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DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC CHURCH SOCIETY.

At the stated meeting of the Central Board, held at the National School House, May 14th 1856, there were present:

The Lord Bishop, in the Chair.

Rev. Official Mackie, D. D.	Rev. J. Carry,
Rev. Principal Nicolls,	Rev. R. G. Peas,
Rev. E. C. Parkin,	Rev. A. F. Woolrich,
Rev. H. Roe,	Rev. J. H. Jenkins,
Rev. T. Fountather,	Rev. C. P. Esney,
Rev. A. W. Mountain,	Rev. Dr. Fallou,
Rev. F. A. Smith,	R. Hamilton,
C. N. Montizambert, Esq.,	H. Le Mesurier, Esq.,
Thos. Wood, Esq.,	T. Jamieson, Esq.,
J. Maclaren, Esq.,	W. G. Wurtele, Esq.,
H. S. Scott, Esq.,	Lieut. Ashe, R. N.

Prayers having been read by the Lord Bishop, the Secretary was called upon to read the minutes of meeting held January 10th, 1856.

The Treasurer's statement was laid upon the table, exhibiting balance on hand in Savings' Bank, as follows, viz:

General Fund	£382	8	5
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	154	5	8
Nicolet Endowment do.	67	11	0
Depository Fund	1	11	11

£605 17 0

INVESTMENT.—No alteration since last statement.

Motion of Rev. E. C. Parkin brought forward at meeting at Central Board January 10th, 1856, was read, viz:—"That in addition to the standing annual grant of £200 for missionary purposes, a further sum of £200 be placed at the disposal of the Bishop in each year, and that his Lordship be authorized to employ the whole sum of £400 in the support of Travelling or Fixed Missions at his discretion; and that the Lord Bishop be requested to instruct such Missionaries to report to the Central Board; and that, in order to make provision for the contingence and increase of this grant, a Special Fund be opened, and a Sermon for this object be substituted for one of the existing annual Sermons."

It was then moved by Rev. E. C. Parkin, seconded by Rev. H. Roe,

That the motion now read be taken into consideration.

It was moved in amendment by W. G. Wurtele, Esq., seconded by C. N. Montizambert, Esq.

1. "That it is desirable that this Society should aid in the work of establishing and maintaining stationary missions within the diocese.

2. That the following principles shall be strictly adhered to:

3. All Clergymen employed in missions connected with this society shall be paid a salary of not less than one hundred and fifty pounds per annum. They shall not be on the pay-list of any other association, nor shall they have any claim for any gratuity that may be allowed to other clergymen labouring in the Diocese.

The salaries to be provided for in the following manner:

4. Whenever any missions shall make known to this association that they have subscribed not less than £50 per annum for a period of not less than four years, and this society being satisfied that the said amount is properly secured, and that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has sanctioned the formation of such mission, and appointed a clergyman thereto, this society will be prepared to furnish the necessary amount to make up the one hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

5. That the churchwardens shall annually (within one month previous to the annual meeting) make known in writing to this society that the sum agreed upon has been fully and really paid; and any mission failing to pay up the same, three months' notice shall be given by this society that the allowance will be stopped; and that the Lord Bishop be requested to close such mission.

6. That in recognition of the foregoing, this society will be prepared to sustain missions until further notice, and that the annual grant for a travelling missionary be one hundred and fifty pounds.

7. That the fund of Widows and Orphans of clergymen be, for the present, closed, and in lieu thereof that a mission fund be opened, and an annual sermon be preached therefor.

After some discussion, Mr. Parkin agreed to withdraw his motion.

It was then moved by W. G. Wurtele,

Esq., seconded by H. S. Scott, Esq., and Resolved,—That the final clause of Mr. Wurtele's motion be adopted.

It was moved by W. J. Wurtele, Esq., seconded by C. N. Montizambert, Esq., and Resolved,—That clause No. 1 be adopted.

It was moved by Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by H. Le Mesurier, Esq., and Resolved,—That the 4th clause be adopted, with the omission of the figures, and that the clause thus amended, and the remaining clauses of the resolution, be referred to a committee to report upon the whole subject to a special meeting of the Board.

It was moved by W. G. Wurtele, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. Carry, and

Resolved,—That a committee be appointed for said purpose, consisting of the following gentlemen, viz., Rev. E. W. Sewell, Rev. A. W. Mountain, Rev. H. Roe, Rev. G. Percy, H. Scott, Esq., and W. G. Wurtele, Esq., and that the paper read before the Board by Mr. Roe be submitted to said committee.

It was moved by H. S. Scott, Esq., seconded by Rev. J. H. Nicolls, and

Resolved,—That in consequence of a misunderstanding as to the purpose for which the sum of £15 was voted at the meeting of the board held January 10th, 1856, to cover expenses connected with the removal of the Church at St. Catharine's, the sum of £7 10s. be paid to Mr. Duchesnay, in order to complete the payment to him of £15.

It was moved by H. S. Scott, Esq., seconded by Rev. A. W. Mountain, and

Resolved,—That the sum of £125 be advanced as a loan to pay off a debt on the Glebe at Gaspé Basin, to be repaid in three yearly instalments with interest.—The loan to be secured by notarial mortgages on real property duly registered, subject to the approval of the counsel of the secretary.

It was moved by G. W. Wurtele, Esq., seconded by J. Maclaren, Esq., and

Resolved,—That in the event of the Select Vestry renting the house of Mr. Campbell, in Garden Street, at the rate of £55 per annum, and a safe being constructed therein, this Society will contribute £25 as their portion for the use of the building as an office, and for holding meetings.

The report of the Depository Committee having been presented, was read, approved and adopted.

The Report of the Finance Committee having been read, it was resolved that it be taken into consideration clause by clause.

Before being taken into consideration, the Lord Bishop read a letter from the Rev. E. Hawkins, Secretary S. P. G. with reference to the expressed determination of the Society to reduce still further the amount of aid rendered hitherto to this colony. His lordship took occasion from this subject to divert the attention of the board to the necessity of observing a strict discretion in the extent and distribution of their grants.

