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TORONTO, JUNE, 1855.

No. 6.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto has returned from his tour through the Home District, in the enjoyment of excellent health. He purposes visiting the Eastern portion of his diocese this summer, and will start about the 9th July.

The report of the Church Society, as read at the annual meeting, shows a deficiency when compared with the last year, after deducting the bequest of the Hon. W. Allan (which should fairly be done, as the bequest of Dr. Burnside was deducted from the amount received this year) of the sum of £170 14s. 6d. We are informed by the secretary that the sums since reported on account of the Students' Fund and Parochial Branches, if sent in previous to the annual meeting, would have enabled him to report a slight increase over the previous year's income, which exceeded that of former years by nearly £1000. It is much to be regretted that in consequence of the irregularity in forwarding the collections and reports from parochial branches, the society is unable at the end of its fiscal year to report its income accurately. In order to remedy the difficulty, last year it was determined to close the books on the 30th April instant instead of the 31st March; but the change has failed to bring about the result desired.

## Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

#### QUEBEC CHURCH SOCIETY.

At the stated meeting of the Central Board, held at the National School House on Wednesday, 16th of May, 1855, there were present—The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop, in the chair; Rev. E. W. Sewell, Rev. A. M. Moun-tain, Rev. M. Roe, Rev. R. G. Plees, Rev. G. Percy, Rev. W. King, Lieut. Ashe, H. S. Scott, Esq., M. Shepherd, Esq., J. Maclaren, Esq., Rev. Dr. Mackie, Rev. R. A. Carden, Mr. Nettle, and the Secretary.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

The Report of the Lay Committee having been read, it was

*Resolved*—That the application by Mr. Trigge be acceded to.

*Resolved*—That the recommendation be approved, empowering the Chairman and Treasurer to dispose of a portion of Bank Stock, and to invest in Montreal Bank Stock or other approved securities.

*Resolved*—That the portion of ground asked for by Mr. Nicolls for a burying-ground be granted on the terms specified by the Lay Committee, and that the exchange proposed for the purpose of squaring the lot be permitted.

The Report of Depository Committee was read, approved and adopted.

The Report of Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report having been read, it was

*Resolved*—That the application of Rev. Mr.

Binet, for a loan of £150, towards the completion of Parsonage House, cannot be entertained.

*Resolved*—That the opinion offered by the Finance Committee with regard to the impossibility—in the present state of the Society's funds—of allowing a gratuity this year to the Clergy, be acquiesced in, and that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be respectfully requested to prepare a Pastoral Letter on the subject of the necessities of the rural Clergy.

*Resolved*—That the Wardens of each Church and Chapel in the Parish of Quebec, with such gentlemen as they may associate with them, do form a Committee to solicit aid to meet the anticipated deficiencies in the income of the Society for the present year.

*Resolved*—That the application of Mr. Lloyd for the sum of £25 for erection of a Parsonage at Lower Inverness, be granted.

*Resolved*—That the recommendation of the Finance Committee that £75 be granted to the Colonial Church and School Society, be acceded to.

*Resolved*—That a grant of £12 10s. be made to the School at Portneuf.

An application for leave of absence having been received from the Rev. Dr. Adamson, it was

*Resolved*—That leave of absence for two months be granted, and that Mr. Percy be appointed as his locum tenens.

### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Montreal, June 6th, 1855.

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.

The Widows and Orphan's committee reported "that in consequence of the death of the late Rev. Daniel Gavin, Missionary at Lahevois, and the application of his widow for her annuity from this Society, it has now become necessary to provide for the same; and that under the provisions of the 8th by-law of the appendix to the constitution of the Church Society (p. 58.) such pension for the present must be paid out of the general funds of the Society. Your Committee have investigated the claim, and found that the late incumbent of Lahevois had complied with the provisions of the 3rd by-law, and that in consequence his widow is entitled to her annuity, which the Central Board are now respectfully called upon to make provision for."

It was moved by the very Rev. the Dean of Montreal seconded by the Rev. Canon Bancroft, and *Resolved* that the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Mrs. Gavin the annuity of £40 from the 18th of April, 1855, from the general funds of the Society.

The lay Committee reported that in addition to the former applications before them for aid, two more have been received, one from the Rev. J. Godden, missionary at St. Hyacinthe, and the other from the Rev. E. Merrick of Berthier, both deserving of favorable consideration, but

that the committee cannot proceed therein, nor hold out hopes of assistance to the parties applicant until the resolution of the Central Board of the 4th April last (declaring that all grants should be suspended pending the settlement of the Clergy Reserve question) shall cease to be operative.

It was moved by the Rev. G. Slack, seconded by the Rev. Frederick Robinson, and *Resolved* that the sum of £25, voted on the 3rd January to the Church at Upton be transferred to the new building now erecting at St. Hyacinthe for holding Divine Service, and that authority be given to the treasurer to pay the same.

It was moved by the Hon. Judge McCord, and unanimously *resolved*, that the thanks of the Central Board be given to the Hon. John Hill-yard Cameron for his valuable and efficient services in procuring the settlement of the claims of the clergy of this diocese on the Clergy Reserves.

