

1855, the number of collections reported were when the books closed, 725, and the year before that 808; whence it appears that the number of stations where collections were taken up during the past year were fewer by 62 than during the previous year, and 163 less than on the 30th March, 1854.

MISSION FUND.

Your Committee are surprised to find that the fund, which it might be supposed would be the most popular, is the one which has suffered most, the proceeds of the collections having fallen short when compared with the past year to the amount of £90 12s. 1d., 178 stations in lieu of 224, having remitted. Your Committee are at a loss to account for this, as in the last year's report a detailed statement of the expenditure of the fund was given, and they feel confident that it must have been evident to all there were no claims in the Diocese which ought to have been preferred to those assisted by the Society; out of £601 19s. 2d. expended, over £400 was paid towards the sustentation of our Indian Missions. It was also reported that the Parent Society was pledged to pay during the past year £137 6s., which its then income would not enable it to meet, but they trusted that the want had only to be made known to those who had the privileges of our Church provided for them, at but small cost to the several congregations, in order to enlist their sympathies on behalf of the Indians and new settlers in the backwoods; so confident was your Committee that it only needed to prove that there was a work which with the assistance of the members of our Church could be carried out, that they recently recommended that the sum of £100 per annum should be paid to the Midland District, £50 each for two Missionaries, provided the district guaranteed £150 to each of them; and there are other missions which have greater claims because they are more destitute, and have never enjoyed the same privilege, which the Society would gladly assist if in its power. Your Committee trust that as the collection for this object is to be taken up in July next, that the clergy will advocate the cause, and the laity liberally and promptly respond. The Lord Bishop has been enabled to assist a few of the poorer missions, for instance Pombroke in the Ottawa, out of a balance in hand from the reserve fund, to the credit of the treasurer of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel, but that is now expended, and the sustentation of the present missions and their extension must depend upon the support afforded to this the Church's Missionary Society.

The following are the disbursements of the Society during the past year, and the liabilities contracted for the ensuing year, which it is hoped the members of the Church will enable it to meet.

Rev. J. Campbell, Missionary, Grand River.....	£60	0	0
“ J. Langtry, Nottawasaga and Collingwood.....	45	0	0
Kecuzick, interpreter and Schoolmaster, Owen Sound.....	50	0	0
Rev. Geo. Salmon, duty in County Norfolk.....	25	0	0
Two interpreters, Rev. J. Flood.....	25	0	0
Rev. R. S. Birtch, Assistant to Rev. F. Eyns.....	30	0	0
Mr. Chance, Catechist, Garden River, to Oct.....	25	0	0
Rev. J. Chance, Missionary from Oct. to April.....	32	10	0
Insurance Mahnitoomahing Church.....	5	0	0
Hogg, Schoolmaster, Muncey Indians.....	50	0	0
Rent, Garden River.....	6	5	0

Interpreter, do.....	6	5	0
Rev. Peter Jacobs' expenses visiting stations.....	5	0	0
Rev. Dr. O'Meara, do.....	26	0	0
Mr. Cooper, Catechist, under Rev. F. L. Oiler.....	16	0	0
Catechist, Irish settlement.....	5	0	0
Taxes on lands.....	6	0	5
	£115	0	5

In addition to the above sum, the Parent Society paid over to the Treasurer of the Home District, £96, being the principal and interest of a sum which has for some time been held in trust for that district, for missionary purposes within the same. The Society for the current year is pledged to pay £495 6s., the difference in the above list, deducting Dr. O'Meara's expenses, and Mr. Jacobs', and the rent of a house at Garden River amounting to £37 10s., and adding to the Rev. Mr. Chance's salary £17 10s., as, since his ordination, the Society engaged to pay him £75 per annum, and dividing the amount received by the Rev. Mr. Langtry, at the commencement of last year between his mission at Collingwood and the person to succeed Mr. Cooper as catechist, in the southern part of the Simcoe district, the £100 promised conditionally to the Midland district, and another £150 at least ought to be at the Society's disposal for the support of a missionary to the lumbering districts on the Ottawa and other destitute places. Your Committee have no fear of failing to fulfil their engagements if the clergymen throughout the diocese will advocate the Missionary cause.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Collections have been made for this object at 201 stations, in lieu of 212; the amount collected is proportionably decreased, being £160 2s. 10d., £24 12s. 5d. less than last year.

