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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

NOTICE.

The Committee of the Home District Branch of the Church Society, D. T., having undertaken to pay \$120 per annum towards the support of a Divinity Student at Trinity College, request that candidates for the said exhibition, intending to matriculate in October next, will send in their applications to the undersigned, with testimonials of character, signed by a clergyman, before the 1st of September, in order that the committee may be enabled to nominate a student for the same.

H. C. COOPER,
Secretary H. D. B.

Islington, May 8th, 1861.

Toronto, 14th May, 1861.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

It is my intention to visit, for the purpose of holding confirmation, your several parishes, in the month of July next, in accordance with the following list.

I remain, &c.,
JOHN TORONTO.

DAYS OF THE WEEK.	DAYS OF THE JULY, 1861.	PLACE.	Hour.
Monday	1	Scarboro' St Paul's	11 a. m.
"	"	" St. Jude's	1 p. m.
"	"	" Christ Church	4 p. m.
Tuesday	2	Duffin's Creek	10 a. m.
"	"	" Greenwood	1 p. m.
"	"	" Uxbridge	5 p. m.
Wednesday	3	Brock, West Church	11 a. m.
"	"	" Brock, East Church	4 p. m.
Thursday	4	Beavertown	11 a. m.
Friday	5	Port Perry	1 p. m.
"	"	" Whitby Harbour	5 p. m.
Saturday	6	Oshawa	10 a. m.
"	"	" Bowmanville	3 p. m.
Sunday	7	Newcastle	11 a. m.
"	"	" Inniskillen	3 p. m.
Monday	8	Cartwright	10 a. m.
"	"	" Manvers	2 p. m.
Tuesday	9	Cavan, St. John's N th Ch.	11 a. m.
"	"	" Omencee or Emily	3 p. m.
Wednesday	10	Lindsay	11 a. m.
Thursday	11	Peterboro'	11 a. m.
"	"	" Lakefield	3 p. m.
Friday	12	Millbrook	3 p. m.
Saturday	13	Perrytown	11 a. m.
"	"	" Port Hope	3 p. m.
Sunday	14	Cobourg	11 a. m.
Monday	15	Grafton	11 a. m.
"	"	" Colborne	3 p. m.
Tuesday	16	Norwood	3 p. m.
Wednesday	17	Seymour	3 p. m.

We are informed that His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury has been pleased to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Rev. T. B. Read, incumbent of Orillia.

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THE TUNE AND CHANT BOOK.

The Committee had a meeting on Wednesday, the 16th, at which it was determined to go to press with as little delay as possible.

COLLECTIONS UP TO MAY 12th, 1861.

STUDENT FUND FOR 19TH YEAR.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels, and missionary stations, in the Diocese of Toronto, on behalf of the Student's Fund, for 19th year, received between the 28th ult., and 12th inst.

Previously announced	\$197.00
Lindsay, per Rev. John Vicars	3.25
Thorold, St. John's	\$ 4.77
Port Robinson, St. Paul's	2.39
Per Rev. Dr. Fuller	7.18
Cavan, St. Thomas'	2.80
" St. John's	1.30
" St. Paul's	1.10
Per Rev. T. W. Allen	5.20
Pictou, St. Mary Magdeline	12.51
Per churchwarden.	
Cayuga	6.00
York	2.65
Caledonia	3.35
Per Rev. B. C. Hill	12.00
Newton	1.00
Newcastle, St. George's	3.00
Per Rev. H. Brent	4.00
Grafton, St. George's	5.50
Colborne, Trinity	6.50
Per Rev. John Wilson	12.00
Cornwall, Trinity	16.45
Moulinette, Christ's Church	2.25
Per Rev. Dr. Patton	18.70
Tecumseth, Trinity	3.19
" St. John's	.50
Per J. R. Williams, Esq.	3.69
Perrytown, St. Paul's	2.00
Elizabethville, St. John's	1.00
Per Rev. John Hilton	3.00
Cartwright	63.00
Per Churchwarden	
Penetanguishene, St. James'	3.00
Per Churchwarden	
Lloydtown, St. Mary's, Mag.	2.26
Bolton Christ's Church	1.35
Albion, St. James's	3.84
Per Rev. H. B. Osler	7.45
Cobourg, St. Peter's	30.00
" Stile's School House	2.15
" Bourne's	1.85
Per Churchwarden	34.00

Orillia, St. James'	3.80
Medonte, St. George's	.40
Cold Water Road, St. Luke's	.80
Oro, St. Mark's	1.00
Per Rev. T. B. Read	6.00
Woodbridge	3.80
Gore, St. John's	1.60
Tullamore, St. Mary's	3.70
Grahamsville	1.34
Per Rev. John Carry	10.44
Milton	3.40
Hornby, St. Stephen's	1.62
Omagh	1.20
Per Rev. F. Tremayne	6.22
Essa, Ramsbottom Mills	
Per Rev. E. Morgan	1.15
Hamilton, Christ's Church	15.64
Per Churchwarden	
Drummondville, All Saints'	6.00
Stamford, St. John's	3.64
Per Rev. C. L. Ingles	9.64
Port Hope, per Churchwarden	11.00
Port Perry, per Rev. W. Grant	1.30
100 Collections, amounting to	492.87
MISSION FUND, JANUARY COLLECTION, 19TH YEAR.	
Previously announced	\$695.30
Thorold, per Rev. Dr. Fuller	8.90
Port Nelson	\$2.87
Wellington	4.25
Per Rev. Dr. Greene	7.12
Newton, per Rev. H. Brent	1.00
149 Collections, amounting to	\$714.32
WIDOW & ORPHANS' FUND, 19TH YEAR.	
Previously announced	\$1119.42
Etobicoke, St. George's	\$2.50
Mimico Church	1.25
Per Rev. H. C. Cooper	\$ 3.75
Kingston, St. Paul's, per Rev. J. A. Mulock	2.00
Port Perry per Rev. W. Grant	3.65
154 Collections, amounting to	\$1128.82
PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.	
Cobourg, balance per the Ven. the Archdeacon of York	\$ 54.50
Port Hope, balance per Rev. Dr. Shortt	44.00
Cavan, bal. including Rev. T. W. Allen's annual sub	9.00
Perrytown including Rev. J. Hilton's annual subscription	30.00
Newcastle	83.28
St. Catharines, including the Revs. A. F. Atkinson, Robart's and Philipp's ann'l. subscriptions	207.00
Chippawa, Rev. W. Leeming	101.00
Thorold, including Rev. Dr. Fuller's annual subscription	96.00
Dunnville, including Rev. J. Flood's annual subscription	49.00