An abstract of the treasurer's account was laid on the table, from which it appears that the following sums have been received since the last meeting:

Rev. T. McLeod's subs. 1854-5.....	£3 2 0	Rev. T. Robinson's subscript.	1 17 0
Rev. Gen. Townsend's sub.		J. Carter's sub.	
from St. George's	3 10 10	Cathedral.....	1 5 0
do. St. Thomas's	1 2 0	J. Kerry.....	1 5 0
The late D. Carter's sub. Sorel	0 5 0	Lieutn. General Howans.....	5 0 0
Rev. W. Anderson's subscript.	1 17 0	Mrs J. J. Whitto	0 10 0
J. P. Hall's sub.	1 5 0	J. Parkin.....	0 10 0
Wm. Cooper's "	1 5 0	J. P. Seabold.....	10 0 0
F. B. Anderson's "	5 0 0	D. Kinnear.....	1 5 0
Collection at Abbotsford	0 15 10	S. Reinbart.....	0 5 0
do. at Rougemont	0 10 5	Cash.....	0 5 0
		M. Williams.....	1 5 0
		D. Hall.....	1 5 0

EDWARD J. ROGERS,  
Secretary.

**CONFIRMATION.**—The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Montreal continued his Confirmation tour, leaving the residence of the Rev. J. P. White, at Chambly, on Monday, the 14th ultimo, being accompanied, as far as Rougemont, by T. S. Hatt, Esq., of Chambly, and other gentlemen of the neighbourhood. Confirmations were held at the undermentioned places; the number of the Confirmed being as follows—viz:

Date.	Place.	Clergyman.	Males.	Females.	Total.
May 13.	Chambly.	Rev. J. P. White.	14	12	26
14.	Rougemont.	Rev. F. Robinson.	5	3	8
15.	Abbotsford.	Rev. W. Jones.	2	4	6
17.	W. Farnham.	Rev. T. Machin.	1	11	26
20.	Granby.	Rev. A. Whitten	1	15	23
22.	Waterloo.	Rev. D. Lindsay.	2	5	7
23.	Frost Village.		4	18	22
			55	68	123

Much interest was evinced on the part of members of the English Church in his Lordship's visit, who was much assisted by the Venerable Archdeacon Lower, who accompanied the Bishop throughout his tour and preached on several occasions. At this busy season of the year, those living in the agricultural districts are necessarily much engaged in their particular pursuits; but this fact seemed to make but

little impression on the general attendance of the people, or of those to be confirmed. It was pleasing to find that a large congregation awaited his Lordship at each Church, and the number of the candidates for the sacred rite was in proportion. Encouraging signs of the Church's progress were presented in several Missions. There has been much distress in many parts of the country, and undeniably the prospect for the coming year is alarming; yet amidst all this, the members of the Church in this Diocese, not supinely relying upon external help, are making increased efforts for building Churches, supporting their Ministers, and furnishing themselves with all the other means of grace. Whatever may be the inscrutable purpose of God, respecting their supplies of the bread that perisheth, care is being taken to the utmost of their power, that there shall not be a "family of the Word of God" amongst the members of the English Communion. At North Shefford, in the Mission of Granby, his Lordship preached to a congregation that filled the school-room to overflowing; his next visit to this place will probably be for the purpose of consecrating the Church, which is already in a state of great forwardness. At South Stukely, also, there is in course of erection a Church of very credible design and proportions: the material is stone, the facings being of granite, and a tower at the west end, of neat construction, will add much to its appearance.

Amongst the candidates for Confirmation were many adults, and not a few who made this the occasion for seeking, for the first time, to be admitted to Communion with the Church of England;—hopeful evidence that the Church in these parts is winning back to her fold some of those whom she had lost or who had wandered from her, and that her claims are being admitted wherever there has been an opportunity of presenting them to the people. We trust that her work may go on,—and that those of her members whom God had blessed with the means, will not cease to remember the responsibility which rests upon them of giving effect to her ministrations, and of helping those of their brethren—members of the same body—who are indeed willing enough, but at such seasons of depression as this, are not always able to help themselves.—*Montreal Gazette.*

It is the intention of the Bishop, by God's permission, to complete the course of confirmations for the Diocese of Montreal, by the end of October: visiting the Districts of Beauharnois, Huntingdon, Sorel, Berthier, Clarendon, St. Johns, and the city of Montreal; notice will be duly sent to the several clergymen.

**ORDINATION, CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.**—On Trinity Sunday the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held an ordination in this cathedral, when the undermentioned deacons received the order of priesthood, viz: The Rev. John Godden, Missionary at St. Hyacinthe, the Rev. Hugh Montgomery, Missionary at Sutton, Rev. James S. Sykes, Missionary at Clarendon. Morning prayer was read by the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal; the lessons by the Rev. Canon Leach, D. C. L. The sermon was preached, and the candidates for ordination presented to the Bishop, by the Venerable Archdeacon Lower. A share in the service was also taken by the Venerable A. N. Bethune, Archdeacon of York, C. W., who read the ante-communion office, and preached at the cathedral in the afternoon. The Bishop was assisted by the above-named Presbyters in the laying on of hands, as well as in the administration of the holy communion.

