strong evidences afforded of increased determination to use every effort to enlarge the means of the Society. Owing to the withdrawal of our travelling missionary, the Rev. John Fletcher, and his settlement in Mono, several townships have been left entirely without the ministrations of the Church. Since our meeting arministrations of the Church. Since our meeting arrangements have been made, by which some part may be visited at intervals, until his Lordship the Bishop of Toronto can provide a travelling Missionary for the northern part of the District. The townships of Sunnidale, Nottawasaga (a thickly settled township) Ospry, Collingwood and the upper part of Essa, have been left to themselves for the past year, the missions possessing resident Clergymen being extensive, and their requirement demanding such continued attention as has hitherto prevented these destitute parts being visited.

In the township of Innisfil there has never yet beer resident Clergyman, but until the close of the year 1849, was visited once a month by the travelling missionary, and occasionally by the Rev. S. B. Ardagh of Barrie. When the travelling missionary was with-Barrie. When the travelling missionary was with-drawn, the ministrations of the Church could only be obtained at intervals and these very uncertain, owing to the great extent of the Barrie and Shanty Bay mission, which rendered it quite impossible to supply it (Innisfil) more frequently.

It was thought advisable to establish a Branch of the Church Society here, there being a large number of Church people scattered throughout the township. Accordingly, February 18th was appointed for holding the meeting, and to which all who felt any interest in the cause of Christ were invited; it was well attended, many coming from a long distance, and evidencing by their attention and response to our calls upon them, their willingness to aid to the utmost of their power in furthering the objects of the Society. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. F. L. Osler, the Rural Dean, Rev. S. B. Ardagh, Rector of Barrie, and the Rev. A. Hill missionary at West Gwillimbury; the importance of proving the sincerity of their behef as members of Christ's Church by their actions—and the duty of providing permanentiy for the religious instruction of themselves and children, were forcibly set before them, and we were destined to see the immediate fruits of our ap-It was thought advisable to establish a Branch of the we were destined to see the immediate fruits of our appeals, not only by a numerous list of subscribers to the Church Society, but by a goodly array of names pledged to the support of a missionary among themselves. It is expected before the month of June, that a Clergyman from Ireland, sent out under the auspices of the "Propagation Society," will be labouring in this hitherto almost destitute part, and there can be but little doubt, that the spirit thus waked will not be permitted to die away, and the Church will still number within her fold many in this quarter, who were, from want of her min-istrations, fast falling into the hands of those whose "they are not."

Six o'clock of the evening of the same day was ap Six o'clock of the evening of the same day was appointed for a friendly meeting in the rising village of Bradford. Soon after the time appointed, (having been joined by the Rev. Mr. Bourn of Orillia, Rev. H. B. Osler of Lloyd Town, and Mr. Mortimer of West Gwillimbury), we proceeded to the Temperance Hall, which had been kindly offered for our use; in a short time the capacious room was crowded, and here, in a place where the Church has hitherto been without a place where the Church has hitherto been without a name and without a portion, was assembled a concours of men of all sects and opinions to listen to the details

of men of all sects and opinions to listen to the details and appeals of our missionaties.

The meeting having been opened with the usual prayers, and after an address from the Rev. Mr. Hill, as Chairman, detailing the objects of the meeting, &c. various resolutions were proposed and seconded in speeches of the most impressive character. Though ten o'clock had struck before the meeting was closed, the deepest interest pervaded the minds of all present. Nothing could be more encouraging than the result of this deepest interest pervaded the minds of all present. Nothing could be more encouraging than the result of this day's work, and the spur given by the energetic addresses to the exertions of our people, it is hoped and the spur given by the annual meeting was held in Trinity Church Tecumseth, the Rev. F. I. Osler in the chair. The Rev. Messrs. S. B. Ardagh, H. B. Osler, George Bourn, Arthur Hill, John Fletcher, Tudar Cause and Haphert Marisage. John Fletcher, Tudor Gowan and Herbert Mortimer, Esq., severally addressed the meeting on the subject contained in the resolutions placed in their hands. I subjoin extracts from the report submitted to the meeting of the property of the present t ing, which will shew more clearly the circumstances of this Perochial Branch, and the efforts which have

of this Purochial Branch, and the efforts which have been made to further the cause of the Church in these townships, especially in West Gwillimbury.