With regard to clause No. 1, it was

Resolved,—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee, the sum of £20 be granted towards the completion of school-house at Pine River, and the erection of dwelling-house for master, viz. : £10 at the present time, and a like sum when the school-house shall have been roofed in, and shall be declared ready for use.

With regard to clause No. 2, recommending a gratuity of £10 to Mr. Ward, Catechist at Inverness, it was

Resolved,—That the clause be adopted, substituting the sum of £20 for £10.

With regard to clause No. 3, it was

Resolved,—That the recommendation be concurred in, and that the sum of £50 be granted towards discharge of debt on new Church on St. Lewis Road, upon its consecration, subject to the conditions specified by the Committee.

With regard to clause No. 4, it was

Resolved,—That the sum of £50 be granted towards completion of Church at Drummondville.

With regard to clause No. 5, it was

Resolved,—That the Board concur in the view taken by the Committee, and decline the allotting of any money towards repairs of house on church property at Waterville.

With regard to clause No. 6, referring to application of Rev. Mr. Ross and others, for aid towards repairs of Church at River du Loup, (en bas,) it was

Resolved,—That on completion of the repairs, the sum of £12 10s. be granted.

With regard to clause No. 7, recommending an addition to the allowance granted to a clergymen for an occasional service performed at River David, it was

Resolved,—That the recommendation of the Committee be not concurred in.

With regard to clause No. 8, it was

Resolved,—That the grant of £25, recommended to be made towards erection of parsonage at Stoneham be agreed to. Such grant to be increased to £50, provi-

ded the parsonage be built of stone. Payment of grant to be made when the site property shall have been properly secured, and the building be roofed in.

With regard to clauses, Nos. 9 & 10, it was

Resolved,—That £10 per annum be granted towards salary of schoolmaster at Lake Beauport, for the term of three years, and that £5 be granted towards liquidation of expense incurred in repairing school-house, when the necessary repairs shall have been completed.

With regard to clause No. 11, it was

Resolved,—That the board concur in opinion with the Committee, and decline to sanction the appropriation of £52 for purpose of clearing off debt on parsonage at Portneuf.

An application from Rev. Mr. Ross, of Drummondville, having been submitted to the Board, it was

Resolved,—That the sum of £6 10s. be granted.

A communication from the Rev. Mr. Ross, of Riviere du Loup (en bas), having been submitted, suggesting a modification of the rule established with regard to the granting of gratuities, it was

Resolved,—That the Board do not feel justified in permitting any alteration to be made.

It was moved by Rev. J. H. Nicolls, seconded by H. S. Scott, Esq., and

Resolved,—That in consequence of the contemplated reductions of the salaries of the missionaries of the S. P. G., by that Society, and the necessity of the increase of the exertions of the Church Society in the missionary department of its work, the Central Board feel bound to give notice that they must hereafter limit their grants for other purposes.

Report of Rev. W. V. Lloyd, travelling missionary, was submitted to the Board.

Mr. Scott, at the request of the board, consented to continue in discharge of the duties of Treasurer until 1st July proximo.

Account of Mr. Stanley, for printing, ordered to be paid.

Account of the Secretary for stationary, postage and travelling expenses, ordered to be paid.

The meeting was closed with the benediction.

The Select Committee, appointed at the meeting of the Central Board, held May 14 1856, to report on the motion of W. G. Wurtele, Esq., and to take into consideration a paper read by the Rev. H. Roe, having met on the 27th ult., and again by adjournment on the 31st, beg respectfully to report:

That they have, in conformity with the resolution of the board, carefully considered

the several clauses of Mr. Wurtele's motion, with the exception of the 1st and 7th, which, having been adopted at the late meeting of the board, did not, of course, fall under their cognizance; but the introduction of which, here, as also of the 4th clause, they consider advisable, in order that the whole subject may be submitted at one view to the notice of the board.

1st Clause—“That it is desirable that this Society should aid in the work of establishing and maintaining stationary missions within the diocese.”

4th Clause—“That whenever any mission shall make known to this association that they have subscribed not less than per annum, for a period of not less years; and this Society being satisfied that the said amount is properly secured, and that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has sanctioned the formation of such mission, and appointed a clergyman thereto, this society will be prepared to furnish the necessary amount to make up the sum of per annum.”

7th Clause—That the fund for Widows and Orphans of clergymen (being sufficiently large) be, for the present closed; and that in lieu thereof a Missionary Fund be opened, and an annual sermon be preached therefor.”

Having devoted their best attention to the several subjects submitted to their consideration, your Committee beg leave to recommend:

1. That an address be presented to the S. P. G., requesting that, instead of their present mode of affording aid to the Diocese, they will for the future grant an annual sum of money, as arranged in the case of the Diocese of Montreal.

2. That the maximum salary of missionaries supported by this society shall be £150 a-year, and the minimum salary £125 a-year; and that the Church Society shall in no case contribute more than £100 a year towards the support of any mission; nor shall it grant its aid towards any mission in which the people contribute less than £25 a-year. And further, that the missionaries shall not be on the pay-list of any other association, nor have a claim for any gratuity that may be allowed to other clergymen, laboring in this Diocese.

3. That whenever any mission shall make known to this association that they have subscribed the above-mentioned sum of £25 or upwards, for a period of not less four years; and this society being satisfied that the said amount is properly secured, either by a personal guarantee from the different members of the congregation, or otherwise, as may seem fit to the board, and that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has sanctioned the formation of such mission, and appointed a clergyman thereto,

and every such mission having bound itself to make an annual collection in aid of the Missionary Fund proposed to be established, in addition to the annual collection for general purposes: this society be prepared to furnish the sum requisite to raise the salary of the missionary to one or other of the amounts specified in the preceding clause.

4. That the church-wardens of such missions be directed to certify in writing annually, to this society, (at least one month previous to the annual meeting) that the sum agreed upon has been fully and truly paid; and any mission failing to pay up the same, that notice (not exceeding twelve months) be given by this Society that the allowance will be stopped; and that the Lord Bishop be requested to close such mission; and that, in event of any mission being so closed, such mission be not entitled to be again placed on the society's list on the same footing as before, except by express permission of the Central Board—and that it be optional with the board to impose any such conditions as may seem fit to them.

