

the amendments proposed to be adopted at the present meeting at which all the Branches are more or less represented, for they have been printed for some time and their several merits will be, no doubt, fully discussed; they would only express a fervent hope that whatever decision the majority may arrive at, the minority for the sake of peace and unity will readily acquiesce in, for the present is not a time, even for a thought of defection or disunion in our body, to be entertained. The objects of the Church Society, are of such a nature as to enlist the sympathies of all professing Churchmen; no matter how they may differ upon minor points, all must admit that it is necessary the Church should send forth missionaries, and with them the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and religious tracts; that she should make provision for her aged or infirm labourers, and when they are called away, for their widows and orphans; that she should make provision for the education of her children in sacred and religious principles, and that she should aid the poorer missions in the building and endowing of their Churches. If as we surely ought, we make common cause, the Church Society with the blessing of God, will be enabled to effect all these objects, but if we permit differences of opinion to deter us from performing our share of the work, no party will be able successfully to carry out any one of them.

INCOME.

The following is a brief account of the Society's income during the past year:

Balance from previous year including monies to be accounted for by the assistant Secretary,	£1109	1	3 1/2
Receipts of the Society, not including monies received on trusts or account of Depository,	2281	16	10
Showing an increase over the past year of £608 11s. 4d. up to the time of closing accounts.			
The estimated income of the several Branches and Par. Associations has amounted to 1680 5 3/4 (Being an increase of £188 17s. 1d.)			
Deduct as remitted to Parent Society	586	0	10
	1094	4	5 1/2

Of which the sum of £64 13s. was remitted since the closing of the books.

To which add the sums received on account of Depository, including disposal of stock

	1761	1	9
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Total of receipts of the Society and District Branches for the eleventh year 6246 4 1/4

Total increase on the whole of the receipts of the Society and District Branches 807 8 5

The system adopted at the commencement of the past year has, on the whole, worked well, though some confusion has arisen, and the task of the auditors rendered much more perplexing than it ought to have been, from the fact that some of the Clergy neglected to transmit their voucher to the Secretary, after paying their money into the bank agencies, which of course occasioned certain discrepancies between the accounts of the Society and those of the bank. It was hardly to be expected that all would at once understand it, but your Committee feel assured that when all become familiar with its working, it will prove the most simple and secure method which could be devised, and also a very great accommodation to those who reside within a short distance of a bank agency.

Your Committee regret that the late Assistant Secretary has been prevented hitherto from fulfilling the condition of his bond, but as he is now devoting a portion of his time steadily to the work, and has engaged not to desist until all the old books, including those belonging to the Depository are properly balanced, they trust no loss will be sustained by the Society from the delay which has occurred; a portion of the debt due to him by Mr. Plees and assigned to the Society, has been paid, and arrangements entered into for the liquidation of the balance. In justice to this gentleman your committee would record the fact asserted by the Secretary, that he has ever found him ready cheerfully to respond to any queries he found it necessary to put to him upon the matters connected with the past management of the Society.

The auditors who have most carefully investigated the state of the several funds, and the accuracy of the accounts kept during the past year have expressed themselves well satisfied with the manner in which this part of the Society's work has been done.

An abstract of the several accounts of the Society, showing the balances of each fund, is regularly laid upon the table at the monthly meetings.

DEPOSITORY.

Your committee had hoped that ere this the whole of the outstanding debts, due to the late Depository, would have been collected, and the Society enabled, not only to liquidate the few debts which were owing to it, but have a large balance to the credit of that institution. But in this they have been disappointed, only £204 15s. 10d. out of £1099 10s. apparently to its credit, has as yet been paid in, and many to whom accounts have been rendered have proved that they have been already paid either in part or in full. Others who acknowledge the correctness of their accounts have not yet paid them, but there is every reason to believe that during the present year, sufficient will be collected to liquidate all claims against the Society on this account. The books and tracts having been removed twice during the past year, it became a work of time to get them

systematically arranged and compared with the catalogues. Until this was done, the book and tract committee were at a loss to know what to recommend Mr. Rowsell to add to his stock. Fresh importations are expected immediately, and printed catalogues will then be circulated.