The sum of £908 5s. has been invested during the past year, and the interest upon all the investments duly received, with the exception of interest on the mortgage bequeathed by the late Dr. Burnside. A proposition from the Port Perry Company was received, which being acceded to by the Society, it was to have been expected that it would have been carried out ere this, but they have unreasonably delayed to complete the arrangement, and your Committee fear that they will have to place the mortgage in the hands of their Solicitor for foreclosure. The sum of £300 has been paid to six widows, and £80 to the orphans of two clergymen, and £11 10s. 5d. taxes on lands held for this trust.

Your Committee have again to deplore the loss of two clergymen, the Rev. Paul Shirley, and the Rev. Thomas Marsh. They were both zealous supporters of the Church Society, and indefatigable Missionaries. They were both suddenly cut off, but we have every reason to believe that their names are written in the Book of Life.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

The collections on behalf of this Fund were taken up at 162 stations, instead of 164, which were reported last year, and the sum received was £255 12s. 7d., being a decrease of £47. When the sum received from the Parochial Branches, amounting to £1,007 4s. 11d., is added, and rents amounting to £14 2s., it will be found that this Fund, which has to bear the whole expense of management, and out of which all grants are to be made, amounted to £1,051 6s. 11d. Grants were made to aid in erecting churches and parsonages, amounting to £232 10s.; to Mrs. O. Graham, £10; and grants of books for churches and Sunday schools amounting to £150 0s. 9d. The sums granted to each place are but small,

but the applications are so numerous, and the funds being contributed from all parts of the Province, the Parent Society can only act impartially, and meet so far as it is able the wants of every locality. When the list of places to which grants have been made is carefully perused, it will be admitted that the complaints which have been made of preference being shown to one portion of the Diocese over another, are groundless. Your Committee can state that with the exception of one or two applications from towns, every call has been granted. They regret, however, that they are now forced to recommend that no grants will be made until after next January, when it is hoped that this Fund will be able to afford them, but at the present time the Fund is all but exhausted. The auditors having recommended that a large amount of the balances, which, from year to year have appeared to be due from different places to the Society, and looked upon, therefore, as assets, should be charged to this account and thus closed, in order to give a more explicit statement of the Society's position.

GRANTS.

Orillia Church.....	£	12	10	0
Parsonage.....	38	2	10	
Mrs. Graham.....	10	0	0	
Mill Creek Church.....	12	10	0	
Edmonton do.....	12	10	0	
St. Paul's, Kingston.....	12	10	0	
Collingwood Church.....	12	10	0	
Drummondville do.....	12	10	0	
Shannonville do.....	12	10	0	
Brampton do.....	12	10	0	
Wellington do.....	12	10	0	
Orangeville do.....	12	10	0	
Lloydtown Parsonage.....	12	10	0	
Hawkesbury Church.....	12	10	0	
Stoney Creek Church.....	12	10	0	
Osgoode Churches.....	25	0	0	
Allansville Lot.....	12	10	0	
Wisbeach Church.....	12	10	0	
Frampton do.....	12	10	0	
	£273	2	10	

BOOKS GRANTED.

June.....	£	12	8	0
September.....	30	9	6	
October.....	21	9	4	
January, 1857.....	21	10	6	
April, 1857.....	25	10	5	

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Mount Pleasant, service books, Rev. E. Stimson.....	£4	18	0
Dorchester, &c., to books and tracts, Rev. M. Walker.....	2	10	0
Arthur, do., Rev. J. Preston.....	2	10	0
Rev. S. B. Ardagh, do.....	2	10	0
Rev. J. Langtry, service books, Collingwood.....	4	18	0
Sunday School Library, Cookstown.....	2	10	0
Rev. S. B. Ardagh, service books.....	4	18	0
Do. 8vo. Bibles & Prayer Books.....	2	3	4
Rev. A. Williams, Moore, books and tracts.....	2	10	0
Rev. T. Leech, Brampton, &c.....	2	10	0
Penitentiary, books and tracts.....	2	10	0
Orphans' Home, do.....	2	10	0
Rev. A. Townley, do.....	2	10	0
Rev. J. L. Alexander, service book.....	4	18	0
Do. 28vo. Bibles and Prayer Books.....	4	1	0
Perrytown and Elizabethtown.....	9	6	0
St. Mary's, Blanchard.....	4	16	0
Vaughan, service books.....	4	18	0
Fitzroy Harbour, Rev. J. A. Morris.....	4	18	0
Rev. Dr. Beaven, for 2 stations, 8vo. Bible and Prayer Book.....	3	15	8
Wilmot and Hayesville, service books.....	6	8	9