5. And, lastly, the committee recommend that clause No. 6 be adopted, viz: "That in recognition of the foregoing, this society will be prepared to sustain missions until further notice, and that the annual standing grant for a travelling missionary be £150."

The Rev. H. Roe, having submitted a paper in substitution of that read before the board May 14, omitting such clauses as were identified in substance with portions of Mr. Wurtelo's motion, your committee beg leave, with reference to the suggestions contained therein, to recommend:

1. That every mission in the diocese be required to contribute towards the support of its own minister; or else, if his salary be provided for from other sources, to the new missions fund for the support of the ministry in general; and thus to bear its share of the burden which rightly falls upon the whole body of the Diocese; and that no mission now enjoying the advantage of a full salary from other sources shall be at any future time admitted to the benefits of the proposed arrangements, unless it can be shewn to the satisfaction of the Central Board that such mission has contributed, up to the time of its becoming vacant, according to its ability, to the Mission Fund.

2. That measures be adopted by the Central Board to ascertain at once to what extent each mission is capable of contributing, under a fair consideration of all the circumstances of each, towards this object; in order to the drawing up of a graduated

scale, according to which the aid of the society, where it is needed, shall be granted

3. That the committees of the several district associations be requested to furnish the board, immediately, with the information necessary to the formation of such scale; and that in localities where the District Associations are not at present in operation, some other means be adopted without delay, for the attainment of the end proposed.

4. And, in conclusion, that it be suggested to the various district associations to appoint an agent to visit each mission in the district, and to aid the clergymen in setting fully and strongly before the people the sacred duty and urgent necessity of contributing according to their ability to the furtherance of this object.

Ordered:—That the foregoing report be printed, and copies forwarded to the clergy and church-wardens of the several parishes and missions of the Diocese of Quebec.

Quebec, June 2nd, 1856.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, June 4, 1856.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day, in accordance with the constitution: the Lord Bishop in the chair.

Notice was given that at the next meeting an application would be made for a grant of £50 to the Book and Tract Committee.

Since the last meeting the following sums have been received:—

Subscription at Sherrington, per Rev.	
Mr. Mussen.....	£2 1 3
Do. at Henningford, additional.....	0 6 8
Do. of Dean of Montreal.....	2 10 0
Do., Mrs. Bethune.....	2 0 0
Do., Master N. A. Bethune.....	0 10 0
Collection at Farham West.....	0 15 0
Do. St. Brigid.....	0 13 6
Do. St. George's Church, Montreal....	17 19 1

Montreal, June 4, 1856.

This day being appointed by proclamation to be observed as a day of thanksgiving for the celebration of peace to Europe, services were held in the churches of this city, and collections made for the Missionary fund of the Church Society. At the cathedral an appropriate sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of the diocese from II. Sam. x. 12, in which his lordship dwelt forcibly on the reason, founded on a retrospect of the war, which Englishmen had for rejoicing in the ratification of the present peace.

On Trinity Sunday, the Lord Bishop of Montreal held an Ordination in his cathedral, when the following gentlemen were admitted to the holy order of Deacons, viz., Mr. Davidson, M. A. King's College, Pre-

derieton; Mr. Gribble, student of Bishop's College, Lennoxville; Mr. De Moulpied, late student St. Bees' College, England.

The prayers were read and the candidates presented by the Ven. Archdeacon Lower. The sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the Rev. Canon Gison from Acts xx, "Take heed to yourselves,"—setting forth the high duties to which those to be ordained were about to dedicate themselves, appealing to the sympathy of the laity on their behalf, and demanding their prayers for them and for all set over them in the Lord.

At a meeting of the Clerical Association of the district of Missisquoi, held at Sutton Flats on the 12th day of March, 1856, it was moved by the Rev. Joseph Scott, M.A., seconded by the Rev. Wm. Jones, and resolved unanimously.

"That this meeting desires to express to their venerable and esteemed brother, the Rev. R. Whitwell, late rector of Philipsburgh, their extreme regret that his infirm health compels him to retire from the active duties of the ministry; and, at the same time, to convey to him their earnest request that he will continue to give to the Association, as far as may be convenient to himself, the benefit of his attendance and counsel at their future meetings, as he has been so kindly accustomed to do in times past.

(Signed) H. MONTGOMERY, Chairman.
GEO. SLACK, Sec. pro tem."

"To the Rev. R. Whitwell, &c.

"REV. AND DEAR SIR.—Having in the absence of Mr. Whitten been called upon to act as secretary at the late meeting of our Association at Sutton Flats, it devolves upon me to transmit to you the enclosed resolution, which was unanimously adopted on that occasion. In discharging this duty, I may also be permitted to add, that you carry with you into your honorable retirement, which you have fairly earned by long and valuable service, the sincere respect and esteem of myself and all the brethren of the Association, which has, since its existence, had the benefit of your useful co-operation and counsel.

"The Association desired to express also most respectfully the high admiration with which they regarded the consistency, uprightness and integrity of your public and private character."

"That you may long live to enjoy, under the favor of a kind Providence, the 'Otium cum dignitate,' which you have so well deserved, is the wish, reverend and dear Sir, of your affectionate friend and brother,

"GEO. SLACK.

"Milton Parsonage, 14th March, 1856."

"Philipsburgh, C.E., 20th March, 1856.

"REV. AND DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt

of your very kind note of the 14th inst. covering a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Clerical Association, expressing the extreme regret of my reverend Brethren that "infirm health compels me to retire from the active duties of the ministry, and at the same time requesting that I will continue to give the Association, as far as may be convenient to myself, the benefit of my attendance and counsel."

"For their esteem of an unworthy brother thus expressed, I request you to convey to the brethren, and accept on your own behalf, my cordial thanks.