Several applications have been made from parties at a distance to the Society, setting forth that the want of catechisms, tracts, bibles, prayer books, and other religious works, is much felt; that the people were both willing and able to purchase them, and asking whether the Laity could not supply a responsible store-keeper with a few copies of the books referred to, to be disposed of on consignment. The party being ready to undertake that the Society would sustain no loss. Your committee deem it their duty to press the subject upon the consideration of the Laity in the hope that some plan may be devised for giving wide circulation to Church books and tracts of a practical tendency. A certain sum from the general purposes fund might be appropriated to this purchase, and then they might be scattered over the county gratuitously or colporteurs might be employed by the Society to dispose of them, and small quantities might be consigned to individuals in distant townships in answer to such applications as the above referred to. And your committee would suggest to the several branches the propriety of setting apart, a certain amount of the sums collected for the Society and retained by them, for this specific object.

THE ANNUAL SERMONS.

Four Sermons were appointed to be preached during the past year at the several Churches and Mission Stations, in behalf of the following objects of the Society,—on Trinity Tuesday, 1852, for the Mission Fund; in October, for the Widows and Orphans' Fund; in January, 1853, for the Theological Students' Fund, and on Palm Sunday, for the Mission Fund. The proceeds of the four collections amounted to £824 6s. 9d.

For the first object was collected at

137 Stations	£200	8	3
For the second, at 180 Stations	315	11	6
For the third, at 157 Stations	210	16	2 1/2
For the fourth, at 36 Stations	99	8	3 1/2

Since the books have been placed in the Auditors' hands the following additional collections have been received for the above Students' Fund, Students' Fund £1 1 6

Palm Sunday, (Mission Fund) 9 9 0

Many of the Clergy overlooked the Palm Sunday collection, from the fact that their attention was not specially called to it, in consequence of the absence of the Secretary at the time the notice should have appeared in the paper. Your Committee recommend that the list of days appointed for taking up the collections should not only be published on the last leaf of the Report, but was the case last year, but that extra copies of that particular page be struck off, and one at least sent to every Parochial Clergyman in the Diocese, to put up in his Vestry Room or Study. Your Committee would also suggest that the particular periods appointed for making the different collections might be changed with advantage. Some of the Clergy have not time to take up the collections at all their Stations between Palm Sunday and the 31st March, besides the next collection only two months afterwards being applicable to the same object creates a difficulty in the way of a clergyman's advocating the cause on both occasions with success.

MISSION FUND.

The charges upon this Fund during the past year amounted to £120 17s. 1 1/2d.

The liabilities already assumed by the Parent Society for the present year amount to £200,—of which £126 5s. 6d. is pledged to our Indian Missions, to which must be added the sum required to defray the expenses of the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, incurred in visiting distant Stations.—About £390 is expended by the District Branches for the support of Missionaries within their bounds.

Your Committee feel confident that if this object was brought more prominently before the several congregations who enjoy the means of grace; if they were told plainly how many Townships were necessarily deprived, from year to year, of the services of our Church on the Sunday, the proceeds of the annual collection to be appropriated to the Mission Fund would be greatly increased. It is written in the Epistle of Paul to Timothy, v. 8.—"If any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." The Society therefore feels constrained to confine its exertions to the promotion of Missionary objects within the bounds of its own Diocese. However deeply Churchmen may sympathize with other Societies, associated for the purpose of carrying on the good work either in their mother land, or in its numerous dependencies, they must feel that the wants of the Church in this Diocese have paramount claims on their liberality. In the Home District alone there are several Townships, in each of which flourishing villages are springing up, to minister to the spiritual wants of whose inhabitants would afford ample employment for several Clergymen, but who are not even visited periodically by a Travelling Missionary; and the same may be said of every district in the Diocese. It is true that the greatest difficulty which our Diocesan at present experiences arises from the want of men, for there are several old Missions now vacant which would readily support a Clergyman if one could be found. This difficulty, however, it is hoped, will be obviated by the many candidates for ordination to be looked for from Trinity College. But three additional laborers can be expected from this source during the present year, but it is calculated that, with the blessing

of God, after the fall Ordination next year, our University will supply 12 annually.

DIVINITY STUDENTS.

