

our Branch of the Society, your Committee have to state that, in consequence of the members of the congregation of St. Paul's having contributed so liberally towards the restoration of their church, none of them have been called upon this year for their annual subscriptions. Notwithstanding this, however, we have great pleasure in announcing to you that the sum total of this year's receipts exhibits an increase over that of last year.

The sales at the Depository, from March 1st, 1855, to March 1st, 1856, amount to £40 18s. 8½d. During the past year the sum of £17 15s. 10½d. has been disbursed for books, carriage, commission, &c., leaving a balance of £23 2s. 10d.

The following is an abstract of the income and expenditure of the Society for the past year.

Balance in Treasurer's hands		£50 10 10½
16th March, 1855		
Amount received from the Depository per Rev W Greig, less commission &c.	£16 0 11	
Do. per W David	18 17 2	
Do. (Feb. '56) per d.	1 1 3½	
Subscriptions to Church Society	38 19 4½	
	50 10 0	
	£209 0 2½	
Paid expenses of collecting, &c.	£4 5 0	
" Printing Bills	2 0 7½	
" Rowell for Books	13 5 7	
" Carriage of Books	0 12 0	
	£20 3 8½	
Remitted to Parent Society	22 1 3	
Paid Rev. B. Bower, Missionary		
Hartfield	20 0 0	
Do. P. Dobbie, Portsmouth	20 0 0	
Special allowance to W Greig	25 0 0	
	£5 0 0	
	£17 4 11½	
Receipts	209 0 2½	
1856.—March 6, balance to credit this day	£101 15 3	

The association of St. James' reports having taken up a collection for the Widows and Orphans' Fund, amounting to £3 2s. 6d., which, with the yearly subscription of the Rev. R. V. Rogers of £1 5s. 0d., and a collection taken up after the Church Society meeting of £1 1s. 3d., makes a total of £5 8s. 9d., which has been duly transmitted to Toronto. To account for so small a sum, it is necessary to add, that this congregation has paid for their organ, £150—and about £60 for repairs to the south wall, which, however, still remains so faulty as to make its being taken down absolutely necessary. The report chiefly adverts to the condition of the Church generally at the present day, and concludes as follows:—"Let us thank Him, then, for the past, and take courage for the future, with the Bible in one hand and the Prayer-book in the other, for we have no fear when we confidently acknowledge that the issue of all things belong to God. Let our prayer, then, be, that He would lengthen her cord and strengthen her stakes, and that he would so order it in the course of his good providence, that in

all her agencies throughout the whole earth, amid the snows of the polar regions, or beneath the burning sun of the tropics, that men after His own heart might be constantly provided, and found feeding the Church of God, over whom the Holy Ghost would make them overseers, that so the result might be, we should ever be found amongst those who are the blest of the earth, and that our Church and nation should never have written on their front, 'Ichabod, the glory is departed;' but, in faithfulness occupying that exalted position in which God has hitherto placed her, she may still be, as she hath been, the glory of all lands, and beacon to all nations. Let us take heed, then, and see that by our unfaithfulness her candle-stick is not removed out of its place; neither let us cease in our petitions until the great Head of the Church shall make our Jerusalem the praise of the whole earth."

The Portsmouth Association reports having duly taken up and transmitted to Toronto the quarterly collections, amounting to £6 15s. A considerable expense has been incurred in repairing the Church of St. John's, the proceeds of the general collection have been applied to purposes of a local nature. The interesting infant school established at this mission, we are happy to observe by the report, still continues in operation, and the Committee announce with thankfulness the erection of a substantial parsonage-house, upon which, however, a debt still remains of £200, which, as the Church is still in its infancy, they appeal to a liberal public to assist them in liquidating.

In concluding this report, your Committee desire to express an earnest hope that the change decided upon in the time for holding the meetings of the County Associations will be productive of such good fruits as will enable your next year's committee to report, not only more fully of their proceedings, but also more favorably of the assistance which they render to the town of Kingston in its endeavors to supply the pressing wants of the Church in this immediate neighborhood.

From the Church.

REPORT OF THE GORE AND WELLINGTON DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The arrival of the 13th anniversary of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society calls upon the Managing Committee to present their annual report—a task agreeable at all times, but especially so on the present occasion, when the funds appear to be steadily on the increase, and the work they have in hand (especially their missionary undertakings)

appear to be more vigorous than ever, and to hold out fair promise of the most satisfactory results.

Your Committee are of opinion that the most useful lesson which we can learn (as beings accountable to God for all the talents committed to our trust, and destined to be judged hereafter according to the deeds done in the body) is, what are the fittest, the noblest and the most profitable uses which we can make of our various faculties of mind and body, and of the worldly substance with which God has been pleased to endow us. A better instructor in this lesson we cannot have than the Church Society, whose anniversary we are now met to celebrate. The many pious designs which it has in view point out in no unintelligible language, that the promotion of the glory God, and the extension of his kingdom by the diffusion of the Gospel, are the great ends for which we were all created, and for which we ought all to live. The Church Society comes before you from time to time, pleading the cause of Christ and his Church, asking you to send out shepherds in search of Christ's sheep who are scattered through the wilderness—to furnish the bread of life to those who are dying of spiritual hunger, and water from the wells of salvation to parched and thirsty souls, that are, "panting like the hart after the water-brooks." She enlists your sympathies, awakens your zeal, secures your offerings (accompanied, she trusts, by your prayers,) and thus she goes on her way rejoicing, and addresses herself to her momentous work of enlarging the kingdom of Christ. At the expiration of each year, she comes before you again to tell you of all her labors—to show how your contributions have been expended—what good has actually been done—how many missionaries have been sent forth—how many churches have been built, or are in progress of erection—and how the Macedonian cry still comes from remoter quarters, "come over and help us." Your Committee are happy then to inform you that the past year has not been less prosperous than former ones, that the total amount of receipts is greater than on any former occasion, that additional missionaries have been engaged, that the labor bestowed in former years is bringing forth fruit, that new ground has been broken, and a good seed being sown with every prospect of a bountiful harvest.

From the printed report of the parent Society—which has been widely circulated among the members of this association—the income of the Society during the year appears to have been £5419 4s. 7d. But your Committee are informed by the Secretary that remittances subsequently received—but too late to be included in the