"The high expressions of respect and esteem, coming from yourself and all the brethren, not only excite my gratitude, but produce inward shame that I have not been more zealous in the discharge of pastoral duties to the people—among whom I have laboured, planting our beloved church and preaching the Gospel of Christ in the missionary field for nearly 35 years—and more conciliatory and fraternal demeanor to my estimable and reverend co-workers, who have patiently borne with my too natural propensity to promote mutual improvement and efficiency in the proper mode of reading the divine Word and the most perfect Liturgy in the world, and in the correct utterance of pulpit addresses.

"Nor less am I affected with another brotherly mark of esteem contained in your handsomely worded note, viz., the desire of the Association to 'express most respectfully the high admiration with which they have regarded the consistency, uprightness and integrity of my public and private character.'

"Now, without questioning their sincerity, they must allow me,—while thankfulness swells my bosom for their good opinion,—candidly to acknowledge how undeserving I feel of such commendation, which I cannot but attribute to that christian charity which hides a multitude of faults.

"To yourself personally I am deeply obliged for your concluding wish, z. e., that I may "long live to enjoy, under the favor of a kind Providence, the 'Otium cum dignitate,' &c., which I would pray for grace for my dear brethren and myself, that each may be able to imitate the noble conduct of the Apostle to the Gentiles,— "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway."

"I am, Rev. and dear sir, your affectionate friend and grateful brother in Christ,

"RICHD. WHITWELL.

"Rev. Geo. Slack, M.A., Sec. pro tem.,
Cler. Ass. Missisquoi District.

THE CLARENDON MISSION.

The corner stone of an English Church was laid on the 19th instant at Portage du Fort, with the usual rites.

The day was fine. A large number of people from Clarendon, Litchfield and the neighbourhood, met in the Town Hall; thence forming a procession as far as the eye could reach. The Fire Brigade, in their gay scarlet uniform, with their bugles, enlivened the scene. A sumptuous lunch was provided for the strangers, under the stone-cutter's sheds, which was appropriately dressed, at which the Mayor presided. Prayers were read, and an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. J. S. Sykes, after which the trowel was handed by the architect to Miss Osborne, who performed the ceremony in a masonic and graceful manner, to whom the mallet and trowel were afterwards presented.

The site chosen among the trees is admirable, commanding a view of the Ottawa on both sides of the Island, as well as the surrounding country.

The basement of the Church is formed of solid blocks of cut white marble, to which the Rev. gentleman alluded in his address, by a remark, "that when he left London, a little more than twelve months ago, where he had seen arches and palaces, he little thought he should be called upon in his far distant mission on the Upper Ottawa to assist at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a church of still more beautiful marble." A tin case was inserted in the basement stone, in which was deposited several coins of the present reign and a document of which the following is a copy:

The foundation of this church was commenced on the first day of May, A. D. 1856, in the nineteenth year of Her Majesty, Victoria, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.

The corner stone was laid by Miss Osborne, on the 19th day of the same month. The church is to be erected by the voluntary contributions of the inhabitants of Portage du Fort, assisted by their friends and neighbours, under the patronage of the Right Reverend Francis Fulford, Lord Bishop of Montreal, and is named after the Patron Saint of England, St. George. Divine service was performed on the occasion by the Rev. James Samuel Sykes, Rector of Clarendon.

The contractors for the building are John Gordon and Oliver Ingram.

The working plans and models of the church being those of one lately built near Quebec, were the donation of the Rev. Armine W. Mountain.

Portage du Fort, on the Upper Ottawa, the County Town of Pontiac, is the most

distant mission in Lower Canada. It has a population of about a thousand, and is one of the most rising and promising towns on the Ottawa. It is surrounded by a thickly settled agricultural district. The neighbourhood abounds in iron ore, and vast quarries of the purest white marble are met with on every side.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

The annual business meeting of the Church Society was held at the St. James' Parochial School-house, on Wednesday, the 11th June, 1856.

Present:—The Lord Bishop in the chair: Revs. H. J. Grasett, Dr. Cronyn, B. Hood, W. Ritchie, J. L. Osler, C. S. Ingles, the Provost of Trinity College, H. C. Cooper, Dr. Lett, A. Palmer, T. S. Kennedy, S. B. Ardagh, A. Sanson, D. E. Blake, J. Green, S. Givons. Messrs. W. C. Baker, Thos. Birchall, W. Gamble, J. Arnold, E. G. O'Brien, H. Mortimer.

Prayers were read by the Bishop's Secretary and Chaplain, Rev. H. J. Grasett.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary of the Society, and confirmed.

A statement of the Treasurer's disbursements and balance sheets of the last month were read, and laid on the table.

A list of those gentlemen who have during the past year received any allowance from the Students' Fund, and also a list of those who have ever been assisted by it, were presented and laid on the table.

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee, concurred in by the Standing Committee, were, on the motion of the Rev. A. Palmer, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Osler, agreed to:

General Purpose Fund, to invest £158.

Recommend that £100 with interest on the total amount of loan on Jubilee Fund £384, amounting to £23 0s. 9d. be paid on the Jubilee Fund Loan.

Recommend that the 1 Share Diocesan Press appearing among investments for Mission Fund be written off, there being no property to represent it.

Also, that £100, land or other investment of General Purpose Fund be transferred to Mission Fund, in lieu of loan to Warwick parsonage—the Society having decided on granting that sum to the said parsonage.

Recommend that from £400 to £500 be invested on account of Widows and Orphans' Fund, in either city or municipal debentures, or purchase of mortgage on city property—to yield no less than ten per cent.

June 5, 1856.

E. G. O'BRIEN,
Chairman.

A bill from H. Rowsell for grants of books supplied since January, amounting to £31 1s. was ordered to be paid.

On application of the Rev. J. Fletcher

of Mono, a grant of £12 10s. was voted towards the completion of a church at Orangeville, to be paid so soon as the General Purpose Fund will admit of it.

On application of the Rev. H. Mulkins, a grant of Prayer-books and Tracts for the use of the convicts of the Provincial Penitentiary was granted.

