

men on our people. On the 17th we went to Port Robinson, where we had a good meeting. On the 18th, the Annual Parochial Meeting was held in Dunnville; here we had a large attendance, all appearing much interested in the great work. There we had to lament the loss of the very able assistance of Mr. Gaviller, who was obliged to return home after the Port Robinson meeting. On the 21st we held the meeting at Chippawa, where all the speakers present ably advocated the cause of missions. On November 11th, for the first time a meeting on behalf of the society was held at Port Colborne, and though we had not the gratifying assistance of those two gentlemen who were with us at so many meetings in Oct., yet it was a most satisfactory meeting, inaugurating as it did, in that locality, a new organization. It was deemed at this time advisable to bring the claims of the society before the congregation, at this growing place, in order that they in their turn might help others as they had been helped. On the 18th we held the Annual Parochial Meeting at Port Erie, where we were kindly joined by the Rev. Messrs. Montgomery and Wood, of Buffalo, who strongly advocated the cause of Christ and His Church. Your Committee would here record their thanks to those gentlemen who acted as a deputation, and also to their American brethren for their very efficient aid in the same great work. This interchange of good offices strongly sets forth our oneness in the Church of Christ, that however politically divided, we are still one in Him, a union which nothing human can sever. Your Committee cannot forbear recording their sense of the loss this deanery would sustain, were the Rev. T. B. Fuller, D.D., D.C.L., and Rural Dean, to be permanently removed, and they would on behalf of this District Branch Association, assure that rever gentleman of their earnest prayers that wherever his lot may be cast, the blessing of God may rest upon him, and their hope whenever occasion offers and his arduous duties permit of it, they may still have his able assistance in advocating the claims of the Church Society in this Deanery.

The Parish of Dunnville reports, "that their collectors with much zeal and diligence have obtained for the Church Society the sum of ninety-five dollars. The amount is only small; nevertheless, it is very encouraging when the circumstances of the parish are duly considered. There are two pleasing features in the work in this mission; the people are receiving a far better knowledge of the Society and its claims, and many who till lately would not give, now expect to be asked for their contributions, and reserve the money, that they may have it when solicited. The committee notice also that some of the poor give far more than the rich in proportion to their means.—A widow, who is very poor in worldly goods, but rich in faith, gave half a dollar out of her penury. Some who have given nothing, might as easily have contributed ninety dollars. But one gentleman who is not wealthy, after paying \$12 to his clergyman's salary, handed to him \$10 for the Church Society."

The Parish of Fort Erie reports in all \$82.00. (M. F. \$49.88, W. & O. F. \$16.12, Divinity S. F. \$12.00, Book & Tract Fund, \$2.50.)

The Parish of Chippawa reports \$160. Showing an increase of \$8.00 over the amount of last year's annual contributions. Considering the almost total stagnation in every kind of trade and business in this place, much credit is due to the subscribers for their continued support of the Society under such unfavourable circumstances. This association has sustained a severe loss in the lamented death of its late treasurer, James Macklem, Esq., who from its first organization evinced a lively interest in its proceedings, and always

took an active part in advancing its interests. His loss as a leading member of our communion will long be felt; but your committee trust that through the divine blessing, the interest hitherto manifested by this branch of the Church Society in the support of its important missionary objects will still be maintained.

The united charges of Drummondville and Stamford, within the parish of Chippawa, report the sum of \$71.68 (W. & O. F. \$5.00, Div. S. F. \$6.00, Tract F. \$2.50, M. F. \$19.75, G. P. F. \$38.32;) of this sum \$16.49 was obtained in accordance with a resolution of synod, "that a 20 and 10 cent. collection should be made in behalf of the mission fund in October, in each year. It was not forwarded before, as it appeared to be the only instance of the compliance with the resolution.

The parish of Thorold reports \$120.

The parish of St. Catharines, notwithstanding several discouraging circumstances, have pleasure in reporting the sum of \$215.60, being much in excess of last year.

The parish of Louth reports the sum of \$29.50. This increase over last year may be ascribed to a great extent to the very able and eloquent manner in which the claims of the society were laid before the congregation at Port Dalhousie, in a sermon delivered there by the Rev. W. Holland, of Fort Erie.

