

of Christ's Church (which has not a single foot of endowment, nor any public aid, except a bare hundred sterling from the commutation fund) continues to take the same lively interest they have ever done in the prosperity of the Church Society.

It must be gratifying to all who are connected with this District Branch that it enjoys a high reputation among the sister associations throughout the Diocese. Its proceedings have always been marked with singular unanimity—its financial affairs (thanks to its zealous treasurer) have been managed with great ability and success, and the amount of funds raised within its limits is the largest of any in the Diocese. These remarks are not made in any spirit of self-gratulation, or for the purpose of exciting an undue opinion of their liberality in the members of this association, but simply as an incentive to increased exertion, that the progress of the Church Society may keep pace with the temporal prosperity of its members, and that adequate means may be forthcoming to enlarge the sphere of our operations and to meet the crying wants of our destitute members.

Such is a summary of the work in which this Association is engaged, and such the success which has hitherto attended its labors. Whether it shall advance, stand still, or retrograde depends upon the members of this Association. The Committee feel confident that the unanimous acclamation of this meeting, if appealed to, would be—"Advance by all means. Engage more missionaries, devoted men, push forward the work with energy and vigor, and *we pledge ourselves that you shall never want the means of support.*"

The following is the Treasurer's statement:—

The Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto in Account with the Treasurer for the year ending 31st December, 1855.

1855.	Dr.
March 8—To remitted Treasurer of Parent Society fourth of £19 13s.	
9d. additional collections of 1854	£4 18 6
Repaid Parochial Associations from income of 1854 for local purposes	275 16 10
To paid account Mission Fund—	
Grant to Rev. Mr. Mulholland for a horse	25 0 0
Grant to Rev. Dr. Heise for duty	12 10 0
Grant to Rev. Mr. Butler for duty	20 18 8
The half stipend Rev. Mr. Mulholland, the year	60 0 0
The stipend Rev. Mr. Hodge, six months to 31st Dec. 1855	75 0 0
	193 6 8
To invested in W. Permanent Building Society	86 9 10
To remitted Treasurer Parent Society balance due Elora Association	5 9 6½

Dec. 31—To remitted Treasurer Parent Society—	
25s. for each of nineteen clergymen	23 15 0
25s. for each of 21 lay incorporated members	20 5 0
Fourth of £569 2s. 4½d. the balance collected	142 10 7
Special grant for Grand River Settlement	28 0 0
	220 10 7
To balance in hand, of which £168 0s. 8½d. is available for local purposes in the respective Associations, and £299 15s. 7½d. is at the credit of the Dist. Mission Fund	467 16 4
	£1251 8 2½

Also invested of District Mission Fund in Western Permanent Building Society.....391 13 5

1855.		Cr.
Mar. 8—By balance per statement	£388	3 7
Collections of 1854 received subsequent to meeting, viz.		
Ancaster, additional	4 13 9	
Binbrook and Saltfleet	12 10 0	
Grand River Settlements	2 10 0	
		19 13 9
County debenture redeemed at par Interest and profit on Building Society investment		100 0 0
		68 14 6
Dec. 31—By collections of 1855 from Parochial Associations for general purposes		679 2 4½
By Grand River Settlements (£112 collected) grant for Parent Soc.	28 0 0	
Paris—amount collected, appropriation undetermined	24 4 0	
Elora (£28 Gs. 1d. collected) grant towards District Missions	6 10 0	
		£1254 8 2½

HUGH C. BAKER,
Dist. Treasurer.

Hamilton, 13th March, 1856.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. GEDDES,
Secretary G. & W. D.

We have the Report of the Mono Parochial Branch set up in type, but it is unavoidably crowded out for this month.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND DISABILITIES.

DESPATCHES FROM THE IMPERIAL AUTHORITIES.

Despatch No. 2, of date 4th May, 1855, is from Lord John Russell, acknowledging receipt of the Address from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and stating that it would receive the favourable attention of her Majesty's Government.

Despatch No. 4, of same date, is from Lord John Russell, transmitting to Sir Edmund Head copy of a letter with its enclosure, addressed by the Bishop of Toronto to Sir George Grey.

The enclosure is a long letter from the Bishop of Toronto, of the 20th January, 1855, accompanied by a Memorial addressed to him by the Clergy and Laity of the western section of the Diocese.

Despatch No. 36, from Sir William Molesworth to Sir Edmund Head, as follows:—

Downing Street,
24 September, 1855.

Sir,—With reference to Lord J. Russell's Despatch of the 4th of May last, acknowledging an Address to her Majesty from the Legislative Council and Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, praying for the repeal of such English Statutes as impede the meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Church of England in Synod, and that the choice of the Bishops may be left to the Clergy and Laity of each Diocese.

I now enclose for your information copy of a letter received from the Law Advisers of the Crown, to whom the subject had been referred by his Lordship.

You will perceive from the terms of that letter the difficulties which must necessarily impede her Majesty's Government in dealing with that subject, regarding as it does the rights and position of members of the Church of England, not in Canada only, but throughout the colonial possessions in the empire.

Her Majesty's Government will, however, not fail to take the whole question into their earnest consideration: and, notwithstanding the legal or rather constitutional objections adverted to in the letter which I now transmit, I am myself thoroughly persuaded that the desire for freedom of action and self government on behalf of the Church of England in Canada, is just and reasonable for the reasons specified in the Address and in your despatch.

For the present, however, further delay is unavoidable. And, as it appears to me that the division of the diocese of Toronto is so much desired that it may be very inconvenient to postpone it until the general question is disposed of, I have to inform you that her Majesty's Government are prepared to take the necessary steps for this purpose, whenever required so to do, and they will recommend to her Majesty for appointment to the new bishoprics such clergymen as you may yourself designate to them after consulting with the bishop and such authorities of the Church of England in the colony, as you may think advisable, and taking such precautions as to the sufficiency of the means for endowing such a bishopric as you may judge necessary.

You will have the goodness to communicate a copy of this despatch forthwith on my part to the Bishop of Toronto.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WILLIAM MOLESWORTH.

The following is the enclosure referred to in the above despatch:—

Doctors' Commons,
August 21, 1855.

H. MERIVALE, Esq.

Sir,—We were favoured with your letter of the 8th of May last, in which you state that you were directed by Lord John Russell, to transmit to us a copy of despatch from the Governor of Canada, enclosing an Address to her Majesty for the repeal of such English Statutes as impede the meeting of the clergy and laity of the Church of England in Synod, and the choice of Bishops may be left to the clergy and laity of each diocese, and you were to request that we would take the same into our consideration and report to his Lordship, whether we considered that the prayer of the address or any part of it (notwithstanding the supposed statutory obstacles referred to,) could be legally granted by the Crown, if her Majesty should be advised so to do, or whether an Act of Parliament would be necessary for the whole, or any part of it, and if so, what should be the general force and scope of such Act. In compliance with your request, we have considered the question submitted to us, and beg to report—