

## ST. JAMES', FERGUS.

Number of Sunday Services.....		49
“ Weekday and Festival Services.....		5
Average Sunday Congregation.....		62½
Administration of Holy Communion .....		14
Average number of Communicants.....		8½
“ Public Baptisms.. ..		6
“ Churchings .....		0
“ Marriages.....		1
“ Burials .....		0
Sunday Collections—Average, \$2 90. ....	\$146 94	
Weekday and Festival Collections.....	10 00	
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Total Collections.....		\$156 94
Average per Member of Congregation.....	\$2 97½	
“ per week per Member of Congregation.....	5½	
Paid to Incumbent.....		127 03
Average per week.....	2 44½	
Average per Member of Congregation, \$2 42½. Per week, .....	4½	
Paid to Church Society.....		11 09
Paid to Distressed Operatives' Fund.....		15 78
Paid to Synod Dues.....		92
Paid to Church Expenses.....		1 12
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		\$156 94

Total received by Incumbent from Elora and Fergus..... \$452 93½

C. E. THOMSON,

*Incumbent.*

St. John's, Elora, January, 1864.

## GORE AND WELLINGTON DEANERY.

The annual meeting of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society is hereby postponed from the 23rd of February to Wednesday the 6th of April next, at 7 30 p.m., in order to give ample time to the several parishes to send in complete reports and collections, and also to the missionaries to make the reports required by the Lord Bishop of the diocese. These documents would all be in the hands of the district secretaries not later than the 17th of March, if they are to appear in the district report.

J. GAMBLE GEDDES, *Secretary.*

## THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The cost of publishing the report of the society's proceedings has of late years engaged the serious consideration of the members, and a general desire has been manifested to reduce it.

During the three preceding years, it appears 1700 copies were printed annually at an average cost of \$160. The average amount realized by the sale of reports, after deducting postage, appears from a carefully prepared statement to have been only \$44, thus subjecting the society to an annual outlay of upwards of \$400, and even after reducing the selling price to 10 and 15 cents, an average of 400 copies yearly remained unsold and undistributed.

At a late quarterly meeting of the society the publication of the report was discussed; and in order to lessen the expense it was thought that 400 copies of the report would be sufficient; and while the secretary was enjoined to use the utmost economy, a grant of \$50 towards the cost was voted.

On altering the form of the late *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, it was proposed that the report should be published in the *Chronicle*. The report read at the public meeting and the reports of the District Branches accordingly appeared in it, but on preparing the appendix and subscription lists it was found, the cost of printing them being