A letter was read from C. E. Thomson, Esq., informing the Society that he had decided three lots in the village of Nottawa, in the township of Nottawasaga, to the Society, with this condition, that they should never be used for the interment of the dead. It was resolved that the thanks of the Society be conveyed to Mr. Thomson for his gift, and that his name be enrolled among the life members of the Society.

A letter from G. H. Hood, Esq., of Cornwall, setting forth the difficulties he had met with, and the expenses he had incurred in obtaining a patent to the Society of the N. Lot 18, 7th Concession North Plantaganet, which lot he had granted to the Society some years since, but which from neglect had been sold for taxes, whereupon it was resolved—

That the thanks of the Society be conveyed to G. H. Hood Esq. for his exertions; and that a check for £13 6s. 7d. be sent to him to reimburse the costs paid by him on said behalf.

An application was read from F. R. Roberts Esq. on behalf of the lady manager, for a grant of books for the use of the Protestant Orphan's Home. The standing committee recommended a grant to the amount of £2; but on the Secretary's statement that the above sum was not found sufficient, the society increased the sum to £2 10s.

The annual report of the Clergy Trust Committee was then read by the Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Cronyn, seconded by the Rev. A. Palmer, moved, and

Resolved, unanimously—That the report just read be adopted, and entered in the minutes of the Society. That the thanks of the Society are justly due to the members of the Trust Committee for their management during the past year, and that the same members elected in the month of January 1855—with the addition of J. C. Street, Esq. and H. Campbell, Esq. who had been nominated by the Bishop, in consequence of the resignation of F. Askew Esq., and G. W. Allan Esq.—be re-appointed for the ensuing year.

The Rev. Dr. Cronyn moved, seconded by Rev. A. Palmer, and

Resolved—That a committee be now appointed for the purpose of preparing a draft of a By-Law, to be submitted to the meeting of the Society, it fully providing for the management of the said Funds, and that said committee do consist of three legal gentlemen being members of the society, to be appointed by the Bishop.

Rev. Dr. Cronyn moved, seconded by Rev. H. Grasett,

Resolved—That this Society agrees to act as Trustees of such fund which may be raised for the endowment of any new Diocese that shall or may be erected in consequence of any division of the present Diocese of Toronto.

The Rev. Secretary Kennedy, in accordance with his previous monthly notice, moved, seconded by Col. O'Brien,

Resolved—That By-law No. 7 of the Constitution be so altered that the words "at their meeting on the second Wednesday in June in each year," be substituted for "at their meeting on the first Wednesday in June in each year."—Carried.

The Rev. S. B. Ardag, seconded by the Rev. T. S. Kennedy—moved, that Wm. Patton Esq. be added to the list of Vice-Presidents—Carried.

The Rev. F. L. Osler, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Lett—moved, that the Secretary, Treasurer, and auditors be re-appointed—Carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen were then (by ballot) elected incorporate members:—D. C. Gardner of Milton; Wm. Tanner, Esq. of Barton; T. S. C. Cochrane Esq., of York; Selby Cameron Esq. of Toronto.

The usual prayers were then read by the Bishop's Chaplain, and the meeting adjourned until 8 P. M.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

In presenting this their fourteenth annual report, your committee hasten to congratulate the Diocese at large on the numerous attendance of clergy and laity at the meeting of the Synod lately held in this city. The Church in this Province is now no tender plant; but, thanks to Him in whom and by whom the Church universal lives and grows, it has taken deep root and is spreading wide its arms over the length and breadth of our land. Churchmen are now too numerous and too influential for their righteous demand of freedom of Synodical action to be long denied them. The jealousy of some may attempt to withhold it, but that love of justice which marks the British character must eventually influence even those who would not only concede no favor to the Church, but would gladly see her depressed. Your committee, therefore, feel that they are not over sanguine in looking forward to the constitutional attainment of this most desirable object, before the Society's meeting again returns.

Your committee see in the periodical assembly of clergy and laity in Synod, and the more frequent interchanges of opinions, and more perfect blending of interests which must follow, the happiest results as regards the special objects for which this Society has been formed. They hope that by this and other means, new energies will be infused; new elements incorporated; new plans of action promulgated,

and the general usefulness of this Society widely extended.

Another subject to which your committee look forward with great interest, and in which also they see a hopeful future for the various purposes of this Society, is the establishment of new bishoprics. The Parent Society may indeed at first suffer a diminution of its funds by the division of the present Diocese; but, where each of the new Dioceses has its own Church Society, it is but reasonable to hope that from so many centres of vitality an increased aggregate amount of energetic action will result, and that the portions of the Province now remote from the centre of motion, will feel the beneficial influence.

There is yet one other cause to which your Committee look with good hope for the future in connection with the interests of this Society, and that is, the establishment of Parochial Schools wherever practicable, and where circumstances will not admit of this, the adaptation by the clergy of the present system of common school education to the wants of the Church. Your committee feel that where the distinctive principles of the Church are faithfully inculcated in youth, there then will generally be in after life a true love of the Church, an intelligent appreciation of her ordinances, &c., zealous liberality in maintaining her efficiency and increasing her power to do good. Convinced as your committee are that the making missionary objects a more prominent feature of the Society's working than they are at present would interest many who, from having grown up in the lack of sound church principles, are now lukewarm in the cause; they regard more strenuous efforts to take hold of and secure the affections and sympathies of the young, as that means on which the best interests of this Society, and of the Church mainly, under God, depend. The missionary spirit is a direct consequence of a heartfelt conviction of the privileges of Churchmen: implant a knowledge of the latter, as our duty is, and trust God's grace to do the rest. Were there more of an earnest appreciation of our own privileges, there would be greater desire to impart them to others; and this disinterested christian spirit widely manifested, could not but be productive of good effect on those who are separated from our communion by no difference of doctrine, and to win whom back to the Church of their Fathers, is now so earnestly sought by many in the Mother country. But, with all their hopeful expectations for the future, your committee cannot look with entire complacency on the results of the Society's work during the year which has just closed. Much indeed has been done, and the income of the Society on which

