

most beneficial; the members of the society residing in the country are now able to be present at all the meetings, the attendance has been greatly increased, and a much more lively interest taken in the prosperous working of the society at large, as well as in the various district associations.

Your committee cannot refrain from alluding to another change which likewise promises to be attended with the happiest results: arrangements have now been made by which the funds raised within the bounds of any district association, by collections in churches or otherwise, for founding exhibitions for students in divinity, may be regarded as the peculiar property of that district branch, the managing committee of which shall have the nomination of the exhibitions, and these shall be called after the districts so establishing them. The quarterly collections heretofore made are sufficient to endow one such, but it is hoped that a fresh stimulus may be given to this branch of the Church Society's operations, and that in each district branch two, three, or four exhibitions (according to the wealth and population of the district) may eventually be formed. The effect of this would be that young men in piety and promise resident in the district and desiring to devote themselves to the work of the ministry, would be looked out and recommended by the resident clergy in each locality. On such recommendation they would be adopted (as it were) by the district branch as its own peculiar charge. Their progress at college would be watched with more than ordinary interest, and when ripe for the ministry, they would be ordained and sent to minister in all probability among those who had been instrumental in preparing them for their work.

Your committee, in accordance with the resolutions of the Mission Board, transmitted a report of their funds and liabilities, a statement of the missionaries employed in the united districts, and of those places to which promises of a missionary had been made. The funds delivered over to them were in cash \$83, in Western Permanent Building Society Stock, 110 shares, valued at \$660. The missionaries formerly employed are still continued. They have been paid promptly by the Mission Board. One vacancy has been filled by them, Maryborough, Peel; and two others, (Beverley, Strabane, and Garafra, Erin,) it is hoped will very shortly be supplied.

Of the thirty-one parochial associations connected with this District Branch reports have only been received from seventeen, the aggregate of their subscriptions being \$1208.99 showing a diminution of \$90 as compared with the collections from the same parishes last year—fourteen have not been heard from. Should these have been as successful as last year, (and there is reason to believe that in some cases there will be an increase,) the total amount may not fall far short of the receipts of the previous year.

The committee would, therefore, recommend to the members of the Church Society in the Gore and Wellington Districts to co-operate with all zeal and cordiality with the Mission Board. They commend to their consideration the following resolution adopted by that board, and they trust that it will be responded to by increased efforts in every parish: "That the Board of Missions charged with the important duty of endeavouring to provide funds for the payment of the stipends of missionaries now so urgently required in the numerous townships of the diocese that continue destitute of the ministrations of the church, and being determined in dependence on the Divine blessing to do its utmost to fulfil the solemn obligations which have been laid upon them, very earnestly call on every member of the church to contribute according to his ability to the missionary objects of the Church Society, and thus

to place the board in a position to gladden the hearts of many members of our communion, who have urgently applied for clergymen to labour among them."

CHRIST CHURCH, HAMILTON.

The parochial collections for this association have not yet been completed. A good deal of difficulty has been experienced in making the collections, many subscribers having removed from the place, and others conceiving themselves obliged from various pressing claims to withdraw or to diminish their annual subscriptions. The financial difficulties in which their own church and congregation are involved have no doubt had their weight in lessening the amount formerly contributed to the funds of the Church Society. No dissatisfaction has been expressed towards the society, the same confidence is felt in its working under recent changes as formerly—indeed in many quarters those changes have tended to increase the confidence. The parochial difficulties it is hoped are temporary, and when surmounted, the Church Society will again obtain that consideration and support which it has from the first formation of the society enjoyed from Christ Church Parochial Association. It has been a source of regret, as well as of great pecuniary loss, that the ladies of the congregation were unable to undertake the collections this year as they did last, owing to demands recently made upon their time for raising funds to pay off the debt upon the cemetery. Had the collections of this association been equal to those of the last year, there would have been an increase in the total amount from this district, a fact which renders the deficiency in Christ Church subscriptions the more to be lamented. The amount collected is \$131.

The treasurer presented the following statement of accounts:

The Church Society of the Gore and Wellington District in account with the Treasurer.

1861.	Dr.	
March 21. To paid travelling expenses of speakers at meeting.....	\$	6.00
" 29. To cash remitted to parent society.....		1000.00
April 26. To cash remitted to parent society.....		280.00
To balance retained by treasurer to cover incidental expenses.....		12.07
		\$1298.67

1861.	Cr.	
March 21. By Collections from the following:		
Beverley, \$43; less paid Mr. Higginson, \$30.....	\$	13.00
Rockwood		58.00
Saltfleet		17.50
Oakville		68.44
Palermo		23.56
Milton		100.00
Horaby		56.50
Christ Church, Hamilton...		131.00
Church of Ascension, " ..		92.50
Wellington Square & Nelson Guelph \$308.66; less advertising 1.50, and reports \$2.50...		304.66
Waterdown		61.00
Lowville		45.50
Barton and Glanford		72.28
Annual meeting at Hamilton		12.18
Elora and Fergus		81.50
		\$1298.67

April 26. By balance in Treasurer's hands \$12.67

F. W. GATES,
Treasurer.

Hamilton, April 26, 1861.

COBOURG.

The collections for the present year will be transmitted to the Parent Society without abatement.

There are several small amounts that can still be relied upon; and these when received will make the whole sum collected within this parish fully £100. Too much praise cannot be awarded to the ladies who, during very inclement weather, have undertaken and so very successfully prosecuted this duty.

PETERBOROUGH.

The local Committee of St. John's Church, Peterboro', beg leave to present the following report. A meeting of the Church Society was held upon the 21st day of January, 1861, which was very well attended, and an increased desire to advance the interest of the Society was manifested last year, a difficulty was felt in getting collectors. This year no such difficulty has been experienced, on the contrary, the ladies of the parish have felt that it was a duty, and they have consequently endeavoured to discharge it. The effect of this is manifested in the subscription list of the Society, which will be at least £10 larger than it was last year. During the past year the collections taken up quarterly have very much improved; these in all amount to the sum of £24 10s. And as this is given in all cases from principle, and in the wish to discharge a high christian duty, the local Committee have every reason to hope that each year may be marked by increased exertion for the advance and prosperity of our Heavenly Master's Kingdom.

BOWMANVILLE.

The amount reported as having been collected in this parish is forty-five dollars.

PERRYTOWN.

The annual collection in this mission is not so large this year as usual. The following amount has been raised:

Perrytown	\$21.00
A Friend	4.00
Rev. J. Hilton	10.00
	\$35.00

PORT HORN.

The subscription list for the present year, notwithstanding the local pressure of financial difficulties, exceeds the amount raised last year, the amount collected is \$117.75. This increase is no doubt owing to the very general satisfaction which is felt at the late changes made in the working of the Parent Society, by which it has become, more than heretofore, a Home Missionary Society.

NEWCASTLE.

The Newcastle Parochial Committee have to report the collection of eighty-three dollars. The recent changes made in the Constitution of the Society seem to have been generally considered necessary and salutary by the subscribers. The amount subscribed, it will be seen, is larger than last year; showing the good results at least in one instance of the abrogation of the permission heretofore extended to parishes of retaining the larger proportion of moneys raised by them for the furtherance of local purposes.

The Committee hail with pleasure the prospect held out of the appointment of Travelling Missionaries in the United Counties. They feel convinced that the contributions in this part of the country will be willingly increased when this mission work is begun.

CARTWRIGHT.

The Cartwright Committee report fifty-eight dollars as the amount subscribed in the mission for the present year. This rural parish is known