**DIOCESE OF TORONTO.**

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FUND OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN APRIL 1856.

Previously announced	£160	1	8
St. George's, Medonto	£0	12	6
St. Luke's, North Orillia	0	11	0
per Rev. T. B. Read	1	3	6
St. Peter's Church, Osnabruck, per Rev. M. Ker	0	10	0
Cayuga	0	10	0
York	0	15	0
Caledonia	0	15	0
per Rev. B. C. Hill	2	0	0
Trinity Church, Cornwall	4	5	6
Christ Church, Moulinette	1	1	6
per Rev. H. Patton	5	7	0
St. Phillip's Ch., Milford	0	11	3
St. John's	0	10	0
per Rev. J. R. Tooke	1	1	3
St. Paul's, Cayvan	1	1	0
St. John's	0	49	0
per Rev. J. Allen	2	0	0
St. Luke's Church, Camden, per Rev. Paul Shirley	0	10	0
Churchville, per Rev. J. Macegeorge	0	5	9
St. John's, York Mills	1	5	9
No. 1 Station	0	9	0
per Churchwarden	1	14	9
Christ Church, per V. H. Lisdale	6	14	7
Christ Church, Delaware	£1	11	3
Caradoc Academy	0	15	9
per Rev. R. Flood	2	7	0
Goulbourn	0	6	6
Christ Church, Huntley	0	11	0
per Rev. Jas. Godfrey	0	17	6
St. Peter's Church, Cobourg	8	0	0
Stiles' School House	0	8	3
Dropes'	0	4	0
per Ven. A. N. Bethune	8	12	3
St. Peter's, Tyrconnel, per Rev. H. Holland	1	12	0
Clearville School House, per Rev. C. C. Johnson	1	0	3
Christ Church, Woodbridge?	7	11	
St. Mary's, Tullamore	0	10	9
Grabamsville	0	16	6
St. John's, Gore of Toronto	0	12	10
per Rev. J. G. Armstrong	4	8	0
Trinity Church, Chippawa, per Rev. W. Leeming	3	0	0
St. Phillip's Church, Markham	£0	13	0
Grace Church	0	2	0
per Rev. G. S. Hill	0	15	0
St. James' Church, Paris, per Churchwarden	2	10	0
St. Thomas's	6	0	0
Christ Ch., Westminster	1	17	6
per Rev. G. Caulfield	7	17	6
Wilnot, per Churchwarden	0	15	7
Trinity Ch., Port Burwell	1	0	0
St. Luke's, Vienna	0	15	0
per Rev. H. B. Jessopp	1	15	0
Binbrook, per Rev. J. L. Alexander	0	10	0
St. James's, Perth	2	10	0
Balderson's Corner	0	7	8
Lanark Ch.	0	7	2
per Churchwarden	3	4	10
Charleston, per Rev. F. Tremayne	0	12	0

146 collections, amounting to £221 5 6

**WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.**

St. Phillip's Ch., Markham	1	0	0
Grace Church	1	1	3
per Rev. G. S. Hill	2	1	3
Amherst Island, per Rev. J. Rothwell	1	15	0

200 collections, amounting to...£480 19 0

MISSION FUND.			
Amherst Island, per Rev. J. Rothwell	0	17	3
Brantford, per Rev. J. C. Usher	2	15	0

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.			
Charleston, per Rev. F. Tremayne	1	0	0

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.			
Wilnot, the whole, per Churchward.	2	7	0
York Mills, per Jos. Beckett, Esq.	6	5	3

Additional from Springfield, being balance of Rev. J. Givins' annual subscription £0 18 9

Additional, Springfield, per Rev. S. Givins	0	5	2
Goderich, per Rev. E. L. Elwood	5	17	6

Markham, additional, per Rev. Geo. Hill	0	7	6
York Mills, additional, per Rev. J. R. Mitchell's ann.	0	2	6

subscription 0 18 9

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.			
Hon. G. S. Boulton, XIII. year	5	0	0
Lewis Moffat, Esq., Life Subscription	12	10	0

Rev. C. Brough, XIII year	1	5	0
H. A. Joseph, Esq.	2	10	0

Cecil Mortimer, Esq.	1	5	0
Rev. Wm. Logan	1	5	0
Joseph Beckett, Esq., XIII. year	1	5	0

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY, Secretary.

**CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.**

The Annual Meeting of the incorporate members of the Church Society, was held in the St. James Parochial School house, on Wednesday the 6th of June, at 11½ A. M.—Prayers having been first read in the St. James Cathedral Church. There were present—the Lord Bishop in the chair, supported by his Chaplain, the Rev. H. J. Grasett, D.D., and a large number of members, both clerical and lay.

The balance sheet for the last month was then read, together with the items of the several accounts.