its efficient working depends, has exceeded that of former years; but when your committee know how bountifully the Giver of all good, has blessed the Province, how wonderfully its resources are being developed, and its productive industry multiplied, they cannot but feel that there has been nothing like a commensurate increase in the Society's income. If, when wheat is from 8 s. to 10s. per bushel, the farmer gives no more to the support of the object of this Society than when he received only from 4s. to 5s., so far as that individual is concerned, this is a going back—a result to be as much deplored as if his covetousness withheld one half of his former offering. The rise in the value of property has brought with it a general taste of speculation, and it is to be feared that many of those who in times of less prosperity had means to devote to religious purposes, now find that tempting investments leave them little or nothing for the cause of God. These things ought not so to be! The happy return of peace which has ensured the progress of railway enterprise and other improvements in the Province, and the cheering prospect of an harvest, should stir us up to greater zeal in religion, and greater liberality, in gratitude for our temporal mercies. And does not the Church require a little more liberality in her children, a little more self-denial, if need be? Undoubtedly she does. Your committee have ascertained that the commutation fund, though invested in the most favorable ways consistent with prudence, can hardly be expected to meet the stipends of even the present clergy, without touching on the capital. Hence is demonstrated the necessity of a Sustentation Fund, to provide for the increasing demand for new labourers in the Lord's vineyard; but your committee see in this no real difficulty, no cause of apprehension; they only see the necessity of urging strongly upon their fellow churchmen the course of duty. Let but the offering of churchmen now bear but the same proportion to their present incomes as they did to their incomes four or five years ago, and the difficulty will be fully met. In nine cases out of ten it may be fairly said that the farmer who in 1850, gave five dollars to aid the objects of the Society is now better able to give five pounds, and if so, he cannot escape the charge of robbery of God, if he withhold what he can so well afford. Will a man rob God? Yes, ye have robbed me; but ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings.—Mal. iii. 8.

INCOME.

Your committee now submit a brief statement of the Society's general income, and of the income and expenditure on

account of its several objects, a more detailed account of which will be furnished in the appendix to the printed Report.

The income of the Parent Society for the year ending 30th of April last, exclusive of moneys received for special trusts the sum of £187 1s. 11d., belonging to the previous year's income, acknowledged in the appendix to the last report, to have been received after the books were closed and audited; and also the sum of 110/ which was on account of returned investments.

Amounted to	£3268 17 2
To this may be added amount received since April 30th,	220 2 5
The estimated income of the several Branches and Parochial Associations, so far as has yet been ascertained, amount to	£2168 13 1
Deduct, as remitted to Parent Society, somewhat more than $\frac{1}{2}$	901 17 10
£112 9s. 3d., which have been received since April 30th.	1563 15 3
To which add moneys received on account of investments on lands or loans, dividends and rents paid in on all particular trusts	339 8 9
And the total income of the Society amounted to	6052 14 10
Shewing an increase in the funds of the Parent Society over the income of the last year, of	£556 16 2

When your committee take into consideration that reports have yet to be received from associations which usually contribute liberally, that the Parochial Associations in the Midland district, with the exceptions of St. George's, Kingston, in consequence of the inclemency of the winter, determined to postpone their operations in behalf of the Society until the summer, when they might calculate on receiving assistance at their meetings from their distant brethren; and also that many more collections on account of the General Purpose Fund and Students' Fund, appointed to be taken up in January and April, will yet be received, they feel that they have good grounds for congratulating the Society on the success which has attended its operations during the past year and for calling upon its members gratefully to acknowledge their indebtedness to the Bountiful Disposer of events, by whose grace alone the hearts of men are inclined earnestly to engage in works of piety and charity. Though the statement of the Society's affairs now submitted, may, on the whole, be considered highly satisfactory nevertheless.

Your committee are persuaded that if greater pains were taken in some parishes to set forth the importance of the various objects embraced in the Constitution of the Society the subscriptions would be more liberal,

and the subscribers far more numerous. Your committee would urge upon the clergy and the officers of associations, the great necessity for punctuality in taking up and transmitting the collections to the Parent Society, as the course at present in many instances adopted, not only causes errors and creates confusion in the statements from time to time published, but also prevents the Society from reporting at the close of its financial year an exact statement of the receipts on account of each of its funds.

SERMONS.

The proceeds of the Quarterly collections received during the past year, were as follows:

Collections for the Mission Fund made at 224 stations	£386 8 4
Collections for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund made at 212 stations	481 15 3
Collections for the General purpose Fund made at 176 stations	316 17 0
Collections for the Students Fund made at 105 stations	124 13 9
Stations, 717.	£1381 14 4

The previous year the amount reported at the time of reading the Report was £1316 9s. 7d., from 725 stations, over £100 was subsequently received and as collections from many stations, on account of two funds, have yet to be received. Your committee trust the above sum, given as the proceeds of the Quarterly sermons for the past year, will be much augmented before the appendix to the report is printed.

MISSION FUND.

Last year your committee were enabled to announce an increase in the amount collected for the Mission Fund, which they accounted for by the fact that collections had been taken up at 45 more stations; this year collections have been received from 9 new stations, and in consequence, the increase over the previous year is £41 2s. 4d.—viz, £386 8s. 4d., in lieu of £345 6s. 0d.—£15 1s. 4d., of which have been received since the 30th of April. The only interest received on investments on this account, was that derived from the stock in the Bank of Upper Canada. The parties on whose property the Society holds a mortgage of £1000. The bequest of the late Dr. Burnside's, promise to pay up in a short time both principal and interest; and offer to give a site for a church at Port Perry, a rising village, which they have, at a large outlay, built upon the lot. The inhabitants of the township of Warwick, having refused to assume the debt incurred by their late Rector in erecting a good substantial brick parsonage, towards which only £1 was subscribed in the parish; the Society in consideration of the exertions made by the Rev. Mr.

