

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND (Additional).

Previously announced .....	£435	8	11
Merrickville, per Rev. E. Morris...	2	6	4
Richmond, per J. Flood .....	1	2	6
Napanee, per Rev. W. B. Lander	1	13	9
Perrytown, Hope, per Rev. V. P. Snyerhoffer.....	0	10	0
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis,...	0	2	9

MISSION FUND (Additional).

Previously announced, .....	£199	16	0
Napanee, per Rev. W. B. Lander	1	0	0
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis,...	0	2	6

STUDENTS' FUND (Additional.)

Previously announced .....	£224	7	11
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis.....	0	2	6

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Previously announced .....	£7	12	4 1/2
Napanee.....	1	5	0
Cartwright— $\frac{1}{2}$ of Collection.....	1	15	0
per Churchwardens.			
St. Thomas do .....	20	0	0
—per Rev. A. St. Geo. Caulfield.			
Huntingford do .....	3	3	9
—per Rev. F. D. Fauquier.			
Franktown do .....	2	0	0
—per Rev. R. Lewis			

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. G. Nugent.....	£1	5	0
" J. Flood .....	1	5	0
" W. B. Lander .....	1	5	0
" Henry Brent .....	1	5	0
E. Lally, Esq., Barrie.....	1	5	0
Daniel Whitley, do .....	0	10	0
Phillip Low, Esq., Pictou .....	3	15	0
Mrs. Marsh, Toronto.....	1	0	0
Miss Marsh, do .....	0	5	0
H. Mortimer, Esq., do.....	1	5	0
Rev. Paul Shirley .....	1	5	0
Rev. R. Lewis.....	1	5	0
Rev. F. D. Fauquier.....	1	5	0

DONATIONS.

Widows and Orphans' Fund, per			
Rev W. Blakey .....	£2	15	0

Monies received on account of the contingent expenses of the Synod, in accordance with the recommendation of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, in his Pastoral, dated 16th January, 1854.

St. Peter's Ch., Cobourg, per Ven. A. N. Bethune, D.P. ....	2	0	0
Corwall and Moulinette, per Rev. H. Patton.....	2	0	0
St. George's, Drummondville, and St. John's, Stamford, per Rev. C. L. Ingles.....	1	0	0
Huntingford, per Rev. F. D. Fauquier .....	1	0	0

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Thursday evening a large and respectable audience met at the City Hall, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Midland and Victoria Districts Branch of the Church Society. The chair was filled by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston. The meeting was addressed by the Reverend Thomas S. Kennedy of Toronto, the Secretary of the Church Society, who ex-

plained at considerable length the state and prospects of the society. The report for last year was read and received.

REPORT.

Your Committee, anxious to avail themselves of the services of the Reverend Secretary of the Parent Society on this present occasion, have decided upon holding their Annual Meeting of this Branch Association at an earlier period than usual, in the expectation that much valuable information will be communicated by him respecting the operations of the Society generally.

Upon a review of the proceedings of this Branch during the last eleven months, there is much to call forth gratitude to Him who "puts into the heart of man good desires, and brings the same to good effect," for we are satisfied that it is only as He blesses our plans, that we can look for a successful result to our labors.

Though no new associations have been established since the last report was rendered, yet it is a pleasing subject for reflection that those already in existence throughout the District have continued steadily, to a certain extent, to carry out the objects for which they were designed, still, for all, there is room for increased zeal and energy; and though something has been done to occupy the fields which are ripe for harvest, still much more remains to be accomplished, equal even to the undivided efforts of every member of our Church, rich and poor. Every year opens fresh settlements, and increases the amount of population, of which we may safely calculate one-fourth and upwards to be professedly attached to the Communion of the Church. These demand greater exertions from the wealthy members, and thus call for a more hearty co-operation on their part with this Association, through whose instrumentality henceforth it will depend whether fresh fields of Missionary enterprise are to be occupied or not; for the days are past when help is to be looked for from foreign sources; and your Committee would ask, is it not time, after so many years of careful nurturing, the children of the Church should walk alone?