STUDENTS' FUND.	
Received by Collections	£92 11 0

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.	
Received from Parochial Branches	30 1 6
“ Subscriptions & donations	6 0 0
“ Collections	8 19 1

£45 0 7	
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Paid out of General Purpose Fund,	
Salaries	£45 13 4

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.	
Received Clergymen's subscriptions	6 3 11
Collections	26 17 0

£33 0 11	
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MISSION FUND.	
Collections	5 3 11
Paid Rev. G. Salmon ½ year's Sal.	12 10 0

BANK OF UPPER CANADA.	
Deposited	190 14 10

The balance sheet of the Society for the past year was laid upon the table, and the following Report from the Auditors was read by the Secretary.

The Auditors, in submitting their audit of the Society's Books for the year ending the 30th of April, beg to state that in accordance with the suggestion they made, and which met with the concurrence of the Committee, they have had

the accounts opened in a simple and concise manner, and by which the state of the affairs may be readily ascertained.

Upon reference to the Investment account, it will be seen that the General Statement under that head shews the whole amount invested, and represents the total of all the Investment accounts, while the balance of each will give the amount pertaining to that particular account; the sum remaining at the credit of the Funds itself being the amount available for investment or for other purposes.

As was represented, there were a great number of accounts which had remained open for years past, and which, if not available, should have been closed—those have been placed in the Books under the head of Sundries, and will be closed by the General Purpose Fund; should any of them hereafter be paid, the amount will be passed to the credit of that Fund.

There still appear several accounts as liabilities of the Society, and to which we would call the attention of the Committee. It still remains to effect a change, which would very much simplify the accounts, and it is that the vouchers presented at the bank as coming from the accredited agent of that Institution should, on presentation, be at once received as a cash deposit. The voucher is in reality of the nature of a draft, value having been received for it, and may therefore justly be treated as such. By this course much confusion, unavoidable under the present system, would be obviated; and should a voucher be lost or mislaid, a certificate from the bank agent would be sufficient to establish the credit for the specified amount.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDW. GOLDSMITH,  
J. W. BRENT.

Toronto, June 5th, 1855.

Whereupon it was moved by Hon. P. B. De Blaquiére, seconded by J. W. Gamble, Esq., and carried *nem con.*—

That the Report of the Auditors be adopted, and that the Secretary is authorised to act in accordance with their recommendation so far as it relates to the vouchers for deposit; and that he do report at another meeting what number of the old balances may be considered available.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by Rev. A. Palmer, B.A.,

Moved, that an address from the Society to His Excellency the Governor General, be prepared and submitted to the general meeting in the evening, and that the Rev. H. C. Cooper, the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiére, and the Hon. G. S. Boulton, with the mover and seconder, be a Committee to draft and report an address for that purpose. Carried unanimously.

A list of those who have received Scholarships from the Theological Students' Fund, was laid on the table.

On application of the Rev. F. S. Harper, the Society voted the sum of £12 10s., for the Church at Lambton, so soon as the funds of the Society will admit of it.

On application of Rev. C. C. Johnson, the Society voted books and tracts amounting to £2 10s., for distribution in the mission of Morpeth.

On memorial of W. P. Taylor, Esq., backed by a letter from Rev. J. A. Morris, it was

Resolved, That the Society cannot depart from the recommendation of the Finance Committee, not to loan the Widows and Orphans' Fund, the only one now available for investment, on any Parochial securities; that if in its power when the contemplated building is roofed in, the Society will gladly aid the parish by a grant.

A set of service books, was voted on the applica-

tion of the Rev. Geo. Salmon, for the Church at Waterford, in the county of Norfolk.

A set of service books on the application of the Rev. J. R. Tooke, for St. Phillip's Church, Milford, also was voted a few tracts for distribution in his mission.

On application of Rev. E. H. Dewar, it was resolved to continue the grant made for a Catechist at the Irish Settlement.

The question being asked whether the Clergy Trust Committee had, in accordance with a by-law of the Society, reported. The Lord Bishop stated that as the Committee had only met to organize itself, they had made no report.

On recommendation of Standing Committee, R. C. McMullen was voted a Life Member—the Rev. Dr. Lett having certified that it was understood at the time he subscribed to the St. George's Church Parochial School House, that he would be made one, as by the third by-law he was eligible.

It was moved by the Rev. H. Brent and carried unanimously, that the thanks of the Society are due to the officers of the Society for their exertions during the past year, and that the following be the officers for the present year:

PRESIDENT.

The Hon. and Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese  
VICE PRESIDENTS.

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| The Ven. the Archdeacon of Kingstan, | “ Jas. Beaven, D.D.       |
| The Ven. the Archdeacon of York,     | “ Provost Whitaker, M.A., |
| The Hon. the Chief Justice,          | T. Mercer Jones, Esq.,    |
| “ “ Macaulay,                        | G. C. Wood, Esq.,         |
| “ Vice Chancellor Estlin,            | Mr. Sheriff Jarvis,       |
| “ “ Spraggs,                         | Mr. Sheriff Rutten,       |
| “ Mr. Justice Draper,                | Justus S. Merwin, Esq.,   |
| “ P. B. DeBlaquiére,                 | Jno. Arnold, Esq.,        |
| “ John Macaulay,                     | J. W. Gamble, Esq.,       |
| “ James Gordon,                      | Geo. Crawford, Esq.,      |
| “ Z. Burnham,                        | D. B. O. Ford, Esq.,      |
| “ Geo. Crookshank,                   | L. Lawson, Esq.,          |
| “ R. C. Wilkins,                     | Sydney Jones, Esq.,       |
| “ Philip Vanhookhnet,                | T. C. Street, Esq.,       |
| “ Henry Sherwood,                    | Admiral Vidal,            |
| “ G. S. Boulton,                     | Geo. Keefer, Esq.,        |
| “ Robert Baldwin,                    | F. Talfour, Esq.,         |
| “ J. H. Cameron,                     | Absalom Shade, Esq.,      |
| “ G. J. Goodhue,                     | Dr. G. H. Low.            |

Sir Allan McNab,

STANDING COMMITTEE.

