of Seymour and Percy to the Incumbency of St. Paul's Church, Kingston.

There are, at present, ten clergymen officiating in the district, with thirteen Parochial Associations in connection with our branch of the society. And the two missions of Seymour and Norwood are vacant.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILSON,
Secretary.

Cobourg, March, 12, 1856.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Church Society's Office, Aug. 6, 1856.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day, the Lord Bishop in the Chair.

It was moved by the Rev. N. Lonsdell, seconded by Dr. Holmes, and

Resolved—That to enable the Central Board to prepare the Annual Report in time for the General Meeting of the Society, held on the third Tuesday in January, the secretary be requested to inform the clergy that the treasurer's books will be closed on the 1st of January in each year, and that all monies paid in after that date will not appear in that report but will be carried on to the account of the following year.

It was moved by Dr. Holmes, seconded by the Dean of Montreal, and

Resolved—That 100 bibles be granted to the Lord Bishop for use in the diocese, particularly for supplying clergymen entering on new missions.

The following sums have been received since the last meeting.

Half of collections at Chambly.....	£ 13	15	3	
Collection on Thanksgiving day, at Chambly		3	5	0