

appointed to the proposed Sec of Kingston, and the time seems now at hand when this will be consummated. But there is another point worthy of notice here. Since our last annual meeting the constitution of the Church Society has been materially altered. By the changes introduced last summer, the Society will henceforth assume the character of a Domestic Missionary Society, the one great object which it contemplates being that of sending forth, and sustaining Missionaries in the destitute parts of the Diocese. With the view of carrying out this object, a Board of Missions has been formed, whose business it will be to superintend this branch of the Society's work. In order to enable them to do this efficiently, instead of one fourth of the subscriptions being forwarded to the Parent Society, as heretofore, the whole will now be put at the disposal of that Board. It will be seen from these changes in the Constitution of the Society, that its managers are in earnest in their desire to make it really a handmaid of the Church.

But little can be said at present as to the state of our District Branch. A deputation of Clergy from Kingston visited the different Country Branches last month, and endeavoured to excite a renewed interest in the welfare of the Society. With what success this has been done remains to be seen, when the season again comes round for soliciting subscriptions in aid of the funds of the Society.

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

ADOLPHUSTOWN AND FREDERICKSBURG.

The Report of the Local Committee states that "The Annual Meeting of these united Parishes were cheered this year by the presence of a number of Clergy from Kingston and adjoining parishes, who ably advocated the cause of the Society. The arduous undertaking of erecting a parsonage has prevented this mission from contributing as liberally to the claims of the Church Society as they would otherwise have done. Since the last Report a good portion of the debt on the parsonage house, which has been occupied for the last five months, has been liquidated, and about £70 has been collected and expended in building a stable and carriage house, sinking a well, and other improvements. The quarterly collections have been regularly taken up, and that now made in aid of the Mission fund amounts to \$21.50 for Adolphustown, and \$17 for Fredericksburg. This includes the Rector's annual subscription."

BATH.

The Rector reports that "At the Annual Meeting held on the evening of 18th February last, a Deputation from the District Association were present, and most ably and admirably advocated the cause of the Society under its recently altered Constitution. A sum of \$34 was subscribed at the Meeting, which has since been increased to \$40, and will be duly forwarded to the Treasurer of the District Association, 'to be by him transmitted without deduction to the Parent Society at Toronto,' as required by the 18th article of the Constitution, as now amended. Independent of this the parishioners have raised during the past year, almost entirely within their own limits, a sum of \$604, which has been expended in repairs on the parsonage house."

CAMDEN AND SHEFFIELD.

It is gratifying to be able to report progress in this Mission. The Missionary writes that it is expected the subscriptions this year will be doubled. The contributors seem to be acting in accordance with the Scriptural injunction, "Freely ye have received, freely give." This Mission has been largely assisted by the Society, and it is cheering to find that the Members of

the Church there are sensible of their obligation to render again according to the benefit done unto them. The amount of subscriptions from Camden, less expenses, is \$184.60, from Sheffield \$34.50, making together \$160.10. This includes the Clergyman's subscription.

NAPANEE.

The Report from the Rector says, "Our Annual Meeting was very largely attended, and I think I can report a growing interest here in the work of the Society. As it takes some time to collect subscriptions through the Township, some of the Collectors have not reported as yet, but I am pretty sure that the sum raised will be in excess of last year, all of which shall, as usual, be forwarded to the Society. Our people are much pleased at the formation of the Board of Missions, as they take it as an omen that the Church is going to bend her energies more than ever to the Missionary Work, and that her scattered children may yet hope for her ministrations." The sum collected this year, including the Clergyman's subscription, is \$42.

SYDENHAM.

The deputation from Kingston visited Sydenham and Portland on the 21st and 22nd February, and were glad to find a growing interest in the welfare of the Church Society manifested in these places. The deputation also visited Storrington on 4th March, where they met with a ready response to their appeal for aid to the fund of the Society. They were glad to see the interest manifested in the Society upon this first visit to that Township. It is fully expected that in future years the Churchmen at Storrington will contribute largely to support this handmaid of the Church. Amount of subscriptions from Sydenham \$21.50, from Storrington \$6.51, from Portland \$27.87, making together \$55.88.

