

The severance from our District Branch of six parochial associations now in the Diocese of Huron, does not materially affect our finances, as the receipts and expenditure connected with that Diocese nearly balanced each other, amounting to the round sum of \$600.

The Missionaries at present maintained by this Society are three: one at Arthur, one at Allansville, and one in Beverley. The mission at Arthur is at present vacant, the Rev. Mr. Preston having left it in the end of December, and removed to Stirling, in the County of Hastings. A Report which has been recently received from him will shortly be submitted, giving a detail of his labours during the three years in which he occupied the Mission. From this the Society will perceive that in Mr. Preston they have lost an active, zealous, and hard-working man, and one who has laboured faithfully for three years in the arduous duties of a Travelling Missionary.

From the Rev. Mr. Drinkwater the last Report is dated in October, 1858. He states that he is beginning to feel the effects of his labours in impaired health, and is desirous of being relieved from duties for which his physical energies were quite inadequate. The following is a summary of his labours for the quarter ending Oct. 1st:—services 37; sermons 36; miles travelled 869; baptism 39; holy communion administered 6 times; average weekly travelling 67 miles, and three services every Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Higginson was appointed by the Lord Bishop in October last, to the Township of Beverley and parts adjacent. These comprise the back parts of the Townships of East and West Flamborough and a portion of Nassagaweya. No written Report has yet been received from him, but the Committee have reason to believe that he is labouring very diligently in his mission, has services at five or six different stations, and that the congregations are steadily on the increase. A striking proof of the interest awakened by his labours, is furnished in the fact that, although he has not been there 6 months, a Parochial Association of the Church Society has been formed, and the sum of \$53 transmitted to the Treasurer.

Parochial Reports were received within the prescribed time, from Guelph, Barton and Glanford-Saltfleet, and Rockwood—all of an interesting nature. In the first mentioned place, more especially, the vigorous, lively manner in which the interests of the Church Society are maintained, is deserving of all praise. No hardness of times seems to damp the zeal of the Churchmen of Guelph, or to stint their contributions: this year is not only as the last, but much more abundant; and what is worthy of remark in their case is this, that while they have given liberally to other objects not immediately connected with the Church Society, such as Foreign Missions, their collections for Home Missions, so far from diminishing, have actually been increased. The infant association too at Rockwood, an off-shoot as it may be called from Guelph, has more than doubled its contributions in the second year of its existence. A new association has been formed at St. George's Church, Saltfleet, and upwards of \$18 has been sent in as the first fruits of their labours.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

The Parochial Committee of the Church of the Ascension, avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Annual Meeting of the Gore and Wellington District branch of the Church Society, to acquaint the members of their Church, with the result of their exertions on behalf of the objects contemplated by the Society.

They have received a sum of \$126 50 subscribed generally, and a further amount for special local purposes, which latter amount comes not properly

into the accounts of the Church Society, though subscribed for the objects embraced by it.

The Committee regret that their subscription list is not as large as they could wish it to be; but they cannot view the circumstances as at all indicative of any want of liberality on the part of an unendowed City Church, the due support of which, has within the last few weeks, called for a voluntary paid up subscription of upwards of \$1000.

The Committee would further state that the amount subscribed for general purposes, is less than on the previous year, has been in great part owing to the removal of their lamented late Treasurer, Hugh C Baker, Esq., who was not only a liberal subscriber to their Parochial Association, but also largely contributed to its success, by enlisting in its favor the sympathies of others.

A loss, which falls so heavily upon the church at large, cannot but be most acutely felt by the congregation, of which he was a most exemplary member, a loss which to the congregation cannot easily be repaired. They would add the prayer that their late lamented fellow-labourer's example may be blessed to those, among whom he was a regular worshipper, inciting them to a similar zeal in the cause of Christ and of His Church, and giving ground for an assured hope that when they shall be summoned from earth, they may be welcomed to the Saviour's presence, as those who have laboured faithfully in His vineyard.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

A Branch of the Church Society has been formed in connection with this Church. The collections have not yet been completed, and when they are, they will, most probably, owing to pressing local wants, be made special. Another year, it is hoped something will be done in aid of the general objects of the Society.