If charity begins at home, have not the Townships lying in our rear, such as Hinchinbrooke, Sheffield and Bedford, in which are settled scattered families of one faith, a special claim upon their more favored brethren? Believing that they have, your Committee would urge the necessity of appointing a Travelling Missionary for these and other destitute Townships; and as a substantial proof of the love and sincerity of Church people, call upon them to furnish their portion of the means that may be required.

Since we last met, your Committee have to report that a change has taken place in the missions of Barriefield, Portsmouth and Sydenham. Rev. E. Bower, whose duties at Sydenham have devolved upon Rev. E. C. Johnson, (lately ordained by the Lord Bishop of Toronto,) has been appointed to Pittsburg, in the stead of Rev. H. Brent, translated to the important Rectory of Clarke, and to whom as Secretary this Association is so much indebted. Rev. F. Dobbs, brother-in-law of one whose memory is dear to not a few among us, and now many years gathered to his fathers, has succeeded to the mission of Portsmouth, in the place of Rev. T. Allen, promoted to the Rectory of Caran, a faithful laborer in this part of the Lord's Vineyard.

Your Committee hoped to have had it in their power to report on this occasion the completion of the Parochial School House, but they regret their inability. The delay has arisen from the scarcity of mechanics last season, and by the increased rate of wages; and as the contracts were taken irrespective of these contingencies, it was deemed advisable to give time so as to al-

low the burden to fall with less pressure upon the contractors. Your committee have the assurance, however, that by the 1st of April next the building will in every respect be fit for occupation; and then churchmen, if disposed to promote the welfare, temporal and spiritual, of their fellow-creatures, will have it in their power to support a school for boys, girls and infants, with ample accommodation for each department. Your committee would remark, that as a large sum over and above the amount raised has been supplied from private sources to complete the building, it is hoped that whatever is required to provide furniture for the schools and support for their efficient maintenance, will be cheerfully borne by those whom God has so bountifully blessed.

And here a subject presents itself, of great importance as regards the welfare of the community at large, viz., the common school system of education established in this Province. This demands the serious attention of every one who believes that secular knowledge, apart from religious, does not meet the requirements of a being who is destined not to a brief sojourn here only, but to an everlasting existence beyond the grave.

Your Committee hail with delight the prospect of the appointment of a Bishop to the proposed See of Kingston; believing, however, at the same time, that the accomplishment of this object depends in some degree upon local efforts, they would strongly recommend, in order to expedite it, that a Committee be formed whose duty it shall be to promote an Endowment fund, in accordance with the Pastoral Letter lately issued by our Diocesan.

One more subject connected with the interest of the Church your committee desire to bring before your notice, before they proceed to their Financial Statement, viz: The propriety of appointing a Lay Agent for the purpose of visiting the wharves, steamboats, and the City in general, for the sale of Bibles, Prayer Books and Religious Tracts, where there is an ability to pay, and where there is not, then a gratuitous distribution to a limited extent. As the spring opens, the tide of emigration sets in on these shores, but independently of this, we are to expect this year a large accession to our population, in consequence of the extensive operations caused by railroad enterprise. Are we not therefore bound to the utmost of our ability to circulate the Word of God, the only rule of our faith, to accompany it with the book of Common Prayer, in whose soul-stirring supplications the pious find a most welcome relief, and an invaluable treasure; and more than this, should we not lend our hand to provide them with the precious means of grace through the agency of a ministry endowed with authority to teach and to guide unto truth?

It will not fail to recur to the minds of not a few in this meeting that arrangements were made last year to appoint to each ward collectors in behalf of the several associations in the city. In four wards the work was effectually and satisfactorily done: in the remaining three, Rideau, Victoria, and Sydenham, it was partially done, or altogether unfulfilled. Your Committee would therefore suggest the continuance of the same system, only effectually carried out, and would recommend that a personal appeal be made to every family and individual in the Communion of the Church, in behalf of the many important objects of the institution.

The Depository, under the superintendence of Mrs. Ferns, has received this year an increased support. Of Bibles, there have been sold 120, of Prayer Books 728, and of Religious Tracts and Works above 700. This however is but a small matter compared with the