

the outlay of the year, up to the present date, may thus be given:—

Ottawa City	\$3260
Richmond... ..no report.	
Perth	3600
Carleton Place	424
Franktown	no report.
Smith's Falls	"
Fitzroy Harbour.....	"
Huntley	40
March	248
Osgoode, Russel and Cumberland	662

Shewing in all these places where such outlay was required a degree of zeal, earnestness, and self-sacrifice which cannot but be held prophetic of strength, stability, and progress to our beloved Church.

Before closing this report it may be allowable to congratulate this District Branch on the addition which has been made to the staff of clergy labouring within its limits. By this addition several new stations have been opened to the influences of sound Church teaching, and several others which, heretofore—(owing to the multiplicity of labours devolving upon the already overworked missionary,) could be only partially served, are now brought under the regular ministrations and care of a duly appointed pastor.

Still, the clergy are most lamentably inadequate to the amount of work which ought to be performed. Their utmost diligence, their most self-denying exertions fail to meet the wants of those large fields, which, in the earlier days of the Church would have ranked as dioceses; while, beyond them lie thickly populated tracts of country,—populated too, by sons and daughters of the Church, members with us of the same body, partakers of the same hope—doomed, unless cared for and relieved by the action of christian charity—doomed to all the dreariness of blighted hopes; and it may be, to the still more fearful consequences, present impenitency and future perdition. Who will stretch out to them the helping hand? Who from the promptings of christian sympathy, will aid this Society to send forth more labourers into the vineyard of the Lord? All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES FOREST,
Sec. B. D. B. C. S.

The report having been read, the first resolution was moved by JUDGE ARMSTRONG, and seconded by G. A. BURKE, Esq.,—"That in moving the adoption of the report submitted, the churchmen of this district hail with satisfaction this the anniversary of the Church Society within its limits, and trust it will arouse in the breasts of all a livelier appreciation of their duties as members of the Church of Christ."

The mover, after instituting a powerful contrast between (what may be termed) our secular and our religious charities, very ably set forth the great advantages which had already resulted from the Church Society, and appealed to all right thinking earnest men for aid to enable it to extend and multiply its operations.

The next resolution was moved by the Rev. J. JOHNSON, seconded by P. P. HARRIS, Esq.,—"That the position, character, and claims of the Church are such as to call for our most grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for His great mercy in having constituted her, as guided by His Spirit—our safeguard from error, our guide as to the truth, and His own appointed herald of salvation to a guilty world."

The Rev. gentleman, in a very moving and effective speech, set forth the distinctive character of the church, as a divine—not human—institution; enlarged in eloquent language, on the sacredness of her claims, and in conclusion

gave details of the beneficial workings of the Church Society throughout the Church in Canada.

The third resolution was proposed by the Rev. C. P. ENRY, of Ottawa, whose powerful and convincing address on the principles and workings of christian education, on the rightful source from whence—and from whence alone—it can be derived, viz: the Church—will be long remembered by those who heard it. He was seconded by the Rev. J. GOSNEY, of Huntley,—"That under a deep sense of her solemn responsibilities, the Church has most carefully provided for the culture and edification of her people—conscientiously striving in all her formularies and offices to supply the most wholesome doctrine, the most divine counsel, and the most reliable and abundant instruction for the guidance of mankind."

The fourth resolution was moved, in a short but telling speech, by the Rev. R. L. STRATHENSON, seconded by G. P. BAKER, Esq.,—"That an obligation rests upon every churchman to sustain the interests of the Church to the utmost of his ability: and as the Church Society has been established specially to promote the cause of true religion, and to give increased efficiency to the institutions of Christ, duty dictates to us the prosperity of devoting our strength to the maintenance of that Society."

The fifth resolution, so important from its individuality, was most ably proposed by the Rev. E. H. M. BAKER, of Carleton Place, and seconded by W. DARWENT, Esq.,—"That too much importance cannot be ascribed to the influence of individuals or parishes in the good work before us, provided such influence be directed by right principles, and be honestly and continuously sustained."

