

The following resolutions were moved and passed unanimously:—

1st Resolution,—Moved by the Rev. Henry Revell, A.M., seconded by the Rev. J. W. Marsh, A.B., and supported by D. G. Miller, Esq.,—

“That the Report now read be adopted.”

2nd Resolution,—Moved by the Rev. Arthur Palmer, A.B., seconded by George Alexander, Esq.,—

“That the secularization of the Clergy Reserves imposes on every member of our communion the solemn responsibility of manifesting to the world that there is in our Church a vital, a divine principle, which under the blessing of her glorified head, will enable her, independent of all extraneous aid, to fulfil her mission of peace in this colony.”

3rd Resolution,—Moved by the Rev. Richard Flood, A.M., seconded by the Rev. F. D. Fauquier, and supported by Lawrence Laurason, Esq., Edward Deedes, Esq., J. G. Vansittart, Esq., and G. A. Gray, Esq.,—

“That this meeting, regarding the existence of a common fund as indispensable to the efficient extension of the ministrations of the Church and the maintenance of her integrity, would confide in the Church Society, energetically and judiciously managed, as the proper agent for dispensing that fund; and that in order to assist in relieving the present exigencies of the Church, this meeting resolves to transmit subscriptions and donations collected in this Branch to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, without any deduction whatever.”

4th Resolution,—Moved by the Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, A.M., seconded by the Rev. Michael Boomer, B.A.,—

“That this meeting rejoices in the prospect of an early establishment of the Episcopate in this western portion of the present Diocese, as a harbinger of increased activity in the prosecution and extension of the ministrations of the Church.”

5th Resolution,—Moved by the Rev. C. C. Brough, A.B., seconded by G. A. Tomkins, Esq., and supported by William Gray, Esq.,—

“That this meeting gratefully acknowledges the Divine blessing for the increased circulation of the Bible and Common Prayer-book in this District.”

REPORT of the Thornhill and Vaughan Parochial Association, in connection with the Church Society, Diocese of Toronto.

In presenting their Annual Report to the Subscribers, your Committee beg to state, that the operations of these united Parochial Associations for the past year have proceeded with the same uniform steadiness and success which marked their progress during previous years, and do not offer anything calling for especial notice or remark on the present occasion.

Notwithstanding a serious diminution in the number of the original subscribers to the funds of these Associations by death or removal, your Committee are happy in being enabled to report that the amount of annual subscriptions has not in consequence materially declined, nor in any degree at all approaching the extent which, from this cause, might reasonably have been anticipated.

Of Annual Subscriptions to these Associations for the past year, the gross amount has been £36 10s., of which the sum of £12 13s. was remitted to the Parent Society previously to the close of its fiscal year, as will appear from the Society's annual report; a sum considerably more than a fourth of the annual subscriptions within the year, and exceeding by a small fraction the remittance to the Parent Society, from the same source, for the year preceding.

The residue of this fund, after paying sundry small accounts properly chargeable upon it, was divided proportionally between the Associations. The Thornhill managing committee have this year placed the proportion of their funds arising from this source, making a clear balance of £18 9s. 9d. to the credit of the “Parsonage Building Fund,” in accordance with a resolution passed some years since, appropriating the available balance of the three-fourths of the annual contributions to this branch to that purpose, as long as may be required to secure the accomplishment of the object for which the fund was originated, viz., the erection of a parsonage-house within the limits of this mission. The Vaughan Association have appropriated the available balance of their funds, this year, amounting to £5 12s. 9d. to the repair of St. Stephen's Church, Vaughan.

The four quarterly collections, in aid of certain special objects put forward by the Parent Society, your Committee further report were regularly taken up during the past year at all the churches within this mission; and the whole, amounting to £14 11s., remitted without deduction to the Parent Society. The special objects for which these collections were made, and in aid of which they have been applied, were the Widows and Orphans' Fund, the Mission Fund, the Theological Students' Fund, and the General Purpose Fund;—objects all possessing the strongest claims upon our sympathy, as your Committee conceive and could here attempt more fully to shew, did they not believe that by means of the Parent Society's Report, as also in various other ways, the nature and extent of the claims which these objects have upon you are already well understood and will daily be more fully recognized by you, as evinced by the increased measure of generous sympathy and support, you will freely and gladly accord to them.