The third object mentioned in the Constitution of your Society is, "For granting assistance, where it is necessary, to those who may be preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel within the Diocese." In a country like this, where young men of character and ability can, at the age of 18 or 20, obtain situations offering pecuniary remuneration, at least equal to what the Church can afford, after they have attained the age of 23, and when the circumstances of the generality of the inhabitants are considered, it is not to be wondered at that so few are ready to devote their children to the service of the Ministry. The laudable desire not to be a burthen upon his parents any longer than he could help may have deterred many a young man, who would have done credit to the service, from urging them to provide the means necessary for his support whilst qualifying himself to enter upon it. When therefore the magnitude of the field to be cultivated and the paucity of laborers to be found are duly considered, the object of the Society will more readily commend itself to the hearts of Churchmen. No right-thinking person can consider a man degraded by his reception of the Society's bounty. He must have attained a certain degree of scholarship, or he could not partake of it, were he the only candidate, and in most cases, in order to obtain it, he must have had many competitors. The Society take it for granted that none will compete for their scholarships but those whose case is contemplated by the 3rd Article of its Constitution. The name of each recipient with the amount granted is entered in the Society's books.

During the past year there have been eight scholarships paid by this Fund; two of £30, four of £25, and two of £20.

Your Committee refer with much satisfaction to the fact that, since their last Report, a Royal Charter has been granted to this Institution, erecting it into a University, and enabling it to grace with appropriate Academical distinctions the Students who may be educated within its walls. It must also be regarded as a matter of special congratulation that the University thus constituted should be represented so honourably, as she is, in the person of her first Chancellor. The liberal aid which has been extended to this our college, during the course of the past year by members of the sister Church in the United States, as well as by Churchmen at home, would demand of us far more than this passing acknowledgement, were not the subject about to be brought in a separate form, under the notice of the Society.

Within the province we have to record the munificent donation of land and money made by an aged and highly respected resident of this city, a donation of great material worth, yet of tenfold value, as furnishing to others a high example of the generous and pious dedication of wealth to the service of learning and religion.

In addition to the occasional Students in Law and Medicine, (in the former faculty 33, in the latter—) the matriculated Students of the college amount to 36, of whom 22 are preparing for the sacred ministry of the Church.

The sum of £1,000, granted to the college from the Jubilee Fund of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, has been appropriated to the endowment of two Divinity Scholarships, two Scholarships for Students in arts have likewise been founded as a memorial of the munificence of Dr. Burnside; and two Scholarships endowed by the late Duke of Wellington, have been transferred during the current year from the University of Toronto to Trinity College.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

The present charge on this fund amounts to £280 per annum, which the proceeds of the annual sermon has enabled the Society to meet.—Four widows and 15 orphans are recipients of its bounty. Special donations from individuals and Parochial Branches, added to the subscriptions of the Clergy, which this year have, in many cases, been at once transmitted to the Parent Society without the usual deduction of 1/2, have augmented the fund applicable to this object to the sum of £632 4s. 4 1/2d., which, after reserving a sufficient sum to pay the half yearly dividend which will fall due previous to the next annual collection, left a balance to be permanently invested, amounting to £212 4s. 4 1/2d., of this sum £151 19s. 4d. has been invested. Those who have perused the able Report of the committee, specially appointed to examine into the state of this fund, and to suggest such amendments as they might conceive would ensure the carrying out of the object in view, viz., a certain provision for the widows and orphans, who according to human calculation, might become chargeable upon it, must feel convinced that to draw any analogy between the benefits offered by the Society to the Clergy, and those offered by any company formed upon the now well-established principles of life assurance and life annuities, is absurd and fallacious. The Church Society does not enter the lists with any such companies. Its objects are all charitable, aiming to help those who are not able to help themselves; all Clergymen, therefore, whose incomes enable them to do so, should insure their lives for the benefit of their widows and orphans, with such societies whose long standing and experience are a guarantee for their stability, and afford a good prospect of their being always able to meet their engagements, but this surely does not exonerate them from doing their utmost to create a fund which it is hoped will ensure maintenance at least to the widows and orphans of their poorer brethren, and none can plead ignorance of the fact that there are many such. To ensure the payment

after his death of £100, the interest of which is £6 per annum, a person aged 23 must, according to the tables of the life-insurance companies, pay annually \$1 12s. 6d., whereas, the sum, the interest of which the Society purposes for a number of years to pay to the widows and orphans of the Clergy on condition of an annual payment of 25s. each, and the general advocacy of its cause, represents a funded capital of no less than £832 6s. 8d.