Stamford and Drummondville, including Rev. C. L. Ingles' annual subscription...	53.07
Port Erie, including Rev. H. Holland's annual subscription	35.00
Niagara, including Rev. Dr. McMurray's and T. McCormick's, Esq. annual sub	53.35
Welland, per Rev. J. Stannage	42.38
Cavan, St. John's, additional per Rev. T. W. Allen.....	7.37
Caledonia	7.75
York	2.25
Per Rev. B. C. Hill	10.00
Arthur.....	21.59
Mount Forest	15.10
Per Rev. S. Houston	36.70
Yorkville, St. Paul's, on account, per Rev S. Givins	121.29
Midland District.	
Kingston, St. George's, including four clergy, and 15 lay annual sub.	166.50
Kingston, St. James'	16.07
" St. Paul's.....	3.00
Portsmouth, St. John's, including Rev F W. Dobbs' annual sub.....	10.40
Barri-field, St. Mark's including Rev. E. C. Bower's annual sub	10.00
Napanee, including Rev. Dr. Lauder's annual subscription	42.00
Bath.....	40.00
Adolphustown, including Rev. J. Hanning's annual sub.....	21.50
Fredericksburgh	17.00
Camden, including Rev. G. W. White's annual subscription... ..	134.60
Sheffield	34.50
Sydenham	21.50
Storrington	6.51
Portland	27.87
Per Rev. A. Stewart. Bathurst District.	\$543.55
Ottawa, including Rev. J. S. Lauder's annual subscription	265.91
Huntley	67.45
Hazeldean, including Rev. J. Godfrey's annual subscription	16.45
Osgoode, including Rev. C. Forest's annual subscription	75.00
Richmond, including Rev. C. B. Pettit's annual subscription.....	44.12
North Gower	23.00
Per R. Pearson Harris, Esq.	491.93
Simcoe District.	
Collingwood, including Rev. J. Langtry's annual subscription of \$10.....	52.00
Cookstown, including Rev. A. J. Fidler's annual subscription	238.40
Notawasaga Station	43.55
Bradford, including Rev. J. Fletcher's annual subscription	90.31
Mono Mills	33.50
Orillia, including the annual subscriptions of Rev T. B. Read, and Rev. W. M. Ross	90.00
Creemore	80.00
Barris, including the annual subscriptions of Revs. S. B. Ardagh, E. Morgan, Wm. Checkley, B. Lally, Esq., Judge Gowau, and Hon. J. Patton	70.00
Innisfil, St Peter's Church.....	28.51
" St. Paul's "	48.65
Shanty Bay	19.35
Thornton	26.60

Secumseth, including annual subscriptions of Rev. Dr Strong, and A Garrillar, Esq.	96.42
Penetanguishine, including Rev G Hallen's annual subscription.....	60.27
Victoria Hill	23.07
Craighurst	22.00
Mono Mission.....	21.80
Per Rev. T. B. Read.....	\$1045.09
Gore and Wellington District, balance of collections	280.00
Produce of 7 shares in Western Permanent Building Society.....	42.00
Per F. W. Gates, Esq.	\$322.00
Perth	29.53
Per Rev. R. I. Stephenson.	
Hawkesbury, Trinity Church, 1/4... ..	11.50
" St. John's Church... ..	6.75
Per Rev. J. G. Armstrong	18.25
Dundas and Ancaster.	
Per Rev. H. B. Osler	172.00
Berwmanville, including Rev. Dr. McNab's annual subscription	45.20
Toronto, St. John the Evangelist including 2 lay and two clergy annual sub... ..	72.00
Springfield, including 1 lay and 1 clergy annual subscription	29.00
Etobicoke, including Rev. H. C. Cooper's annual subscription	99.16
Brampton, per Rev. R. G. Cox	43.25
Tullamore, per Rev J. Carry	122.00
Newmarket, per Rev. S. F. Ramsay.	27.00
Holland Landing, including one lay annual subscription	21.26
Queensville	12.51
Per Rev. W. E. Cooper.....	33.77
Scarborough, on account, per Rev. W. Belt	34.00
Brock, per Rev. R. H. Harris.....	16.00
Lloydtown, St. Mary Magdalene	100.00
Bolton, Christ Church.....	42.85
Albion, St. James'	52.44
Per Rev. H. B. Osler	195.23
Oakridges, including one lay annual subscription.....	48.63
Aurora, including one clergy annual subscription.....	47.62
King's Station.....	49.68
Per Rev. H. W. Stewart.....	145.93
Markham, including one clergy annual subscription, per Rev. G. S. Hill.....	67.10
Georgina, per Rev. W. Ritchie	23.00
Greenwood, per Rev. G. Viner	80.00
Berkeley	16.60
Chester	22.38
Per Rev. Dr. Beaven.....	38.98
Port Perry, per Rev. W. Grant.....	38.40
Weston, per Rev. W. A. Johnson	11.06
Springfield, special for Stud. Fund	2.00
Per Rev. T. P. Hodge.	
Etobicoke, special for W. and O. Fund	5.60
Per Rev. H. C. Cooper.	
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.	
Reverend J. Hilton, Missionary Fund ...\$	5.00
" Dr. Atkinson, Stud. " ..	17.00
" Dr. Fuller, " ..	24.00
" J. Flood, " ..	24.00
" " W. and O. " ..	3.00
" C. L. Ingles, Stud. " ..	5.00
" " G. P. " ..	1.37
" H. Holland, Stud. " ..	10.00
" " W. and O. " ..	9.00
" Dr. McMurray, Stud " ..	9.00

" G Whitaker, Provost of Trinity College, W and O Fund...	15.00
" G Whitaker, Provost of Trinity College, B and T Fund	10.00
" W Leecunig, W and O Fund	16.00
" " Stud Fund ..	18.00
" " Miss " ..	16.00
" B. C. Hill, annual subscription ..	10.00
J. R. Williams, Esq.....	5.00
Hon. John Hamilton.....	5.00
Rev J. G. Armstrong.....	5.00
Mrs. Kennedy, Bath, England, W. & O. F ..	4.85
Mrs Parke, " " ..	4.85

MISSION BOARD D. T

A Meeting of the Mission Board was held on the 7th of May, 1861. Present—The Ven. the Archdeacon of York in the Chair, Revs. A. Palmer, E. H. Dewar, A. Stewart, J. Carry, Dr. McMurray, Dr. Fuller, H. Brent, S. Givens, J. G. Geddes, Dr. Read, and Messrs. Bovell, R. B. Denison, Jns. Magrath, J. W. Gamble, C. J. Campbell, and the Rev. Secretary.

The SECRETARY read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed. He then read letters from the following gentlemen:—Rev. T. Parnell, enclosing bond—Rev. J. A. Preston, ditto—from Secretary of the Bathurst District, enclosing guarantee from congregation, at White Lake—from the same and the Rev. J. S. Lauder, claiming £30 a year for an assistant at Ottawa, that sum having been previously paid direct by the Parochial Branch, and now remitted to the Board; from the Rev. J. Stannage, enquiring whether the Board would guarantee the stipend to him for another year; from Rev. Dr. Atkinson, claiming £25 for his curate, which had been paid out of local appropriations, prior to sending all to the Parent Society; from James Bromley, Esq., enquiring whether the Society would grant £50 per annum for Mission at Renfrew, if that Mission raised a similar amount; from F. W. Gates, Esq., announcing sale of seven shares W. P. Building Society, and query as to transfer of balance; from Rev. A. Stewart, announcing that he and Sheriff Corbett had been elected delegates from the Midland District, and also, that the District had undertaken to pay their proportion of Rev. G. W. White's salary, up to the 30th of April.

