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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT The Incorporated Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented at the Annual Meeting at Toronto, held on Wednesday, June 9th, 1848.

THE wise king has left on record these remarkable words-"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty." This proverb evidently inculcates the duty of almsgiving on peculiar grounds, which, however singular they may appear at first sight, will nevertheless be acknowledged as true by all who are endeavouring to live, according to their real position, as pilgrims in a fleeting world, and who therefore remember that they are not the actual possessors, but only the stewards of that property, which Almighty God has given them for good and useful ends. Speaking generally, this proverb teaches, that whenever a proper portion of our means is set apart for the service of religion, we are then enabled to lay out to better account, that which remains behind; and thus, under the Divine blessing, the residue of our substance becomes sufficient for our support, like the pear widow's oil and meal, which never failed herself and her child during the continuance of the famine, because she obediently fed the prophet of the Lord.

To direct the charity of all into one common channel, and to attain many useful objects, which can only be carried out by combined exertion, this Society was established about six years ago, under the hope that it would prove an useful handmaid to religion, in a Diocese, where hardly any provision is made by the State for the temporal necessities of the Church; and in which thousands of emigrants annually arrive, whose circumstances for the most part, are such, that even the diligent and industrious amongst them, are unable, for some years at least, to assist in providing for the proper maintenance of the ministrations of the Church amongst themselves and their children. The appeal which was made on that occasion to the Diocese by the Bishop of Toronto, was immediately responded to; the hearts of many were stirred to engage in the work, and the exertions, which were then entered into with so much alacrity, have year after year been well sustained: so that the fears which were at first prevalent, that such labours would not be persevered in, have gradually and happily passed away. Since its first formation down to the present hour, the Society has continued to receive increasing support and confidence; many have given to it of their abundance, and many of their poverty. In presenting the Sixth Annual Report of its proceedings,

the Church Society of this Diocese thankfully embraces the present public opportunity of recording its humble thanks to Almighty God, for the considerable measure of success with which He has again been pleased to bless the labours under-taken in its behalf during the last twelve months.

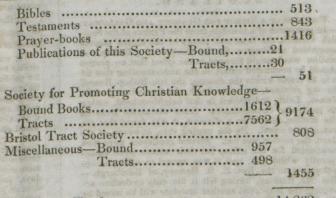
The various objects for which the Society was incorporated, have been kept steadily in view, and some of them have been carried out, more and more, as far as circumstances would permit. The question of the Widows and Orphans' Fund has received considerable attention, but more will be said on this point in another part of the Report, it being thought more satisfactory, on the present occasion, to devote a separate section, to a brief history of the labours, which have been entered into, with reference to this important matter. It is gratifying to be able to announce an increase in the number of Missionaries, an addition of two having been made during the past year,—so that ten Clergymen are now supported either wholly or in part, through the medium of the Society, and it is provable, that a further increase will shortly take place, it being believed, that, after the next Ordination three or four new Travelling Missions will be opened, requiring provision from the same source; to meet which, every exertion must be made, as the means disposable under this Branch of the Society's operations, will then be completely absorbed.

to provide, has been most kindly answered. It would appear, likewise, that the collections have been much more general than heretofore; in proof of which it will be enough to mention, that collections have been received this year at 174 stations, for the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and at no less than 182 in connection with the last sermon which was preached for Missionary purposes. All this may be consi-dered as highly satisfactory, inasmuch as the permanent working of the Society depends chiefly upon two sources of revenue, viz., the proceeds of the annual sermons, and the contributions received from the Parochial Associations. It is worthy of notice, that four sermons have for the first time been preached within the year, under Article XIX of the Constitution, in behalf of the Society; which number will in future be required, in order that the engagements which have been entered into may be properly sustained. It will be remembered, that the proceeds of one sermon must, according to our Constitution, be annually invested in behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund; and that the proceeds of two others are devoted to the support of Missionaries within the Diocese; whilst an annual collection is required in support of the Bishop's Students' Fund, applied in aid of candidates for Holy Orders, who are members of the Diocesan Theoloical College at Cobourg. The number of Students at this Institution during the present year is seventeen; of whom nine receive an allowance from the funds thus raised, at the rate of £40 currency per annum. It is expected that the Theological College will furnish at least seven candidates for Holy Orders at the ensuing general Ordination, to be held on the 30th July next. The Scholarships annexed to this Institution will henceforward, by direction of his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese, be thrown open for competition, and awarded according to the results of a general examination: an arrangement which may serve to attract candidates for the Ministry from the Mother Country, as well as from the Province itself, and which will have the effect of ensuring on their part a higher qualification in classical and general literature.

## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The Society has lately given much attention to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, with the view of making its assistance immediately available, and in the hope of being able to place the fund upon a satisfactory footing, in regard to the amount of income and the method of distribution. The discussion of the subject by the Society at their meeting in March, resulted in their approval of the general principles of a plan, embodied in the draft of a By-law, that had been prepared and submitted for consideration. Some modifications were suggested, and adopted at the time of the discussion, and a Committee was appointed consisting of the Hon. the Chief Justice, J. G. Spragge, Esq., Lewis Moffatt, Esq., the Rev. D. E. Blake, the Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary, to revise and alter the draft of the By-law, so as to make it accord with the view then taken by the Society.

The Committee brought up the By-law so amended, as to meet the views expressed at the meeting, and also the draft of another By-law, which they considered safer and more convenient. The By-law proposed by the Committee differed from the original one, which was adopted by the Society, in two important particulars. First, the dispensing with the compulsory contributions of £1 5s. per annum from the Clergy, and substituting, in lieu of such payment, a grant from the general funds of the Society; secondly, in the one plan, making the benefit conferred an annuity of £50 in all cases, as long as the fund remains in as good a condition, as at the time of its going into operation; the other providing, that a Committee or on the shard be appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive and determine upon such applications as shall be made to the Society, requesting assistance towards the support of the widow or orphans of any Clergyman, who has died or may hereafter die in this Diocese, having cure of souls therein, either as a Rector or Incumbent of any other Parish or a Stationed, or a Travelling Missionary, or officiating as a Curate or Assistant Minister, in any Rectory, Parish or Mission. And that such Committee shall be governed in their proceedings by any general regulations, which the said Church Society shall from time to time make, at any regular annual or monthly meeting, which may tend in the judgment of the Society to the just and convenient distribution of the fund-and that no pension or annuity, to be granted by the Church Society, through such Committee or otherwise, shall exceed fifty pounds. At the adjourned meeting, held on 17th May-for the final settlement of this subject, his Lordship the Bishop intimated, that being desirous that the proposed By-law brought up by the Committee for the management of the Widows and Orphans Fund, should, as far as possible, be submitted for the general consideration of the Clergy and Laity throughout the Diocese, he recommended, that no final decision on this matter should be made, until after the annual meeting of the Society, it seeming to his Lordship most desirable, that the utmost unanimity should prevail with regard to a subject, so important, as the settlement of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, on some practicable and satisfactory footing. At the same time the Rev. Mr. Blake gave notice, that when the subject should be brought forward for final settlement, he should move an amendment to the effect, "That an uniform rate of pension of not less than  $\pounds 50$  per annum, shall be assigned to each widow or to the orphans of any Clergyman, except where in the latter case their number is less than four, in which case each orphan shall receive an annuity of £15, provided that the applicants are not in the receipt of an annual income of  $\pounds 200$  or upwards; and provided also, that the disposable funds are sufficient to meet such charge, and that instead of a special Committee, it shall be the duty of the standing Committee to receive and determine upon all applications for assistance from this fund, an appeal being granted in all cases from their decision to the Society."



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During the past year, the venerable Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has made a grant of books and tracts to this Society to the amount of £100. Sterling, for distribution.

## PROPERTY INVESTED IN STOCK.

The sum of £464 13s.  $7\frac{1}{2}d$ . has been this year invested on behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, in 45 Shares of the Bank of Upper Canada, —28 of which were purchased last year as a temporary investment. There have likewise been purchased on the same account, 15 Shares in the Toronto Building Society, amounting to £255 17s. 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. The sum of 502. has been loaned from the Septuagesima Fund. The investments in Lands, for general purposes, have this year reached £240 10s. 7d.; and the disbursements on Lands have been £81 6s. 10d .- which latter are charged to the parties interested in such Lands.

#### GRANTS.

Besides the Investments just above mentioned, the following small special Grants have been made by the Society during the past year-

Assistance has been granted to a Clergyman's

widow .....£26 0 0 Towards repairs in the Church at Wellington

To the repairs of St. John's Church, Stamford, 12 10 0 The expenses of a Missionary visit to the

Indians at the Sault St. Marie, by the Rev. 6 0 0

A snall grant of Bibles and Prayers to Emigrant Sheds. Grants have likewise been made of a Bible and Prayer Book to the new Congregation at Sixteen-mile Creek, through the Rev. F. J. Lundy. Also, to Mr. Jessup, Divinity Student,

for sinilar purposes, in the 2nd concession of York. A donation of books to the value of £5 has been made to the Rev. J. G. Geddes, at Hamilton, from the grant made to this Society by the Venerable Society for Promoting Chris-tian Knowledge. In the Niagara District, the Society has granted Books and Tracts to the value of £2 10s. to the Rev. Mr. Inglis, Travelling Missionary. A similar grant has also been made to the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto; and in the Simcoe Travelling Mission, a grant of Books and Tracts to the value of £2 10s. has likewise been made to the Rev. Mr. Fletcher.