"There was received during the past year in the townships of Tecumseth and West Gwillimbury, the sum of £24 11s. 4½d., one-fourth of which, by the constitution of the Society, was remitted to aid the fund of the parent Society; of the remaining three fourths, £15 was devoted to the establishment of the mission of West Gwillimbury, and the remaining £3 8s. 6½d, was West Gwillimbury, and the remaining £3 8s. 6½d. was expended in insuring Christ Church, West Gwillimbury, and St. John's and Trinity (partly) Tecumseth, against fire. For many years past the whole of the funds at the disposal of the Committee was devoted to the support of a travelling missionary in the Simcoe District. port of a travelling missionary in the Simcoe District, nor was any portion withdrawn from that object, so nor was any portion withdrawn from that object, so long as a missionary was employed in that duty, but the Rev. J. Fletcher having been appointed as resident clergyman at Mono and West Gwillimbury having been constituted an independent mission, it was deemed right to assist the congregations of that township, and to continue to assist them until the debt on the glebe and parsonage is liquidated. The Committee have much pleasure in stating that during the past year, a parsonage pleasure in stating that during the past year, a parsonage house has been erected in West Gwillimbury, the frame of a Church erected in the village of Bradford, and many improvements made on the glebe, and it is satisfactory to the Committee to be able to state that all the Churches in the two townships and both the parsonage houses are insured, and the only debts are £65 due the glebe, payable in 1852, and £60 on the parsonage house, due in July of the present year."

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Mono and Mulmur. — The meetings in these townships
were well attended. The Report enters so fully into
the state of this important and extensive mission, and as it was specially resolved to forward it to "The Church" for insertion, I need not refer to its contents.

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From this statement it appears that there have been held light meetings on behalf of "the Society" in this District, at all of which the greatest zeal and earnestness in the cause have been elicited. And we cannot contemplate the blessing which God has hitherto powered the property in the case of the care in the case where the state of the care in the case of th down upon our labours, without lifting up our hearts in thanksgiving to the giver of every good gift, and pray Him still to prosper the designs of our Society—to comfort with his grace those benefactors who contribute to its support-to bless our ministry and the endeavours of all who are engaged in spreading the knowledge of true religion in this Province.

I remain, Reverend and dear Sir, Most faithfully yours,

The Parsonage, ARTHUR HILL West Gwillimbury, Marchard, 1851.

MONO PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Mono Parochial Branch of the Church Society, was held in St. John's Church, Mono, on Thursday. February 20th, 1851, the Reverend John Fletcher, A.B., in the chair, when the following Report was presented.

REPORT.

In presenting their annual Report of the state of the Church in this parish, your Committee consider that they should urge upon the members of the Church, the propriety of first giving expression to their gratitude to the Giver of all good, for permitting them again to meet upon such an occasion as the present, when so many of their friends and acquaintances have been (since our last anniversary) hurried into eternity.

The Committee think that the following statistics of

The Committee think that the following statistics of the parish may not be uninteresting to the members of the Church, as they shew, much better than mere assertions could do, what is the present state of the Church in this locality.

The population of these townships appears by the census returns to have been as follows:

| | In 1848. | | | In 1850. | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Townships. | Members of the Church. | Dissenters* | Total. | Members of the Church. | Dissenters. | Total. | |
| Mono | 814 265 122 394 | 1189 237 253 1208 | 2003 502 375 1602 | 985 349 151 416 | 1242 258 258 1318 | 2227 607 409 1734 | |
| 2114 A B B B B | 1595 | 2887 | 4482 | 1901 | 3076 | 4977 | |

* Including Roman Catholics.

According to these returns it may be seen that while Dissent, in the eleven forms which (according to the last census) exist among us, has increased only 6½ per cent. during the last two years, the Church during the same period has increased 19 per cent.