The SECRETARY read the following report and resolutions, forwarded to him by the Secretary of the Home District:—

The Managing Committee of the Home District Branch met on Wednesday, 24th April. Present—The Rev. Rural Dean Givins in the Chair, the Rev. Messrs. J. Carry, G. Viner, H. Stewart, T. Hodge, R. Arnold, W. Belt, E. Dewar, G. Cox, T. S. Kennedy, James Magrath, Esq., and the Rev. H. C. Cooper, Secretary.

The following resolutions were passed.
 1. That whereas the following clergymen of this District, viz.:—The Rev. Messrs. J. Carry, R. Arnold, T. P. Hodge, H. Stewart, and W. Johnson were, previously to the formation of the Mission Board, in the receipt of grants, partly from the District Fund, and partly from the Sustentation Fund, amounting to not less than £57 10s per annum each, this Committee do recommend the Mission Board to pay to each of the aforesaid clergymen the sum of £50 per annum, in lieu of all such grants hitherto received by them; and also, the like sum to each of the following clergymen, viz.:—The Rev. G. Viner, the Rev. W. Grant, and the Rev. R. Harris.
 2. That this Committee beg leave to present to the Mission Board, that great uncertainty appears to exist with regard to the application of some of the rules adopted by the Board, and that, in the

opinion of this Committee, it should be distinctly made known, that no clergyman can be considered "entitled" to receive any stipend from the Board, until he has been expressly accepted by it upon the recommendation of the Branch Committee of the District in which he is situated.

3. That the Mission of Holland Landing, lately formed with a separate cure, by the appointment of the Rev. W. Cooper to the same, be recommended to the Board of Missions as deserving of assistance from the Funds of the said Board.

4. That in order to supply the great spiritual destitution of the Township of Caledon, this Committee do recommend to the Mission Board, to place a travelling missionary in that field as soon as their funds will admit. The Committee would also suggest, that as the Bishop has granted leave of absence to the Rev. J. Van Linge, who occupies the adjacent Mission of Orangeville, in the Simcoe District, an arrangement might be effected, by which such travelling missionary should extend his labours to the said mission.

5. That this Committee do undertake the payment of \$120 per annum towards the support of a Divinity Student at Trinity College, and that the Secretary do insert a notice in the Ecclesiastical Gazette, requesting that applicants for the said Exhibition, intending to matriculate in October next, will send in their names, with testimonials of character signed by a clergyman, before 1st September, in order that the Committee may be enabled to nominate to the same.

The Secretary read certain resolutions transmitted from the congregations of St. Mary's, Tallamore, St. John's, Gore of Toronto, and from that of Grahamsville, disapproving of any division of the mission of Woodbridge and Tallamore as at present constituted, and expressive of their entire satisfaction with the care and zeal of the present Incumbent, the Rev. J. Carry, in the discharge of his duties.

A Committee was appointed to examine and report upon the Assets and Liabilities of the various Districts connected with the Board, and the meeting adjourned until 8, p. m.

On the meeting re-assembling, the following report was read by the Chairman, the Rev. A. PALMER:—

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF MISSION BOARD.

Name of District.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Deficiency.
Home.....	\$1600	\$1229.24	\$370.76
Niagara.....	850	723.45	126.55
Gore & Wellington..	2400	2400.00	
Simcoe.....	1470	1575.00	over 105.00
Prince Edward..	450	185.08	264.92
Midland.....	600	202.62	397.38
Bathurst.....	860	335.50	524.50
Eastern.....	750	20.00	730.00
Colborne.....	350		350.00
Newcastle.....	600	739.80	over 139.00
	\$9930	\$7409.89	\$2764.11

Rough Estimate of the Liabilities and Assets of the Mission Board, to 21st December, 1861, inclusive:—

Salaries of Missionaries for July, October, and December, at \$2000 per quarter.....	\$6000
Cash on Deposit.....	\$1000
Estimated Collections, to 31st December, 1860.....	2028
Amount to be paid by Gore and Wellington District.....	1014
	4072

Balances unprovided for\$1928

Moved by Rev. Dr. FULLER, seconded by Dr.

BOVELL,—that the Report of the Sub-Committee, appointed to report on the Liabilities and Assets of the Mission Board, be adopted and published in the Ecclesiastical Gazette.—*Carried*

Resolved that the Secretary be requested to insert a notice in the next number of the Ecclesiastical Gazette, to the effect, that, according to the Rules and Regulations adopted in November last, by the Mission Board, the conditions upon which assistance can be given to any parish, are, that it should be recommended by the Branch Committee of the District to which it belongs, and approved by the Board of Missions.—*Carried*.

Moved by Rev. T. B. READ, seconded by Dr. BOVELL,—that the recommendation of the Home District respecting missionaries be adopted, subject to the regulations of the Board.—*Carried*.

The following Missionary Reports were presented:

MANITOWANING, January 16th, 1861.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in sending you my report.—You will be glad to learn that good is being done among the Indians in this part of the Diocese. I am thankful to God for the measure of success which has attended my labours.

The following are some extracts from my journal:—

July 31st, 1860. I went out this evening to visit some Indian families. I had a long conversation with a man who had been very ill in the spring. At one time, scarcely any hopes of his ultimate recovery were entertained. I thought myself that he would not get over his illness. I used to visit his tent, which was about eight miles from this place; at such times I took him some food. I read and explained passages of Scripture to him; before leaving him, I always offered up a prayer to God in his behalf. He was a very attentive listener. At one time he told me, that if ever he recovered, he would endeavour to serve God better than he had done before; he also said that the next time the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the church, he would, if he could walk, go up with his brethren to the Lord's Table, and partake of the holy feast. This evening he talked in nearly the same strain. He is now well enough to work.

August 29th. I have now finished my portion of the work of Indian translation, which the Rev. Dr. O'Meara and I undertook about three years ago. What we had undertaken to do was to translate the Pentateuch, the Book of Proverbs, and the Prophecy of Isaiah, into the Ojibwa language. What I have to translate are the Books of Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Messrs. Lovell and Gibson, of Toronto, are printing the translations; and the Christian Knowledge Society bear the expenses of the printing. I am glad that I have been able to give assistance in the work of translation. I consider myself highly honoured in having been entrusted with such a work. May much good result from what has been done.

30th. It is now a little more than a year since we had a death in this place: the Indians on the whole have enjoyed very good health. We have cause to thank God for taking care of us, and sparing our lives. The first year that I was here eight Indians died.