CHRIST CHURCH, HAMILTON.

The Committee of this Parochial Association in reporting the result of their collections on behalf of the Church Society for the year which has just expired, deem it necessary to explain, that since their last Report, another District has been set off from the Parish Church, in consequence of the erection of St. Thomas' into a separate charge. This has necessarily given rise to a new Parochial Association of the Church Society, and the subscriptions of many whose names were formerly enrolled under the head of Christ Church have naturally been withdrawn, with a view to contribute through the medium of their own association.

The Committee trust, however, that the Society will, on the whole, be a gainer by thus extending its operations, although it may have the effect for a time of diminishing the receipts of the Mother Church.

The amount paid to the Treasurer from Christ Church, is \$280 50; the proceeds of the collections in the Church, for Church Society purposes, were \$187 35, making a total of \$467 85: while a large sum was collected over and above the ordinary demands upon the congregation, for the purpose of liquidating existing debts. This, together with multiplied calls for the relief of the poor, and the general depression of trade, which is no where more keenly felt than in a commercial city, must account for the comparatively small amount contributed to the funds of the Church Society.

It is only fair to add, that the ladies of the congregation have earned by their own exertions during the year, the handsome sum of \$600 towards the erection of a Parsonage-house, while the young men have collected the very creditable sum of \$322 34 among themselves, to form a fund for purchasing a new organ.

The other Parishes that have reported within the last few hours, can scarcely expect a longer

notice than the simple acknowledgment of the amount remitted. These will be most conveniently enumerated by reading the statement of the acting Treasurer, Frederick W. Gates, Esq.

Dr. THE GORE WELLINGTON DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TREASURER, &c.

March 31.	
To remitted Parent Society, 1/4 of \$260.70	
Collections of 1857 .....	62.67
December 31.	
To paid following stipends	
Rev. Mr. Drinkwater, 1 year ...	500.00
“ Mr. Preston, “ ...	500.00
“ Mr. Hodge, 6 months .....	250.00
“ Mr. Higginson, from 1st Oct. ....	88.89
1338.89	
To sums account to credit of certain Parishes over actual receipts, now re-charged .....	86.40
To paid for use of Hall last year	15 00
Travelling expenses attending local meetings .....	5.00
20.00	
To remitted Parent Society in supplementary collection 1857, \$5 each, for 2 Clergymen	10.00
Rev. C. E. Thomson's sub.....	5.00
Less already remitted quarterly	1.25
3.75	
13.75	
To additional investments in Western Permanent Building Society .....	542.82
(Making \$2102.50 at credit of the Mission Fund in that stock.)	
To amount of Special Contributions 1858, remitted Parent Society ..	21.50
To remitted Parent Society, \$5 each, for 16 Clergymen ...	80.00
19 Lay Incorporated Members...	95.00
175.00	
To 1/4 of \$1067.23 balance of year's collections remitted Parent Society .....	266.81
To balance on hand .....	790.09
\$3317.93	
March 24.	
By balance of statement rendered by collections of 1857, too late to be reported at last Annual Meeting ...	1493.33
York .....	25.00
Norval .....	8.00
Oakville .....	113.10
Palermo .....	22.98
Arthur .....	9.00
Mount Pleasant .....	20.75
Milton .....	2.25
Woodburn .....	12.00
Ontario .....	12.00
Saltfleet .....	8.50
Stoney Creek .....	15.12
Haysville .....	12.00
260.70	
By interest gained on Building Society Stock .....	300.17
By Collections 1858, from Parochial Associations.	
Christ Church, Hamilton .....	290.50
General W & O. Miss.	
Ch. As'n'sion .....	122.50
Milton .....	58.75
G. R. .....	3.00
G. P. Mis.	
Hornby .....	17.67
Norval .....	11.00
Dowville .....	14.38
Dundas and Flamboro' .....	106.82
Ancaster .....	48.75