The Society has this year contributed to the support of 10 Missionaries, all of whom are maintained in the Diocese, either entirely from the Society's funds, or by the congregations to whom they minister, with the Society's assistance.

Two Indian Interpreters are yet supported, and a small

to the Church, which now averages £1 monthly. In Marysburg, the Parochial Committee of St. John's Charch have a subscription of upwards of £4 from a very willing body of men: they have also a subscription of £25 st'g prepared for a Missionary, when one can be procured. The Parochial Association of St. Philip's Church, Stafford, have a subscription of £25, and a further subscription of £25,-the two making £50 from that quarter. In Sophiasburg, matters look favourable under the Travelling Missionary's periodical ministrations.

At the Annual meeting of this District Branch, held in September last, there were either members, letters, or messages from every township in the Peninsula, giving in their adhesion to the Society, so that henceforward it may be hoped, that the whole District will be actively employed on behalf of the Church.

## Niagara District.

This District is the best supplied with Clergy, and the best endowed of any in the Diocese; and it will appear that these privileges have been received with no ungrateful mind, if we consider the zealous and well-sustained exertions which have been made from the very first, in this quarter, in behalf of the Society. In September last the Rev. C. L. Ingles was appointed Travelling Missionary in this District; and, having no other duties to perform, has devoted the whole of his time to this particular sphere of duty; to use the lan-guage of the Report for this District, "he has been constantly engaged in the arduous but interesting undertaking, of searching out the scattered sheep of Christ's fold, and leading them to the green pastures of God's Word and Sacraments," and thus gradually preparing the way for settled Missions, when circumstances shall permit. There are eleven Parochial Associations within the limits of this District, the income from which has been £290 16s. 4d.

#### London District.

Reports have been received from three Parochial Associations in connection with this Branch, viz., from the Town of London; St. John's Rectory, in the Township of London; and from the Caradoe and Delaware Association, the Secretary of which Association writes thus: "The Caradoc and Delaware Association of the Church Society, which had suspended its operations for a season, has been revived during the past winter, and, it is hoped, with better prospects of success." All the funds contributed by the Caradoc and Delaware Parochial Association, have been devoted to the important object of providing a Travelling Missionary for the Districts of London and Huron. Exertions for the same object are also being made in several other parts of the same Districts to obtain the funds necessary for the support of a Missionary, and it is expected that this desirable object will be immediately accomplished.

#### Brock District.

This Branch reports a considerable increase in the amount contributed at Woodstock towards the objects of the Society, and that since July last, the collections at the Offertory have been designed for the special object of maintaining an Assistant Minister in that Parish, who will act as Travelling Mis-sionary in the neighbourhood. The income of this Branch has been £92 16s. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d., of which the sum of £43 7s. 8d. is expressly devoted to the maintenance of the Assistant Minister. The Committee are happy to announce that this plan has the approval of our Right Rev. Diocesan, and the Archdeacon has, by the authority of the Bishop, informed the Rector, that the supply of a Clergyman may be depended on, at the next Ordination. It is satisfactory to be able to state, that the funds already collected, and transmitted to the Parent Society, for the payment of the Assistant Minister, are nearly

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#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

The following is a brief account of the Society's Income for the past year :-

Previous to the last Report, it had always been customary to include, under the head of Actual Income, the amount of receipts from Sales in the Depository, and also of the Rents received from Lands held in trust for special purposes: but the Officers of the Society then came to the opinion, that such a system, if persevered in, might unintentionally mislead the members of the Church in this Diocese, with regard to the amount of the Society's resources actually available from year to year: and it was then deemed advisable, that, for the future, the account of the actual Income for each year should be confined to the amount of charitable contributions received during the year, and the dividends arising from monies invested for the general purposes of the Society. This new arrangement has given general satisfaction, and will continue to be adopted for the future.

Receipts of the Society for the year ending

- 31st March, 1848, (not including
- monies received on trust, and sales in

Depository).....£2642 17 9 The amount of Income has this year been increased by the proceeds of the Sermon preached on Good Friday, 1847, in behalf of the distressed Irish and Scotch; which funds passed through the hands of the Society's Treasurer, and are therefore necessarily included in the current accounts of the year.

