

the accounts opened in a simple and concise manner, and by which the state of the affairs may be readily ascertained.

Upon reference to the Investment account, it will be seen that the General Statement under that head shews the whole amount invested, and represents the total of all the Investment accounts, while the balance of each will give the amount pertaining to that particular account; the sum remaining at the credit of the Funds itself being the amount available for investment or for other purposes.

As was represented, there were a great number of accounts which had remained open for years past, and which, if not available, should have been closed—those have been placed in the Books under the head of Sundries, and will be closed by the General Purpose Fund; should any of them hereafter be paid, the amount will be passed to the credit of that Fund.

There still appear several accounts as liabilities of the Society, and to which we would call the attention of the Committee. It still remains to effect a change, which would very much simplify the accounts, and it is that the vouchers presented at the bank as coming from the accredited agent of that Institution should, on presentation, be at once received as a cash deposit. The voucher is in reality of the nature of a draft, value having been received for it, and may therefore justly be treated as such. By this course much confusion, unavoidable under the present system, would be obviated; and should a voucher be lost or mislaid, a certificate from the bank agent would be sufficient to establish the credit for the specified amount.

All which is respectfully submitted.  
 EDW. GOLDSMITH,  
 J. W. BRENT.

Toronto, June 5th, 1855.

Whereupon it was moved by Hon. P. B. De Blaquiére, seconded by J. W. Gamble, Esq., and carried *nem con.*—

That the Report of the Auditors be adopted, and that the Secretary is authorised to act in accordance with their recommendation so far as it relates to the vouchers for deposit; and that he do report at another meeting what number of the old balances may be considered available.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by Rev. A. Palmer, B.A.,

Moved, that an address from the Society to His Excellency the Governor General, be prepared and submitted to the general meeting in the evening, and that the Rev. H. C. Cooper, the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiére, and the Hon. G. S. Boulton, with the mover and seconder, be a Committee to draft and report an address for that purpose. Carried unanimously.

A list of those who have received Scholarships from the Theological Students' Fund, was laid on the table.

On application of the Rev. F. S. Harper, the Society voted the sum of £12 10s., for the Church at Lambton, so soon as the funds of the Society will admit of it.

On application of Rev. C. C. Johnson, the Society voted books and tracts amounting to £2 10s., for distribution in the mission of Morpeth.

On memorial of W. P. Taylor, Esq., backed by a letter from Rev. J. A. Morris, it was

Resolved, That the Society cannot depart from the recommendation of the Finance Committee, not to loan the Widows and Orphans' Fund, the only one now available for investment, on any Parochial securities; that if in its power when the contemplated building is roofed in, the Society will gladly aid the parish by a grant.

A set of service books, was voted on the applica-

tion of the Rev. Geo. Salmon, for the Church at Waterford, in the county of Norfolk.

A set of service books on the application of the Rev. J. R. Tooke, for St. Phillip's Church, Milford, also was voted a few tracts for distribution in his mission.

On application of Rev. E. H. Dewar, it was resolved to continue the grant made for a Catechist at the Irish Settlement.

The question being asked whether the Clergy Trust Committee had, in accordance with a by-law of the Society, reported. The Lord Bishop stated that as the Committee had only met to organize itself, they had made no report.

On recommendation of Standing Committee, R. C. McMullen was voted a Life Member—the Rev. Dr. Lett having certified that it was understood at the time he subscribed to the St. George's Church Parochial School House, that he would be made one, as by the third by-law he was eligible.

It was moved by the Rev. H. Brent and carried unanimously, that the thanks of the Society are due to the officers of the Society for their exertions during the past year, and that the following be the officers for the present year:

PRESIDENT.

The Hon. and Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese  
 VICE PRESIDENTS.

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| The Ven. the Archdeacon of Kingstan, | “ Jas. Beaven, D.D.       |
| The Ven. the Archdeacon of York,     | “ Provost Whitaker, M.A., |
| The Hon. the Chief Justice,          | T. Mercer Jones, Esq.,    |
| “ “ Macaulay,                        | G. C. Wood, Esq.,         |
| “ Vice Chancellor Estlin,            | Fred. Wilder, Esq.,       |
| “ “ Spraggs,                         | Mr. Sheriff Jarvis,       |
| “ Mr. Justice Draper,                | Mr. Sheriff Rutten,       |
| “ P. B. DeBlaquiére,                 | Justus S. Merwin, Esq.,   |
| “ John Macaulay,                     | Jno. Arnold, Esq.,        |
| “ James Gordon,                      | J. W. Gamble, Esq.,       |
| “ Z. Burnham,                        | Geo. Crawford, Esq.,      |
| “ Geo. Crookshank,                   | D. B. O. Ford, Esq.,      |
| “ R. C. Wilkins,                     | L. Lawson, Esq.,          |
| “ Philip Vanhookhnet,                | Sydney Jones, Esq.,       |
| “ Henry Sherwood,                    | T. C. Street, Esq.,       |
| “ G. S. Boulton,                     | Admiral Vidal,            |
| “ Robert Baldwin,                    | Geo. Keefer, Esq.,        |
| “ J. H. Cameron,                     | F. Talfour, Esq.,         |
| “ G. J. Goodhue,                     | Absalom Shade, Esq.,      |
| Sir Allan McNab,                     | Dr. G. H. Low.            |

STANDING COMMITTEE.

