

partiality had been shewn in the distribution of the Society's funds.

We will go one step further, and challenge any individual member professing to belong to our branch of Christ's Catholic Church to adduce any valid reason for not co-operating with the Church Society.

Our periodical merely assumes to be a monthly record of ecclesiastical events interesting to the members of our communion, but we are prepared to insert any communications sent to us (written by Churchmen in a Christian spirit) relative to the management of the Church Society, because we are persuaded that the more freely questions connected with the management of the only incorporated Society, which the Church in Canada at present possesses, are discussed, its success and prosperity, with the divine blessing, will be commensurate.

To receive notice, communications must be addressed to the publisher of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, as we have but few exchanges, and but little time to read them.

COLLECTIONS RECEIVED TO THE 12TH INST.

COLLECTIONS APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO, IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, IN BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS' FUND OF THE SOCIETY.

Previously announced	£0 15 0
Cartwright, per Churchwarden	1 5 0
Brock (additional), per Rev. R. Garrett	0 5 0
St. James', Perth	1 5 0
St. Paul's, Lanark	0 8 6
Per Rev. A. Pyne.....	1 13 6
St. George's Church, Kingston, per Rev. A. Stewart	6 15 0
Fort Erie, per Churchwarden.....	0 17 6
6 collections, amounting to	£11 11 0

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

Previously announced	£177 8 4
Rockwood Church, per Rev. E. M. Stewart	0 10 0
Trinity Church, Howard.....	2 10 0
Clearville	0 15 0
Per Churchwarden	3 5 0
St. James', Penetanguishene, per Churchwarden	1 3 10
Robinson's School, Elizabethtown	0 13 8
Newboro'	0 7 7
Newbyrne	0 5 0
Per Churchwarden	1 6 3
St. John's Church, Bath, per Rev. W. Harper.....	0 10 0
Christ Church, Emily	0 12 0
St. James' Emily	0 2 6
St. John's, "	0 2 6
Per Rev. R. Harding	0 17 0
Christ Church, Port Stanley, per Churchwarden	1 5 0
St. John's, South Cayuga ...	1 2 6
Dunnville	0 17 6
Per Rev. J. Flood	2 0 0
Christ Church, Hillier.....	1 18 9
St. Andrew's, Wellington ...	0 11 3
Per Rev. Charles Ruttan....	2 10 0
Rice Lake, per Rev. J. W. Beck.....	1 15 0
St. George's, Georgina.....	0 13 0
Sutton	0 10 0
Parks' School-house.....	0 8 8
Per Rev. W. Ritchie	1 6 3

Binbrook	0 4 0
Ontario	0 7 8
Stoney Creek.....	0 8 6
Per Rev. J. Alexander.....	1 0 2
Amherst Island, per Churchwarden ...	1 5 0
St. John's Mono, per Rev. J. Van Linge.	0 8 5
St. Paul's, London, per Churchwarden.	15 0 0

117 collections, amounting to £211 11 0

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Previously announced	£411 5 5
St. John's, Smith's Falls	0 15 6
St. James', Port Elmsley.....	0 4 0
Per Rev. J. B. Worrell	0 19 6
St. James' Church, Perth ...	2 17 6
St. Paul's, Lanark	0 8 4
Per Rev. A. Pyne.....	3 5 10

177 collections, amounting to £415 10 9

MISSION FUND.

Previously announced	£273 3 6
Cornwall Girl School Mis. Box	0 8 2
Fees from Rector	1 13 9
Per Rev. Henry Patton ...	2 1 11
St. John's Smith's Falls	0 7 9
St. James', Port Elmsley.....	0 4 0
Per Rev. J. B. Worrell	0 11 9

164 collections, amounting to £275 17 2

PAROCIAL BRANCHES.