The following is a more practical analysis of the returns for each township :-

In Mono, the Church has increased 21 per cent. Dissenters 4 p.c. In Mulmur "31 " "9 " "10 Toscontio "23 " "2 " 2 " In Adjala "5 " "9 "

The sums contributed for Church purposes (exclusive of the Sacramental collections in the different Churches and the offetory in St. Luke's Church) since our last anniversary, are as follow

| 23 | | | | a. |
|----|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| | Subscriptions to Church Society | 2 | 15 | 71 |
| f | Collections for Widows and Orphans | 0 | 9 | 31 |
| 2 | Collections for General purposes. | 0 | Q | 11 |
| | Subscriptions to stipend of Minister | 63 | 13 | 0 |

It may be noticed that the subscriptions in aid of the Church Society have fallen short of those in former years; but this is very naturally accounted for by the change of the circumstances of the parish, the members

Mulmur....£4
Tosorontio£4

Adjala—Mr. T. Irwin's station £2 10 0

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In connection with St.

John's Church...... 7 13 2½—10 3 2½

Mono—St. John's Church...... 32 4 2½

St. Mark's Church 2 17 6

In connection with St. Luke's Church 1 12 6 -36 14 21

If we compare these sums with the church population of these Townships, as returned by the last census, we shall obtain the following results:

Mulmur containing 63 families, comprising 349 professed members of the church, contributes £4 5s. 10d., giving an average of 1s. 4½d. to a family, or 3d. to each individual.

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Tosorontio containing 28 families, comprising 151 individuals, contributes £4 1s., giving an average of 2s. 10\frac{3}{4}\), to a family or 6\frac{1}{2}\)d, to each individual.

Adjala containing 76 families comprising 416 individuals, contributes £10 3s. 2d., giving an average of 2s. 8d. to a family or 5\frac{3}{2}\)d, to each individual.

And Mono, containing 171 families, comprising 985 individuals, contributes £36 14s. 2\frac{1}{2}\)d, giving an average of 4s. 3\frac{1}{2}\)d, to a family, or 9d. to each individual.

It should however be observed, that the subscriptions towards the stipend of the settled Minister, have been obtained from a comparatively limited circle; 95 families having contributed the amount at an average of 11s. 7\frac{1}{2}\)d, from each family, and that 52 families of professed churchmen residing in Mulmur, 20 in Tosorontio, 54 in Adjala, and 117 in Mono, or 243 families in the parish, have not paid anything towards this object rontio, 54 in Adjala, and 117 in Mono, or 243 families in the parish, have not paid anything towards this object during the past year, and that if the members of the Church in these Townships had given to the cause of God, in proportion as he had blessed them, or had only given, as an average, two dollars from each family, they have it in their power to procure the ministra-

might have in their power to procure the ministra-tions of a second clergyman amongst them.

As it is the duty of every member of the Church to contribute according to his ability, to the furtherance of the cause of God, the Committee recommend that the parish be sub-divided into districts, that collectors be parish be sub-divided into districts, that collectors be appointed to each, and that personal application be made to those families whose names appear on the census roll as members of the Church, so that every person may have the opportunity of contributing his mite towards one or both of the objects in which the Church in this locality is especially interested, namely, the maintenance of the settled Ministers, or the propagation of the Gospel in the more destitute parts of the Diocese through the means of the Church Society.

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As there is not at present any travelling Missionary As there is not the Committee consider they ought to follow the example set to them by the other Parochial follow the example set to them by the other Parochial Associations, and apply the available portions of their subscriptions to local purposes; they therefore recommend that the three-fourths of the moneys collected for the Church Society, which can be thus applied, shall in tuture be devoted to the liquidation of the debt on the The number of religious services performed in this mission during the past year has been 120, on the Lord's day, and festival occasions, and 43 on week days at various stations throughout the mission; there have been during the same period 91 baptisms, (including one of an adult); 11 marriages, and eight burials, showing an increase over the previous year of 50 baptisms, three marriages, and five burials.

