

which have been for some time in the course of payment. This important and most desirable undertaking, will, it is estimated, cost the Parish nearly £2,000 when it is completed; but the advantages will be more than commensurate, in the possession of an elegant and substantial church, and especially in the increased accommodation,—to the extent of about 400 sittings,—which will thus be afforded. The carrying out, therefore of this great object with as little delay as practicable, calls for the universal co-operation and hearty liberality of the congregation.

CAYAN.

Great difficulty has been experienced from the inclemency of the weather and the depth of the snow, in visiting the members of the two congregations of this township for the purpose of making collections. The collections consequently have not been completed; but the Rector of the Parish has guaranteed from each congregation the transmission of £2 10s. to the Parent Society—which will be equivalent, on the established regulation, to a gross amount of £10 from each congregation.

PORT HOPE.

This Committee has the pleasure of stating that they have the same report of forward progress to make which they are glad to find characterizes every other Parish that they hear of. The purposes for which the Church Society was established have been carried on successfully in their bounds. One hundred pounds have been paid in advance to the contractor for enlarging St. John's Church, and the remaining £150 is in course of being raised. On this account they have not thought it expedient to collect for the Church Society, in addition to the usual sermons, further than the usual allotment of £5 to the Travelling Mission Fund, and the accustomed quota of £8 to the Parent Society. The balance, which used to be expended on local parochial objects, they think it expedient to raise in a different manner.

It appears to this Committee that it would simplify the proceedings of the Church Society, were the example of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to be followed, in each Parochial Committee transmitting the whole amount of its annual collection to the Parent Society, without deduction for local purposes. Let these purposes be accomplished in other ways, and if assistance be required from the Parent Society, let it be sought for by application to the Standing Committee in Toronto.

Large sums are constantly mentioned in Parochial Reports, as being raised for Church purposes in the respective Parishes. If a fourth of the whole amount of these sums were, in every case, transmitted to Toronto, then the plan just suggested would result in a smaller sum being sent to the Parent Society than it now receives. But if the whole of these sums be absorbed in the Parish, and only the fourth of a collection made specially for the Church Society be sent to head quarters, then these sums can only be mentioned in the light of apologies for the comparative smallness of the Church Society collection, and can have no other real connection with it. The plan then of sending the whole of the collection made for the Society to Toronto, tho' it would result in an appearance of less being done for it, would in reality involve a real increase of its available funds. So much may at all events be said in explanation of the nominal collection of the Port Hope Committee being smaller than usual. The Church Society receives the usual amount, and if this were the case, the result would be the same.

DARLINGTON AND CLARKE.

The Committees of these Parochial Branches report, that having experienced the great difficulty of getting persons to sacrifice their time, or to feel a sufficient interest in the affairs of the Church Society to carry out a systematic and united exertion in seeking subscribers to its funds from a population scattered over an area of 200 square miles, the larger proportion of which, very rarely, and that only on week days, enjoy any of the privileges of the Church, and whom, in consequence, it was difficult to convince that the Church had as a Missionary Society any claims on them,—considered it advisable to change the plan hitherto generally adopted, viz., of holding a public meeting, and reporting what they had been incited to do, by hearing the claims of the Society urged upon them by the clergy and others who advocated its cause many months previous, and first to hold the public meeting, at the close circulate the subscription lists in the room, and then appoint a committee who should, fortified with the arguments fresh in their memories, solicit subscriptions and make their returns to the local Secretary within three weeks, affording time to report the result to the District Secretary before the annual meeting of the District Branch. The Committees have reason to be satisfied with this their decision. In the township of Darlington a public meeting was held on the evening of the 20th February, which was respectfully attended, and at its close about £8 was subscribed, many persons putting down their names for at least double their previous subscriptions. A committee of ladies was then appointed to solicit subscriptions in the neighbourhood, and the result has been, that about £8 in addition to the amount subscribed in the room on the evening of the meeting, has been paid in to the Treasurer. In the township the periodical appeals in behalf of the various objects of the Society, as ordered by the Lord Bishop, have been regularly made, and considering the circumstances of the Parishioners, liberally responded to; and, during the past year, a substantial addition (in fact the commencement of a new church) has been erected at a cost of over £300. A portion of the sum at the disposal of this Branch has been as usual applied to the purchase of Sunday School books, and the balance will probably be applied to the Church Building Fund.