October 5th. This morning I walked over to South Bay to visit the Indians who live there. I first went into the house of the Chief, who was until lately a Roman Catholic, but who is now a member of the Church of England. Although he lives at a distance of seven miles from Manitowaning, he comes regularly to church; it is only when the weather is very unfavourable that he does not come. It would be a good thing if his Indians, who live near him, went to church as

often as he does; unfortunately, they are careless as regards attending the means of grace, and yet, they are told sometimes their duty with respect to church-going. Most of them are heathens. The heathens have a great antipathy to the christian religion. This evening when I desired them all to meet together in the Chief's house, where I wished to have a talk with them on serious subjects, and also, to hold a service, not a third of them obeyed the call.

Nov. 16th. Some of the Indians have been away from the village for about a fortnight; they are engaged in fishing, and they have their families with them to assist them in curing the fish. As the weather has been good, they have been quite successful. They will thus have fish to last them a considerable length of time. The fish they catch are white fish.

How many are the merces the Indians have received this year? Providence has certainly blessed them in a great degree. In the Spring they had a good sugar-season; no frost had cut down their corn after it had sprung up from the ground; this fall they were enabled to gather in unusually good crops; they have also had a good fishing season; again, very little sickness has been among them. God's holy name be praised for the many and great blessings he has sent down upon us.

20th. I have been employed lately in copying out for the press ninety-six Indian hymns, thirty-eight of which are new, the rest are old hymns, which I have revised and corrected. I was led to do the work I have just now completed, from seeing the great necessity there was for correcting the old hymns; and also, from seeing the scantiness of subjects for hymns in the old collection. I trust that the new collection will be found to be of great use by Indian Missionaries.

December 27th. The Indians belonging to this place had their annual feast this evening in my house. About fifty three were present. The superintendent also attended. The Doxology was first sung. Then all sat down to eat. I furnished a large portion of what was on the table; the principal Indians supplied the rest. All enjoyed the dinner very much. When all had eaten, I rose up and made a speech. I was followed by four speakers. I shall here give an analysis of two of the speeches that were made. The readers of this report will thereby see how christianity has influenced some of the Indians who live in these parts; they will hear from their own mouths, what their feelings are on some matters of vital importance. Chief Meshequaunga thus spoke,—“My brother chiefs, my brethren, children, I have a little to say to you. To-day I call to mind what we were when we were heathens, when we lived in the wild bush, and roamed about in quest of food. In those days we heard our fathers speak of what took place in times long gone by. They also gave us advice—they told us how we were to live. But they did not know much. A time came when the Missionary reached us, and talked to us; he spoke of the Great Being above; he spread out before us the divine will; he told us what neither we nor our fathers had ever heard. We then embraced christianity; from that time to this we have heard the glad news. We now hear the Gospel. Let us be thankful for this. Let us live like good christians.” John Mitchell, a half-breed thus spoke,—“Chiefs, brothers, and sisters, I too would say a few words to you. I have been very much pleased with what the other speakers said. They gave very good advice. My brethren, some of them referred to the sins that are prevalent among us. They told the truth about us; we are not as we ought to be. One great vice to

which we are addicted is drunkenness. This is what some do, when they have got a quarter of a dollar by working, they keep it in their pockets until a schooner arrives, when they give it for the bad drink. When they have drunk all they have got, they endeavour to get another quarter, in order to get more of the fire-water. This is the way with us, my brethren. This should not be so. Let us all give up drinking the fire-water. Our Missionary wishes us to do so. All good men wish us to be sober, quiet, and godly. Intoxicating drink is a destructive thing. I for one will give it up. I say this in the presence of our Superintendent, Missionary, and Chiefs. Will you also do the same? It will be for your good if you do so. When you were asked to come here to the feast, you were all very ready and glad to come. Let there be over the same readiness to go to where God's people assemble for divine worship, let all be glad to go to God's house, whenever we are called to enter it. We must not think of our bodies alone, we have souls that we are required to attend to. We must see that our souls are fed as well as our bodies. They will be fed if we are diligent in prayer, and attending church, and if we listen attentively to what the minister tells us. Let us not forget to ask God for grace to enable us to live righteously. To him we are to look for help. My brethren, let there be brotherly love among us. This is all I have to say. I wish you all much happiness." When the last speaker had sat down, a hymn was sung, I then offered up a prayer to Almighty God.

Hoping that this report will not prove uninteresting,

I remain,

Rev. and dear Sir,

Your humble and obedient servant,

PETER JACOBS.

To the Secretary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, Toronto.

GARDEN RIVER MISSION, SAULT ST MARIE.

APRIL 3RD, 1861.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

Your letter of February 29th, enclosing a cheque for \$30 granted by the Board, for expenses incurred in visiting the Indians in different parts of my mission, was duly received. I desire to return my sincere thanks to the Board for their liberal grant, and to assure them that I feel greatly encouraged by their past liberality to trust them for the future. I am anxious to visit, some time this year if possible, all the Indians on the north shore of Lake Superior, as far as Fort William, and from the Fort to the nearest Missionary Station in the Diocese of Rupert's Land. This would take a long time, be attended with much fatigue, danger and expense, but we are willing to endure the fatigue, and risk the danger, providing the Board will defray the expenses.

In making this journey we should have an opportunity of preaching the Gospel of Christ to hundreds who have never heard the glad sound, and to many others who have only heard "another Gospel," we should be able to ascertain the spiritual wants of the Indians in these parts, and which are the most suitable localities for mission stations. We may not be prepared at present, to form and to occupy any new station, but if we reflect on the little we are doing to promote the temporal and eternal welfare of the Indians, if we think of the claims which they have upon us as occupiers of their lands, and upon our church in particular as being nearest to that described by St. Paul, "a glorious church not having spot

or wrinkle or any such thing, we can arrive at no other conclusion than this, that if we are not prepared to do more for the Indians than we are now doing, we ought to be prepared, and we should lose no opportunity to become fully acquainted with our duties and responsibilities, and to urge the members of our church to discharge them.

The Indians here say that many of those who are living on the north shore of Lake Superior, are in a most wretched and degraded state, and often ask me to go and visit them. When I tell them that I have no money to defray expenses, they reply that I have only to make the state of the Indians known to the rich men in Toronto, and they will readily supply me with all that is necessary. I think the same, and trust that we shall not be disappointed. During the winter I have been about 60 miles in that direction on foot. I left here with Chief Pahquwugenene on February 18, we slept at the Sault on the first night, as we had here to finish our arrangements for the journey. In the morning we found that one of our dogs had made his escape and returned home we supposed, it was too far to go after him, and as we could neither borrow nor hire another we had to set out with one dog, which had a heavier load than I thought he would be able to draw all day; but I secretly resolved to relieve him of my valise at noon if necessary, when that time arrived however, and twelve miles of our journey through the bush had been accomplished, I did not feel at all disposed to carry out my resolution, and fortunately the dog seemed quite equal to his arduous task. We rested at noon and refreshed ourselves with some bread and pork, and tea, after which we continued our journey to Goulais Bay. We reached the village before dark, and the Indians gave us a very cordial reception: the chief and all the principal men in the village came to visit us during the evening, and as I purposed to proceed on the morrow to Bahsjewenneng, I had a short service for which some of them expressed their thankfulness. My host was baptized by the Rev. Dr. MacMurray, his name is Shewetahgannus Little Salt, he is now a very old man, with "hoary head," I would that I could say I found him in the way of righteousness, but he had too little salt or grace to preserve him, amidst papists and heathen from following their evil practices. The Chief was first baptized by the Methodists, but he is now nominally a papist, and most of the people there are papists and heathen. The weather on the following day, Wednesday, not being favourable for travelling, I did not leave the village but spent the day there in visiting the Indians and in receiving visits from them: in the evening I had service at the Chief's home, which was very numerously attended.