BARRIEFIELD.

The report from this Association states that the four quarterly Collections, amounting to \$20.58, have been taken up at the appointed times, and transmitted in full to the Parent Society. A further sum of \$10 has been contributed by the members of the Church in this mission, including the Clergyman's subscription. In addition to this the sum of \$24 has been collected, and with it 125 volumes have been procured for the use of Saint Mark's Sunday School.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Parochial Committee of Saint-John's Church, Portsmouth, report that the quarterly Collections for the Church Society and other collections have been made, as ordered, amounting in all to \$17. The sum collected from the Parish this year, together with the Clergyman's subscription, is 10.40.

SAINT JAMES'S CHURCH.

The meeting of this Parochial Association was held on the 28th February. The report says, "Your Committee deems it out of place to refer to the doings of the past year, beyond reporting that the usual collections have been taken up, amounting together with the Clergyman's subscription, to \$21.50." The report adds "This night it is proposed to inaugurate a new era, conformably with the alterations made in the constitution of the Society, and the members of the Church will be called upon to say to what extent they will assist in carrying out a project whose influence on ourselves, if executed with a single eye to the glory of our Lord and Master, will be mighty beyond what words can express; for it is written, 'Them that honour me I will honour;' He that watereth shall be watered also himself." The subscriptions amount to \$18.17.

SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH.

The five collections have been regularly taken

up during the year, making altogether \$120.75. The Subscriptions come to \$160.50. As Saint George's Church has always sent the whole amount raised to the Parent Society, the recent alterations in the Constitution will make no difference as to the disposal of the sum realized this year. It is hoped that, another year, more will be contributed. During the past year the members of this Church have been called upon to give largely for repairs and other purposes. If their liberality to the Church Society seems less on this occasion, it is owing in a great measure to the unexpected demands made upon them for other objects.

THE DEPOSITORY.

The sum realized by sales this year amounts to £50 10s. 2d. or \$203.24. This is largely in advance of the receipts of last year. It is found that the demand is greatest for cheap Bibles and Prayer Books. A large stock of these must therefore be kept constantly on hand, and as henceforth the Depository will have to be managed as a separate concern, the receipts will be devoted exclusively to procuring fresh supplies of Books, and defraying necessary expenses. It seems not generally known to members of our Church, that there is always on hand in the Depository a good supply of Prayer Books in great variety of bindings besides other books and Tracts published by the Christian Knowledge Society.

It will be seen from the above statistics that, while there is much in them to cheer, there is also something to discourage. It is fondly hoped that the different Congregations within the limits of this District Branch are awakening to their responsibilities to the Diocesan Church Society. In our present position in this Province, it is quite visionary to talk of Church extension, except in connexion with this Society. It is the only organization we have for carrying out that object, and all must acknowledge that the Board of Missions is admirably adapted to superintend the work. It is readily confessed that the Society is not perfect; but neither is any other human organization perfect. What is wanted is that all Churchmen should give it their hearty support, and use their influence to amend what is wrong, and to supply what is deficient. When this has been done faithfully and prayerfully, then will this Society be found a most efficient help to our beloved Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. STEWART,

Secretary.

Kingston, March 6, 1861.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1861.

St. George's Church, Kingston.....	\$150.50
St. James's " "	18.17
St. Paul's " "	8.00
St. John's " Portsmouth.....	10.40
St. Mark's " Barriefield	10.00
Napanee	42.00
Bath.....	40.00
Adolphustown.....	\$21.50
Fredericksburg.....	17.00
	38.50
Camden.....	134.60
Sheffield.....	34.50
	169.10
Sydenham.....	21.50
Storrington.....	6.51
Portland.....	27.87
	55.88
Total.....	\$543.55