In the township of Clarke the meeting was held at 2 P. M., an hour when, at this season of the year, few can attend. Those present, however, appeared greatly interested in what they heard, and readily subscribed, and the amount now subscribed, including the proceeds of the monthly collections made at a school-house at Newton amounting to £1 10s., is about £8. The periodical collections have been regularly made in this Parish also, and a debt, for painting the church, which cost £48, liquidated.

The Committee, therefore, confidently hope that, when two clergymen labour in the field, which requires at least three to work in with any prospect of success, but where only one has been hitherto left to toil—the sympathies of all professing Churchmen will be enlisted in the cause, and that every individual will feel that in contributing to the funds of the Church Society, he is assisting to carry out a work, which, with the Divine blessing, is best calculated to extend the dominion of his Lord and Master.

GARETON AND COLBORNE.

The Parochial Association in this Mission are, your Committee are happy to learn, in a very flourishing and satisfactory state. Great exertions have been used by the Collectors in both Parishes to increase the funds of the Society, and their efforts in this good cause have

been crowned with an increased measure of success; a considerable increase in the amount of the past year's subscriptions being the result in both cases, of such Christian zeal and exertion. These rural Parishes have, from the very first, been most energetic in supporting the cause of the Church Society, both in the quarterly collections and in the annual subscriptions; thereby shewing their high appreciation of the religious privileges which they enjoy, and at the same time, setting a good example to other country Missions, in carrying on the work of the Gospel, by strengthening and upholding the ministrations of the Church.

Determined, by the Divine blessing, not to suffer their zeal in the good cause to languish, in consequence of the pecuniary difficulties of the Parent Society, caused as your Committee have reason to fear, by the sad negligence of those, whose duty it was vigilantly to guard its best interests, they have determined, as far as practicable, to meet the call made upon their limited resources, in this trying emergency. Special meetings have been called in both Parishes, and it was unanimously resolved by each Committee, to grant to the Parent Society for general purposes, one-third, (instead of one-fourth, as heretofore) of all subscriptions raised by the Association during the past year.

This desire to assist as far as practicable in relieving the Society from temporary loss and embarrassment, has been evinced, especially by the Colborne Parochial Committee at the expense of local interests,—the church in that Parish being still heavily in debt; and the glebe also encumbered, and as yet unavailable.—However, they are happy to be able to assist, in however small a degree, in removing the present pecuniary pressure; and they cannot avoid expressing a hope that the affairs of the Society will be placed under such a safe and judicious system of management as will render it most improbable, if not impossible, that it should suffer from any such species of fraud in future.

Grafton.

Church matters in this interesting Parish, are, for the most part, in a very promising state. The congregation, though neither numerous nor wealthy, are willing-hearted; and are, your Committee are willing to believe, zealously affected in this good cause, and many of them most devoted members of the church to which they belong. The Parish is entirely free from debt of any kind. The repairs on the Parsonage were still continued during the course of last summer, aided chiefly by a grant of £12 10s. from the Parent Society, for which the Committee feel deeply grateful. They trust that in the course of the ensuing season, such further repairs will be prosecuted, (which will consist chiefly in painting) as will render it one of the most comfortable Parsonages in the Diocese.

Through the exertions of a sub-committee of lady collectors, the handsome sum of £19 10s. has been raised during the past year. Of this amount one-third, or £6 10s., has been paid over to the District Treasurer, to be remitted to the Parent Society for general purposes; and the further sum of £1 paid over as the assessed portion to the District Travelling Mission Fund; then leaving a balance in hand for local purposes of £12.