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| Rev. H. J. Grasset, B. D. | T. W. Birchall, Esq.   |
| “ H. Scadding, D. D.      | Alexander Dix, Esq.    |
| “ D. E. Blake, A. B.      | W. M. Westmacott, Esq. |
| “ Stephen Lett, LL D.     | George W. Allan, Esq.  |
| “ W. S. Darling,          | H. Mortimer, Esq.      |
| “ Walter Stennett, M. A.  | T. P. Roberts, Esq.    |
| “ Henry Brent,            | Peter Paterson, Esq.   |
| “ R. Mitchell,            | Chas. Magrath, Esq.    |
| “ W. Ritchie,             | J. L. Robinson, Esq.   |
| “ Thos. Grecco, A. B.     | R. Deafson, Esq.       |

LAND COMMITTEE.

Hon. J. H. Cameron, | Robt. Denison, Esq.,  
 and the Secretary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

E. G. O'Brien, Esq., | D. Crawford, Esq.,  
 E. H. Rutherford, Esq., | Thos. Harrington, Esq.,  
 and the Secretary.

SECRETARY.

Rev. T. S. Kennedy.

TREASURER.

The Bank of Upper Canada.

AUDITORS.

J. W. Brent, Esq. | Edward Goldsmith, Esq.

The Rev. W. Bettridge then moved, seconded by the Hon. G. S. Boulton, the following resolution, of which he had given notice in April last:

“That as a necessary consequence of the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, the Church in this Diocese must depend solely upon the voluntary contributions of her members for the extension of her ministrations to her numerous destitute settlers; and that, as the custom hitherto prevalent in the Diocese of retaining three-fourths of the subscriptions and donations

for parochial uses must greatly impede the missionary labours of the Society, the several district and parochial branches be requested to send the whole amount of their collections without any deduction whatever to the Parent Society.

That in no case shall any sums not actually received by the Treasurer of the Parent Society be admitted into the annual reports of the same.”

The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiére moved in amendment,—

“That the proceeds of the subscriptions of the several local branches of the Church Society, which it is proposed shall hereafter be transmitted to the Parent Society without deduction, be apportioned in the following manner, in so far as regards three-fourths of said subscriptions, viz:—

In the first place, to make good any deficiency which may arise from any cause in the payment of the annual stipends of the several Incumbents of the Diocese; and when this is provided for, the surplus to be divided annually into four equal proportions, to be applied to the following purposes under the direction of the Church Society at the general annual meeting of the said Society:

The extending of Missions in the Diocese.  
 The building of Churches and Parsonage-houses.

The encouragement and support of Theological students.

The granting additional support to the Ministry, when needed.”

The Rev. D. E. Blake moved in amendment, that the following be added to Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiére's amendment:

“Provided nevertheless, 1st. That wherever the District Branch may have entered into engagements with Parishes or Missions, within their respective bounds, touching the disbursements of the of their contributions, such engagements shall continue in force for the period of three years from the date hereof, if required; but nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to preclude the Society from granting any further or other aid to said missions as it may deem expedient

2nd. That while the Society reserves to itself the right to decide upon each individual application upon its merits, it shall, nevertheless, not be lawful for the Society to entertain any application for aid unless such application be accompanied by a Report from the Managing Committee of the District whence it proceeds; and the application which is sustained by the largest amount of voluntary subscription from the locality, shall, other things being equal, be deemed to have, and shall have, a prior claim upon the Society's consideration.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by the Rev. Rural Dean Palmer, seconded by the Rev. Rural Dean Fuller,—

Resolved,—That the Society refrains from making any alteration in its constitution in reference to the proportion of the contributions of the several Parochial Associations to be remitted to the treasurer in Toronto, leaving it open to the several parochial or district committees to remit such further sums over and above one-fourth of their receipts as they shall think proper to contribute towards the general purposes of the Society.”

A lengthy discussion took place on these various resolutions, but as the Lord Bishop suggested that he had rather there was no division taken, the movers and seconders agreed not to press them to a vote on the present occasion.

Resolved,—That it is essential to the efficacy of the Society that the offertory collections in