

been collected for various parochial calls, and it may be seen that the mission has advanced considerably instead of falling back in the amounts made up for Church purposes.

Subscription of Rev. A. Dixon, A.B. £ 1 5 0  
The Parochial Committee of Christ's Church, Port Maitland, reports for general purposes, £8 6 3  
Widow and Orphan Fund,..... 1 0 0

£9 6 3  
The Branch Association of Dunnville reports—  
Total amount, .....£10 6 6

Four years ago the subscriptions of this Branch were only £1, and it is pleasing to remark that, with the exception of one year, they have gone on increasing annually, sometimes in a rapid proportion. The annual subscriptions of this year exceed those of last year by £2 6s 3d., although at the time the subscriptions were collected, the church was being pewed at an expense of £50, freely contributed by the parishioners for that purpose.

The Parish of Niagara reports—During the past year the Congregation of Saint Mark's Church have been called upon to contribute largely for special purposes, connected with the improvement of their Church and the support of their Sunday School. The School is in a very flourishing condition, reflecting very great credit on the ladies and gentlemen concerned in its management, and is attended by upwards of 200 pupils. The contribution before adverted to exceeds £70.

The subscription for the general purposes of the Society,..... £55 11 10½

The total amount contributed by the Congregation during the past year is more than double that of the preceding year, and this increase is a sufficient indication that the liberality of the members of our Church is never appealed to in vain; and the fact is also a proof that the depression spoken of in our last report has passed away.

THOMAS CREEN, Chairman.  
JOHN SIMPSON, C. W.  
L. A. W. MERCER, C. W.

Niagara, Feby. 25, 1852.

ST. CATHARINES.

The Parish of St. Catharines reports the amount of subscriptions (including the sum of £9 15s from the Congregation at Eight Mile Creek) to be £54 18 9  
Donation to Widow and Orphans' Fund, 1 0 0

£55 18 9

Although this amount is much less than what was collected last year, yet, owing to the extreme scarcity of money, and to the various collections for charitable purposes that have been made at this particular time within the parish, as well as to other causes, it is much larger than the Parochial Committee at first expected it would be. There is one circumstance, however, that your Committee cannot pass over in silence. Amongst the various contributions, there was one sent anonymously to the Rector, amounting to thirteen dollars; and as it is surmised that the anonymous contributor of this (for her) munificent subscription is a poor widow in humble life, your Committee cannot but present her as a noble example worthy of all imitation, and express their conviction that, like her predecessor in the Gospel, her gift is most acceptable to God, and has ascended as a memorial of her before Him.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to express their acknowledgments to the collectors, both here and at the Eight-Mile Creek, whose indefatigable exertions are beyond all praise.

At the middle of November last, the Rev. W. C. Clarke, who had since the month of May, 1848, zealously and faithfully discharged the duties of travelling missionary within the bounds of this Association, was, at his own request, transferred by the Lord Bishop to the settled Mission of Packenham and Fitzroy, in the eastern part of the Diocese; and the Rev. James Godfrey, recently ordained, was sent as his successor.

In transmitting his report, Mr. Godfrey justly remarks that it could scarcely be expected that he should make a long or interesting report, as he had so recently entered upon his duties. He says that, when he commenced his labours, he found the congregations, in consequence of the very muddy roads, wet weather and Mr. Clarke's illness during some part of the autumn, very small. The mission, in this respect, was, at that time, very discouraging; but (the Missionary states) "I rejoice in being able to say that there has since been a decided improvement." The sections which I regularly attended (he says) are Point Abino, once in four weeks, Port Colborne, the Junction, and Marshville, once in two weeks, the last two places having each a week-day service once in four weeks and a Sunday service after a similar interval. The services at Port Colborne are always on Sunday. At the Low Banks I attend on the same Sundays as at Marshville. I have officiated at Canboro' once; but in consequence of the severe weather, bad state of the roads, and distance from my other stations, I have not made any permanent appointment there.