Since our last anniversary, events of very varied characters have marked the cause of the Church,—she has manifested her healthfulness by increasing the number of her labourers both in the episcopate and the lower orders of the ministry in distant parts of the vineyard. In this Diocese she has shown her attachment to education, based upon religion, by cheerfully responding to the call of our venerable Diocesan, and contributing a very large sum towards the endowment of a University, to be conducted in accordance with her or a University, to be conducted in accordance with her own principles. In Ireland, (especially in its western districts,) she is going on in her victorious progress, and Popery there is qualling before her; but on the other hand, in England, she has had to submit to an assault from Popery which has shaken her to the centre, and aroused such a spirit as has not been displayed since the Reformation; all classes have given expressions to their determination to regist the environ. sions to their determination to resist the encroachment of this wily adversary, and to maintain our Protestant institutions inviolate; and it is to be hoped that this attack upon the Church, instead of producing any injurious results, will have the effect of rooting her more deeply in the affections of her people, of increasing her faithfulness, and of arousing her energy to a higher degree than it has hitherto been manifested,

Moved by the Rev. H. B. Osler, of Lloydtown, se-conded by Mr. William Martin, That the report just read be adopted.

Moved by Herbert Mortimer, Esq., of West Guillimbury, seconded by Mr. Thomas Buchanan,
That the missions be subdivided into districts, and that the Churchwardens of the several Churches and the sidesmen of St. John's Church, be requested to act as collectors.

Moved by the Rev. George Bourn, of Orillia, seconded by Mr. Robert Mills,

That the three-fourths of the monies collected be applied to the liquidation of the debt on the glebe.

It was also moved by the Rev. George Bourn, seconded by the Rev. H. B. Osler,

That the report be sent to The Church newspaper, and to the Barrie Magnet for insertion.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT BRANCH.

Resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward District Branch of the Church Society, held at Picton, February 20th, 1851. The Rev. J. McIntyre in the Chair.

The Report having been read, (it will shortly be sent to The Church paper.)

On motion of Cecil Mortimer, Esq., seconded by Capt. Downes, it was Resolved, 1 .- That the Report be accepted.

Moved by the Rev. R. G. Cox, seconded by the Rev. J. R. Tooke,

Resolved, 2.—That we desire to render to Al-

mighty God our heartfelt thanks, for His great mercy in having spared us to meet again for the promotion of the objects of this Society.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Bonsfield, seconded by D.

Moved by the Nev. Mr. Dousness, seeing to Barker, Esq, Resolved, 3.—That it is the duty of this Meeting to express its gratitude to Almighty God, for the measure of success granted or late years to the united Church of England and Ireland, in her efforts to evangelize the whole earth.

Moved by D. B. Stevenson, Esq., seconded by the

Rev. Mr. Bousfield,
Resolved, 4.—That while this Meeting hails with satisfaction and delight the action recently taken by the Lord Bishop, in the matter of a Christian University; it cannot forbear characterizing the determination of the men at present holding political office in this Province, to force Churchmen into their Infidel Institutions, as at once most unjust and despotic.

Moved by the Rev. R. G. Cox, seconded by D. B. Stevenson, Esq., Resolved, 5.—That we warmly sympathize with our

brethren in England, in their stern resistance to the re-cent daring aggression of the Pope; who, by his unlaw-ful and schismatical partition of England into Dioceses, has sought to invalidate the orders of the united Church of England and Ireland.

Moved by Cecil Mortimer, Esq., seconded by Capt. Downes,

Resolved, 6.—That this Meeting fully recognizes, as Resolved, 6.—That this Meeting fully recognizes, as binding upon us the Scriptural injunction, to do good unto all men, especially unto them that are of the household of Faith,—and that to carry out this principle it becomes us, first of all—to provide means for the due and proper performance of Divine Service.

Moved by the Rev. R. V. Rogers, seconded by P.

Low, Esq..