The appeal then made by our venerable Diocesan was so successful, that, notwithstanding the majority of our people had subscribed individually to Committees formed for the same object, the Offertory Collections on this occasion amounted to the large sum of £583 9s. 8d. Two-thirds of this amount have been forwarded to the Bishop of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland, for the relief of the destitute Irish, and one-third for the relief of the distressed Scotch, to the Right Reverend W. Skinner, Primus of the Church in Scotland. Deducting, therefore, this item, the statement of accounts for this year still exhibits a legitimate increase of about £100 in the Society's Income over that of last year,a state of things which is certainly most gratifying and encouraging,-especially when it is remembered, that the past year has been one of unusual distress and suffering, and the charity of the inhabitants of Canada has been bestowed in the most liberal manner, to alleviate, as far as possible, the misery of countless thousands, who were perishing in the Mother Country, worn down with fever and famine.

There has also been a considerable increase in the Income of the District Branches of this Society, which

has this year amounted to ..... £1:308 15 1 Deduct proportion remitted to Parent Society £309 2 9

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Which leaves a balance of	£999	12	4
Society (exclusive of the Good Friday Collection)		8	I
Total receipts of Society and Branches	£3059	0	5

Or, with the Good Friday Collection..... £3642 10 1 THE ANNUAL SERMONS.

Under this head, the Society has the satisfaction of stating that, without including the collection made on Good Friday [£583 9s. 8d.], there has been an increase of nearly £200 in the proceeds from the three other sermons preached for Diocesan purposes within the year, over the amount received in 1847. The call, which was made by the Society, in its last annual Report, upon all the Clergy to assist in carrying out the objects for which these sermons are intended severally

At the same meeting the Bishop stated, that he should request that the next sermon on behalf of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, being the first for the seventh year of the Society, may be preached on Trinity Sunday, the 18th of June, the proceeds to be applied to the support of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy; when a hope was expressed, that the proceeds of such sermon would enable the Society to meet all claims, upon this fund for the coming year, without interfering with any part of that which is already invested.

The Society takes this opportunity of acknowledging the valuable assistance received on this subject from the Hon. the. Chief Justice, to whom this Society has been indebted for so much from the first. Its thanks are also due to F. Widder, Esquire, one of the Vice-Presidents, for his communication on this subject, with several valuable pamphlets and documents which he kindly procured from England and Ireland; as also to J. G. Spragge, Esquire, and the Rev. D. E. Blake, for the continued attention which they have given to this important matter. Also, to the Assistant Secretary for some valuable tables and calculations.

#### DEPOSITORY.

The sales in the Depository have amounted to £769. 8s. 9d. With reference to its Depository, the Society has recently adopted a Report made by a Special Committee, recommend-ing that Branch Depositories should for the future be permitted to purchase Books to the value of £50, on a six months' credit,-promissory notes to the satisfaction of the Treasurer being given in all such transactions.

There have been circulated during the past year, through 

The Bishop of Toronto has this year granted assistance to nine Students from the Bishop's Students' Fund. LANDS.

The Society has again received several donations in Land. Some of the Lands held are now leased, and every exertion is made by the Assistant Secretary, to reduce in this way the expenses under this head. It is believed that the expenditure for taxes will not after all be considered very great, when it is remembered that in a few years many of these lands may possibly become of considerable value, and help to form a valuable and permanent endowment for many parishes within the Diocese.

### DISTRICT BRANCHES.

During the past year, satisfactory reports have been received from most of the District Branches, whose operations are becoming annually more systematic and interesting, and the Society trusts that every exertion will be made to support these labours which have been so faithfully undertaken, as the successful working of the Parent Society must in a great measure depend on the zealous co-operation of its District Branches.

The District Branches are now ten in number; as the District of Colborne has, with the sanction of the Bishop, been separated from the Newcastle District, and will in future form a District Branch, under the title of the Colborne District Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.

6. Gore and Wellington, 1. Newcastle, 2. Midland and Victoria, 7. London, Western and Huron, 8. Brock. 3. Prince Edward,

4. Eastern, Johnstown, Bath- 9. Talbot,

urst and Dalhousie, 10. Colborne,

#### 5. Niagara. Newcastle District.

The Newcastle District Branch, which is now confined to the civil district of this name, numbers at present eight Parochial Associations, viz.: Cobourg, Port Hope, Cavan, Clarke, Darlington, Grafton, Colborn, Seymour and Percy. The duties of Travelling Missionary in this District have been discharged, since August last, by the Rev. J. B. Worrell, whose clerical engagements at Cobourg, necessarily limit his services in the unsupplied townships of the District, to about three-fourths of his time. Amongst the places thus visited, Cartwright and Manvers furnish the largest congregations, and the great promise presented to this field of labour, makes it highly desirable, that a Clergyman should be especially provided for them. This District Branch hopes after the next Ordination in July, to secure the services of a Clergyman, whose whole time can be given to Missionary duty, and it is expected that the means of sustaining him will be met by the several Parochial Associations. The income of this Branch has been £159 17s. 7d., the particulars of which with that from the other Districts, will be found in the appendix.

