

its efficient working depends, has exceeded that of former years; but when your committee know how bountifully the Giver of all good, has blessed the Province, how wonderfully its resources are being developed, and its productive industry multiplied, they cannot but feel that there has been nothing like a commensurate increase in the Society's income. If, when wheat is from 8 s. to 10s. per bushel, the farmer gives no more to the support of the object of this Society than when he received only from 4s. to 5s., so far as that individual is concerned, this is a going back—a result to be as much deplored as if his covetousness withheld one half of his former offering. The rise in the value of property has brought with it a general taste of speculation, and it is to be feared that many of those who in times of less prosperity had means to devote to religious purposes, now find that tempting investments leave them little or nothing for the cause of God. These things ought not so to be! The happy return of peace which has ensured the progress of railway enterprise and other improvements in the Province, and the cheering prospect of an harvest, should stir us up to greater zeal in religion, and greater liberality, in gratitude for our temporal mercies. And does not the Church require a little more liberality in her children, a little more self-denial, if need be? Undoubtedly she does. Your committee have ascertained that the commutation fund, though invested in the most favorable ways consistent with prudence, can hardly be expected to meet the stipends of even the present clergy, without touching on the capital. Hence is demonstrated the necessity of a Sustentation Fund, to provide for the increasing demand for new labourers in the Lord's vineyard; but your committee see in this no real difficulty, no cause of apprehension; they only see the necessity of urging strongly upon their fellow churchmen the course of duty. Let but the offering of churchmen now bear but the same proportion to their present incomes as they did to their incomes four or five years ago, and the difficulty will be fully met. In nine cases out of ten it may be fairly said that the farmer who in 1850, gave five dollars to aid the objects of the Society is now better able to give five pounds, and if so, he cannot escape the charge of robbery of God, if he withhold what he can so well afford. Will a man rob God? Yes, ye have robbed me; but ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.—Mal. iii. 8.

INCOME.

Your committee now submit a brief statement of the Society's general income, and of the income and expenditure on

account of its several objects, a more detailed account of which will be furnished in the appendix to the printed Report.

The income of the Parent Society for the year ending 30th of April last, exclusive of moneys received for special trusts the sum of £187 1s. 11d., belonging to the previous year's income, acknowledged in the appendix to the last report, to have been received after the books were closed and audited; and also the sum of 110/ which was on account of returned investments.

Amounted to	£3268 17 2
To this may be added amount received since April 30th,.....	220 2 5
The estimated income of the several Branches and Parochial Associations, so far as has yet been ascertained, amount to.....	£2168 13 1
Deduct, as remitted to Parent Society, somewhat more than $\frac{1}{2}$	901 17 10
£112 9s. 3d., which have been received since April 30th.	1563 15 3
To which add moneys received on account of investments on lands or loans, dividends and rents paid in on all particular trusts	339 8 9
And the total income of the Society amounted to	6052 14 10
Shewing an increase in the funds of the Parent Society over the income of the last year, of	£556 16 2

When your committee take into consideration that reports have yet to be received from associations which usually contribute liberally, that the Parochial Associations in the Midland district, with the exceptions of St. George's, Kingston, in consequence of the inclemency of the winter, determined to postpone their operations in behalf of the Society until the summer, when they might calculate on receiving assistance at their meetings from their distant brethren; and also that many more collections on account of the General Purpose Fund and Students' Fund, appointed to be taken up in January and April, will yet be received, they feel that they have good grounds for congratulating the Society on the success which has attended its operations during the past year and for calling upon its members gratefully to acknowledge their indebtedness to the Bountiful Disposer of events, by whose grace alone the hearts of men are inclined earnestly to engage in works of piety and charity. Though the statement of the Society's affairs now submitted, may, on the whole, be considered highly satisfactory nevertheless.

Your committee are persuaded that if greater pains were taken in some parishes to set forth the importance of the various objects embraced in the Constitution of the Society the subscriptions would be more liberal,

and the subscribers far more numerous. Your committee would urge upon the clergy and the officers of associations, the great necessity for punctuality in taking up and transmitting the collections to the Parent Society, as the course at present in many instances adopted, not only causes errors and creates confusion in the statements from time to time published, but also prevents the Society from reporting at the close of its financial year an exact statement of the receipts on account of each of its funds.

SERMONS.

The proceeds of the Quarterly collections received during the past year, were as follows:

Collections for the Mission Fund made at 224 stations.....	£386 8 4
Collections for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund made at 212 stations	481 15 3
Collections for the General purpose Fund made at 176 stations....	316 17 0
Collections for the Students Fund made at 105 stations	124 13 9
Stations, 717.	£1381 14 4

The previous year the amount reported at the time of reading the Report was £1316 9s. 7d., from 725 stations, over £100 was subsequently received and as collections from many stations, on account of two funds, have yet to be received. Your committee trust the above sum, given as the proceeds of the Quarterly sermons for the past year, will be much augmented before the appendix to the report is printed.

MISSION FUND.

Last year your committee were enabled to announce an increase in the amount collected for the Mission Fund, which they accounted for by the fact that collections had been taken up at 45 more stations; this year collections have been received from 9 new stations, and in consequence, the increase over the previous year is £41 2s. 4d.—viz, £386 8s. 4d., in lieu of £345 6s. 0d.—£15 1s. 4d., of which have been received since the 30th of April. The only interest received on investments on this account, was that derived from the stock in the Bank of Upper Canada. The parties on whose property the Society holds a mortgage of £1000. The bequest of the late Dr. Burnside's, promise to pay up in a short time both principal and interest; and offer to give a site for a church at Port Perry, a rising village, which they have, at a large outlay, built upon the lot. The inhabitants of the township of Warwick, having refused to assume the debt incurred by their late Rector in erecting a good substantial brick parsonage, towards which only £1 was subscribed in the parish; the Society in consideration of the exertions made by the Rev. Mr.