On assuming the charge of this mission, I found there was an appointment at Marshville for service on two Sundays out of every four; and none at the Junction.—Discovering that in the neighbourhood of the latter place, there were several members of the Church, who were anxious for her services, I thought proper, with the advice of the Rural Dean, to take one of the Sunday services from Marshville and give it to the people at the Junction; where there is now a congregation of sixty and upwards. The congregation at Port Colborne is, I think, on the increase—last Sunday there were more people present than on any previous occasion. At Point Abino the congregation is very small. There is a small church there, which is yet unfinished, having no stove in it, has been unoccupied during the winter. I have endeavoured to promote a subscription for the purpose of purchasing a stove, and hope at my next visit to find it up. At Marshville the congregation averages from forty to fifty. At Low Banks there are sometimes from thirty to forty assembled. In addition to the places already mentioned there is another station I attend one Sunday in four, viz. St. John's Church, Cayuga.

I have married one couple and baptized two children since coming to the mission. I have collected for the Divinity Students Fund, as follows:—

At Marshville, ..... £0 4 9  
At Low Banks, ..... 0 3 0  
At The Junction, ..... 0 9 6  
At Port Colborne, ..... 0 11 0

£1 8 3

I have met with no incident as yet worth relating, except you will so consider my meeting with a man, who does not believe in the existence of a God, and with another who says there is no such place as hell.

From the concluding remarks of your travelling missionary it must be very evident that though the field he is called to occupy is not so full of promise as some others might be, yet the services of a faithful ambassador for the truth are much needed, in a portion of our country, where in the course of three months, two persons publicly avowing such soul-destroying opinions could be casually met with.

There are periods in a man's life, when he is imperatively called upon to halt for a time and to take a review of the past; so in the existence of various institutions do similar periods, from time to time, recur. We have now arrived at such a period in the existence of our District Branch Association.

When the Church Society of this diocese was first proposed many thought the attempt premature; others feared that, as we had been so little accustomed to depend upon ourselves for the supply of our spiritual wants, we should utterly fail in doing much for the spiritual wants of others; and some even prophesied that after the first excitement of its establishment should have passed away, it would drag on a weak and sickly existence for a while, and then come to an untimely end. But, thanks be to Him, whose aid we have invariably implored in all our operations, the result of ten years experience has dissipated those fears, falsified those prophecies.

Without going further than our own District Branch Association, we find, on a review of the past, that the subscriptions and donations paid into the Treasurer's hands the first year amounted to a less sum than during any subsequent year, except the third, which was less than it by only 10s., and that the amount continued steadily to increase till 1851, when the Society first felt the effect of the removal, during the previous year, of three of the Clergy of the District and of the consequently increased burden thrown upon their parishioners to make up a moiety of the salaries of their successors. But even during that year the excess above the amount of the first year was nearly £40, whereas the excess of the previous year had been £50. And when it is taken into consideration that the Association has been the instrument, in God's hands, of preparing these parishes to bear the burden, thus suddenly thrown upon them, and that the amounts raised for the support of the Gospel in their own midst might be taken into account, in reviewing the work of this association, your Committee have great cause for congratulating the members therefore on the success which has been vouchsafed to their humble labours.

During the ten years now brought to a close, the sum of £2829 has been paid into the Treasurer's hands, of which £645 has been paid to the Parent Society, £558 has been carried to the credit of the Travelling Missionary Fund, and £1356 been returned to the several parishes to be expended on objects contemplated and sanctioned by the Society. These sums, though much smaller than might have been collected in the District, must be acknowledged to be considerable, and much larger than the most sanguine supposed could be raised by the Branch Association, when the Society was first proposed; and your managing Committee will venture the assertion, that no one who has been privileged to contribute to the funds of this Association feels himself in any respect the poorer for what he has given to the Lord.

In reviewing the results of the Travelling Mission since its first establishment, your Committee cannot indeed perceive much cause for congratulation; but they see no cause to attribute the want of this to any fault with which they can charge the Missionaries employed; but rather to the very peculiar character of the population living in the bounds of the Mission. Your Committee have supported a labourer in this portion of God's vineyard, whenever one could be procured for the work; and they have done so in faith, tho' the result of his labours might not be immediately apparent, yet that good seed would be dropped by him which, watered by the dews of Divine grace, would, in God's own good time, bring forth an abundant harvest, to God's glory and the good of souls.

