

in presenting its Sixteenth Annual Report, fail to trace in these events striking intimations of the providential government of the world, and stirring incentives to a more active and faithful discharge of our duties as members of the Church of Christ. The general instructions of our blessed Lord, "to preach the Gospel to every creature," would appear to be addressed with especial emphasis to those Churches or civil governments to which it has pleased Almighty God to vouchsafe special facilities for the discharge of this high commission; and it cannot be denied that the late calamitous events in the eastern possessions of Great Britain must be regarded as a rebuke for past neglect, and as a warning to redoubled diligence for the future. Your Committee would earnestly urge on the members of our communion their obligation not only to enable this Society to occupy the missionary field which lies immediately before it among the aborigines and the poorer settlements in this Diocese, but also to extend their sympathies and efforts to the wider objects which present themselves, and to requite the fostering care which our Branch of the Church has received in past years from the great parent societies at home, by a cordial co-operation in the pious and benevolent enterprises which recent events have prompted them to undertake. It is indeed consolatory that we are enabled to find, amid the horrors of war, and even in the peculiar atrocities which have marked the late revolt in the East, occasions for applying the remedial influences of the Gospel, and for carrying out in practice the Apostolic injunction, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Nor has the past year been barren in events of local interest. Regarding, as the Society ever has, with kindly sympathy, the operations of the Church in the sister Dioceses erected within the provinces of British North America, your Committee have witnessed with peculiar interest the creation of the new Bishopric of Huron, by the accomplishment of the long contemplated division of the original Diocese of Toronto; and also the great success which has attended the efforts of those who are endeavouring to raise the endowment for the proposed Bishopric of Kingston, warranting, as it does, the belief that, before the next Annual Meeting of our Society, the much desired object will, with God's blessing, be attained.

We rejoice now, both that our venerated and beloved Diocesan has been so far relieved of some part of his too onerous duties; and also that, by the extension of the Episcopate, provision has been made for the more secure and permanent establishment of the Branch of Christ's Church which is planted amongst us. Believing as we do in the Divine institution of the Episcopal office, we recognize in the foundation of a new see, a legitimate application of means, devised by no human wisdom or forethought, but appointed by the great Author of our most holy faith, for the strengthening and edifying of His Church.

The dissolution of former ties must, indeed, under any circumstances, be an occasion of regret; but the change in our internal relations cannot, we are persuaded, diminish in any degree the affectionate interest which we have ever felt in the prosperity of our brethren in the west, who, though now as a body separated from us by certain arbitrary bounds, ever will, we are confident, be with us in spirit.

INCOME.

Although your Committee have to report that the gross amount of the receipts by the Parent Society and its district branches is less by £878 10s., than in the preceding years, when all circumstances connected therewith are taken into

consideration, much cause will be found for thankfulness and congratulation.

When the report was read last year, the total amount of receipts was set down as £5872 0s. 6d.; one of the items comprising this amount was £371 7s. 6d., received on account of various trusts and investments returned.

The amount received on these accounts necessarily varies from year to year, and as it is no criterion of the Society's prosperity or otherwise, has always been set down alone, in order to make that part of the report headed income agree with the various tabular statements published in the appendix.

This year only £202 1s. 4d. was received on account of investments returned and of moneys merely passing through the hands of the Society as trustees. Thus £169 6s. 1d. of the deficiency is accounted for. The balance of this deficiency—£703 13 11d.—can be thus satisfactorily accounted for; since our last report, the western portion of the Diocese of Toronto has been, we rejoice to say, constituted into a new Diocese—the Diocese of Huron. Twenty-six parochial branches, now embraced in this new Diocese, contributed to the Society's funds last year. This year only nine of these have as yet reported and remitted their quota to our funds.

The annual subscriptions of several of the clergy and the incorporated members, for the year ending 30th April, instant, will doubtless be received before the report is printed in pamphlet form.