Workridge, in collecting the money required for the building; and his having so shortly afterwards left the mission, determined not to exact the payment of the bond given by him and 4 others, who never resided in the parish; £100 will therefore be transferred for investment on account of this fund from the General Purpose Fund. The disbursements and liabilities assumed by the Society on this account during the past year, amount to £601 19s. 2d., of which sum £406 12s. 9d., were for our Indian missions—viz :

Rev. Dr. O'Meara's expenses in visiting stations on Lake Huron during the summer and winter	£29	16	9
Salary—Mr. Chance, Catechist, at Garden River	50	0	0
Salary—Interpreter for Mr. Chance about 19 months	18	16	0
Rent of Houses, Garden River	17	10	0
Salary—Kezick, Schoolmaster, Newwash, Owen Sound	40	0	0
Salary—Interpreter for Rev. H. J. Mulholland	10	0	0
Salary—Two Interpreters for Rev. R. Flood	25	0	0
Salary—Mr. Hoog, Schoolmaster to Munoy Indians	60	0	0
Salary—Interpreter, during Rev. F. O'Meara's absence	10	15	0
Insurance on Church at Manetooaning	4	16	0
Schoolmaster, Walpole Island	50	0	0
Grant for erection of dwelling-house Garden River	100	0	0
	£406	12	9

The Society are also pledged to pay to the Rev. Geo. Salmon for Missionary work in the County of Norfolk	25	0	0
To Rev. J. Langtre, Missionary at Nottawasaga	60	0	0
Rev. T. Campbell, Missionary at Walpole	60	0	0
To Catechist at Irish Settlement, near Sandwich	10	0	0
To Rev. I. Birtch assistant to Rev. F. Evans of Simcoe	30	0	0
	£591	12	9

The Society have also paid taxes on Lands for travelling Missionaries in Midland District	10	6	5
	£601	19	3

The Tecumseth and West Gwilliambury associations devote the whole of the three-fourth part the disposal of their district to the Missionary cause. The Missionary at Nottawasaga is partly supported by them, and they are prepared to assist liberally towards the support of another clergyman when the mission is divided. Two Missionaries are paid by the Gore and Wellington District Branch; one in the County of Grey, and the other in the County of Wellington, at an outlay of £300; and the same branch pays £60 towards the income of the missionary resident at Owen Sound.

This fund, at the disposal of the Parent So-

ciety, being now pledged, to the amount of £437 6s., it must be evident to all that great exertions to augment its resources must be made in order to enable the society to meet its present engagements; but in addition, there are many new missions prepared to contribute liberally towards the support of a clergyman who shall reside in their midst, but they rely upon the society to help them. After the next ordination, your committee hope that men will be found to supply some of these missions; they therefore earnestly entreat the members of our church to come to their aid, and not oblige the society to plead want of funds in answer to the numerous applications. Your committee gratefully acknowledge a donation to this fund of £65 from the Hon. J. H. Cameron, to whom the church is already so largely indebted.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Collections have been made for this object at 212 stations, whereas last year they were only taken up at 19 stations. The amount collected, £494 15s. 3d. is a little in excess of the previous year.

The interest on investments and instalments on loans and annual subscriptions received during the year amounted to £552 15s. 8d., making the total receipts £1153 15s. 5d. £280 have been paid on account of pensions to widows and orphans, and £290 3s. 5d., taxes on lands this trust, and £750 added to the investments.

Your committee have to deplore the removal by death of two of the clergy who were ever zealous supporters of this society, and regularly advocated all its objects. Honourable mention, both of the Rev. W. Greig, and the Rev. J. R. Took, was made by our beloved diocesan in his late charge, and we have every reason to hope that what is our loss is their eternal gain. Two widows and five orphans have been thereby added to the number of claimants on this fund.

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

Up to the 30th of April, only 164 collections had been received on this account, amounting to 302 12s. 11d.; a further sum of £13 4s. 1d. has since been received—collected at 12 stations. Add to this sum monies received from parochial associations, annual subscriptions and donations; and the sum belonging to this fund received on account of the past year amounted to £1467 0s. 6d. Grants were made from this fund to the amount of £101 9s. 9d., viz., in books and tracts £66 9s. 9d., to parsonage, Port Burwell, £12 10s.; Belleville Church £12 10s.; Mrs. Graham, £10, and several other grants have been

promised so soon as the fund will admit of their being paid; as office expenses, rent, printing, and the general management of all the affairs of the society have to be deducted from the above sum. The balance to the credit of this fund is at present totally inadequate to the pressing demands upon it.

STUDENTS' FUND.

When it is admitted by all, that there is very great difficulty in inducing young men to devote themselves to the sacred work of the ministry, it might reasonably be expected that every exertion would be made on the part of the clergy, at least to sustain the fund which is raised for the purpose of the encouraging and assisting young men seeking to obtain such an education as might, with God's blessing, fit them to undertake the office with credit to themselves, and benefit to the church. Such expectations, however, have not been realized,—fewer collections have been taken up for this object than for any other. When the books were placed in the auditor's hands only 75 collections had been reported, amounting to £125 3s. 2d.; since that time £69 7d. has been received from 29 stations; and as this collection is appointed to be taken up in the last month of the society's financial year, a further sum may be expected. But your committee are aware that in some quarters there is a misconception as to the conditions on which divinity scholarships are tenable at Trinity College; they think it well therefore to state, that any person offering himself as a candidate for such a scholarship is considered by that act to avow a deliberate purpose of devoting himself to the ministry of the church; and if, at any subsequent period circumstances should compel an abandonment of this purpose, he is held to be bound in honour to tender forthwith his resignation of the scholarship, and to refund any sums he may have received in respect of it. Eight young men have received assistance in their theological studies from this fund.

LANDS.

The following deeds of sites for churches, burial grounds and trusts, have been made out during the year in trust to the society: Samuel Thompson Esq., to C. S. D. T., part of lot No. 34, con. 2 from the Bay, Township of York; lots 11 & 12, East side of King street, village of Carlton,—for a church and no other purpose.

W. M. Westmacott Esq., and Uxor, to C. S. D. T., lot No. 10, east side of Cathcart street, and north side of St. Vincent street, town of Sydenham, County of Grey, for the Mission Fund, half an acre.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE, TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FUND, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN APRIL, 1850.