The season when the annual subscriptions to these Associations are usually collected is now at hand; and your Committee indulge the hope that a retrospect of the good you have for the few past years been enabled to effect, without much individual effort or embarrassment, by means of these Associations, as well as a prudent consideration of the future blessings promised to those who “forget not to distribute and to do good—sacrifices with which God is well pleased—remembering also that he is not unrighteous that he will forget your work of faith and labor that proceedeth of love,” will furnish the strongest and most satisfactory reasons why you should freely and with pleasure respond to those annual demands upon your Christian liberality and sympathy for furthering the cause of God and his Church.

That the objects presented to us by our Church afford ample scope for the exercise of a measure of benevolence and charity fully commensurate with that which the word of God inculcates and enjoins upon us as a Christian people, is a truth which your Committee conceive cannot be controverted, and they boldly and emphatically declare that, united to our Church as we are by bonds of affection as well as of solemn conviction, it is not merely inconsistent with our Christian calling, but absolutely criminal and wicked, for the members of the Church in any way to contribute (as some alas! have hitherto inconsiderately done) to the sustentation of quasi religious societies, holding tenets directly at variance with those inculcated by the Church to which we profess to belong, and consequently, as we conscientiously believe, at variance with the word of God. More especially now is it, your committee think, doubly criminal to contribute to sectarian objects, when

our Church, having been deprived of her endowments, stands (as is well known) in need of all the succour and support which her faithful and attached members can possibly afford her; not for the purpose of enabling her to enlarge the sphere of her operations merely, and thus to keep pace with the growing demands of an increasing population (a most desirable and indeed necessary work), but for the bare maintenance of her present state of efficiency. Property to a large amount has just been wrested from our Church. The discontents are now glorying in this victory over us: for long were they used to make craving—yea, piteous, appeals to the Christian sympathies of Churchmen for pecuniary assistance in aid of their sectarian objects; now that they are grown strong, they glory in our downfall and exhibit plainly the hollowness and hypocrisy of their former professions of esteem and good will to our Church. What is the lesson Churchmen should hence learn? To trust more for the future to their own exertions than to extraneous help for support and protection; to determine no longer to be the dupes of the adversaries of their Church, whether concealed or open; to make a solemn vow and resolution before God, which no false appearances should ever induce them to break, to bestow in future whatever they may have to spare for the promotion of religious objects, be it much or little, upon their own Church.

Various topics of a more general character, yet having a vital bearing upon the welfare of the Church, remain to be noticed;—such as the success that has attended the efforts of the Parochial Associations and the Church Society of this Diocese to promote the Gospel within its bounds; the successful operations of kindred institutions of the United Church of England and Ireland, both at home and in foreign parts; the necessity that exists for redoubled exertion on the part of the members of the Church of this Diocese to co-operate for the loss inflicted on them by the secularization of the Clergy Reserves; and the union, strength and efficiency which the assumption of Synodical powers will in all probability impart to the Church's system in this Diocese. Upon these topics it would be extremely gratifying to your Committee here more fully to enlarge, did they not feel that it would be both more profitable and agreeable to the meeting that the speakers who are furnished with resolutions bearing on these subjects, and are now about to address you, should do so.

Your Committee, however, ere closing their Report, cannot forbear returning their most sincere and grateful thanks to the benevolent and earnest-minded individuals who have with so much labor and at so much personal inconvenience to themselves continued for many years to discharge the duty of collectors gratuitously, and to whose zealous and persevering exertions in this good cause it is that, under God's blessing, the measure of success which has hitherto attended the operations of these Associations is mainly to be ascribed.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.

Parsonage Building Fund.

Balance for last year,	£19	9	10
1854.			
April 24th. Cash from 3 of Parochial Associations,	18	4	9½

Total in hand, exclusive of 1 year's interest, due 23 April, 1855,...	37	14	7½
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Burial Ground Enlargement Fund.

Mr. E. Senger's debent. exclusive of 1 year's interest due 21 May 1855, £52	8	8
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Total in hand,	52	8	8
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