

# SUPPLEMENT

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# THE CANADIAN ECCLESIASTICAL GAZETTE.

### EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE CENTRAL BOARD.

OF THE

**Incorporated Church Society of the  
DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.**

The Central Board, while desiring to express their thankfulness to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for the increased means of usefulness which, by His blessing, have been committed to them, during the past year, as well as for the amount of good which they trust they have been the humble instruments of effecting, would at the same time urge upon the members of the Church generally, the necessity of more active exertion in the Society's cause. For the increase over the amount reported last year is extremely small, and last year a large falling off was reported. This increase, too, will be found to be the result of efforts made only in some few localities, while in many others a decrease is again exhibited.

The amount received by the Treasurers of the Society, exclusive of Remittances from District Associations, since their accounts were closed last year, has been . . . . . £920 7 10  
The income of the District Associations (so far as they have reported,) . . . . . 471 16 1

£1392 3 11

being an increase of £170 upon the amount reported last year. (Of this sum, however, upwards of £90 are for the Nicolet Endowment Fund, of which no account was then rendered.)

The total income for the year, (including the balance from last year's accounts, and exclusive of receipts on account of the Nicolet Endowment Fund,) has been . . . . . £1670 19 0  
The expenditure, including investments, . . . . . 1117 17 11

Balance this day . . . . . £ 553 1 1

The funded property of the Society, available for general purposes, amounts now to £1225 in Bank Stock, besides four shares of £100 each, which have been taken in the Union Building Society of Quebec, payable by instalments.

This fund has been formed principally by the appropriation, according to the 13th Article of the By-Laws, of Life Subscriptions to the purpose.

#### Widow and Orphans' Fund.

An additional sum of £75 has been invested this year, on account of this fund in Government Debentures,—and there is besides a sum of £100 bearing interest, in the Quebec Provident and Savings Bank, making the whole amount of the fund £1475, in addition to a balance, not yet invested, of about £80.

The Nicolet Endowment fund, which stands in the name of the President of the Society, in accordance with the provision to that effect in the 13th Article, has received an increase since, of upwards of £90, (£25 of which were a legacy from the late Colonel Chandler,) and amounts now, in all, to £400 19 8.

#### Travelling Missionaries.

It is with great thankfulness that the Central Board report that there are now two travelling Missionaries in the employment of the Society, one in the District of Montreal, and one in that of

Quebec. The Rev. Thomas S. Chapman, whose appointment was mentioned in the Report of last year, returned, at the close of the season of duty at the Quarantine Station, to the destitute settlements on the borders of the districts of Montreal and St. Francis, where he had laboured with acceptance during the preceding winter, including, in his circuit, the adjoining missions of Shefford and Brome, both at that time vacant. In February last, finding his strength unequal to the severe exertions required of a travelling missionary, he applied to the Lord Bishop to be permitted to resign that office, and was appointed to the newly created Mission of Dudswell, the formation of which may be looked upon mainly as the result of the labors of different Clergymen who have been Missionaries of the Society. Under these circumstances it may not be improper to state, as it cannot be otherwise than gratifying to the Society and its friends to learn, that there is every prospect (under the Divine blessing,) of a plentiful harvest in the new field thus taken up by the Church.

The Rev. John Carry, late student of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, was appointed to succeed Mr. Chapman, and labored in the same tract of country, not however including Shefford and Brome, (the vacancies in those missions having happily been filled up,) until the opening of the navigation, when he proceeded to Grosse Isle.—He has received instructions to pay occasional visits to such places, within reach of that station, as Protestants are to be found in. These are but few, and the number of church people in each extremely small; but as it is from this very circumstance that they are unable to procure for themselves a supply of the means of grace, they are manifestly fitting objects of the care of the Society's Missionary. Through the mercy of God, the Quarantine Station has presented no unusual calls this season,—the number of sick and of emigrants detained on the Island having been, so far, smaller than for many previous years.

The Rev. Richard Langford Stephenson, of Trinity College, Dublin, who was sent out to the Diocese, as stated in the last Report, by the Revd. William J. D. Waddilove, having been ordained with Mr. Carry, in February last, was instructed to proceed to the destitute settlements upon the River Ottawa, including the Gore of Chatham, a mission of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which has unfortunately been vacant for some time past. The other townships under his care are those which were mentioned in last year's Report as placed, by a temporary arrangement with the Society, originating with the Bishop, in charge of the Revd. Charles Forest. Mr. Stephenson has remained in this tract of country until the present time, and is now proceeding, as directed by the Bishop, to pay a visit to some of the settlements, to which Mr. Carry had principally given his attention during the winter. In the meantime a Candidate for Holy Orders, sent out by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, has been licensed to act for the present as Lay-Reader at the Gore, so that Mr. Stephenson will be enabled, upon his return to the Ottawa, to devote more time to the destitute settlements higher up the river.

It is proper to mention here, that a portion (£25 Stg.) of Mr. Stephenson's salary is, for the present, provided for by the liberality of the Rev. William J. D. Waddilove.

Extracts from the journals of the three gentlemen named will be given with the Report when published, and for this reason it is deemed unnecessary to refer to them here at more length.

A Committee was appointed at the meeting of the Board in May last, to reconsider the practicability of a plan for the insurance of the lives of the Clergy.—It is hoped that they may be able to report favorably upon this important subject, and that measures may be adopted which shall prove effectual, as well as satisfactory to the Clergy.