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With this number we close the fourth volume of our *Gazette*. We have been cheered in our work by the approval of many of our readers. The Clergy and Churchwardens who have filed it find it a useful record. If we had received greater assistance in the shape of Parochial intelligence, it would have, doubtless, been more generally interesting. If our columns have appeared to notice one Parish or Diocese more than another, the fault has not been ours. We trust that by the prompt payment of subscriptions for the ensuing year, the proprietor will be encouraged in the continuance of the publication. The first number of the new volume will be issued at the usual time in January. We have, as we promised, given a list of the Clergy, their missions and address, as correctly as was in our power, in this number.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Constitution of the Society requires that the annual collection in behalf of this fund be taken up in the month of January, and as the annual meetings of the several parochial branches are held in January or February, we consider that the following analysis of the statement extracted from the last Annual Report of the Society, will be useful to the clergy who advocate the Society's claims on the members of our communion, whether in the pulpit, or at public meetings. The income of the Society during the past year was

£5,372 0 6
Transmitted to Parent Society on Gen. P. F. account, £1,215 8s. 9d.
Invested funds, exclusive of lands, (amounting to about 12,000 acres.)
£10,026 18 3

£15,398 18 9

The expenses of management of the above sum, as set forth at page 72 of the Annual Report, including travelling expenses, inspecting lands, and attending parochial meetings, amount-

ed to	£ 606 18 10
Rent of Board Room and Office	75 0 0
The grants paid out of the fund amounted to	372 10 9
Printing, chiefly for the benefit of the various parochial branches	262 16 1

£1,317 5 8

An excess over receipts during the year on this account, of £101 16s. 11d.

The other items on the debtor side were all paid out on account of the rural parishes, for taxes on lands held on particular trusts, and for the Annual Report of the Society, and other printing, such as circulars, receipt books, &c.

The grants to the several churches have been but small, comparatively speaking, but the vast extent of the field to be covered ought to be considered, and that the Society endeavoured to extend to each mission its fostering care; and it ought to be remembered also, that each mission with but one or two exceptions, retained from the funds collected for the Society—three-fourths for local purposes.

At the close of the financial year there appears to the credit of this fund over £91, though the auditors state in their examination of the books, the following item of £380 1s. 8d. is at the debit of land expense account, which consists of disbursements extending over a period of many years, and made on account of the several funds having lands, and should therefore not be bound entirely by this fund, but distributed fairly between all the trusts. There was received since 30th April, £341 4s. 9d., and expended £761 16s. 9d., leaving a balance against the fund in December of over £420, and several promises of aid towards the erection of churches and parsonages, &c., as soon as the fund will admit of it. This balance will, however, be reduced when the £380 1s. 8d., above referred to, has been distributed to the debit of the other trusts.

We appeal, therefore, to the Clergy to make known the pressing wants of the Church throughout the Diocese, and we are persuaded that the Laity will liberally respond to the call.

It is of much consequence that the collections be remitted promptly to the Parent Society.

REPORTS OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Society, through its Secretary, requested the Parochial Branches of the Society to state how many copies of the Annual Report they would require. The appeal was made rather late, and only two or three parishes responded prior to the time which the Parent Society had to order the printing of their Report. The Society had been called upon for reports of the previous year, and were unable to supply the demand, not having a single copy to give away. Under these circumstances the printer was ordered to publish the same number; but we now find that many of the parochial branches, whose subscription lists, it should be remembered, form the most expensive item of the Report, now only order a few copies,—say 12, instead of 60. If this Society has to bear the whole burden, it will be forced to refuse applications for grants to Churches, and other pressing claims, which the General Purpose Fund of the Society ought to be able to meet.

The resolution of the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, as passed by the Society at the monthly meeting, an account of whose proceedings will be found in this number of our periodical, will, we trust, commend itself to our readers. The various Parochial Branches are therein requested to order and pay for, out of the next year's receipts, the same number of Reports, for the past year, which they have heretofore received. In future it has been resolved that, no list of subscribers shall be published in the Annual Report except a fair proportion of the expenses of the publishing of said Annual Report be borne by the parish forwarding it.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

To those who would advocate the cause of our Diocesan Church Society, we would especially recommend the consideration of the articles headed "Hard Times," copied from our esteemed contemporary the *New York Church Journal*. The remarks are quite as applicable to this Diocese as to any other.

HARD TIMES.

We find, in many quarters, the anticipation freely expressed, that the income of all religious and benevolent Institutions will be seriously