On Thursday we continued our journey to Bahsjewenneng, and after a hard day's walking partly on snow shoes, through the bush and partly on the ice, against a strong north west wind, we reached the village, (if a few scattered hovels can be called a village) in the evening. A young man in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company received me kindly into his log cabin, he informed me that the few Indians belonging to the place had left for their hunting grounds. I left there the next morning and returned to Goulais Bay. Saturday was a very stormy day; I have not witnessed such a continuous snow storm since I have been in the country. I went out at noon and visited the heathens from house to house, who listened to me with great attention, whilst I preached Christ unto them, and urged upon them the necessity of being born again of water and of the Holy Ghost.

The Sabbath was heralded in with unclouded glory. When the sun arose not a cloud was

visible, and all nature was calm and still, and bright as one could wish every earthly Sabbath to be, emblem of that eternal Sabbath which remains for the people of God. The magnificent scene which it was my privilege to witness that morning at Goulais Bay, and the reflections to which it gave rise, tended much to produce within me that state of mind necessary for the faithful discharge of my sacred duties. I had spent the previous night in a small house with three Indian men and two women, on a most barbarous bed and very uncivilized bed clothing. I felt very heathenish until I had washed myself, breathed the pure cold brazing air, and witnessed the glorious sun rise. We had morning service at the Chief's house, which was crowded to excess. In the afternoon I had Sunday School, which was attended by many young men and women, as well as children. I was delighted to see several of the heathen children there. At the evening service the house was crowded again most uncomfortably, many of the heathen were present, as in the morning, and I have seldom seen a more attentive congregation. I returned to the house where I lodged about 30 yards distant, with my surplice on, feeling much fatigued, but at the same time rejoicing in hope that my labours were not in vain. As soon as I opened the door and entered the house, a dog followed me, and as there was one dog already in possession taking care of her young, a fearful contest ensued; there was I with my surplice on as strangely and unpleasantly situated as one could well conceive in the midst of a savage dog fight, and shouting in vain to the ferocious combatants to desist; the Indians coming to my assistance, I was soon relieved from my unenviable position.

The journey homewards as far the Sault would have been a very difficult and tedious journey to me, on account of the great quantity of snow which had fallen and filled up the track, had not some of the Indians kindly consented to go before us and open the road; we reached the Sault in the evening very much fatigued; we rested there all night and arrived home the next day.

A few days ago, I went to visit some of my people who are wintering on the north-west shore of Lake Huron. One is a very old man whom I baptized here last summer, he was the only one belonging to this band unbaptized; I endeavoured to persuade him to settle here, but his wandering propensities prevailed, and he left us for other parts. Having been informed that he was sick at the point of death, I thought it was my duty to visit him, I was told that the distance was not very great, and that we could accomplish the journey before sun set, so that I did not consider it necessary to make any great preparation, we took some bread, sugar, tea, snow shoes, blankets, an axe and matches; after we had proceeded some distance my young companion (a nephew of the old man who was sick) said he had forgotten to take a kettle, I did not consider this of much importance at the time, as we could do without tea until we reached the camp. About noon we came to a large crack in the ice, and the pure clear water looked irresistibly tempting, we sat down ate some bread and drank a good draught of water; we were fully aware that drinking water would not help us much on our way, but as I said before it was irresistible in our state of thirst. Early in the afternoon I began to be very thirsty again, and drank some more water, after this I felt less qualified for walking than I did before, my snow shoes seemed to increase in weight, my strength was manifestly on the decrease, and our progress perceptibly slower, until finally I had to lie down on the snow and rest. I said to my guide how much farther have we to go? And he replied, to that point of land which appears in

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 our 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 huge 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. Stannago 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...	\$ 769.50
" 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
	\$11473.03

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 Ruttan, 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

authorised to invest \$1000 of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund in the purchase of a certain brick building, in the Village of Holland Landing, referred to in the letter of the Rev. W. E. Cooper, to the secretary, provided that the solicitor of the society report favourably on the title, and that said committee think it in every respect a good investment, provided, also, that they can obtain a tenant at a rate of not less than £25 per annum, and the premium of insurance on £250 for a term of not less than 5 years, and collateral security from two parties of undoubted responsibility for the payment of the rent and premium aforesaid.

The Rev. A. Palmer gave notice,

That it is expedient that the by-law on the Mission Board be amended, by leaving out the third clause thereof, and by substituting the following.—

That the Board of Missions assumes the payment of their stipends to all missionaries who have been up to this date licensed by the Bishop to minister within the limits of any District Association of this Diocese, provided, the Committee of such District Association shall from time to time place the Board in possession of sufficient funds to cover the said stipends: or shall fulfil such stipulations as may have been in special cases entered into with the Board.

That the Board will be only to assume the same obligation, in reference to such Missions, as have had promises made to them by any District Association, and have been accepted by the Board as having claims upon its consideration, before any other new Missions are provided for.

That after such Missionaries and Missions have been provided for by the Board, from the funds contributed by their respective District Associations—any surplus there may be, shall be applicable to the payment of Missionaries in any part of the Diocese, where the Bishop shall see fit to appoint a clergyman to minister in any Mission, recommended to his Lordship by the District Committee, through the Mission Board.

That Incumbents of settled parishes, which shall pay or secure to the Board, through the District Committee, the stipends of their ministers, or any portion thereof, shall be entitled to draw the same amount from the Board.

That in no case shall the stipend of any clergyman, wholly paid by the Board, be less than £150 per annum, payable quarterly.

The Ven. A. BARNUM gave notice.

Resolved—That the following be added to Article XIX. of the Society:—

That, as it is expedient that the funds annually raised in aid of Theological Students, should be appropriated to the maintenance of exhibitions for the same in Trinity College, it be provided that the several district associations of the Church Society, may, through their central boards, nominate one or more persons as holders of such exhibitions.

Provided, that any district, thus nominating, shall undertake to remit annually to the Church Society a sum which shall cover the amount of the exhibition or exhibitions to which a nomination is made.

That any district, entering into such engagement, shall be entitled to appropriate to the maintenance of the exhibition or exhibitions, the proceeds of the annual collection made within the district for the Divinity Students' Fund.

That any surplus remaining to any district, after providing for its exhibition or exhibitions, shall be paid over to the Church Society, to be put to the credit of that district towards a provision for an additional exhibition.

The committee further recommend that persons thus nominated to exhibitions shall enjoy them subject, with only one exception, to no other conditions than those which are prescribed for

every candidate for admission into Trinity College.