It has been matter of sincere regret and bitter disappointment to your Managing Committee to learn, that in consequence of too great confidence placed in a subordinate by the officers of the Parent Society, to whom was intrusted the management of its financial affairs, a heavy loss has been incurred; which, however, it is trusted will be all over-ruled for good. Indeed, it has already caused a plan to be adopted for the receipt and transmission of all funds collected throughout the Diocese for the Parent Society, which, by effectually preventing the possibility of the recurrence of such losses for the future, will, it is hoped, insure for the Society the confidence of the members of the Church.

The Bank of Upper Canada has kindly consented to act as the Treasurer of the Society, without involving it in any additional expense. All monies collected for the Society are required to be deposited in the nearest agency, which will transmit them to the Parent Bank at Toronto, there to be subject to the orders of the officers of the Society.

It has been further determined, that to render the Society more efficient—to extend its operations into every parish throughout the diocese, and to insure its better working in those where it has already been established, a clerical Secretary, who shall not hold a parochial charge, should be appointed, whose duties it will be to conduct the correspondence of the Society, take minutes of the General Meetings and Committees, prepare Reports, attend Meetings of the Branches of the Society throughout the Diocese, under the direction of the President, and take the general superintendence of the affairs and accounts of the Society in all its departments.

This is a wise step on the part of the Society. To do justice to the great cause in which it is engaged, requires the undivided time and attention of the Secretary; and your Committee indulge the confident assurance, that the result of this new arrangement will be to give greater efficiency to the Society, largely to increase its usefulness, and to add so greatly to its funds, that the additional expense incurred thereby will be but slightly felt.

As it is considered extremely desirable that the District Branch Associations should be effectually represented in the Standing Committee of the Parent Society, a resolution will be introduced at the next monthly meeting, authorizing the several Branch Associations to elect a clerical and also a lay delegate to attend the monthly meetings of the Parent Society, whose special duty it will be carefully to inquire into the business of the Society, and faithfully to report regarding the same to their Branch Associations, on their return home.

It is hoped that the twelve District Branch Associa-

tions in the Diocese will come into this arrangement, and, if so, a plan can be adopted, by which each monthly meeting in the year can be attended by the delegate from one of the Branch Associations, thus requiring the deputation from any one Branch Association to attend only once in the year.

As another meeting of this Branch Association will not probably soon be convened, your Managing Committee recommend this meeting to name their deputation, and their substitutes in case of inability to attend, and to make provision for their necessary expenses.

The adoption of the proposed plan would, it is thought, give greater interest in the Parent Society to the outlying Branch Associations, and would afford the deputations an opportunity for making such suggestions as to the better management of the Society, and the more judicious expenditure of its funds, as might be expected from persons sent for that purpose, from the midst of the Society's field of operations.

Your Managing Committee have had under their consideration the propriety of making some essential changes in the disposition of that portion of the funds raised by the several parishes and returned to them. For the last ten years the plan has been adopted of returning to the parish where it was raised half of the money paid into the Treasurer's hands, to be expended by the Parochial Committee on objects recognised as legitimate by the Society. It is hoped that these monies have been wisely expended; and it was perhaps judicious, in the infancy of the Association, to adopt this rule. But it is thought that the time has now arrived when the expenditure should be restricted (except in peculiar cases) to objects of a more permanent character. There is no Deanery in the Diocese containing so many parishes, so destitute of parsonage houses as this; in number eight parishes, and only one parsonage. This arises no doubt from the fact, that most of the parishes are old ones, opened at a period when the Clergy were handsomely paid, and before the people were at all aware that it was not only their duty, but also their privilege, to give a portion of their worldly goods for the support of the Gospel in their midst.

But both these days have passed by; and it appears to your Committee that, next to the House of God, nothing would add more to the stability and permanence of the Church in the Rural Deanery than the purchase of glebes, where necessary, and the erection of parsonage-houses. Several of the present incumbents have comfortable houses of their own; but the last three years have seen the occupiers of their own houses, in three or four parishes, removed hence, and their successors obliged to find a home where they could.