Colborne.

The gentlemen composing this Parochial Committee undertook the additional labour of collecting the annual subscriptions, and with the happiest success:—the amount raised this year exceeding that of the former year nearly one-half. The members of the church in this Parish, being few in number, and widely scattered; added to the difficulty of their being so far from the city, your Committee are happy to say that numerous subscribers are this year on the list who never contributed before.

The sum of £18 8s. 9d. has been collected and paid in. Of this amount one-third, or £6 6s. 3d., has been cheerfully granted and paid over to the District Treasurer, to be remitted to the Parent Society for general purposes; and the further sum of £1 has been granted and paid over to the District Travelling Mission Fund, leaving a balance in hand for local purposes of £11 12s. 6d.

Measures are in progress for the reduction of the debt on the church, and it is hoped that at the ensuing Vestry Meeting at Easter, steps will be taken to redeem the glebe land from its present encumbrance.

It is most gratifying to the Committees of these Parishes, as well as to the incumbents, that altogether they have been enabled to raise the sum of £38 8s. 9d., through the medium of the Associations during the past year. And they desire to bless God, for the measure of success thus graciously accorded to their poor and imperfect labours.

FERRY TOWN.

Although the members of this congregation have had the benefits of Church ordinances, in the fullest extent, for a number of years, although we have had several annual Church Society meetings, still there never was any immediate step taken as regarded the formation of a branch society, until lately.

In the month of February, the Rev. Drs. BETHUNE and McNAB kindly, and at great personal inconvenience, paid us a visit, when the objects of the Church Society were laid before the meeting, a standing committee named, and a number of resolutions adopted.

The subscription, owing to the thinness of the meeting, was rather small, and owing to its proximity to the District meeting, there has not been as much time as might have been desirable, to devote to canvassing purposes, nor has all that was subscribed been actually paid in. Still we have made a beginning, in the firm hope that under the blessing of Almighty God, (who does not despise the day of small things) we may at our next annual meeting be more generally disposed to aid in this noble and benevolent undertaking.

The following is a statement of the results of our efforts for the year:—

Amount of Subscription List	£2 17 6
Amount paid in	2 0 0
From which deduct three-fourths to be retained for local purposes	1 10 0
Handed to Dr. McNab in aid of Parent Society	12 0
Amount of collection in aid of Widows' and Orphan's fund	13 0
Whole amount paid to Parent Society	£1 5 0

GORE'S LANDING.

A meeting of the inhabitants resident at Gore's Landing, took place in St. George's Church, Rice Lake, a few days since, for the purpose of organizing a Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. A good audience, considering the weather, collected, and the occasion was one of unusual interest.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Ven., the Arch Deacon of York, when the business of the meeting was introduced by the Incumbent, the Rev. Dr. McNAB, with a few pertinent observations.

Several addresses were delivered and resolutions adopted bearing upon the character and objects of the

Church Society. The audience were deeply interested in the able and pious remarks of the Ven. Dr. Bethune, as well as in those of the Rev. Messrs. Short and Beck.

The following gentlemen were appointed a standing committee for carrying out the objects of this Parochial Association, viz.: the Clergymen, Church Wardens, and Thomas Gore, J. B. Fortune, Wm. Brown, J. Perrin, J. Graham and Wm. Turner, Esqrs.

During the meeting of the Church Wardens, Wm. Falkner and A. Hayward, Esquires, presented the following document, in which is set forth the state and prospects of the Church in that rising and delightful portion of the District:—

Amount of money collected towards the objects of the Church Society at Gore's Landing } £2 12 6

Branch Associations have not yet been formed in Cartwright and Manvers. The Mission has been recently established, and the people are endeavouring to build a Church and Parsonage house in Maneers, and to finish their church in Cartwright. They are also obliged, according to the regulations of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to raise one half of the Missionary's stipend.