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Rev. H. J. Grasset, B. D. | T. W. Birchall, Esq.   |
| “ H. Scadding, D. D.      | Alexander Dix, Esq.    |
| “ D. E. Blake, A. B.      | W. M. Westmacott, Esq. |
| “ Stephen Lett, LL D.     | George W. Allan, Esq.  |
| “ W. S. Darling,          | H. Mortimer, Esq.      |
| “ Walter Stennett, M. A.  | T. P. Roberts, Esq.    |
| “ Henry Brent,            | Peter Paterson, Esq.   |
| “ R. Mitchell,            | Chas. Magrath, Esq.    |
| “ W. Ritchie,             | J. L. Robinson, Esq.   |
| “ Thos. Grecco, A. B.     | R. Deafson, Esq.       |

LAND COMMITTEE.

Hon. J. H. Cameron, | Robt. Denison, Esq.,  
and the Secretary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

E. G. O'Brien, Esq., | D. Crawford, Esq.,  
E. H. Rutherford, Esq., | Thos. Harrington, Esq.,  
and the Secretary.

SECRETARY.

Rev. T. S. Kennedy.

TREASURER.

The Bank of Upper Canada.

AUDITORS.

J. W. Brent, Esq. | Edward Goldsmith, Esq.

The Rev. W. Bettridge then moved, seconded by the Hon. G. S. Boulton, the following resolution, of which he had given notice in April last:

“That as a necessary consequence of the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, the Church in this Diocese must depend solely upon the voluntary contributions of her members for the extension of her ministrations to her numerous destitute settlers; and that, as the custom hitherto prevalent in the Diocese of retaining three-fourths of the subscriptions and donations

for parochial uses must greatly impede the missionary labours of the Society, the several district and parochial branches be requested to send the whole amount of their collections without any deduction whatever to the Parent Society.

That in no case shall any sums not actually received by the Treasurer of the Parent Society be admitted into the annual reports of the same.”

The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiére moved in amendment,—

“That the proceeds of the subscriptions of the several local branches of the Church Society, which it is proposed shall hereafter be transmitted to the Parent Society without deduction, be apportioned in the following manner, in so far as regards three-fourths of said subscriptions, viz:—

In the first place, to make good any deficiency which may arise from any cause in the payment of the annual stipends of the several Incumbents of the Diocese; and when this is provided for, the surplus to be divided annually into four equal proportions, to be applied to the following purposes under the direction of the Church Society at the general annual meeting of the said Society:

- The extending of Missions in the Diocese.
- The building of Churches and Parsonage-houses.
- The encouragement and support of Theological students.
- The granting additional support to the Ministry, when needed.”

The Rev. D. E. Blake moved in amendment, that the following be added to Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiére's amendment:

“Provided nevertheless, 1st. That wherever the District Branch may have entered into engagements with Parishes or Missions, within their respective bounds, touching the disbursements of the of their contributions, such engagements shall continue in force for the period of three years from the date hereof, if required; but nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to preclude the Society from granting any further or other aid to said missions as it may deem expedient

2nd. That while the Society reserves to itself the right to decide upon each individual application upon its merits, it shall, nevertheless, not be lawful for the Society to entertain any application for aid unless such application be accompanied by a Report from the Managing Committee of the District whence it proceeds; and the application which is sustained by the largest amount of voluntary subscription from the locality, shall, other things being equal, be deemed to have, and shall have, a prior claim upon the Society's consideration.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by the Rev. Rural Dean Palmer, seconded by the Rev. Rural Dean Fuller,—

Resolved,—That the Society refrains from making any alteration in its constitution in reference to the proportion of the contributions of the several Parochial Associations to be remitted to the treasurer in Toronto, leaving it open to the several parochial or district committees to remit such further sums over and above one-fourth of their receipts as they shall think proper to contribute towards the general purposes of the Society.”

A lengthy discussion took place on these various resolutions, but as the Lord Bishop suggested that he had rather there was no division taken, the movers and seconders agreed not to press them to a vote on the present occasion.

Resolved,—That it is essential to the efficacy of the Society that the offertory collections in

behalf of its various objects be regularly made in all the Parishes, Missions and Stations throughout the Diocese, and that a greatly increased measure of liberality be evinced by the members of the Church throughout the Diocese, both in responding to the appeals made to them on the occasion of the quarterly collections and in other ways contributing to the funds of the Society.

