

Saltfleet	18.50	
Rockwood	31.30	
Quelph	346.46	
Barton and Glanford	61.10	
Georgetown	40.00	
Wellington Square	52.00	
York, Caledonia and Cayuga ...	33.00	1263 73

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 F. W. GATES,
Treasurer Pro. Tem.

From this it will be seen that the amount of collections for the past year is about the same as the previous year, deducting the amount formerly derived from a part of the Diocese of Huron.

Your Committee cannot allow this opportunity to pass, without adverting to the melancholy event which, in the inscrutable providence of God, has recently deprived this Society of the valued services of its late talented and indefatigable Treasurer. For twelve years he had been intimately associated with this committee: he was seldom if ever absent from any of its meetings, he always took the liveliest interest in the business brought before it; and he cheerfully devoted his time, his talents, and his means to advance the objects of the Church Society. To his admirable management of its funds, is in a great measure to be attributed the healthy state of its financial affairs; and to his judgment and foresight in laying up in prosperous times, against future possible contingencies, this branch of the Society has always been able to meet its engagements promptly, and to support an annual outlay of nearly £500 without any inconvenience or embarrassment. Your Committee regard his lamented death as a great calamity to this branch of the Church Society, and they feel that in him they have lost a valuable friend and condutor; the Church an active, zealous, and intelligent member; and the Church Society, a generous and open-hearted contributor to its funds. A resolution expressive of these sentiments, will be submitted for the adoption of this meeting, and conveying to the surviving members of his family, the assurance of its sincere condolence and regret.

The following is the Missionary report alluded to from the Rev. J. A. Preston.

ARTHUR.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

I beg to submit a report of the Mission of Arthur up to the time of my leaving it in January last. On my first entrance upon the mission, I had charge of eleven townships, some lying in the County of Grey, and some in the County of Wellington. This extended field of labour, I went over once a month, for about a year, at which time, the County of Grey was included within the limits of the Diocese of Huron, and my labours were then confined to that portion of the mission that was comprised within the limits of the County of Wellington, in the Diocese of Toronto. This field I traversed for about two years. It comprised the townships of Arthur, Luther, parts of Peel, Garafraxa, and Erin, and extended from Mount Forest, at the head of the township of Arthur, to Erin, in the centre of the township of the same name, a distance of nearly 60 miles.

The Sunday stations were as follows:—

Grace Church, Arthur, service 3 Sundays out of 4. Trinity Ch. N. Arthur, do. Mount Forest, Monthly. The above stations lie in the township of Arthur, and are comprised within a distance of 15 miles, the first two stations being 10 miles apart, and the first and third, 15 miles.

Reading in the township of Garafraxa, distant 25 miles from Arthur, the head quarters of the Missiou, and Erin, in the township of Erin, distant

36 miles from Arthur. Service at both the last named stations monthly.

Thus it may be seen, that there are two churches in the mission, one at the village of Arthur, the other at N. Arthur, 10 miles distant from the first. The first named is of brick, and cost about £130, only some £50 of which have as yet been paid. It is finished with the exception of Pulpit and Reading Desk. The church at North Arthur is so far proceeded with, that of late I have been enabled to hold service in it, both in summer and winter; but as yet it is not paved, nor has it a reading desk or pulpit.

There are good congregations at all the above named stations, more especially so, when the roads are good.

Indeed this section of the Country contains great numbers of Church people, who receive with great eagerness the services of the Church; but I think the day has now come when they should be taught that it is their bounden duty to learn the salutary lesson, that as in temporal, so equally, I might say, (viewing the vastly greater importance of them,) pre-eminently in spiritual matters, "the labourer is worthy of his hire." True, the country is newly settled, and the people are, as yet, in but poor circumstances, but I venture to state, without fear of contradiction, that if every head of a family would but give what he spends foolishly in the year, to the support of the cause of missions, it would pay at least two-thirds of the stipend of a missionary, whose salary might be reckoned at £150.

