

a very considerable falling off from the returns of the last year. This, however, is attributable to three principle causes, first, to the removal from the parish during the past year of several of their best contributors. Secondly, to the large sum which has been raised for the erection of the parsonage in the parish, which is now rapidly approaching completion, and when finished will be second to none in the Diocese. Thirdly, to the great depression in business, and the absence of employment of every kind, which have prevented many from contributing their customary donations. The Committee however entertain the hope, that they will be able to report a larger amount should they be spared another year.

The Parish of St. Catharines. The Parochial Committee beg to report as follows:—

Annual subscriptions\$332.47
Special dona. to M. & W. & O. F. 20.00

Total amount\$352.47 being an increase over last year of 112.27

Add to the above four quarterly and two special collections 307.12

\$659.69 being the

amount contributed within this parish during the past year to Church Society and Missionary objects. This increase is to be attributed, under God, to two causes, firstly, to the effect produced by an admirable address by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, at a Church Society meeting held here on the 31st December last; and secondly, to the zeal of the collectors (two young ladies and three gentlemen), by whose exertions several new subscribers have been added. It should also be stated that some of the old subscribers doubled, and a few others more than doubled their former subscriptions. When the unusual pressure of the times and extreme scarcity of money are considered, this parochial Committee feel that they have great cause of thankfulness in being enabled to make so favorable a report.

The Parish of Louth. The Rev. A. Dixon reports from the Parish of Louth the sum of \$40.00, including his own subscription of \$5.00. This Parochial Branch is much indebted to the zeal and energy of two young ladies, Miss Wood and Miss Tenbroeck, in making up this amount.

The Parish of Dunnville reports the sum of \$15.00, including clergyman's subscription.

The Parish of Thorold. The Chairman of this Parochial Association reports, with great satisfaction, the sum of \$233.00, as collected in his Parish this year. This sum exceeds that reported last year by \$97.50, of this sum \$10.00 was the contribution on his death bed of the late excellent George Keefer, Esq., who has been an incorporated member of the Society, and one of its most steady and liberal supporters, from its establishment in 1812. But the increase reported this year is to be attributed in a great measure, under God, to the valuable assistance afforded the Church Society by the kind visit of the Hon. J. H. Cameron, who devoted the whole of a week to advocate the claims of the Society on the people of the neighbourhood in his most efficient manner, and to the plan of taking up subscriptions on the spot, whilst the hearts of the people were warm in the cause.

The Parish of Chippewa reports that there is a falling off in the amount of the annual subscriptions, and in the number of the subscribers, owing to the pressure of the times, which has been severely felt in this parish, for general purposes \$100.00, donation to Widows and Orphans' Fund \$27.00, to Mission Fund \$25.00, making in all \$152.00. The united charges of Drummondville and Stamford, within the parish of Chippewa, report the sum of \$61.26, being a slight increase

on last year. They also report the sum of \$489.86 as the whole amount collected for church objects for the year ending Easter, 1859.

The parish of Fort Erie reports through the Churchwardens, that considering they have to make a voluntary subscription for their coming Clergyman, the Rev. E. Grasett having resigned, and been removed to a parish in the Diocese of Huron, they deem it inexpedient to make any collection for the Church Society this year.

In conclusion, your Committee have a use to be thankful that they are enabled to present so favorable a report on the whole, yet while several parishes have materially increased their subscriptions, others have fallen short of former years, but look forward hopefully to the future. However, they would ask every churchman, whether when the times are called hard, they should not rather endeavour to do the more for Christ and His Church, than withhold any portion of that which they should contribute to so holy a cause, and they would set forth with all their energy, the claims which the Missionary enterprise has on our liberality; believing that they, who withhold in times like the present, "more than is meet," may be said to have hardened their hearts against the voice of God, and to forget that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." And on the other hand, that they who do deny themselves at such seasons of depression, in order that they may have to give to God, may undoubtedly look for a blessing. Further, they would urge upon every congregation enjoying the undivided attention of a Clergyman, the necessity of still greater exertion; feeling convinced that if this were the case, not one missionary alone would now be scattering the seed to the destitute lambs of Christ's fold, but many would be sent forth so that "the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." Is. xxxv. i.