Resolved, 7.—That it is the unquestionable duty of

Resolved, 7.—That it is the unquestionable duty of all, to aid, so far as God may enable them, by prayer, by moral influence, and by pecuniary contribution, the operations of the Church Society; the only Missionary Society of the Church in this Diocese.

ENGLAND.

DIOCESE OF OXFORD.

THE BISHOP OF OXFORD AND THE LATE PROTEST FROM THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE.

To the Rev. Francis Trench, the 21 Incumbents, and the 11 other Clergy, who have signed the Reading 'reasons,' &c.

" Cuddesdon Palace, Jan. 21, 1851. My Rev. Brethren,-I have read your reasons for not subscribing the Protest agreed to by the Clergy of this Diocese with the attention to which such a docu-ment so signed is entitled; and I feel it due to you to ment so signed is enritted; and I feel it due to you to state, as briefly as I can, why those reasons appear to me to be insufficient to justify your refusal. I. Your first 'reason' is, that the Protest is insufficient in Scriptural teaching 'to instruct ignorant Protestants, confirm waverers, or convince Romanists.' To this I must reply that it was not the object of the Protest to convex Scriptural justification, but to make a public convey Scriptural instruction, but to make a public Protest on behalf of this portion of the Church. 2. Your second reason is that the schismatical character of the late act, rather than the corruptions of Rome, was put primarily forward. I reply that it was against that schismatical conduct, and not against the deep corruptions of Rome, that this protest was primarily directed. The corruptions of Rome had been the same when

supported by the Bishop of Melipotamus as they are when supported by the so-called Archbishop of West-minster. Our Protest, then, being called forth by the schismatical act, must primarily address itself thereto. But, having done this it studies accepts schismatical act, must primarily address itself theretons. But, having done this, it spoke in no faltering accents of Roman corruptions; for, first, it embodied and repeated the whole Protest of the Articles of the Church of England: next, it stated the teaching of the Church of Rome to be, on many points of faith, 'contrary to God's Word;' and,-thirdly, it declared her practices to be idolatrous. I cannot understand how any one who had read these allegations could conceive the doctrinal condemnation of Rome to be so insufficient that trinal condemnation of Rome to be so insufficient that they could be justified in violating the great law of unity by refusing to sign it. But (3) you object to the reference to the judgment of the Universal Church, if it could be obtained; and you endeavour to justify this objection by saying that a general council may error. Objection by saying that a general council may err. There is no reference to a general council for this very reason in the Protest, which refers to such a judgmen of the Church as would include the first four centuries to which our Church specially refers; this objection therefore, is not to the Protest, but to that which carefully excluded from the Protest. 4. You ob carefully excluded from the Protest. 4. You wild that the Protest does not acknowledge that Romist leanings among ourselves had encouraged the Aggression. Had we been writing a history of Aggression, and therefore tracing its causes, I should approximate the protest against an Aggression from without such a statement of causes would in my indepent here been been included, whilst would, in my judgment, have been misplaced, whish since to be complete it must have included the sots of the Government. the Government, which had tended to invite the Aggression, it would have assuredly introduced division where unity was Aggression, it would have assuredly introduced and sion where unity was, next to truth and charity in supreme importance. 5. Your last reason is that in warning your flocks to yield no obedience to these so-called Bishops of new Sees, they are urged against the schism of such an act rather than against the doctring corruptions to which such conformity would expose them. This objection would have much weight if this warning stood alone. But as in the proceeding serwarning stood alone. But as in the preceding sentence the Church of Rome has been stated to teach, as matter of faith, what in matter of faith, what is contrary to God's Word, and to practise what is idolatrous, I can see no objection warning them in this paragraph against the schismstical act, which would expose them to what we have already declared to be corrupt in doctrine and idolatrous in practice. For these reasons Leveled to the already declared to be corrupt in doctrine and idolatrous in practice. For these reasons I am led to the conclusion that you had no sufficient grounds for fusing to join with your Bishop and your brethren in common action against the common enemy, thereby weakening the effect of the resistance made in this Diocese to Popish Usurpation, tending to divide toke who ought to be united, and so giving strength to the watchful enemies of all religion in their warfare against Christ and His Church. You would, I am sure, my Reverend Brethren, be the first, and among the most earnest, to deprecate what yet has been, and I fest must be, the result of your mistaken movement, have, as to this subject, further only to say, that I profour human is for the say of the say of the result of your mistaken movement. God to avert from us these and all other evils to wind our human infirmity exposes us, and to have us an our work for Christ's sake in His holy keeping conclusion, I pray you to strive earnestly for the mon faith, and withal to follow after charity. The seech you to remember the blessedness of being of one seech you to remember the blessedness of being of one of the seech you to remember the blessedness of being of one of the seech you to remember the blessedness of being of one of the seech you to remember the blessedness of being of one of the seech you to remember the blessedness of being of one of the seech you to remember the blessedness of being of the seech you to remember the blessedness of being of the seech you to remember the blessedness of being of the seech you to remember the blessedness of being of the seech you to remember the blessedness of the seech you to remember the your to remember the seech you to remember the blessedness of heing of mind; the grievous sin and danger of harsh judgment intemperate words, and a lack of love; and may blessing of God rest upon you, for Christ's sake.

