

would do a little more towards making the stipend fund what it was intended to be, a help to any pious young man who is ready and willing to devote himself to the ministry, but is unable to raise the whole amount requisite for a collegiate course; many there are who from this cause leave our ranks. Your committee trust that this matter will occupy the attention of the clergy and lay delegates at the approaching Synod.

The missionary meetings took place in the month of January, occupying three weeks; twenty-two places were visited; every where the deputations were cordially welcomed by large and attentive audiences, and in many places, lay members of the various congregations came forward and in able and effective addresses pointed out to their lay brethren, that it is their duty and privilege to aid their ministers in promoting the interests of the church, and spreading abroad through her instrumentality the glad tidings of salvation. The Rev. F. L. Osler, from Dundas, accompanied one of the deputations to the stations of Christ Church, Essa, Cookstown, St. John's, West Essa, Mulmur, Orangetown and Bradford, at St. Luke's, Mulmur. The deputation had the pleasure also of meeting with his honour, Judge Gowan, who had been holding his court in that neighbourhood during the day, and who most kindly assisted them at the meeting in the evening, addressing the audience specially and clearly on the duties and privileges of the members of our church.

The deputations in going their rounds were highly gratified (and your committee participate in the feeling,) at the progress manifest in providing places of worship. On the 19th lot of the 8th con., Essa,* a neat and commodious church has been just erected and completely finished, capable of holding 250 persons, the building is admitted to be most creditable to the congregation, and equally so to the contractors and builders, Messrs. John and Robert Fletcher, members of the congregation. A church raised in 1853, (but left unfinished from that time,) on the 17th lot, 11th con., Essa, is to be purchased during the summer. The church of Cookstown is also to be enlarged, so as to hold double the number of persons, this step being rendered necessary by the rapidly increasing congregation of that place; arrangements have been already made with the tradesmen for the accomplishment of the work in both these churches.

At Nottawasaga also, active measures are being taken for the immediate erection of a church on the 2nd lot of the 1st concession, E. A. Walker, Esq., of Barrie, having kindly given two acres of land for a site for the church and burial ground, and we can add that two-thirds of the supposed cost have been already subscribed. In Barrie also, a committee appointed by the vestry, are actively engaged in obtaining subscriptions for the erection of a church there, capable of accommodating the increasing church population, as well as suited in appearance to the locality. His honour, Judge Gowan, having headed the list with a handsome donation, his laudable example has been followed by several leading members of the congregation, who hopefully look forward to the accomplishment of this object of their desire.

Your committee earnestly hope that throughout our country our congregations will evince a holy emulation and zeal, in enabling the Venerable President of the parent society to send forth ministers to every vacant mission, and to increase the number when he sees it necessary in such places as are now partially supplied. They beg to submit the treasurer's account for the year ending April 30th, 1863.

EDWARD MORGAN,
Acting Secretary.

BIRTHS.

At the Parsonage, Cookstown, on Easter Tuesday, the wife of the Rev. A. J. Fidler, of a son.

On the 3rd inst., at Gore's Landing, Rice Lake, the wife of the Rev. W. C. Clarke Prestou, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

At Christ's Church, Ottawa, on Thursday, the 28th inst, by the Rev. J. S. Lauder, Rector of the parish, assisted by the Rev. Maurice Baldwin, Frederick A. Baldwin,

* Half an acre purchased by the congregation, and the other half acre a gift from T. McDonald, Esq., of Essa.