

Missionaries, Catechists and Schoolmasters, have drawn their incomes in part, or in full, from this fund:—The Rev. C. C. Johnson, Missionary in the Midland District, at the rate of £30 per annum; Rev. J. Kennedy, Assistant Missionary to the Indians on the Grand River, £13 15s. 6d., the greater part of his salary being paid by the New England Society—this gentleman has lately been appointed to the Mission of Mersea: the Rev. Geo. Salmon, for Missionary duty in Talbot District, £25; Mr. J. Burkitt, Catechist in the Townships of Oro and Orillia during the illness of the late Rev. G. Bourne, and until the appointment of his successor, £25; Peter Jacobs, Indian Schoolmaster at Walpole Island, £50; Chas. Keezwick, Interpreter and Schoolmaster at the island of Newash, Owen Sound, £50; and to a Catechist and Schoolmaster at the Irish Settlement near Sandwich, £10; Travelling expenses of the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, during his summer and winter Missionary visits, drawn for since the closing of the books, £6 10s., so that the charge on this fund during the past year amounted to £210 5s. 6d. Mr. Chane, a gentleman sent out from England last autumn, was engaged at a salary of £50 per annum, to assist Dr. O'Meara, and having been with him some time it is hoped that he will shortly be able to act in the capacity of Schoolmaster and Catechist at Garden Island, but previous to his taking up his residence there, it is imperative that a church and a dwelling should be built; the Society have sent to make inquiries as to the amount of money required to be raised in order to erect these, and your Committee trust that the funds will not be wanting, when an answer to these queries has been received. This Fund is pledged for the ensuing year to pay the sum of £236 10s., a small sum indeed for a Church Missionary Society to contribute towards so noble an object, but your Committee are confident that if our Diocesan can find more Missionaries, there will be no difficulty in raising the amount which may be required for their support.

Two Missionaries, the Rev. A. H. R. Mulholland and the Rev. F. Tremayne, jun'r, draw £60 each from the Mission Fund of the Gore and Wellington District Branch. The Rev. F. Tremayne, sen., and the Rev. N. Watkins, have received their stipends in the Eastern District chiefly from the funds raised by the Parochial Branches organized by themselves. The Niagara District Branch would gladly have supported a Missionary if the Lord Bishop could have spared them one.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The subscription of every clergyman has been carried at once this year to the debit of the W. O. F., and so long as all the other objects of the Society are advocated in every parish, such an appropriation can be annually made. The proceeds of the annual sermon has sufficed, and, if the claims on this fund are clearly set before the Laity, will for many years suffice, to pay the annuities.

Your Committee would desire, however, to impress this fact upon the minds of all, viz: that the largest pension it is proposed to pay, is but a very small sum comparatively speaking, and will barely provide bread for the helpless family, much less education for the orphans. They would therefore venture to suggest to the members of the several congregations in the Diocese, that in no better way can they evince their attachment towards him who ministers to them spiritual food, than by contributing a trifle individually towards a fund which shall enable the churchwardens to pay the premium required to assure his life, for such a sum as may relieve his mind from all fear that his wife and children shall, at his decease, have to part with everything in order to pay the funeral expenses and other liabilities.

The proceeds of the annual sermon have exceeded those of the last year by £152 13s. 6d., and were collected at 323 stations instead of 180. During the year there has been invested, on account of this fund, the sum of £1086 19s. 9d., making the total now invested £3819 13s. 6d., and after keeping in hand a sufficient sum to pay the half yearly pensions, which will fall due previous to the next collection, there is a balance for investment amounting to £808 10s. 10d. The Committee thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the following handsome contributions to this fund: Hon. Mrs. Macaulay, of Kingston, £25; Messrs. Allan & Robinson, on dissolving partnership, £50 each; and £200 bequeathed by the late Hon. Col. Allan, a gentleman who always manifested a lively interest in the welfare of the Society, and was one of its earliest Vice Presidents. Four widows and fifteen orphans are at present on the list of annuitants.

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

The collection on behalf of this Fund was appointed to be taken up in the month of January, a time when most of the Parochial Meetings were being held, and when, therefore, it was supposed the people would be most familiar with the various objects of the Society; it realized £360 11s. 10d. The whole sum received on this account during the year amounted to £1265 15s. 9d., after deducting £100, the proceeds of two instalments on sales of land, which can only be expended in the purchase of other lands. This is the only fund at the disposal of the Society to meet the salaries of its officers, their rent and taxes, the printing of the report, and all other contingent expenses; and yet some persons have expressed astonishment that the grants annually made have been so few, and so trifling in amount; and also some exception has been taken to the resolution of the Society only to aid in carrying out some work likely to be of permanent benefit. Applications for grants towards the purchase or erection of log and frame buildings have been refused, because it was considered that if the by-laws regulating the disposal of the funds of district branches were properly carried out, instead of the course which has been too generally adopted of each parochial branch expending the three-fourths of the monies collected on its own local objects, there would be always money in the Treasurer's hands to meet such claims as the District Committees might approve of.

The report costs a large sum of money annually; it contains in the appendix the name of every contributor, no matter how small the subscription, and a copy is sent to every subscriber of 5s.; of this 5s. only 1s. 3d. is transmitted to the parent society, and a fraction over one-half of this is returned in the shape of a report, leaving not quite 7d. to defray the ordinary expenses of the Society, and to be distributed amongst its several objects. In many instances the Society has been fully convinced of the great benefit which would be conferred on the Church by advancing the first instalment, or making loans in order to effect the purchase of glebes or parsonages for country parishes; but though its income was apparently large, the greater portion was only on trust for certain purposes, and it was therefore obliged to refuse the required assistance. Your Committee conceive that bye-law III. requires that to entitle a subscriber to the privileges of an incorporated member, 25s. ought to be contributed to the funds of the Parent Society, or the sum of £12 10s. remitted to the Treasurer, which would constitute the donor a life member, unless a sum of £20 in cash, or £30 in land, were contributed for the permanent endowment of the Church in any locality. Your Committee, therefore, are proposing no change, but merely carrying out the obvious intentions of the Society, as laid down in bye-law III. when