of God rest upon you,
"I am, my dear brethren,
"Your faithful friend and brother,
"S. Oxox."

"P. S.—I request you to give the same measure publicity to this answer which you have given, or may give, to your 'reasons.'"

CONTROVERSY.—A controversy is to take place between the Romish Bishop of Chepstow and the Rev. Joseph Baylee. Principal of St. Aidan's College, kenhead. The following terms have, with modified tions on both sides, been agreed to. The original proposal was:—

1. That some vital doctrine upon which the rest of the [Roman] Catholic faith hangs shall be selected as the theme of discussion.

2. That Mr. Baylee shall make his attack, and his opponent respond matility.

opponent respond until the subject is finished.

3. That the [Roman] Catholic champion shall attack in his turn, and Mr. Baylee defend himself in like manner.

Mr. Baylee added the following stipulations:

1. That the controversy be published simultaneously in a leading Protestant and Roman Catholic journal the Protestant journal publishing both sides of the controversy, and the Roman Catholic one doing the same.

2. That both parties answer all questions proposed to them respecting the doetrines of the two Churches.

3. That each party be at full liberty to publish the whole controvers provided it is done without any wh le controversy, provided it is done without any abridgment.

4. The Roman Catholic Bishop is to bind himself to defend all the doctrines and authorised practices of the Church of Rome.

5. Mr. Baylee binds himself to defend all and every thing contributions.

thing contained in the Book of Common Prayer.
Bishop Brown added the following:

1. That after the respondent shall have given in his answers to a certain number of objections raised to six—he proceed to propose the same number of objections, and so on by turns.

jections, and so on by turns.

2. That I engage to defend those doctrines and practices of the Roman Catholic Church which have received her formal sanction, and no others, or much valuable time may be wasted.—[This will exclude the heresies of Roman Canonized "Saints."—ED. E. other controversy by an attack on "the Infallibility of the Church of Rome." Bishop Brown has given notice that he means to object to the sixth of the XXXIX.

TRINITY COLLEGE, GLENALMOND, PERTHSHIRE. The Council of Trinity College are anxious to in ect the attention of all who advocate the extension in cotland of liberal education in the state of the extension in the extension Scotland of liberal education, on a sound religious has to the position which the institution now occupies in spite of the various difficulties, which, at the commencement of so important ones, which, at the speed mencement of so important an undertaking, it has been necessary to overcome

necessary to overcome.

In the Senior Department, there are twelve Theorem 1. gical Students,—a number of Candidates for Holy Orders, greatly exceeding what has hitherto been usual. In the Junior Department, the Great Holy Order of Ho In the Junior Department, the number of Boys has

reached sixty.

So large a measure of success, while it gives about the success and the success and the success and the success and the success are success. dant occasion for present thankfulness, furnishes apple ground for confident expectation, that both Departments of the College will, by God's blessing, realise, in