

*Amount collected within the year for various objects by voluntary contribution.*

To pay balance due for repairs of Trinity Church, .....	£47	1	10½
Episcopal Fund (collection not yet completed) .....	250	0	0
Subscriptions, Donnt's &c. to Ch'ch Society, total .....	51	0	0
Pew Rents, about .....	32	0	0
Offertory Collections to defray current expenses, about.....	30	0	0
<b>Total Voluntary Contributions</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10½</b>

*REPORT of the Committee of Christ Church, Scarborough, Parochial Branch of the Church Society, 1855.*

The cold, stormy weather of the past month so materially retarded the collections in progress in this Parochial Branch of the Church Society, that your Committee are compelled again to come before the annual meeting, without being able to state positively the measure of support which the Church Society will receive at its hands. So far as the collections have gone, however, there is an increase of subscriptions, and no doubt exists that the whole amount will be greater than that of last year.\* And certainly, when we consider the recent spoliation of the Church's property, which makes the extension of the Church beyond her present bounds entirely to depend on the voluntary offerings of her children, there is a call upon us all for increased diligence, lest the souls of our fellow countrymen in distant settlements perish for lack of spiritual knowledge.

In the last report, mention was made of the expenditure of about £28 currency, in tinning the spire and new shingling the roof of the Church. Since that time about £75 currency has been expended upon the exterior of the building, and but for an accident to one of the workmen employed, the whole would have been completed before winter—all the materials required, and to some extent the funds also, being in hand. It is estimated that the further sum of £25 currency will complete the work,—making the entire cost, including a (first coat or) priming of paint, about £125 currency, and the whole will be finished and paid for, without any further call upon the members of the congregation. Your committee cannot help congratulating the parish upon the carrying out, amid many difficulties, of such extensive repairs, and especially on the approving testimony of many disinterested witnesses, who say that the work promises to be, both durable and becoming.

For two or three years past, the balance of offertory collections, over the expenses of the Church, as well as the three-fourths of Church Society subscriptions retained in the parish, amounting together to about £20 currency per annum, have been added to the fund for repairs. But after Easter next, these sums will be at the disposal of the Churchwardens and Vestry for other purposes. Your Committee recommend that, as soon as practicable, additions be made to the parochial library, and that a smaller library be also purchased for the use of the children in the Sunday school.

To complete the amount of our parochial doings, your Committee should not omit to mention the entire new fencing of the old burial ground—a work which was very much wanted, and for which the congregation is indebted to the active exertions of a few individuals. Every thing connected with the churches themselves, being now, (or shortly to be) with funds already provided, in a state of good repair, your Committee in

concluding their report, desire to draw the attention of all the members of the Church in Scarborough to another object; the desirableness of uniting their efforts to build or purchase a parsonage house, the want of which swallows up a sum in payment of rent equal to two-thirds of the clergyman's stipend from this congregation. Your Committee rejoice to be able to say, that the two congregations of St. Paul's and St. Jude's Churches are alive to this duty, and wish to confer with the members of this congregation for joint action in the matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

*Copy of a resolution passed at the annual meeting of Christ's Church (Scarborough) Parochial Branch of the Church Society.*

"That this meeting recognizes the duty of the members of the Church in Scarborough to provide a residence for their minister, and that the Churchwardens and Messrs. Helliwell, Taber and Humphrey be appointed to confer with the congregation of the other two Churches on the subject. Said conference to take place in St. Jude's Church, on next, the instant, at 1 o'clock, p.m."—

*REPORT of the Committee of the St. Paul's and St. Jude's Churches (Scarborough) Parochial Branch of the Church Society.*

March 2nd, 1855.

The united contributions of the two congregations of St. Paul's and St. Jude's Churches is, as was to be expected, considerably larger than from St. Paul's alone; but your committee have the gratification of stating, that the St. Paul's Church contributions alone are greater than they were last year, being £6 14s. 4½d. against £6 13s. 1d. cy. last year; and the St. Jude's Church contributions are £8 16s. 9d. cy. against nothing last year—a commendable mark of progress, which, it is to be hoped, will be repeated in every future year.