The final resolution was moved by the Rev. J. BURLEN, and seconded by Mr. W. COUSERS, both gentlemen strongly urging a practical recognition of the duty which it set forth,—"That the churchmen of this district recognise the duty now set before them, and resolve, by the help of God, to devote themselves afresh to the support and advancement of the Church of Christ."

The Rev. Chairman, in his closing remarks, congratulated his audience on the happy unanimity which had prevailed, and on the cheering prospects of the Society for the present year.

We must not forget to mention the excellent local and instrumental music with which a volunteer party of ladies and gentlemen entertained the audience. This gave a pleasing variety to the proceedings of the evening. The singing of the doxology, prayer, and the minor benediction, closed a happy, and we hope a profitable meeting.—Communicated.

THORNHILL AND VAUGHAN PAROCHIAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting was held at Thornhill on the 21st of February, and although the evening was extremely cold and stormy, a very large congregation crowded the spacious church. The Rector presided, and the meeting was addressed by the following gentlemen, whose observations, delivered in forcible and often eloquent language, were listened to with eager interest: the Provost of Trinity College, the Rev. Professor Irving; the Revs. Messrs. G. Hill, H. B. Osler, J. Carry, G. B. Viner, H. W. Stewart, A. J. Broughan and Rural Dean Givens, and Mr. Hugh Cooper, who was the only lay speaker. The Resolutions were as follow:—

1. That the Report be adopted.
2. That this meeting considers the establishment of the Board of Missions as likely to conduce materially to the interests of the Church.

3. That this meeting earnestly hopes that the alterations made in the Constitution of the Church Society will secure an increased measure of support to the Society, and thus enable it to employ a larger number of Travelling Missionaries, and ultimately to extend the ministrations of the Church to all the destitute parts of the country.

4. That it is very desirable that increased facilities should be extended to young men, desirous of preparing themselves to enter into Holy Orders.

5. That the thanks of the meeting be given to the collectors.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE THORNHILL AND VAUGHAN PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

In presenting the Annual Report of the Thornhill and Vaughan Parochial Branch of the Diocesan Church Society, your Committee regret to have again to commence with deploring the loss of a valuable member of the congregation, and a generous contributor to the funds of the Society. Mrs. Mortimer, the widow of the late Rev. G. Mortimer, some time Rector of Thornhill, has, since our last meeting, been called to rest from her labours, after a long life devoted to deeds of piety and active charity; and her loss will be severely felt, especially by the poor of this neighbourhood.

The most noteworthy event of the past year has been the erection of a parsonage. Through the unselfish exertions of the late Rev. D. Blaké, a site had been acquired, and the commencement of a fund provided. At the commencement of last year it was resolved by the parishioners to proceed with this very important work. The necessary steps were taken, and the project was promptly carried into effect. A very considerable sum has been subscribed by the parishioners; and the result has been, that on the twelfth of December the Rector was enabled to take possession of a residence, which, if not so large as some of the existing parsonages, yields perhaps to none in the Diocese for true comfort and convenience. And he gladly embraces this opportunity of expressing his gratitude to the Building Committee and other members of the congregation, whose exertions and liberality have added so much to the comfort of his family.

The ministrations of the Church have been carried on in this parish during the past year without any interruption. There is morning and evening service every Sunday in Trinity Church, Thornhill, and afternoon service in St. Stephen's Church, Vaughan. The Holy Communion is administered every month at Thornhill, and once a quarter at Vaughan. At Thornhill, there is a Sunday School regularly taught by able and earnest teachers. And recently the Rector has commenced to give instruction to a class of young persons, the greater part of whom intend to offer themselves as candidates at the next confirmation.

Your Committee have heard with much satisfaction of the alterations made in the constitution of the Society; especially they rejoice at the establishment of a Board of Missions under the joint auspices of the Synod and the Society. And they trust that the efforts made to extend missionary operations within this Diocese will secure the hearty and increased exertions of every member of the Church.

The parochial collections for the last year amounted to \$162.18, of which one fourth, as well as the subscriptions of incorporated members was remitted to the Parent Society. The remainder, after the payment of some small expenses, was returned to the parish; the erection of the parsonage—being, it was conceived, a sufficient reason for availing themselves of that provision in the constitution, which, until the present year,