

the distance, "about 5 miles." I had not left my resting place far behind when I fell through the ice, I was in no danger of being drowned, as the water was very shallow, but my lower parts were thoroughly wet, this accident somewhat accelerated my steps, as I had to walk faster to keep my feet at a temperature above freezing point, we reached the head land just as darkness began to cover the face of the earth, but to our great dismay there was no sign whatever of a camp, my companion said that the Indians had probably removed to the other side of the Bay, about two miles further, I said I was incapable of walking that distance, he urged me to try, adding that we should have a stormy night, so we began to cross the point of land for the bay, but before we had proceeded far, my strength was exhausted, and I had to cling to a tree to keep myself from falling. I ordered my guide to make a fire and to place some pine branches on the snow for me to lie upon, in the meantime I took off my snow shoes, put them under me, rested my head on my bundle of blankets, and provisions, and went to sleep, but only for a short time, for the cold interrupted me; when I awoke up I found it was time to exert myself in assisting the Indian to prepare for a stormy night, which already set in; the owls were screeching, the snow was falling fast and thick, the wind was blowing most violently, and causing a fearful movement and noise among the hug trees of the forest. We both set to work in good earnest, one cut wood and the other carried it, by turns, when we had cut and carried as much as we thought would last through the night, we began to cut and carry young pine trees, and placed them in the snow in a slanting position to shelter us from the storm, a very insufficient shelter it proved however, for the snow came down on us most unmercifully. We made a very large fire, then we took off our mocassins and stockings, wrung the wet out of them and put them on again, then we partook of some dry bread, we had no kettle to make tea, as a substitute for that refreshing beverage we made snow balls and ate them, we then spread our blankets, committed ourselves to the care of God, and laid down to sleep, we slept about an hour, then we had to make a different arrangement, viz: one to sleep and one to watch and tend to the fire alternately, and in this way we spent the night. At break of day although the snow storm continued without abatement, we set out in search of the Indians; after three hours walking we found one camp, where we breakfasted and dried our clothes, the inmates of this camp are in very good circumstances, they gave us a very substantial breakfast, after a very civilized fashion. I had a long talk with them on the subject of religion. They thanked me for my visit, directed us to the next camp, where I found my old friend and his family, with whom I spent the rest of the day and the following night. The old man was much better than he had been, but he was still very sick and miserably poor, they had scarcely anything to eat, their camp was in a wretched condition, and so full of smoke, that as soon as I entered I had to lie down in order to breathe. One of them put on the tent some more bark to cause a stronger draft and facilitate the escape of the smoke. I had a short service at night, and again in the morning, previous to my departure. We had a strong north wind to contend against, part of our journey homeward, which cut my lips a great deal, they are very sore yet, the distance walked over that day on snow shoes was nearly thirty miles. I have suffered much from snow blindness, and am only just recovering my sight again. This lengthy communication perhaps under my present circumstances should not have been attempted, but I

hope it will prove useful to the Board in giving them some adequate idea of the way in which the expenses which they are asked to defray are incurred.

In conclusion I am happy to inform you that our Day School here and Sunday Services have been very well attended during the winter. I have had a weekly service on the American side for the benefit of those Indians belonging to our church, who were unjustly driven away from here by the Indian Department, which has also been well attended. In reference to the Sault St. Marie. Our Church Service is read there every Sunday. I continue my occasional visits, and when I am not there, the service is read either by Colonel Savage, or by Mr. Sheriff Carney.

You will be glad to hear that on Monday last, a note was handed to me by the Hon. Colonel Prince, containing the sum of \$17 to defray expenses incurred in my occasional visits to them.

I remain,

Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

JAMES CHANCE.

TO THE REV. T. S. KENNEDY.

The Secretary was ordered to reply to the Rev. J. Stannage that the continuance of his stipend as missionary after the close of the year, must depend upon the Niagara District Branch.

To James Bromley, Esq., that the Society Board cannot, without infringing its rules, comply with his request as to the Mission at Renfrew. The Board then adjourned.

MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Church Society met on Wednesday, 8th May, 1861.