These conditions are:

1. That he shall produce testimonials of good conduct.

2. That he shall pass the Matriculation Examination.

3. That he shall have entered on his sixteenth year.

The exception mentioned above respects this third condition of age. It will probably be thought desirable that every Divinity Exhibitioner shall have entered on his 19th year in order that his course of study may not be completed too long before the time at which he can receive Holy Orders.

That the minimum value of the exhibitions shall be £80 per annum.

That the exhibition shall be tenable for three years.

H. O'Rielly, Esq., of Waterdown, was unanimously elected an incorporated member.

The Rev. J. G. Geddes nominated Wm. Powers, Jr., Esq., of Hamilton, for election.

The Rev. T. B. Read nominated the Rev. A. J. Fidler, of Cookstown.

The usual prayers were read, and the meeting adjourned.

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NIAGARA DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The past year has been very eventful for the kingdom of this world, as well as for the kingdom of Christ.

While nations have been convulsed and governments overthrown, we have to bless God that our country and government have remained firm and steadfast; and although the political horizon has been dark and gloomy, yet we have gone on prosperously; and have been privileged to welcome within our midst the Heir Apparent to the Throne of England, the eldest son of our beloved Queen. He being the first royal visitor representing the Crown, to Canada, we may hopefully pray that much good may result, both to the people and the church in this favoured land.

From the reports we receive of the doings of the various missionary societies of the church in our Mother Country we at once, and thankfully perceive, that the Church of Christ was never more alive to her responsibilities than at the present moment.

Meetings are being constantly held to further some grand missionary effort among the still heathen portions of the known world. Particularly have we been cheered with the exertions which are being made in behalf of the unexplored regions of Africa, and the benighted races that therein exist. But this is not the only work of love that our mother church has undertaken during the past year. Her attention has been turned to various parts of the world—as for instance Australasia and the Islands of the South, British Columbia and the regions of the north, together with other places beyond the widely extended Empire of Great Britain.

While a great missionary work has been going on abroad, this, the XIX. Annual Report of the Niagara District Branch Association will, the committee venture to assert, show that we have not been wanting in some effort, but that in our small way something has been effected, and the cause of Christ and his church has not slumbered in our midst.

When this association last met, we were left in some uncertainty as to the result of the deliberations of a committee of the parent society which was then considering what alterations might be made in the constitution and working of

the society. Your committee have every reason to hope that the alterations proposed and since actually carried out will result in much benefit, not merely to the society itself, but also to the diocese generally. To some of these your committee would briefly allude. One alteration was the repealing that portion of Art. XVIII. of the Constitution which permitted three-fourths of the annual subscriptions and donations to be retained by the parish or district in which it was raised, and substituting in its place—that the entire amount contributed should be forwarded intact to the parent society, subject to whatever engagements the district branch had previously entered into, and subject also to the will of the donor. Another alteration is that quarterly meetings are henceforth substituted for the monthly meetings, to which the district branches are invited to send a clerical and lay delegate, and thus enlist the hearty co-operation of the whole diocese in the missionary and general objects of the society. Your committee would further hail as a harbinger of good the formation of the mission board, under whose management the whole missionary force of the diocese, whether settled or travelling, it is proposed should be placed. Your committee have reason to believe that this concentration of the mission fund will be of great and lasting benefit to the church, and enable the society to conduct with more energy and prospect of usefulness the missionary operations of the church. That these alterations have been well received, the following reports will show. The quarterly return made by our travelling missionary to the chairman is very encouraging.

THE TRAVELLING MISSION.

Welland, Dec. 19th, 1860.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

I see, by the rules of the Society, under the new arrangement, that I am required to give a quarterly report to the chairman of the district in which my mission is situated, and this day being the end of the quarter, according to my present engagement, I suppose I am right in addressing you at this time. Once I wrote my last report to the secretary, on Feb. 27th, the Rev. Mr. Holland, of Port Erie, has taken charge of Port Colborne, so that my Sunday services are now given to Welland, Marshville, and the gao; and on week days I visit the scattered families of the church in four townships, catechising, &c. The congregations, as far as numbers and attention go, continue to give me much encouragement. The buildings we have to hold service in are, on fine days, crowded, and from all I can hear and see, much prejudice against the church has been removed. This is not done by my hiding any part of the counsel of God, but rather while using no railing towards one, I think it my duty to set forth the church in all her integrity, as the only scripturally authorised body which contains all the saving doctrines of salvation through the only saviour, and the only atonement for sin offered on the cross. During the last quarter forty-nine persons were prepared by me for confirmation, and forty-five were actually confirmed—twenty-nine in Welland, and sixteen in Marshville. We have also had a meeting of the people of Marshville to see what could be done to erect a church. A subscription paper was sent round, and about \$300 subscribed. Mr. Beatty, of Port Robinson, gives us an acre of land, and hoping to raise the remainder of the sum wanted (\$1,000) in the neighbourhood, I hope to commence a church early next summer. There is not, perhaps, a poorer place in Canada West than Marshville. We have lost one of our communicants by death, but judging from the faith and hope which she manifested during her long illness, we have no reason to mourn as those that are without hope.

I regret to say that the dreadful fever and ague, so prevalent in this place, has so affected my family and myself during three summers that I was obliged to obtain leave of the bishop to reside at St. Catharines, promising to come here by railway to do my work. This will be very inconvenient for myself, but it will be better than to see one or two of us suffering all summer long, and it will oblige me to spend more time (two or three days every week) among the people, so that in that sense my usefulness may be increased. I shall, however, be prepared to resign the mission so soon as the society think they can provide for it in a better way. Indeed I should have done so at once, were it not that I could not dispose of the property which the want of the house which had been promised me led me to purchase; and also being very anxious to see the church at Marshville built, and the mission thus made more encouraging for another missionary to take charge of the same when I leave it. I am doing all I can to show the people that they are greatly indebted to the society for having undertaken to support me, and I believe something more than last year will be obtained, but I understand they have not yet paid the last year's salary, long overdue, or if they have, it has been done by one man alone, upon whom the whole burden has fallen, so that you will easily see that in pecuniary circumstances we are far from flourishing.—The voluntary system will not work well in poor and scattered congregations.

I remain,

Rev. and dear Sir,
The Society's faithful servant,

And yours very sincerely,
JOHN STANNAGE

To this he made a supplementary report to the secretary, giving account of his exertions on behalf of the society:

Welland, Jan. 14th, 1861.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

Although I wrote my last report to the chairman a few weeks ago, it did not contain an account of my people's contributions during the last year, which I believe you require. I was waiting to have as much as I could possibly collect. Seeing the difficulty of finding efficient collectors in such a mission as this, and wishing to have a chance of explaining the many reasons why churchmen should heartily contribute to the Church Society, especially when that society supports the missionary, I undertook to go myself to every family belonging to the Welland congregation, and I have gathered \$38 47½ as annual subscriptions. Considering all our circumstances, this was, perhaps, as much as could be expected. The offertories in Welland for all purposes to 6th January, 1861, came to \$50.052½. Thus the Welland congregation have paid, during the last year for church purposes, the sum of \$288.53. I trust that the next year's annual contributions will greatly increase. I felt that calling upon a people that had never been used to pay for religion, immediately after they had been called upon for the clergyman's salary, appeared like too heavy a pressure. I hope next year to call upon the people in Marshville for the Church Society. Notitia.—No. of communicants 61; (many have removed and some have died:) burials, 6; baptisms, 22; marriages, 2; public catechisings, 62; pastoral visits, 62; miles travelled, 1,500; confirmed, 47.