## Midland and Victoria District.

There are six Parochial Associations in this District, viz.: Kingston, Camden, Napanee, Tyendinaga, Bath, Adolpus-town and Fredericksburg. The Rev. W. Greig, now Minister of St. Paul's Church, Kingston, has been succeeded in the mission of Barriefield and Pittsburg, by the Rev. H. Brent. A Travelling Missionary has likewise been promised for this District, after the next Ordination. During the past year, the Rev. D. Murphy has been appointed Travelling Missionary in the Victoria District, where he has been well received, and his labours promise abundant fruit. The income from the six Associations has been £127 19s. 8d. A subscription has been entered into for building a Church at Huntingdon. John Anderson, Esq., has given a site, and the timber has been furnished gratuitously.

## Prince Edward District.

The Rev. R. G. Cox, has been appointed Travelling Missionary in this District: the parish of Picton having promised to contribute £25 st'g per annum, and the Churchmen in Hillier £50 st'g per annum, the remainder being paid by the Parent Society. In Picton a penny monthly contribution has been established for every man woman or child belonging sufficient, with the £25 from the Bishop, to meet the first year's charge. A service on alternate Sundays, will be established at St. Andrews and Princeton, from both which places ready contributions are offered. There will be services, at Eastwood and Beachville every Sunday, and a second service in the evening at Woodstock, and several new stations for week-day services will be sought out. The amount from the Parochial Association at Huntingford is, we regret to say, less than usual. The Committee has not received any other Parochial Reports.

#### Talbot District.

A meeting of the Talbot District Branch was held on the 27th April, when a Committee was appointed; and there now appears a good prospect of their vigorously carrying out the resolutions passed at that meeting. The Rev. Chairman of this Branch has addressed a circular to the members of the Committee, in which he states as follows :--- "That the principal designs of the Church Society in this District, should be, at present, to secure the services of one or more additional Clergymen, for the accomplishment of which, owing to the existence of funds at the disposal of the Parent Society, we may expect to be aided to a very large amount, provided we exert ourselves, to collect what we can, throughout the District.

## Gore District ..

The affairs of this well managed District have continued to prosper during the past year. Notwithstanding the distress occasioned by the sickness and extreme destitution of the emigrants, who reached this part of the Province, there has been an increase in the contributions to the Society. It is very gratifying to find, that while the necessities of the poor have been religiously cared for, a corresponding regard has been evinced to the claims which the Church of Christ has on its members for temporal support.

The Rev. D. Fraser continues his labours as Travelling Missionary, and it is expected that after the next Ordination. a second Clergyman will be appointed to the same duty in this District. There are at present eleven Parochial Associations, from nine of which contributions have been received by the District Society, amounting to £300 10s. 81d.

Eastern, Johnstown, Bathurst and Dalhousie District.

Reports have been received from six Parochial Associations in this District. Cornwall, Prescott, Brockville, Richmond, Williamsburg and Matilda. The Rev. F. Tremayne, whose removal from this District to the Ottawa District, was referred to in the last report, has been succeeded by the Rev. N. Watkins. The Society is enabled to announce the pleasing intelligence, that this Branch is making the necessary exertions to secure the services of a second Travelling Missionary for the District. The income of this Branch from six Parochial Associations has been £192 2s.

#### Colborne District.

This District has been formed within the last year, having obtained the permission of the Bishop to separate itself from the Newcastle District; but some difficulties have been experienced in bringing it into successful operation. A Depository has, however, been established at Peterboro', with every prospect of being well supported, and the Clergy trust that for the future, this District will not be far behind the rest in its endeavours to promote the objects of the Society.

## Home and Simcoe District.

The Rev. John Fletcher, by appointment of the Bishop, succeeded the Rev. Geo. Bourn, in October last, as Travelling Missionary in the Simcoe District; he has as far as possible followed up the arrangements of his predecessor, merely changing them, where from the distance between the appointments, it was impossible to reach the later service without great inconvenience to the Missionary, and danger of disappointment to the congregation.

The congregations at all the appointments, except Esse, are large and attentive, and in all parts of the Mission an anxious desire is expressed, that there should be the regular service of the Church performed on the Lord's Day, but as this cannot be effected without a further increase in the num-