Signed,

W. LEEMING,

CHAS. LEYCESTER INGLES,

Chairman.

Secretary.

Niagara, Feb. 22nd, 1859.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Moved by Col. KINGSMILL, seconded by the Rev. Dr. SHELTON of Buffalo, and resolved, that the report now read be adopted and printed in the Ecclesiastical Gazette, and 200 copies ordered for distribution.

2. Moved by Rev. W. S. DARLING, seconded by J. POWELL, Esq., that this meeting recognises, with devout thankfulness the hand of God in the support granted the Society during the past season of unwanted depression, and in enabling it, even though in a small degree, to spread the knowledge of the Redeemer in the destitute places.

3. Moved by the Rev. Mr. PHILLIPS, Sur., seconded by Rev. J. D. PHILLIPS, that they who in times like the present deny themselves, in order that they may have wherewith to contribute to the cause of Christ and His Church, may expect God's blessing.

4. Moved by the Hon. J. H. CAMERON, seconded by J. BALL, Esq., that the Church Society, combining as it does under one organization the workings of many Church Societies of the Mother Country, demands a commensurate support.

5. Moved by the Rev. the RURAL DEAN, seconded by J. POWELL, Esq., that this meeting of the Niagara District Branch of the Church Society having learned with great satisfaction the result of the exertions of a deputation from the Parent Society in this District, and believing that the depressed state of the Society is to be attributed, in a great measure, to the little interest

taken by many parishes in the Diocese, in this (the only recognised Society for collecting and distributing the means necessary for the extension of the Church in the new settlements), would humbly approach the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, with an earnest request that he would be pleased to appoint a deputation to visit every parish in the Diocese, to present at public meetings therein the important claims of the Society.

6. Moved by the Rev. the RURAL DEAN, and seconded by Col. KINGSMILL, that the thanks of this meeting are justly due and are hereby cordially given to the Hon. J. H. Cameron, for his valuable assistance, in attending the meeting of this District Branch as well as the various Parochial Branches within the Diocese.

7. Moved by J. POWELL, Esq., seconded by Rev. A. Dixon, that the thanks of this meeting are due to the office bearers for the past year, and that the Rev. the Rural Dean be Treasurer, and the Rev. C. L. Ingles be Secretary for the ensuing year.

CHAS. LEYCESTER INGLES,
Secretary.

The Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society in account with T. B. Fuller, Treasurer, for year ending 22nd Feb., 1859.

NAME OF PARISH.	Total amt. recd. for T. M.	Retained for S. parishes.	Sent to Returned.
St. Catharines	\$352.47...	78.13...	118.12...156.23
Chippewa	162.00...	25.00...	77.00... 50.00
Dunnville	45.00...	10.00...	15.00... 20.00
Drummondville and Stamford	61.26...	10.09...	30.70... 20.38
Niagara	132.90...	33.25...	43.15... 56.50
Thorold	212.16...	51.79...	56.79...103.68
Louth	40.00...	7.50...	12.50... 20.00
Welland	9.00...	4.50...	4.50...

\$1004.79 220 36 357.76 426.67

Cr. By received from several parishes...\$1004.79
" To repair parishes..... 426.67
" To cheque in favor of Treasurer of Parent Society..... 357.76
" To balance for Travelling Mission... 220.36

\$1004.79

The expenditures for the past year have been as below:—

March 19, 1858, paid Rev. J. Stannage half his salary as Travelling Missionary \$200.00
September 19, paid Rev. J. Stannage half his salary as Travelling Missionary 200.00
February 22, 1859, paid cash for printing black forms for Treasurer 1.00
Paid cash for book for Treasurer 0.75

\$401.75

T. B. FULLER,
Treasurer.

Thorold, Feb. 22nd, 1859.

DIocese of HURON.

The Secretary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron, begs to call the attention of the Clergy to the resolution, passed at the last meeting of the Society, changing the time for the closing of the books to May 31st, and would respectfully suggest that some return of collections, from each "Parochial Association" lately formed, be made before that date; so that they may appear on the Society's list for the year ending May 31st next ensuing.