I am, &c.

JOHN STANNAGE.

The parish of Dunnville.—The committee of the Dunnville Parochial Branch reports as follows: We are happy to state that in no instance has the contribution been any less on account of the alteration in the constitution, which prevents the half of the money from being returned to the

parish; and we believe that in some cases more has been given than would have been obtained if this practice had continued. The amount which our collectors have received is in all \$76. Of this \$24 are for assisting in his studies the gentleman whom the Committee of the Parochial Branch have engaged, thus to aid in preparing for the blessed work of the ministry. The remaining \$52 are to be sent to the parent society in Toronto, and include the \$5 required from the clergyman, and \$3 given by two contributors, expressly for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The sum raised by this parish is only small, but it is to be remembered that the people, though neither numerous nor wealthy, pay their minister \$640 a year; and this sum is not merely promised, it is paid. The clergyman has much pleasure in saying that during five years he has received the whole amount.

The parish of Fort Erie reports for the year ending April 30th, 1861: Balance from last year \$3.25 for M. F.; collected by Mrs. Keogh, and Miss Rainford, \$10 50 for M. F., \$9 W. and O., \$2 Special Div. Stud. Fund; collected by Mrs. House, \$4 M. F.; collected by Miss Miller, \$7.75 M. F.; the Rev. H. Holland, \$2.50 M. F., \$5 W. and O., \$10 Special Div. Stud. Fund, making in all \$54. The Rev. H. Holland's subscription of \$2 50 to the Tract Fund for the current year, has been paid to the assistant secretary in Toronto.

The Parish of Chippawa reports \$151.50, \$18 of which is for the Special Divinity Students' Fund.

The united charges of Stamford and Drummondville, in the Parish of Chippawa, report in all \$60 44½ (\$6 for Special Div. Stud. Fund, G. P. \$1.37½; W. and O. \$5; clergyman's subscription, and \$48 07 M. F.;) \$2 50 for the Tract Fund usually sent with the above will be forwarded direct to the parent society.

The Parish of Thorold.—The Parochial Committee report that the change made in the constitution which debars one-half of the amounts raised from the annual collections being returned to the several parishes, has had no material effect upon the contributions; but they have been far more effected by the cessation of all public works in the parish. The amount of collections this year are \$120, which includes \$24 towards the support of a divinity student.

The Parish of Niagara.—The committee regret very much that they are obliged to report a considerable falling off in their collections during the past year, as many of the regular contributors decline to give until the indebtedness of the parish is liquidated. They have been able to procure only \$62.35, nor can they look for much increase in the annual contributions, until the debts of the parish are paid.

The Parish of St. Catharines.—Owing to various parochial necessities, the committee can report only \$205.75 as annual subscriptions; yet they are thankful that this is more than they at first anticipated it would be.

The Parish of Louth.—Reports \$25. The members of St. James' Church have since Christmas subscribed \$90 for a melodeon, and for the improvement of the choir in church music, which, together with other necessary collections, must account for the smallness of the amount. At a meeting of the district committee on Sept. 24th, last, at Thorold, an application was read by the Rev. the Rural Dean, from a Mr. McLeary, now a divinity student at Trinity College, asking for aid to the amount of £30 per annum for two years, to enable him to complete his theological course. The sum was readily guaranteed by the various parishes represented.

From these reports it will appear that the cause of the society is not languishing, though

not prosperous as it ought to be. Much has yet to be done, and while we rejoice over the successful labours of our indefatigable missionary, we cannot but regret that so large a field yet remains untilled. Again and again let all pray that "the Lord of the harvest would send forth labourers into his harvest." Many are yet without the precious "bread of life." Many within our own bounds are suffering from a "famine of the Word." Many who know little or nothing of their Redeemer are calling upon us for aid, and whose souls, if we supply them not with "food convenient for them," will accuse us before our God in the dread day of account.

In conclusion, your committee cannot omit to notice with deep emotion the apparent trials and perils which they fear at present await our sister church in the U. S. of America. Fervently do they pray, and earnestly do they call upon all the faithful to pray, that God would so overrule the doings of men in that country, that the Body of His dear Son, which has from so small a beginning grown to such gigantic a stature, may not suffer thereby; but that the members thereof, whatever be their political relations, may ever be found firm in the "unity of the spirit, and in the bond of peace."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. LEYCESTER INGLES,

Secretary.

W. LBEMING, Chairman.

Niagara, Jan. 28rd, 1861.

N.B.—The parishes of Niagara, St. Catharines and Louth have only now reported, thus causing a delay in the publication of the report.

C. L. I., Sec.

April, 1861.

RESOLUTIONS.

I.

Moved by J. POWELL, Esq., seconded by the Rev. the RURAL DEAN,

That the report now read be adopted and printed in the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, and two hundred and fifty copies be ordered for distribution in the several parishes.

II.

Moved by W. BALL, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. FLOOD,

That this meeting do record its humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for the measure of success which He has hitherto graciously vouchsafed to the Society, and the prospect of still further usefulness now before it.

III.

Moved by COL. KINGSMILL, seconded by the Secretary,

That the extension of the Church of Christ is a subject for the devout prayers and earnest endeavours of every believer in the Gospel of Christ.

IV.

Moved by P. CLEMENT, Esq., seconded by R. HISCORR, Esq.

That the thanks of the meeting are due to the office-bearers for the past year, and that the Rev. C. L. Ingles, B.A., be requested to act as secretary, and the Rev. the Rural Dean as Treasurer for the ensuing year

CHAS. LEYCESTER INGLES,

Secretary.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY, MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH.

The present meeting takes place under circumstances differing from any previous occasion. This is the last Anniversary of the Midland District Branch, which will be held in connexion with the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. We are all alike anxious that a Bishop should be

appointed to the proposed Sec of Kingston, and the time seems now at hand when this will be consummated. But there is another point worthy of notice here. Since our last annual meeting the constitution of the Church Society has been materially altered. By the changes introduced last summer, the Society will henceforth assume the character of a Domestic Missionary Society, the one great object which it contemplates being that of sending forth, and sustaining Missionaries in the destitute parts of the Diocese. With the view of carrying out this object, a Board of Missions has been formed, whose business it will be to superintend this branch of the Society's work. In order to enable them to do this efficiently, instead of one fourth of the subscriptions being forwarded to the Parent Society, as heretofore, the whole will now be put at the disposal of that Board. It will be seen from these changes in the Constitution of the Society, that its managers are in earnest in their desire to make it really a handmaid of the Church.