The Rev. T. B. Read nominated the Rev. F. Fisher to be elected an incorporate member at the next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned till the evening.

In the evening, the Society held its Annual Meeting at the City Hall, which was well filled on the occasion. Many distinguished members of the Church of England, lay and ecclesiastic, were present, some of whom addressed the meeting. The Bishop of Toronto opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary of the Society, read the Annual Report at the request of his Lordship.

#### ANNUAL REPORT.

"The Society's thirteenth year, which has just closed, has been rendered memorable by an event in which future generations of Canadian Churchmen will recognise an important crisis in the history of our branch of the Catholic Church of Christ. The consummation of the long-agitated plottings for the secularization of property set apart specially for religious purposes, has stamped the times with the indelible mark of a sacrilegious age. Yet amidst the storm of irreligious violence, the voice of justice has not been wholly overpowered, that which would have been utterly denied to the cause of God has been partially yielded to the claims of men. Hence in the Providence of Him who is over all things to the Church which is his body, there has been preserved, through the commuted claims of individuals, a fund, not adequate indeed to the extension of our Zion, nor yet equal to the maintenance of even her present limited ministry, but still of vast importance as forming a permanent nucleus, round which the contributions of her children may accumulate. While we humbly bow before the will of the Great Head of the Church, who has permitted for wise ends, an act of spoliation, we cannot but give glory to him also for having raised up energetic and zealous friends in perilous times, to stem the torrent of vindictive covetousness which threatened to sweep away the whole provision for the support of the ministry. Nor has the secularization of the Church's property been in itself an unmitigated evil; for here again we must acknowledge with grateful hearts a gracious over-ruling Providence which has removed for ever, from the clamour of party, the fund, which, however diminished, from this time will form the basis of the maintenance of the Church in Western Canada. Furthermore, the hearty good-will with which the clergy have united in commuting their claims for the benefit of the body at a time when it was a matter of doubt with some, whether the assertion of their claims, separately, would not have been better for their private interests, has afforded to this society subject of deep congratulation in this tangible proof of zeal and unanimity.

A new duty now devolves upon this society, and calls for increased exertions on the part of its officers and members—the proper administration of the Commutation Fund. We may humbly and confidently hope that the same Divine Power to whom we gratefully attribute that measure of success which has attended the efforts of those who have so nobly battled for the

rights of the Church, will give also such sound judgment to this society in the management of the Commuted Fund, that it may remain a partial endowment of the Church for ever—a lasting monument of the goodly portion originally bestowed on her by a pious Government, and an enduring memorial of the energies of those who under God have saved this remnant for her.

Your Committee regret to say, that those Clergymen who have been added to the list since the passing of the Imperial Act of 1853, have as yet been unable to obtain a commutation of their claims on the Clergy Reserve Fund. The injustice of this will be apparent when it is considered that, if the Canadian Government, by withholding immediate action on that bill denied the Church the instant benefit of the Commutation of its then claims, they should not in common fairness have objected to meet any new claims consequent upon the legitimate growth of a living body, during the interval of their inaction, and this injustice will be the more palpable when it is considered that those whose claims are disallowed were for the most part appointed to supply the immediate wants of the church and to fill the places of those who have since demised, but who were serving the Church in 1853.

With this allusion to the wrongs which the Church in this Province has sustained, your Committee would now recommend the Society to forget the injury in the earnestness of action to repair it.

Your Committee is unhappily not able to report any increase in the general income of the Society for the past year. Perhaps the storm which was lowering over the temporal interests of the Church, may have had a depressing effect upon some, so as to cause them to withhold their support for a while. Perhaps, as in the awful moments which precede the encounter of mighty hosts, "the bravest hold their breath for a time;" so Churchmen may have been waiting the result with expectation too anxious for energetic action. But now that the crisis is past, now that the ship has outridged the storm, your Committee would call earnestly on Churchmen not only to return devout thanks to Him who has preserved from alienation, a portion of the temporalities of the church, but to show the reality of their gratitude by taking effective means to replace what has been lost, enabling the Society to pay all the stipends of the Clergy who have commuted, and so far as human prudence may, to prevent those evils which might threaten the Church in days to come, if her necessities compelled her to diminish the capital so generously contributed by the clergy.

The Church is a perpetual Society, is a living, and therefore a growing Society. In providing for the temporal wants of such a body we must not consider merely the present day, the present generation; we are led by the consideration of the immortality of the Church, by that looking forward which characterises those whose highest hopes are placed in futurity, to provide for a future generation, trusting that that generation will in its turn provide for those who are to follow, even as we ourselves have benefited and are benefitting by the labors and bounty of those who have gone before us.

The following details will on comparison, show that in many parishes the amounts raised have not been equal to those of the preceding year.