In conclusion, your committee have to revert with regret to the loss that has been sustained by the Church Society, in consequence of too much confidence having been placed in a person who has unhappily proved unworthy of it. There is one consolation, however, to be derived from this circumstance, namely, the assurance that the affairs of the Parent Institution will be managed on a plan ensuring greater economy, more attention to all details, and enlarged efficiency. When fully matured, then arrangements will be made public, and it is to be hoped and trusted, that the consequence will be to establish the Society on firmer ground than ever, and carry out its usefulness to a greater degree. A new plan of funding and managing its resources by the assistance of the Bank of Upper Canada, is arranged, which will, it is believed, secure the Society from the risk of any further pecuniary defalcations, and a new office arrangement has been made of the duties of the Secretary, by which a clergyman is to devote to its duties his whole time and attention. Your committee believe that this meeting will fully concur in the pleasure with which they announce that, by a unanimous vote, this office is now filled by the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Rector of Darlington, and there can be little doubt but that the energy, zeal, and perseverance of this gentleman will soon exhibit their effects in a large increase of the income of the institution.

To the Clergy of the Home and Simcoe Districts, and the several Districts East of Toronto.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

It is my intention, God willing, to hold Confirmations during the coming summer, in your parishes and stations.

I purpose to take the Home and Simcoe Districts in June, and the other districts in their order, of which, more particular notice will in due time be given; but this early intimation is made to afford you ample space to search out and prepare your candidates.

To render my visitation as useful and effective as possible, I request you, my brethren, whether resident or travelling missionaries, to signify to me at your earliest convenience, the number of your stations, and their distances from one another, more especially those new ones, which you may have established since my last tour of confirmation—that I may so arrange my journeys, as to include them in my list of appointments.

The day and hour of such appointments will be published in sufficient time to enable you to meet me in your several parishes, with your candidates, well prepared to participate in an ordinance so holy.

You are fully aware that the periodical confirmations of our youth, are replete with the most precious blessings, and afford you the most valuable opportunities for usefulness,—that no other ordinance of the Church is calculated to yield a richer return to your labours, and none to which you can, if truly faithful, revert in after life with greater thankfulness.

It is the seed time of our harvest, which is continually growing up to cheer us in our onward course; and nothing can bring greater joy to the aged pastor than to look round his church crowded with those whom he had baptized, and prepared for confirmation, now leading a holy and christian life. He knows that they can appeal with confidence to the day of confirmation for a renewal of the deep and purifying impressions, which then had their birth, and with joy recall the sweet aspirations, and holy resolutions with which they were animated when the prayers of the Church entered into their souls, and their hearts glowed with heavenly fervour within them as they felt on their heads the hands of the Bishop, invoking the Holy Spirit to defend and ever be with them. How vivid ever after—how pregnant with holy associations—how full of stirring admonition must be the memory of that hour.

And here I will affectionately remind you, my brethren, that the benefits to be reaped from confirmation, inestimable as they are, depend under God, upon you, and that among all your duties there are none more important, or which ought to be discharged with greater diligence and anxiety than that of preparing the youth of your congregations for this sacred ordinance. It requires much pains, and time, and the exercise of much patience and long suffering, and must be begun and carried on in the spirit of earnest prayer. You will have to encounter much ignorance, carelessness and hardness of heart, and for which you may not in many cases be prepared, but be not discouraged, for even in such severe trials you will not go without your reward. Such trials will more and more convince you of the necessity of very

early instruction in training the lambs of your flocks—and how simple and often repeated such instruction must be before it will make on some minds the desired impression; and how true the admonition of the prophet—"Precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, and there a little,"—you must not take it for granted that what is familiar to you is so to them.

Hence the great advantage of catechising, and repeated explanations of the Book of Common Prayer, and the blessed fruits which its daily use will produce in the cottages of your missions.