Brock, per Rev. R. Garrett	£1 5 0
Cornwall, } subscription, per Rev. H. Patton	10 0 0
Smith's Falls, per Rev. J. B. Worrell	1 18 9
Morpeth, per Rev. C. C. Johnston ...	12 0 0
Prescott, } subscription, per Churchwarden	6 2 0
Penetanguishene, } subscription, per Churchwarden	2 15 2
Prescott (additional), per Churchwarden	1 5 0
Newmarket	3 17 6
Holland Landing	2 11 10
Per Rev. J. F. Ramsay ...	6 9 4
Perth, per Rev. A. Pyne.....	7 10 0
Mono, per Rev. J. Van Linge.....	17 15 8

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY, 1856-7.

At the close of another year in the history of this society, the Committee proceeds as usual to lay before its members, a statement of its exertions during the year, of the wants of the church within the field of its operations, of the encouragement which it has received, and of the prospects of usefulness which present themselves. In hastily glancing at these matters many things will probably appear of a discouraging character, if not as a just cause of self-reproach; while others again may justly be viewed as subjects of congratulation and hope, and as well calculated to revive the fainting heart, and stimulate to uncommon and untiring exertions in future in the cause of Christ.

The lesson which the Church of England in this Province has been very slow to learn—"not to put her

trust in princes"—she has at length mastered under the discipline of severe affliction, and the teaching of bitter experience. If, however, she, as a church, and her members, as individuals, in the midst of these trials, have also learned first to put their trust in the living God, and next in her scriptural truth and Divine principles, vitally believed and energetically practised, it is worth to her far more than her rich endowment, infinitely more than the thousands of acres, or the thousands of pounds sterling which she has lost.

The destitution which exists within the sphere of the operations of this branch is not only painful to contemplate, but it is actually increasing from year to year. Like an insidious foe it seems gradually approaching our centres of strength. This vast district is already divided into twenty-three townships, each about ten miles square, comprehending an area of 2,600 square miles. In the rear of these lies a large territory, now sparsely inhabited, but which, under arrangements already completed, will in a few years be filled with a busy population. Throughout this immense field, Kingston and its suburbs alone excepted, there are only four clergymen of the Church of England. Five of the townships in the district are thus partially supplied, while eighteen out of twenty-three townships, and all its unsurveyed lands, are now without a single missionary of the Church of England!

The population of this district amounts at the present time probably to nearly 60,000 souls. At the last census the members of the Church of England within its bounds numbered 13,756. From the *Table, Appendix "No. 7, shewing the state of religion in general in these united counties,"* two facts are evident; first, that the Church of England constitutes one-fourth of the entire population within their limits, and ought, therefore, to have greater vigour and ability for self-support and extension, than any other christian community. The next fact is of a painful and humiliating character. It is this, that notwithstanding the wealth of the church in this district, its respectability and intelligence, a very large proportion of the membership of the church is in a state of spiritual destitution, without churches, without the services of the church, without clergymen, in fine, except when brought to them by other denominations, without religious instruction. In the wilderness, amidst the struggles and trials incident to new settlers, when religion would have been to them a blessed consolation, they have been left in almost utter destitution. Their children in too many instances are growing up without christian baptism; their young people enter into that "estate which is honourable in all," without the blessing of their church; their old people die, without the ministrations of religion, and are buried without the voice of prayer.

This destitution exists in the very vicinity of this city. Wolfe Island has a church population of 972 souls, a good church erected, and a fund of upwards of £200 for building a parsonage, and yet it remains in a state of spiritual deprivation. The township of Kingston, with 1,274 adherents of the church, with the exception of a few families in and around the village of Portsmouth, is in the same state of destitution. The thriving township of Storrington, having within its bounds 612 members of the church, suffers the same affliction. Four other townships in this county, containing upwards of a thousand members, experience the same distressing destitution, while the remaining six townships in Frontenac, the population of which is unknown, have never yet been visited by a clergyman at all. Camden, with 1,187 members, and Sheffield with 384, are now also destitute. In short, there is more than one-half of the members of the Church of England in the Midland District, and eighteen whole townships especially, almost totally deprived of the services of their professed religion, and indebted for what religious instruction they may occasionally receive, to other societies than their own. It is not, therefore, sur-