Article III. of the By-law regulating the administration of this Fund renders it imperative on the Society to invest annually for this object the sum of £1 5s. from every duly recognized Clergyman in the Diocese, providing the General Purposes Fund will bear such a charge upon it. Now it must be apparent to all thinking persons that whilst the District Branches only remit one-fourth, including the subscriptions of the Clergy, whatever balance might be in hand after paying the general expenses of management would be absorbed by this one object, which the Constitution of the Society never contemplated.

In the abstract of the Widows and Orphans' Fund Account, showing the receipts, disbursements, and investments on behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, which was appended to the Special Report lately put forth by the Society, it appeared that the sum of £2756 8s. 2d., after deducting £11 5s. which was charged in error, was already invested, and that the balance on the books for investment amounted to £943 15s. 8d. The Finance Committee immediately turned their attention to this subject, and recommended that the sanction of the Society should be given to the transfer of certain investments not applicable to any other special object to this Account, and it has been determined to place to the credit of investments for the Widows and Orphans' Fund the following sums:—

Temporary Investment Fund	£114	0	0
H. Rowsell's liabilities on account of Depository, Bond bearing In.	490	2	
Septuagesima Fund	180	16	

£780 18 3 1/2

Lands applicable to the General Purposes of the Society, of sufficient value to secure the balance of the above £943 15s. 8d. will shortly be transferred to this Fund.

LANDS.

Much useful information has been obtained during the last year, relating to the landed property of the Society, and great pains have been taken to render the land Register as perfect as possible by entering therein full particulars respecting each lot. Many difficulties had to be overcome, as the land department was found to be in anything but a satisfactory state. A few lots had been sold some years back for taxes, but as it is believed they were illegally sold, your committee hope to recover them.

As was mentioned in last year's Report that a large portion of the Society's General Purpose fund, during the past year, would have to be expended in the payment of arrears of taxes, but your Committee had no conception that so large a sum as £260 would be required for that purpose; in some instances the arrears having been accumulating for fifteen years, several years prior to the lands being granted to the Society.

The following grants have been received by the Society during the present year.

Lands given for Church purposes in the Diocese of Toronto

GRANTOR.	GRANTEE.	SITUATION.	ACRES.	DATE.	TRUST.
The Crown	C. S. D. I.	Village lots 129, 130, 131, and 134, Jarvis.		1852, Aug. 11.	Burial ground.
Remond Murney, et Uxor.	The Lord Bishop.	Vespra Township V. 4 23, onces 2, Fenelon, Part of westerly Division lot 7, con 7, Town-send	100	Nov. 12	Gen'l purposes.
Leonard Sovereign, et Uxor.	The Lord Bishop.			Road Aug 21	Site for Church

Your Committee are informed by the Secretary that the value of the lands in certain parts of the Province having been greatly enhanced by the contemplated Rail Roads—He has declined in many instances treating with parties for the disposal either by lease or sale of particular Lots, until it be determined through what Townships the several lines are to run.

DISTRICT AND PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Very encouraging reports have been received from several of the Branches from which we gather that Parochial meetings have been much more generally held during the past year, than has been the case in preceding ones, thus opportunities have been afforded for explaining the objects of the Society, and for urging its claims upon Churchmen generally. The Secretary of the Society attended public meetings in the Fall, at Stamford, Chippewa, Fort Erie, Bertic, Fox Robinson, Thorold and Grimsby, and in the month of February at Hamilton, St. Thomas, Moore, Sandwich, Chatham, and Amherstburgh, and preached for the Society at Port Stanley and Sandwich. He was everywhere most kindly welcomed both by the Clergy and Laity, and his statements were listened to with the greatest attention: he took the opportunity of transacting business for the Society, and obtaining information respecting its lands during his progress; the uncertainty whether his health would admit of his taking the journey, had prevented him from communicating with all the clergy in the West in time to make arrangements for holding other meetings. During the summer months it was not thought expedient to visit any of the Parochial Branches, in order to advocate the cause of the