As there has been no parochial meeting held in either of these churches for a series of years, it might have been expected that the committee should give a sketch of the events which have occurred in that time; but the quiet, even tenor of our way has been disturbed by no event worthy of especial mention, beyond the removal of our former esteemed pastor, the Rev. W. S. Darling, and the institution of the present incumbent, who has endeavored, by more frequent services in both churches, (weekly, instead of fortnightly), and communions (bi-monthly, instead of three or four times a-year), to stir up in Churchmen greater diligence, and kindle a spirit of zeal and devotion worthy of the religious privileges they possess.

During the past year a good and serviceable frame building (costing £40 cy.) has been erected on a corner of the St. Paul's Church burying-ground, for the use of a sexton; and towards the payment for this (£22 cy. having been borrowed) the offertory collections, amounting to about £7 cy. per annum, are to be devoted for three years, commencing in October last. Other current expenses, beyond the care and cleaning of the church—such as insurance, fuel, lights, &c.—will be more than met, if necessary, by the portion of the Church Society's contributions allowed to be retained in the parish. The congregation of St. Jude's Church have, during the year, to their credit, paid off the remaining debt (£50 cy.) upon their church; and for the future the offertory collections (about £6 cy. per annum), instead of being partly swallowed up as heretofore in payment of interest, will go to defray the necessary expenses of the church. They have also, of their own accord, increased by fifty per cent. the clergyman's stipend—a

very thoughtful and seasonable provision, considering the exceeding high prices of the necessities of life.

Your committee cannot conclude without calling the attention of the members of the Church in Scarborough to the desirableness of building or purchasing a parsonage-house, the want of which (until the increase mentioned above) required a sum in payment of rent equal to the whole of the stipend from the two congregations of St. Paul's and St. Jude's. The disadvantages to the parish, besides the manifest injustice to the minister, are, first, the making the mission less desirable to a clergyman, who must be supposed to have some care that his family should be provided with a settled home; and, second, the uncertainty with regard to the pastor's residence, which may be in one place to-day, and in another to-morrow; whereas there ought to be a fixed residence, belonging to the congregations, set apart and known as the parsonage-house, to which (whatever changes of ministers might take place) parishioners might resort for advice and spiritual comfort, with the certainty of either finding there the pastor, or at least leaving a message which would find him as long as the parish existed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

*Annual Meeting of the Mono Parochial Branch.*

The Annual Meeting of the Mono Parochial Branch of the Church Society was held on Thursday, March 1st, 1855, in St. John's Church, Mono, the Rev. John Fletcher, A.B., in the chair; when the following report was submitted.

In presenting another annual report of the state of the church in this mission, the committee of the Mono Parochial Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto desire to record their gratitude to Almighty God for the measure of success vouchsafed to the church in this neighbourhood, notwithstanding the unceasing exertions of schismatical bodies to enlarge the number of their members by proselytes from her ranks.

As unscrupulous assertions have been occasionally made with respect to the decrease of the church here, and the corresponding increase of dissent, the committee consider it necessary to make the following comparison of the census reports of 1848 and 1852, in order to shew the falsity of such assertions.

The church, in 1848, numbered 1595 members; in 1852, 2190; increase, 38 per cent.

Dissenters, &c., in 1848, 2887 members; in 1852, 3751; increase, 30 per cent.

The church has thus an increase of 8 per cent. more than Dissenters and Roman Catholics, within this mission.

As it may interest the members of this association to learn the relative growth, through the province, of the Church and the different bodies of Protestant Dissenters having teachers in these townships, the committee call their attention to the following published statistics of the numbers of those bodies at the time of taking the census in the years before mentioned.

	1848.	1852.	
The Church.....	171,751	223,190	inc. 30 per cent.
Church of Scotland	67,900	87,842	dec. 18½ "
Free Church .....	64,729	65,507	inc. 1½ "
Wesleyan Methelst	90,363	90,640	inc. 7 "
Episcopal Methodist	36,893	43,884	inc. 19 "

But in order to ascertain the real growth of these denominations during this period, we should take into consideration the increase that they should have received from natural causes, which may be set down as 3½ per cent. per annum; and thus we shall arrive at the actual increase from extraneous sources. According to this mode of calculation, the increase of the Church, from immigration and other causes, is

\* The collections, though not yet complete, are already in advance of former years.