Some of the parishes within our Diocese, owing to the pressure of the money market, have not as yet reported, though the Secretary has been notified that they will soon do so. For instance, no report has been received from the Simcoe District Branch, but the District Secretary has reported that from what information he has received, at least £100 has been collected. The collection for the Theological Students' Fund, to be taken in April, had been delayed for the same reason; and it is confidently hoped that when these sums are received, the income of the Parent Society will, instead of a deficiency, shew an increase over last year.

For the income of the Parent Society, up to the time of the closing of the books, exclusive of moneys received on account of special trusts and investments returned, and deducting £216 3s. 8d., received as per last annual report (on account of previous year, after the books were placed in the auditors' hands),

amounted to	£2872	8	9
Amount since books were closed ...	176	5	2
Shewing only a deficiency in the income of the Branch Society, when compared with last year of £176 6s. 10d.			
Income of Parochial Associations, so far as at present ascertained	£1868	13	8
Deduct remitted to Parent Society by do., inclusive of 99 annual incorporated members' subscriptions	640	18	5
	1247	15	3

Money received for various trusts and investments returned

Total receipts of Society and Branches

SERMONS.

The proceeds of the Quarterly Collections in

the several churches and stations, during the past year, were as follows:—

For the Mission Fund, in July, taken up at 163 stations, amounted to £	326	7	1
Widows and Orphans' Fund, at 190 stations	382	16	6
General Purpose Fund, at 145 stations	222	16	0
Students' Fund, at 95 stations ...	130	0	2

Number of stations, 593 £1061 17 9

A decrease, when compared with the last year of £112 18s. 8d., which can be accounted for from the fact that the two last collections were appointed to be taken up after the organization of the new Diocese, and that several parishes have not yet remitted the last collection. Last year, 655 stations remitted; this year, only 593 have as yet done so. Your Committee see good cause to reiterate the opinion expressed by them last year—that if the clergy will carefully consider the statements now regularly sent them quarterly, with respect to the several objects which the Society desires to be advocated, they will be easily able to enlist the sympathies of the laity, and there need be no fear but, though the Diocese be divided and sub-divided, that sufficient funds will be provided for carrying out all those objects.

In addition to the four general objects, a collection was taken up in the several churches, on account of the Indian Relief Fund, the exact amount collected is not known, as a few of the parishes remitted direct. A bill for £264 5s sterling was sent to the Governor's Secretary by the Secretary of the Society, and a small balance, subsequently received, is still to the credit of the Fund, at the Commercial Bank, and will be remitted shortly, it having been retained in the hope that it would be further augmented. The sum thus received was not included in the Society's income, as was erroneously done in a previous year, when a collection was taken up on behalf of the Jubilee Fund of S. P. G.

MISSION FUND.

The proceeds of the quarterly collections for the Mission Fund amounted to £326 7s. 1d., over £30 more than in the previous year, although taken up at 163 stations, instead of 178, the number reported last year.

The following sums have been paid out on this account, during the year, for missionary work:—

Rev. J. S. Campbell, missions, Grand River	£60	0	0
Rev. S. Birtch, Port Dover and Vittoria	30	0	0
Rev. R. Flood, for two Indian interpreters (Muncney and Oncida)	25	0	0
Rev. A. Jamieson, on account of salary to schoolmaster, Walpole Island	28	2	6
Mr. H. C. Hogg, schoolmaster, Muncney Indians	50	0	0
Rev. Geo. Salmon, county of Norfolk	25	0	0
" H. Mulholland, interpreter and schoolmaster	28	0	0
Mr. F. W. Kerr, catechist work in county Westminster	10	0	0
Do. do. Irish settlement	10	0	0
Rev. Jas. Chance, Garden River	96	15	0
Do. do. for interpreter ...	9	0	0
Rev. Dr. O'Meara, expenses visiting station	24	18	3
Insurance on Mahutooahning Church	5	0	0
Rev. J. Langtry, Collingwood	36	0	0
" Peter Jacobs, on account of salary	23	2	6
Rev. G. White, Midland District, one quarter's salary	12	10	0