Instead, therefore, of expending their means on small matters, which might easily be otherwise provided for, your Committee would recommend to the several Parochial Committees to consider the propriety of expending the half raised in their midst, and by the District Branch Treasurer paid back to them, on objects of special importance and permanent character.

The Managing Committee find that, in addition to the sum necessary for meeting the expenses of their Travelling Mission, they have upwards of £100 lying idle in their Treasurer's hands, which they have instructed their Secretary and Treasurer to place in some secure investment for the support of the Travelling Mission, convertible into cash (if required) at any time; and which, in the meanwhile, will half-yearly be adding to the resources of the Association.

It affords your Managing Committee much satisfaction to be able to remind their fellow churchmen that we have now in full efficiency a College, where a most thorough and finished education can be had for our children, based upon that without which all education is fundamentally defective, and to ask for that institution their patronage and support.

In conclusion, your Committee would recall to the minds of their fellow churchmen the fact, that we are now in the midst of the third Jubilee of that noble Society, to which not only the Church in these Colonial Dioceses, but the members of the Church throughout the whole North American Continent, owe a deep debt of gratitude for the first planting of the Gospel Church in their midst, and for a long continuance of nursing care and protection.

We find emblazoned on the pages of history the names of the founders of the cities of Greece and Rome; we honour the enterprising navigator who adds new islands and continents to the dominions of civilized man; we hail with gratitude the name of him who invented the art of printing, and of him who applied the power of steam to propel machinery; we admire the man who has proved himself a mighty warrior or a great statesman.

But how few honour—how few have even heard of the humble name of the Rev. Dr. Bray, who conceived and matured the plan of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts—a Society whose annual subscriptions during the first year of its existence were actually less than the annual subscriptions of this District Branch Association during any year since ITS ESTABLISHMENT—but which has been the honoured instrument, in God's hands, of raising 2½ millions pounds sterling, not for the destruction of God's creatures; not for carrying out schemes of worldly policy; not for the extension of science, nor for the relief of the body and the amelioration of man's temporal condition only; but for the promotion of the best, the eternal interests of his never-dying soul; a Society which has sent her Missionaries to the North American Colonies—to India, where a hundred millions of heathen acknowledge the British sway—to the West Indies—to the new Empire that England has planted in the Australian Colonies—until now there is not a single Colony of the wide-extended Empire of Great Britain, where her Missionaries are not planted.

From Newfoundland to New Zealand, from Honduras to Hong Kong the Society is making every effort to supply the people with the duly appointed ministrations of God's word and sacraments; not for to-day only, or for to-morrow, but for ages yet to come; not in a narrow spirit of party, but by the extension of the Church itself in that spirit of faithfulness and forbearance for which the Reformed Church of England has ever been distinguished. Such is the Society whose third jubilee we are called upon this day to notice—and we do it in common with the members of the Church scattered throughout 107 Dioceses, whose Bishops are in communion with our holy Mother.

Beautifully was it said by an eloquent prelate of the Church in the neighbouring Republic, when, with his whole heart he responded to the invitation addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to this noble band

of Bishops, to celebrate the jubilee throughout their dioceses.

"The celebration which is proposed, while it must secure a hearty interest and concert, wherever the noble vine, whose planting it commemorates, has dropped a seed, will certainly, through God's blessing on the hearts of men, be rich in spiritual fruits. It must awaken new convictions of the truth and preciousness of the Redeemer's promise to His Apostles, to be always with them, to see how literally "a little one has become a thousand." It must draw together, in a closer bond, the souls of the vast brotherhood, whose voices rise together in our common prayers, "from the rising of the sun, even to the going down of the same." It must quicken the pious purposes of Christian men and Christian women, whom God has made the Stewards of His goods, to give, as He enables them, the poor of their poverty, and the rich of their abundance, for the increase and furtherance of a work, so blessed of the Lord, so full of blessings for mankind. And shall it not bring down an hundred fold, into the bosom of the blessed Mother of us all, in peace, and plenty, and prosperity, the rich reward of her unwearied labours, and uncounted alms? As "the signs of an Apostle" mark her, in every land, an Apostolic Church, so shall the world-wide tokens of a Catholic love set to the seal of God, to her continuance in the Catholic faith."