The parish of Niagara reports \$61.22, being a little in advance of last year. Many of the former subscribers have left the town, and several of the parishioners refuse to give until the congregation is free from debt.

Welland Mission. This branch reports the following, which is most encouraging.—M. F. \$79.81, S. F. \$1.75, W. & O. F. \$18.55, in all \$95.11.

Your committee trust that the reports bespeak a growing interest in the cause of the Society. But at the same time they are thankful so much is being done, yet they feel that if a missionary spirit pervaded our people more than it has hitherto done, a larger field might be tilled, the knowledge of Christ more widely spread, and the blessed influences of the Holy Spirit more generally diffused. By the last quarterly returns of the parent society, a large deficiency appears in the fund at the disposal of the Mission Board. Nearly fifty missionaries are assisted from this fund. It becomes us, therefore, to make every exertion, so that those now employed may not suffer. The parent society, your committee also regret to find, were enabled to aid in building churches only to the amount of \$400 during the past year, and to make grants of books and tracts only to the amount of \$67. Your committee feel that this has only to be widely known to cause church people to come to the aid of so noble an institution. Your travelling missionary is working faithfully, and the report proves that the church is extending her borders, and gradually enclosing the long lost sheep, thus proving that the more her scriptural tenets are known and spread abroad, the more hold she will have on the hearts of the people. "Her foundations are upon the holy hills; her walls salvation, and her gates praise." May God hasten the time when, in the words of the prophet, "All flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. LEEMING,  
Chairman.

CHAS. L. INGLES,  
Secretary.

Thorold, Feb. 4th, 1862.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

I. Moved by CAPT. BAXTER, seconded by REV. T. T. ROBERTS, M.A.,

"That that the report now read be adopted and printed in the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, and 250 copies ordered for distribution in the several parishes.

II. Moved by the REV. M. VANRENSLAER, D.D., seconded by REV. H. HOLLAND, B.A.,

"That this district branch association is called upon to acknowledge the great goodness of Almighty God, in enabling them to spread the news of salvation by Christ in many of the destitute portions of this diocese."

III. Moved by REV. J. FLOOD, seconded by REV. D. T. McLEOD, M.A.,

"That the objects of the Church Society and especially the missionary cause call for our warmest support."

IV. Moved by REV. T. D. PHILLIPS, M.A., seconded by the REV. the RURAL DEAN,

"That this meeting rejoices to learn that the missionary operations of our mother church are being so widely spread as they now are."

V. Moved by MR. BATTIN, seconded by REV. W. McMURRAY,

"That the Rev. C. L. Ingles be secretary, and the Rev. T. B. Fuller be treasurer for the ensuing year.

CHARLES LEYCESTER INGLES,  
Secretary.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

The Lord Bishop of Huron will (D.V.) hold his next general ordination in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on Tuesday, the 24th day of June. Divine Service to commence at 11 a.m.

Candidates, whether for deacon or priest, are requested to communicate at once with his Lordship's examining chaplain, Rev. J. Walker Marsh, M.A., and to attend in St. Paul's School House for examination, on Thursday, June 19th, at 9 a.m., with the usual testimonial, and *si quis* properly attested.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

##### PASTORAL LETTER OF THE LORD BISHOP OF ONTARIO.

ALWINGTON HOUSE, KINGSTON,  
May 1st, 1862.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—You are aware that no provision has yet been made to meet the liabilities of this diocese to our missionaries on the first of July next. I have, therefore, to remind you (before I leave for England) of my desire that the collection in your respective parishes, as contributions to the Parochial Branch of the Church Society, be sent to A. H. Campbell, Esq., treasurer of the Synod, and that those parochial committees which have not, as yet, made the usual effort to obtain subscriptions, do so as speedily as possible.

I hereby also appoint Whitsunday next, being June 8th, as a fit day for bringing before your congregations the pressing need under which we lie, of providing funds to strengthen and increase our missions; and I desire that offertory collections, in aid of the mission fund of this diocese, be taken up on that holyday in all churches and mission stations.

The treasurer who will, I trust, be thus supplied with the necessary means, will be instructed to acknowledge his receipts in the *Ontario Episcopal Gazette*, and to forward cheques for the