The income of the Parent Society, exclusive of monies received for Special Trusts, the noble bequest of the late Dr. Burnside, of £1750, and the sum of £156 belonging to the previous year's income, and acknowledged in the Appen-

dix though received too late for the audited accounts, amounted

To .....	£2337 4 18
To this may be added amount received since books were closed this year. ....	174 10 2
	£2511 12 0

Some collections and proportions of Parochial Branch Subscriptions have not yet been received. The estimated income of the several branches and Parochial Associations, so far as has yet been ascertained, amount to .....	£2324 12 4
Of which, £30 6s. 10d. was received after the Books were closed; deduct as remitted to Parent Society, something on an average over ¼ .....	783 1 11

To which add monies received on account of Instalments on Loans, Dividends and rents paid in for particular trusts. ....	£294 18 3
	£2748 9 8

The income of the Society last year, inclusive of the bequest of the Hon. W. Allan, (£200), amounted to £5419 4s. 7d., so that if we add the bequest of Dr. Burnside (£1750), the income of the Society will appear to be much greater this year; but your Committee cannot, considering all the circumstances, represent the case in any other light than as an actual falling off of income, and a result far different to what they might have expected, considering that new Branches had been organized, that some Branches remitted in full, and the great prosperity of the country, particularly in the rural districts; while other countries are being desolated with war, or drained of men and money to supply its insatiable demands, and while in the Mother Country an increased taxation weighs heavily upon the people, our favoured land has been receiving large accessions of population, capital has flowed into it profusely, the harvest has been bountiful, agricultural industry has been rewarded in an unprecedented degree, and property has in most places risen in value beyond what the most sanguine could have expected. In all these general benefits, Churchmen have fully participated, and your Committee would earnestly call on them to consider seriously from whom this prosperity flows, and to honour with their substance in increasing proportion, Him to whom they owe it all. "Honour the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

#### DEPOSITORY.

A large sum is apparently still due to the late Depository; and the Society, out of its General Purposes Fund, has, during the past year, paid all the liabilities, amounting to £182 1s 9d.

#### SERMONS.

The proceeds of the Quarterly Collections remitted during the past year amounted to £1,289 2s. 7d., and were taken up at 725 stations, last year £1291 9s. 7d., was received from this source, and the number of collections reported were 8,68. Some of the Collections, on account of the Students' Fund, are yet to be received.

Collections for the Mission Fund made at 171 Stations, amounted to .....	£321 5 0
Collections for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, made at 192 Stations amounted to .....	467 2 8
Collections for the General Purpose Fund, made at 181 Stations, amounted to .....	302 15 11
Collections for the Students' Fund, made at 138 Stations, amounted to .....	201 4 0

## MISSION FUND.

Your Committee are gratified to find that the Mission Fund Collections exceeded those of the past year in amount by £111 12s. 8d.; this may be accounted for by the fact, that they were taken up at 43 more stations. On this Fund the Church must now chiefly depend for the maintenance of her Missionaries, and your Committee feel confident that the Missionary cause has only to be prominently brought forward in every Parish from the pulpit, and at parochial meetings, to ensure to it the hearty sympathy and co-operation of every one, as even the most careless can readily be made to feel the miserable position of those who are, especially in times of sickness or calamity, debarred the comforts, which they know can then only be derived from God's Holy Word and Sacraments, and it may be hoped that some may thus be led to follow the example of the late Dr. Burnside, who bequeathed the sum of £1,000 for the furtherance of this object. £238 has been paid out on account of salaries to Missionaries, Catechists, School Masters and Interpreters, chiefly for the benefit of the Indian Mission.

## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Your Committee cannot forbear to express their surprise at the falling off which there appears to have been in the number of stations at which collections were made for this object; the previous year collections were reported from 227 stations, whereas during the past year, it appears that they have been taken up at only 192 stations. The amount remitted being only very little less than that of the last year, your Committee are led to believe that had the collections been made at the same number of stations they would have had to report a large increase of this fund. There is now invested on account of this object the sum of £6,369 16s. 10d., including £750 bequeathed by the late Dr. Burnside. Four widows and fourteen orphans are on the relief list.

## GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

The collections made for this object were, your Committee regret to say, taken up at only 176 stations, being 33 fewer than the preceding year, and as might be expected, the amount falls short by £64 7s.—only £299 7s. having been received, to which add £783 1s 11d., proportion received from the Parochial Branches, and the Society has only £1,082 8s. 11d. wherewith to defray all the expenses incurred in the management of all the other funds, and meet the numerous and urgent demands continually made upon it. During the last year, grants were made from this fund amounting to £183 17s 6d. Some of the branches appear to have lost sight of the alteration made last year in the by-laws of the Society, which requires the whole of the subscription of all incorporate members to be remitted intact to the parent society. It has been painful to your committee to be forced to decline making grants sought for, month after month, by missions which had a right to expect aid from the Society, and to be unable even to attempt to carry on some important objects embraced in its constitution.

## STUDENTS' FUND.

A similar falling off has occurred in the receipts of this Fund, collections having been made at 138 stations, instead of 165, and the receipts have been £201 4s. to £249 14s 8d. in the former year. The same number of scholarships, namely eight, have been paid over to Trinity College.