But little can be said at present as to the state of our District Branch. A deputation of Clergy from Kingston visited the different Country Branches last month, and endeavoured to excite a renewed interest in the welfare of the Society. With what success this has been done remains to be seen, when the season again comes round for soliciting subscriptions in aid of the funds of the Society.

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

ADOLPHUSTOWN AND FREDERICKSBURG.

The Report of the Local Committee states that "The Annual Meeting of these united Parishes were cheered this year by the presence of a number of Clergy from Kingston and adjoining parishes, who ably advocated the cause of the Society. The arduous undertaking of erecting a parsonage has prevented this mission from contributing as liberally to the claims of the Church Society as they would otherwise have done. Since the last Report a good portion of the debt on the parsonage house, which has been occupied for the last five months, has been liquidated, and about £70 has been collected and expended in building a stable and carriage house, sinking a well, and other improvements. The quarterly collections have been regularly taken up, and that now made in aid of the Mission fund amounts to \$21.50 for Adolphustown, and \$17 for Fredericksburg. This includes the Rector's annual subscription."

BATH.

The Rector reports that "At the Annual Meeting held on the evening of 18th February last, a Deputation from the District Association were present, and most ably and admirably advocated the cause of the Society under its recently altered Constitution. A sum of \$34 was subscribed at the Meeting, which has since been increased to \$40, and will be duly forwarded to the Treasurer of the District Association, 'to be by him transmitted without deduction to the Parent Society at Toronto,' as required by the 18th article of the Constitution, as now amended. Independent of this the parishioners have raised during the past year, almost entirely within their own limits, a sum of \$604, which has been expended in repairs on the parsonage house."

CAMDEN AND SHEFFIELD.

It is gratifying to be able to report progress in this Mission. The Missionary writes that it is expected the subscriptions this year will be doubled. The contributors seem to be acting in accordance with the Scriptural injunction, "Freely ye have received, freely give." This Mission has been largely assisted by the Society, and it is cheering to find that the Members of

the Church there are sensible of their obligation to render again according to the benefit done unto them. The amount of subscriptions from Camden, less expenses, is \$184.60, from Sheffield \$34.50, making together \$160.10. This includes the Clergyman's subscription.

NAPANEE.

The Report from the Rector says, "Our Annual Meeting was very largely attended, and I think I can report a growing interest here in the work of the Society. As it takes some time to collect subscriptions through the Township, some of the Collectors have not reported as yet, but I am pretty sure that the sum raised will be in excess of last year, all of which shall, as usual, be forwarded to the Society. Our people are much pleased at the formation of the Board of Missions, as they take it as an omen that the Church is going to bend her energies more than ever to the Missionary Work, and that her scattered children may yet hope for her ministrations." The sum collected this year, including the Clergyman's subscription, is \$42.

SYDENHAM.

The deputation from Kingston visited Sydenham and Portland on the 21st and 22nd February, and were glad to find a growing interest in the welfare of the Church Society manifested in these places. The deputation also visited Storrington on 4th March, where they met with a ready response to their appeal for aid to the fund of the Society. They were glad to see the interest manifested in the Society upon this first visit to that Township. It is fully expected that in future years the Churchmen at Storrington will contribute largely to support this handmaid of the Church. Amount of subscriptions from Sydenham \$21.50, from Storrington \$6.51, from Portland \$27.87, making together \$55.88.

BARRIEFIELD.

The report from this Association states that the four quarterly Collections, amounting to \$20.58, have been taken up at the appointed times, and transmitted in full to the Parent Society. A further sum of \$10 has been contributed by the members of the Church in this mission, including the Clergyman's subscription. In addition to this the sum of \$24 has been collected, and with it 125 volumes have been procured for the use of Saint Mark's Sunday School.

PORTSMOUTH.

The Parochial Committee of Saint-John's Church, Portsmouth, report that the quarterly Collections for the Church Society and other collections have been made, as ordered, amounting in all to \$17. The sum collected from the Parish this year, together with the Clergyman's subscription, is 10.40.

SAINT JAMES'S CHURCH.

The meeting of this Parochial Association was held on the 28th February. The report says, "Your Committee deems it out of place to refer to the doings of the past year, beyond reporting that the usual collections have been taken up, amounting together with the Clergyman's subscription, to \$21.50." The report adds "This night it is proposed to inaugurate a new era, conformably with the alterations made in the constitution of the Society, and the members of the Church will be called upon to say to what extent they will assist in carrying out a project whose influence on ourselves, if executed with a single eye to the glory of our Lord and Master, will be mighty beyond what words can express; for it is written, 'Them that honour me I will honour;' He that watereth shall be watered also himself." The subscriptions amount to \$18.17.

SAINT GEORGE'S CHURCH.

The five collections have been regularly taken

up during the year, making altogether \$120.75. The Subscriptions come to \$160.50. As Saint George's Church has always sent the whole amount raised to the Parent Society, the recent alterations in the Constitution will make no difference as to the disposal of the sum realized this year. It is hoped that, another year, more will be contributed. During the past year the members of this Church have been called upon to give largely for repairs and other purposes. If their liberality to the Church Society seems less on this occasion, it is owing in a great measure to the unexpected demands made upon them for other objects.

THE DEPOSITORY.

The sum realized by sales this year amounts to £50 10s. 2d. or \$203.24. This is largely in advance of the receipts of last year. It is found that the demand is greatest for cheap Bibles and Prayer Books. A large stock of these must therefore be kept constantly on hand, and as henceforth the Depository will have to be managed as a separate concern, the receipts will be devoted exclusively to procuring fresh supplies of Books, and defraying necessary expenses. It seems not generally known to members of our Church, that there is always on hand in the Depository a good supply of Prayer Books in great variety of bindings besides other books and Tracts published by the Christian Knowledge Society.

It will be seen from the above statistics that, while there is much in them to cheer, there is also something to discourage. It is fondly hoped that the different Congregations within the limits of this District Branch are awakening to their responsibilities to the Diocesan Church Society. In our present position in this Province, it is quite visionary to talk of Church extension, except in connexion with this Society. It is the only organization we have for carrying out that object, and all must acknowledge that the Board of Missions is admirably adapted to superintend the work. It is readily confessed that the Society is not perfect; but neither is any other human organization perfect. What is wanted is that all Churchmen should give it their hearty support, and use their influence to amend what is wrong, and to supply what is deficient. When this has been done faithfully and prayerfully, then will this Society be found a most efficient help to our beloved Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. STEWART,
Secretary.

Kingston, March 6, 1861.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1861.

St. George's Church, Kingston.....	\$150.50
St. James's " "	18.17
St. Paul's " "	8.00
St. John's " Portsmouth.....	10.40
St. Mark's " Barriefield	10.00
Napanee	42.00
Bath.....	40.00
Adolphustown.....	\$21.50
Fredericksburg.....	17.00
	33.50
Camden.....	134.60
Sheffield.....	34.50
	169.10
Sydenham.....	21.50
Storrington.....	6.51
Portland.....	27.87
	55.88
Total.....	\$543.55