Present, the Revs. F. L. Osler, J. G. Geddes, Drs. Fuller, Lewis, Lett, T. B. Read, A. Palmer, W. S. Darling, E. H. Dewar, A. Stewart, Dr. Patton, H. Brent, the Ven. the Archdeacon of York, Rev. H. C. Cooper, and Dr. McMurray R. B. Denison, Esq., J. Magrath, Esq., F. W. Gamble, Esq., C. J. Campbell, Esq., T. G. Street, Esq., and the Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Beaven in the chair, The usual prayers were read. The minutes of the previous meeting were read confirmed.

The following report was read:—

EASTERN EPISCOPAL TRUST FUND STATEMENT.	
Cash subscriptions, less charges, and invested in mortgages and debentures	\$ 283 37
Promissory notes and debentures paid	6776.93
Interest received on notes...	\$ 769.60
" on mortgages	888.39
" on bank account	1375.84
	3033.73
Cash in the Bank	10094.03
Debentures Co. of Hastings	2640.00
Securities, Mortgages	25216.00
	27856.00
Funds collected and invested	37950.03
Promissory notes on hand not yet collected	3523.00
	\$41473.03

The notes on hand are generally good, and the greater part will soon be paid. The committee have also received gifts of two lots of land; value not ascertained.

A. H. CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

Kingston, 4th May, 1861.

A statement of the receipts and expenditure on account of the Glebe Lot of the Parish of Emily was laid on the table.

The following applications for grants to churches were presented, and ordered to be brought up in their order, when the society was in a position to make grants.

The Rev. Charles Rattan, for church in the Township of Storrington

The Rev. J. A. Preston, for church at Stirling.

The Rev. A. J. Fidler, for church at the southern portion of his mission.

An account for surveying lots in the Township of Orillia, amounting to \$12, certified to by the Rev. T. B. Read, was ordered to be paid

A letter from the Rev. John Butler, asking whether the fact of his being a life member entitled his family to the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The by-law was examined and the meeting was of opinion that though such a case was not contemplated when the by-law was drawn up, yet that under it Mr. Butler was legally entitled to all privileges

A letter was read from the Rev. A. J. Fidler, enquiring whether those who were ordained in the diocese since 1853 were bound to pay the fine required under the Bye Law of the W. and O. F. of £10 from those entering the diocese

Resolved—That that article of the bye law does not include the clergy newly ordained in the diocese.

A letter from the Rev. R. L. Stephenson on the subject of investing the amount held in trust for the parish of Perth.

Resolved—That the Rector, Churchwardens, and Hon. Mr. Mathieson, be requested to recommend an investment to the society for the £75 held for Perth.

Application from the clergyman and vestry of St. John's Church, Murray, was read, asking the society to equalise the payment of the interest accruing from amount of sales of glebe lots. The meeting regretted that they had no funds which would enable them to meet the wishes of the applicants.

A letter was read from the Rev. J. Vicars, on the subject of taxes on lots in the town of Lindsay.

Resolved—That the parish must find the means for paying the taxes.

Dr. BOVELL gave notice of the following motion:

That it be enacted that in future the contribution by a clergyman of the sum necessary to qualify for life membership, shall not exempt him from the obligation to contribute \$5 annually to the funds of the society, in order to entitle his widow and orphans to participate in the benefits of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Rev. E. H. DEWAR gave notice of motion,

That the XVIII. Article of the Constitution be amended by striking out in line 10 the words "one or more," and substituting "two;" and by striking out in line 13 the words "to be elected at the annual meeting of the district branch," and substituting, "to be elected at the annual meeting of the parochial association."

The society then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

The Ven. A. N. Bethune took the chair at 2 p.m.

The secretary stated that he had three or four letters relating to an investment which the society is recommended to make in Holland Landing. He had been unable to bring the subject before the Standing Committee or Society earlier, as all the papers connected with it had been sent by him to the solicitor of the society to report upon, but the illness of that gentleman had, no doubt, prevented him sending them back in time for this meeting. He would recommend the society to give the Finance Committee a discretionary power to act in this matter, as, if the question was delayed to the next meeting, the opportunity might be lost of making a good investment; and whereupon it was resolved, that the Finance Committee be