

Rev. J. G. D. Mackenzie .....	1	5	0
" H. Hallen .....	1	5	0
" J. Smithurst .....	1	5	0
" F. Sandys .....	1	5	0
" John Flood .....	1	5	0
" Alex. Pyno .....	1	5	0
" Dr. Lewis .....	1	5	0
" James Smyth .....	1	5	0
" A. MacNab .....	1	5	0
" H. Brent.....	1	5	0
W. H. Bottom, Esq. ....	1	5	0
George Hamilton, Esq. ....	1	5	0
Fees given by Rev. H. Patton ....	1	18	9
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The Annual Vestry Meeting of the parish of St. James was held on Monday last, (being Easter Monday), in the Parochial School-house on Church street, at which the accounts for the past year were submitted by the churchwardens.

These exhibit a very flourishing state of financial prosperity. The entire debt on the Cemetery has been finally removed, and that upon the Cathedral is rapidly diminishing. A Committee were appointed to take into consideration the best mode of liquidating the debt still remaining.

The Churchwardens for the past year—Messrs, P. D. Harris, and J. D. Ridout, were reappointed; the former after having 14 years been annually chosen by the Rector, was as a special mark of their approbation, selected this year to represent the congregation. To this indefatigable and intelligent Churchwarden is mainly attributable the present prosperous condition of the finances.

The Hon. Sir J. B. Robinson—the Hon. Mr. Chief Justice Draper, and Clarke Gamble, Esq., were appointed to represent the Vestry at the approaching Synod to be held in this city, on the 1st of May next.

REPORT OF THE MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, FOR 1855-56.

In reviewing the affairs of the Church in this district for the past year, your committee feel obliged to acknowledge with regret that there is much which might and should be in a more satisfactory condition, yet they are greatly gratified to be able to add that there is much also which cannot fail to inspire the hearts of church people, both with feelings of unfeigned gratitude to Him "from whom cometh every good and perfect gift," and also with great encouragement to press onward with renewed energy and zeal in the all-glorious work of planting and watering the Church of Christ on earth, trusting to God to give the increase.

Your committee cannot direct your attention to the vacant missions in this district without feeling sure that the neglected condition of those members of our own household, who have once enjoyed the privileges of a settled ministry, but whose lonely homes are never approached now by "the beautiful feet of those who preach the gospel of peace," must excite your warmest sympathy and dispose you to readily avail yourselves of any expedient which can be suggested for affording them spiritual relief for the time being, until a more effectual remedy can be provided. Wolfe Island has no missionary; the mission at Sydenham remains vacant, and the stations at Mill Creek, Waterloo, and Storrington, are unvisited. Sad it is to think of the ministrations of the church being thus suspended over so extensive and populous a tract of country. Let us derive comfort, however, from the hope that a remedy is at hand in the contemplated erection of Kingston into an episcopal see. It has almost invariably been found to be the case, that wherever a new diocese is formed, and a new Bishop sent, a great accession to the number of the clergy follows, or springs up around him—new life invigorates the whole body of the church entrusted to his charge—greater liberality is displayed among its members—works of piety and charity are devised and executed with unwonted spirit and zeal. The church, generally, is found to advance with such increased rapidity as would be truly surprising, were we not aware, that from the appointment of the first High Priest in a Jewish Church to the present day, there have always been three orders in the ministry, and that where there is a defect in the organization of any body, a default in the work to be done by it will inevitably ensue. Let us take courage, therefore, from the prospect before us, and admit the cheering hope that when the church in this archdeaconry obtains what she is really pining for, viz., a Bishop resident in her bosom and in the midst of ourselves, her condition will rapidly improve and attain that degree of prosperity which her dutiful and attached children so ardently desire to see her enjoying. Let us, on no account, however, remain at rest in this hope, but endeavor, as best we can, to cope with the difficulties which at present surround us. In furtherance of this recommendation, your committee beg to suggest that some layman, of good repute, and otherwise well qualified for the office, should be employed, at the expense of this branch of the Church Society, to pay regular visits to the vacant missions referred to; read the service of the Church, assemble children on some appointed day, to be baptized by a clergyman; distribute

bibles, prayer-books and tracts, and return to the managing committee a monthly report of all his proceedings. Your committee anticipate that, if the services of a person well suited for such a post could be enlisted, the greatest good would be effected through the instrumentality of such an agent.

Your committee desire to express their sincere sorrow at the loss to this portion of Christ's vineyard of a zealous and faithful laborer, by the removal of the late Rev. Wm. Greig from among us to his heavenly rest, where he will receive his righteous reward. They feel it incumbent upon them, however, to offer the congregation of St. Paul's, in particular, and the members of the church in this town, generally, their hearty congratulations upon the appointment to the vacant incumbency of a steward, of whom, with God's blessing resting upon his labors, they entertain a well assured hope, that, when he is summoned to follow his predecessor into the eternal world, he will be able to render a good account of his stewardship.

Your committee feel sure that you will partake of the great satisfaction which they have derived from the information conveyed to them, that the fabric of St. Paul's church has already been brought to a forward state towards complete restoration, and is expected to be ready for the celebration of divine service early in the course of the ensuing summer. A chancel has been added, with great taste, to the original nave; and off the latter, two side aisles have been formed, and the whole being tiled with blue slate, the general appearance of the edifice bears an ecclesiastical air of peculiar propriety and simple beauty, and the church, when completed, will, in these respects, if not surpass, at least equal, any other in the Province.

The country Associations, whose meetings are chiefly held at villages easily reached from the steamboat wharves along the banks of the Bay of Quinte, have determined for the future to convene their annual meetings in the summer months, in order to afford the town clergy and others resident in distant portions of the district greater facilities for attending their gatherings. Seeing the great encouragement which country missionaries must derive from the practical sympathy and mutual support of one another, and seeing the additional interest which must be infused into the meetings by a good attendance of speakers, your Committee hail this decision with the greatest satisfaction, as they anticipate the most favorable results from it. In consequence of this change no reports have as yet been sent in to the Secretary from the country associations.

With regard to the pecuniary position of