Previously announced.....	£168	9	2
St. James', Carlton.....	£0	10	3
St. John's, Ennisville.....	0	6	3
St. George's, Ramsay.....	0	6	3
Per Rev. J. S. Lauder.....	1	8	9
St. James', Kemptville, per Rev. H. E. Pless.....	1	0	4
Caledonia, additional, per Rev. B. C. Hill.....	0	10	0
St. James', Stratford, per Rev. E. Paterson.....	1	6	3
St. Phillips, Markham.....	0	7	0
Grace Church, Markham.....	0	9	3
Per Rev. J. G. Hill.....	0	16	3
St. Paul's, London, per Churchwarden	7	0	0
St. George's Church, Toronto, per do.	15	0	0
Prescott, per Churchwarden.....	3	2	0
London Township, per Rev. C. Brough	2	15	0
Fitzroy Harbour.....	0	12	1
St. Marks, Pakenham.....	0	10	0
Per Rev. J. A. Morris.....	1	2	1
St. Mary's, Manvers, per Churchw'm	0	15	7
St. Peter's, Osnabruck, per Rev. M. Ker.....	1	0	0
St. Peter's, Tyrconnel, per Rev. H. Holland.....	2	0	0

66 Collections amounting to £196 11 1

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

St. Paul's, London, per Treasurer.....	7	16	2
St. James', Carlton.....	0	18	9
St. John's, Ennisville.....	0	10	0
St. George's, Ramsay.....	0	7	6
Per Rev. J. S. Lauder.....	1	16	3
St. James', Kemptville, per Rev. H. E. Pless.....	0	18	10

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

St. James', Carlton.....	0	16	3
St. John's, Ennisville.....	0	6	6
St. George's, Ramsay.....	1	5	0
Per Rev. T. B. Lauder.....	2	7	9
Rawdon, per Rev. F. J. S. Groves.....	0	13	4
St. Paul's, London, per Treasurer...	10	5	0

MISSION FUND.

St. James', Carlton Phoco... 0 17 6
St. John's, Ennisville..... 0 6 3
St. George's, Ramsay..... 0 8 9
Per Rev. J. S. Lauder... 1 12 6
St. Paul's, London..... 8 15 6

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Hon. Sir John Beverley Robinson.....	12	10	0
Rev. S. B. Ardagh.....	1	5	0
Rev. W. Morgan.....	1	5	0

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Yorkmills, per Churchwarden.....	£8	7	11
London, per Treasurer.....	40	0	0
London Township, per Rev. C. Brough	10	15	0
Fitzroy Harbour and Pakenham, per Rev. J. Morris.....	4	14	2
St. James', Carleton.....	£2	8	9
Ennisville.....	3	2	8
St. George's, Ramsay.....	1	5	0
Per Rev. T. B. Lauder.....	6	11	5
Barrie.....	5	7	0
Innisfil.....	2	8	3
Per Rev. S. B. Ardagh.....	7	15	8

To the Editor of the Ecclesiastical Gazette.

Mr. Editor.—On reading the various notices that have been given of the pro-

ceedings of the Church Society, I regret very much that the remarks which fell from the Secretary of that Institution have been so very carelessly reported. In fact, Sir, Mr. Rural Dean Osler—who, by the by, made a very good speech—gets credit for the arguments and practical illustrations which were employed by the Secretary himself at the recent meeting; and of this fact the respected Dean just named is perfectly cognizant.

The argument that when there are no District Missionaries supported by the District, the whole amount should be given up to the Parent Society, so that her funds should not be inadequate for her numerous and pressing wants, and that she might in no wise be crippled in her future exertions, is one which I have frequently heard the worthy Secretary of the Society earnestly and eloquently contend for throughout the country by various and convincing arguments and illustrations.

Another point urged by the Secretary was systematic punctuality throughout all the branches in taking up and remitting collections, and gave, as the result of his experience, a suggestion that no collections should be put off in consequence of bad weather on their congregations. The books of the Society cannot be satisfactorily kept whilst accounts are being received in one year for the several funds which properly belonged to the previous one. By referring to his report he showed that many collections had been received since the books were closed, that many more were yet to be received, and that some parochial associations had up to the present time been unable to report to the Society, as the collectors had not completed their lists.

The propriety of collecting subscriptions in the cities and towns, as in the country parts, through agents voluntarily offering their services, was strongly urged upon as most important for the consideration of the Society, and the Secretary most clearly showed that the employing of paid collectors by no means accorded with the genius of the Society, or proved an efficient mode of carrying out its philanthropic and truly catholic professions.

I think, Mr. Editor, without desiring to pay any compliment, without wishing to say one word more than is deserved, that the affairs of the Society have, since the appointment of the present Secretary, been administered in the most efficient and satisfactory manner. To say this merely from my own observation, or as my own opinion, would be of little consequence or importance: they are the

sentiments of the venerable and experienced Bishop of the Diocese, but which were, I regret to say, but carelessly and meagrely reported.

I heartily congratulate his Lordship on the prosperous state of the Church Society, and also the Secretary on receiving from him the pleasing approbation and recognition of his services; for it must indeed be no small gratification for that gentleman to hear his Bishop say that his (i. e., the Secretary's) report was decidedly the best, the ablest, and most truthful ever presented.

Yours, &c.,

ADVENT.

Toronto, June 26, 1856.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

Friday, April 25th.

MARRIAGE WITH A DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.—The Earl of St. Germans moved the second reading of the bill for legalizing marriages with a deceased wife's sister.

This motion was supported by the Earl of Albemarle, Lord Ravensworth, Earl Grey, and the Earl of Ellesmere. It was opposed by Viscount Duncannon, Lord Campbell, the Bishops of Exeter, St. David's and Cashel, and Lord Congleton.

Upon a division there were:

For the second reading 24

Against it 43

Majority 19

On the Day of Thanksgiving for the Peace (May 4th) collections were made in a great number of churches in aid of the fund for the erection and endowment of the memorial church. The inconveniently short notice of the Day of Thanksgiving was felt in many places as an impediment to a large collection. But the amount already received by the Society has raised the fund to a present total of more than £5000.

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