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MANVERS PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

After two unsuccessful attempts, the annual parochial meeting was held in this township on the 26th February, and was a novelty in the country, having been held at night. However the attendance on that occasion is reported to have been very good, and the nature and objects of the society, together with its claims for support, were ably elucidated and explained. The result was, that the sum of £15 was subscribed on the spot, the greater part being paid in at the same time. This sum has since been increased, by additional subscriptions to £20.

Agreeably to the constitution of the society, one-fourth of the whole amount raised in Cartwright and Manvers will be forwarded to the Parent Society.

The members of the church in Manvers have, during the past year, paid the sum of £6 5s. 0d. towards the income of their pastor, the Rev. William Logan, who has charge of this and the adjoining township of Cartwright.

CLARKE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION

The churchmen of this neighbourhood are actively engaged in an undertaking, the successful accomplishment of which will tax their Christian liberality to the utmost. Measures have already been taken for the erection of a church in the village of Newcastle during the ensuing summer, the estimated cost of which will exceed a thousand pounds. Upwards of seven hundred pounds have already been subscribed, and this sum, it is hoped, will speedily be increased to the amount required.

In the prosecution of this laudable enterprise, the parish is largely indebted to the munificence of the Hon. George S. Boulton, who, to the gift of a valuable lot of land, as a site and burial ground, containing about three acres, has added the very liberal contribution of fifty pounds towards the Building Fund.

Notwithstanding the heavy responsibilities in which this undertaking necessarily involves the congregation, your committee are happy in being able to state that the claims of the Church Society have not been overlooked. Some, indeed, deemed it inexpedient, under present circumstances, to make the usual appeal in its behalf. The Parochial Committee were, however, unwilling to remit their labours even for a season, not considering any pressure of local wants as a sufficient excuse for neglecting to aid the general cause.

The amount this year collected is not quite as large as that of previous years, being only £20 0s. 0d.; yet the decrease

is less, perhaps, than might have been expected. The proportion usually reserved for parochial purposes will, together with other funds in possession, nearly liquidate the debt due on the parsonage; a debt which for years past has absorbed all the means at the disposal of this Parochial Committee.

GRAFTON PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The same willingness to support the various objects of our excellent Society, which, in previous years has distinguished the members of the church in this parish, has also been shewn during that which has just been brought to a close. And if the sum collected does not equal that of the preceding year, it is to be attributed solely to the severity of the weather and the extreme difficulty of calling upon our people for their subscriptions, especially in the back parts of the township.

Your committee, however, are happy to say that the sum subscribed by this Association amounts to £23 17s. 6d.

For some years past the Incumbent of this Parish has been endeavouring to keep together a congregation, the members of which reside from six to eight miles distant from Grafton, and therefore cannot conveniently attend their Parish Church. The occasional week-day services which they now receive have stimulated them to take measures for the erection of a small church in that neighbourhood, and this plan has been so far matured, that one individual has consented to give a suitable site of one acre for church and burial ground; and a subscription has been actually on foot, and the sum of about one hundred and sixty pounds already subscribed for that purpose. This church, it is hoped, will be erected in the course of the ensuing summer; but without the remotest prospect at present of the congregation receiving a Sunday Service, unless a District Travelling Missionary could be appointed, who would visit this and the neighbouring out-stations in that vicinity.

It is intended that whatever amount may this year be contributed by the people of that neighbourhood shall be kept distinct, and the proportion allotted to local purposes be applied to the building of the church.

COLBORNE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

For several years this Parish has been encumbered with a heavy debt due on the glebe, and the Parochial Committee have from time to time gladly availed themselves of the portion of the Society's funds allotted for local purposes for reducing, and finally paying off this debt. Your committee were in hopes that this desirable object would have been fully accomplished before our annual meeting

took place, but unavoidable delays have occurred to prevent it. The committee, however, report that measures are now in progress for coming to a final settlement; and they cherish the hope that in the course of a very short time this endowment will have been secured in perpetuity for the benefit of the Incumbent.

The same staff of active and energetic collectors (including the two churchwardens) who have for several years exerted themselves on behalf of the society, have this year also undertaken the work of collection, and the result of their labours as reported is the sum of £28 10s. 0d.

Of this amount the three-fourths available for local purposes will, as above stated, be applied towards liquidating the debt on the glebe.

DARLINGTON PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

This committee report nothing worthy of special notice, except the fact of the recent meeting at Bowmanville having been the best ever held in the place. The speeches of the several clergymen were interesting and effective, evidently awakening an increase of missionary zeal in the audience. But in consideration of the heavy burden resting upon every member of the congregation, arising out of the erection of a very superior church, towards which they have all contributed most liberally, the meeting was of opinion that subscriptions in the ordinary way could not consistently be applied for the present year, recommending, however, that a special appeal should be made on behalf of the Parent Society, and the amount received be sent directly to Toronto.

Four ladies were requested to undertake the work of collection, and the result of their appeal has been the sum of £12 10s. 0d. Last year the sum of £7 10s. 0d. was remitted to the treasurer, so that by the present mode of appeal it appears that the Parent Society will be a gainer of £5.

But still your committee regret any departure from the regular working of the society, in so important a parish as Darlington.

COBourg PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

In this parish—naturally expected to take the lead in this district in church enterprises, from its size, population, and comparative wealth—the impediments to a very large contribution to the general funds of the society still continue. It was stated at the last annual meeting that a new church had just been completed; and as is usual in such undertakings, had left a considerable debt to be discharged. Balancing unpaid subscriptions against the amount of liabilities, this debt did not, at the time of the first occupation of the new church, much exceed £500. The churchwardens, however, found so much