These people, Rev Sir, are under deep obligations to the Gore and Wellington District Branch of the Church Society; and while it is our duty earnestly to hope that these missions will not be left unoccupied, still the day has come when the Church of England's children, both in thickly settled parts of the country, and also in those parts more remote, should be taught that the doctrine of the Gospel is, "Let him that is taught in the word, communicate to him that teacheth," and that "They who preach the Gospel, should live of the Gospel," and that, "If the pastors of Christ's flock have sown unto the sheep of the flock spiritual things, it is not a great matter if they should expect to reap of their worldly things," at least sufficient for the maintenance of the position which such pastors are expected to assume.

In the 3 years I served the mission of Arthur I discharged the following duties: baptisms 242, marriages 18, burials 27, miles travelled 12075; and I would in conclusion say, that I hope my labour has not been in vain in the Lord; that my weak efforts to proclaim "the unsearchable riches of Christ," in the remote parts of the diocese, may receive a blessing from the Great Head of the Church, whose employment on earth was going about doing good.

I am, Reverend and Dear Sir,

Yours most faithfully,

JAMES A. PRESTON

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. GAMBLE GEDDES.

Secretary G. & W. Dist. Branch.

Hamilton, 16th March 1859.

MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

REPORT.

ANOTHER year has passed away since we last assembled here to hold the Annual Meeting of the Midland District Branch of the Church Society, and, instead of there being cause for congratulation on the improved condition of our Branch, we are compelled to acknowledge that its prospects

are worse than they were a year ago. The contributions available for necessary expenses, and for missionary purposes, are less than they were last year; and we perceive no symptoms among us of a reviving interest in the Society's operations. What is the reason of this? Have the managers of the Society proved unfaithful to the trust reposed in them? or are the objects to which its funds are devoted less important now than they were in past years? Is it of less moment now to contribute to the support of Missionaries in the destitute parts of the Diocese than it once was? And does the cry of the widows of the Clergy, and of their fatherless children, find no response now in their bosoms which once commiserated their privations and suffering? This is one of the objects for which subscriptions are solicited, and unless substantial aid is rendered by the members of the Church, it cannot be carried out. The Society embraces other objects also, which have a claim upon us for support—such as giving assistance to those preparing for the Ministry; circulating the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer in the Diocese, encouraging education, and granting aid towards the erection, endowment, and maintenance of churches. To promote these as they ought to be promoted, money is wanted, and the Church looks to her children for the necessary supplies.

In Kingston the number of the Society's benefactors has been much lessened of late. Some, whose liberal donations were wont to swell the receipts of this Branch, have removed to distant lands, while others have been called to their rest. But does not this urge upon those who remain to take a double interest in the welfare of the Society, and, although feeling in common with others the present depressed state of business, to increase their subscriptions to its funds? How is the Church of our fathers, and of our baptism, to maintain her ground, if her sons desert her, or forbear to lend a helping hand, when she stands in need of assistance? Especially, how are the spiritual wants of a constantly increasing church population, spread over the length and breadth of this vast Diocese, to be provided for, if those who are themselves enjoying the ministrations of our beloved Church, do not give freely to supply the lack? Let those who contribute sparingly, as well as those who withhold their hand, consider this point well. If the Church is to fulfil her Mission in this Diocese, she must have the means at her command; and where is she to look for support, but to those whom she has nourished and brought up in her bosom? If the organization of the Church Society is defective, let us apply ourselves unitedly, and with a good will, to remedy the defects. Or if there are objections to the manner in which its affairs are managed, let us calmly and dispassionately discuss the objections and endeavour to correct them. But, instead of merely commiserating the spiritual destitution every where around us, as we do from year to year, let us apply ourselves, with heart and hand to remove, or at least to lessen it. We cannot all go forth as Missionaries, but we can all contribute to support those who are qualified to preach the Gospel to those of our fellow Churchmen in the Diocese, who do not enjoy the means of grace which we have. It is our duty to do this, and if we fail, or come short in it, the Lord, the righteous Judge, will not hold us guiltless.

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

NAPANEE.

The report of the Parochial Committee says: "The quarterly collections have been taken up, but no subscriptions, as at the time when they should have been taken up, the parish was visited by the