And truly Catholic was the spirit evinced by our sister Church in celebrating the jubilee of the Society which we all unite in honouring. From Maine to Texas, and from Florida to Minnesota, the jubilee was honoured by prayer, praise and offerings for the sacred cause of Missions. And happy are your managing committee in recording their firm conviction that the celebration of this jubilee year has tended to knit together in one strong and lasting brotherhood of love the members of our Holy Church, however separated by seas, and continents, and climes, of political barriers, and made all feel that nothing earthly can separate those who are "members one of another, of the same household of faith—having one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all."

T. W. FULLER, Secretary.

Thorold, Feb. 26th, 1852.

Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society in account with George Rykert, Treasurer.

1851, Mar. 3.	To Chairman's cheque in favor of Rev. W. Clarke, £	13 17 9
Sep. 25,	To do. do. do.	27 15 6
Nov. 19,	To do. do. do.	13 17 9
" "	To do. do. do.	6 5 0
	To Chairman's cheque in favor of Rev. T. B. Fuller for contingent expenses of the Branch Association, .....	1 4 5
	To balance, .....	100 3 7
		£163 4 0

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1851, Mar. 20th,	By balance per account	£ 98 19 4
	Collections for the year	64 4 0
		£163 4 8

Balance,..... £100 3 7

(Signed) G. RYKERT, Treasurer.

St. Catharines, 26th Feb., 1852.

Owing to the present scarcity of emigrant vessels at Limerick, and the vast number daily applying for berths the passage money from that port to New York has been raised from £2 15s to £3 15s for adults; children under 13 years are charged £3 5s.

ENGLAND.

DIVISION OF THE SERVICES.

SIR,—In examining the Ordination Service, a few days ago, some of the Rubrics struck me as particularly note-worthy at this time, when the movement for separating the Services, and thus multiplying the opportunities for worshipping in God's House, is gaining so many adherents.

The first Rubric is as follows:—"When the day appointed \* \* \* is come, after Morning Prayer, there shall be a Sermon \* \* \* declaring the duty and office of the Diaconate or Priesthood."

Here is a plain precedent for those who can get their Bishop's permission to act on it.

Matins ["Morning Prayer"], having thus been said or sung at the "convenient and usual time," and the Sermon preached as ordained, the Litany is next to be said or sung at the "accustomed hour, \* \* \* warning being given to the people by the tolling of a bell,"—no departure from the directions of Canons xiv. and xv. being ordered, except that, before the Litany, the candidates are to be presented by the Archbishop to the Bishop, and the concurrence of the Litany is so far recognized as that, sufficient reason being shown, their vote is admitted.

Further on we find a Rubric ordering, on this occasion, the omission of the General Thanksgiving, as well as of the last two Prayers of the Litany: the Prayer "We humbly beseech Thee" being ended, "then shall be sung or said the Service for the Communion."

It would be well, I think, if this order could be always followed in similar circumstances,—the inappropriateness of the Prayer of St. Chrysostom and the Benediction, in the middle of Divine Worship, being obvious.

Next, I observe that no Sermon is here alluded to. Of course, as part of the present Communion Office, it would naturally follow in its usual place.

I cannot but think, however, looking to the special direction in the First Rubric, concerning the Sermon at Matins, and the silence here, and looking to the date of the compilation of the Ordination Service, that a second Sermon on the same morning was not contemplated; and, for my own part, I heartily wish that the Sermon could be always given at Matins, and the Eucharistic office cleared of that and other Genevan and un-Catholic innovations on its first English form.

One more word. The closing Benediction of the Communion Service has always appeared to me to follow rather abruptly on the "Gloria in Excelsis." By the penultimate Rubric of the Ordination Service, the interposition of one of the Collects is plainly contemplated,

Your obedient servant,

Hitchin, 3rd April, 1852. C. W.  
THE BISHOP OF EXETER ON "INTONING."—A complaint having been made to the Bishop of Exeter by the churchwardens of Woodbury against the prac-