Besides encouraging and instructing your candidates for Confirmation publicly and in classes, it is of great value to have conferences with them singly and in private. At such times, when treated kindly their young hearts will affectionately respond, and be candidly laid open, and tenderly affected by the warm interest taken in their spiritual welfare, and they will readily imbibe a deeper reverence for this holy ordinance, and gladly second their Minister's endeavours in rightly appropriating to themselves a blessing so precious. Few young persons are able to resist the fatherly attentions, which a zealous Pastor takes in their salvation whom they know, from his long and anxious exertions, to be truly sincere. His earnestness and fervent prayer and continued solicitude, become as it were contagious; their hearts are won, and he acquires over them a prevailing influence for good.

I will only add, that previous to the day of administering the ordinance, it is desirable that the candidates should be as fully prepared as possible; that all have their tickets, and that a list of their names be ready to be handed to the Bishop or his Chaplain, on their arrival; because any omission or irregularity in these matters lead to hurry and confusion which at such a time are unseemly.

The names of (candidates as was formerly intimated) should be carefully inserted in the Vestry books of their respective parishes, after each confirmation. It will be a grateful memorial in future times.

JOHN TORONTO.

Toronto, March 30th, 1852.
FORM OF THE TICKET.

Candidate's Name.	
ADMITTED TO CONFIRMATION.	
day of	1852.
Minister's Name.	
Thy vows are upon me O God.—Psalm 56—12.	

ENGLAND.

THE BISHOP OF GLOUCESTER AND HORFIELD MANOR. The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, Dr. Monk, has by a deed of gift conveyed the whole of his interest in Horfield Manor to five trustees, for the benefit of small livings in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol. The trustees are Sir William Page Wood, M. P., the late Solicitor-General; Mr. Philip William Skinner Miles, M. P., for Bristol; the Venerable Thomas Thorp, Archdeacon of Bristol; the Rev. T. Murray Browne, Rural Dean of Gloucester; and Mr. C. J. Monk, the Bishop's son. The copyholds are now all enfranchised, with a very small exception, and the memorial rights of the Bishop have been commuted for land. The property consists partly of tithes-charge, partly of land. The former is to be divided into two equal parts, for the endowment of the living of Horfield, and of a new church, which may be expected to be erected in the newly enfranchised parts of the parish. The rents of all the land and houses (demesne as well as newly acquired) will be divided equally between two objects of the Bishop's bounty:—First, to assist in building parsonages on poor benefices, in public patronage, in the archdeaconry of Bristol; and secondly, to aid in paying curates on small livings in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, the incumbents of which are prevented by sickness, age, or infirmity, from discharging their own duties. The donation takes effect from the present time, and its term is for the lives of the Princess Royal, and the Princesses Alice and Helena, and the longest liver of them. The present income of the whole exceeds, we believe, £1,000.

MUNIFICENT DONATION.—We understand that the Rev. Dr. Warneford, who has so repeatedly given large sums towards the erection of churches and schools in this diocese, has sent a cheque for the amount of £30,000 to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, to be applied to certain charitable purposes in proportions mentioned in his letter. We hope to be enabled to give these particulars in our next.—Bristol Journal

A CONVERT.—On Sunday evening the Rev. G. Evison, late a Priest of the Church of Rome, and Chaplain of the Romish congregation at Portsea, renounced the errors of Popery in the church of St. Paul's, Bermondsey.

SCOTLAND.

[We clip the following extract from an admirable article in the Scottish Ecclesiastical Journal, March 18. Ed. Ch.]

THE CHANGE OF MINISTRY

Churchmen as we are, and working more immediately in the Church's cause, we do not presume to cast an eye of indifference and unconcern upon whatever of importance is passing in the State. The prayers which the Church herself teaches us to offer forbid us to do this. Praying daily "for the welfare of the Kingdom in general, and especially for the High Court of Parliament," faith leads us to look for some effect of our devotions; and we should consider that our supplications, however earnest, could not but return fruitless into our own bosom, unless we also contributed by every other means, according to our ability, to promote those salutary measures "upon the