Reports have been received from 93 Parochial

Branches, extracts from which will be given in the appendix. Reports have been also received from the sister Societies in the other North American Colonial Dioceses as well as from the venerable societies at home, which give abundant cause for thankfulness that amid the many new calls which have been made within the last year upon the inhabitants of all parts of the British empire, these societies have all been enabled to carry on their great work with increasing vigor and success.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Moved by G. W. Allan, Esq., seconded by Rev. Arthur Palmer,

*Resolved*,—“That this Society adopts the Report, and desires thus publicly to acknowledge its gratitude to the Almighty Disposer of all things for any measure of success which has attended the operations of this Society, and more especially that He has been pleased to preserve to the Canadian Church, out of the wreck of her property, a small endowment to assist her in diffusing and perpetuating the blessings of true religion in this extensive Diocese.

Moved by J. C. Gamble, Esq. M.P.P., seconded by J. H. Hagarty, Esq. Q.C.,

*Resolved*,—“That this Society, considering the greatly increased prosperity of the country, and the urgent necessity for prompt exertion consequent upon the imperfect provision yet made for the maintenance of even the present Ministry of the Church, calls upon churchmen seriously to consider their responsibility, that as the Commutation Fund has been formed by the spontaneous action of the clergy, so the laity should do their part in the good work of endowment, by, with equal zeal, creating and maintaining a Sustentation Fund.

Moved by P. M. Vankoughnet, Esq. Q.C., seconded by Absalom Shade, Esq.,

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this society are warmly tendered the clergy of the diocese, for their readiness in commutating their individual claims for the general benefit of the Church—to all those who have in any way during the past year furthered the Church's interests; and more especially to those who, in our Legislative assembly have maintained her rights.

Moved by Rev. E. L. Elwood, seconded by J. W. O. Clark, Esq.,

*Resolved*,—That the earnest sympathies of this Society are with the sister societies of Quebec, Montreal, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the venerable Societies for promoting Christian Knowledge, and for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and that we look with the same interest upon their efforts in the service of our common Lord and Master as we cordially believe they feel towards us.”

Moved by the Hon. G. S. Boulton, seconded by Rev. B. Cronyn,

*Resolved*,—That an address be presented to his Excellency the Governor General congratulating his Excellency upon his assumption of the Government of this Province, and requesting his Excellency to be pleased to become the patron of this society.

The hon. mover then read the following address, which was adopted:

## ADDRESS

To His Excellency Sir Edmund Head, Bart.

The Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the Church Society of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Diocese of Toronto, take the opportunity afforded by their first annual meeting since your Excellency's assumption of the government

of this Province, to approach your Excellency with the expression of their undiminished loyalty to the Crown, of their personal respect to yourself, and their confidence in the wisdom which has guided Her Most gracious Majesty in the selection of your Excellency to fill the high and responsible office which you now occupy.

Although the course of legislation latterly pursued by the Imperial Parliament in reference to this portion of the Colonial Church, has not in its character been so favourable to what we deem our just rights and interests as we might reasonably have expected, nevertheless we assure your Excellency that our principles of loyalty to our beloved Queen and of attachment to the Mother Country have not been in any degree shaken, nor have we been led thereby to entertain with the slightest favor any prospect, however remote, of severing the ties which bind this Province in affection and in duty to the magnificent empire of which it is so favored a portion.

We would also assure your Excellency, that in whatever steps we have taken or may yet take to obtain and secure for the Church that amount of local self-government and internal self-regulation necessary for her well-being, we have not been actuated, nor will we permit ourselves to be actuated by any desire to separate ourselves from the Mother Church of England and Ireland, which has indeed been a nursing mother to us, and to which we feel ourselves united by the bonds of a hallowed communion, which neither time nor distance should be allowed to obliterate.

While we acquiesce with a spirit of Christian submission to the disposition which the Provincial Legislature has made of the endowments of the Church, acknowledging that at least your Excellency's Government is relieved of an embarrassing question which has been made, however needlessly, to assume a difficult and disturbing aspect, we, at the same time, look forward with confidence to receiving at your Excellency's hands that protection in our guaranteed rights and that immunity from further oppression, to which every subject of Her Majesty is entitled.

The course of events has precluded the United Church of England and Ireland in this Province from asserting or exercising any claims or privileges as an established church, with any especial preference or precedence; but no course of events can destroy her claims to a perfect equality in all respects with every or any other religious body in this Province; those rights we shall ever assert, but without prejudice to the rights or liberties, civil or religious, of any other denomination of Christians. In the preservation of those rights we look to your Excellency as to one to whom the interests of all classes of her Majesty's subjects here, and the maintenance of the great principles of justice inherent in the British Constitution, have been safely entrusted.

We express our hope that your Excellency, by becoming our patron, will continue to the Church Society of this Diocese that countenance which it has invariably received from your predecessors; and while, in looking forward to the future, we cannot but participate in the anxiety with which the present war has overcast the minds of all reflecting persons, we will ever pray that the Sovereign Ruler of all earthly events may so guide all the acts and councils of your Excellency and your advisers that your Excellency's Administration may long be distinguished by the progress of true religion amongst us—by the growth of our Provincial prosperity and by the stability of every institution conducive to the welfare and happiness of our community.

About half-past ten o'clock, His Lordship concluded the proceedings with prayer.

**BARRIE BRANCH CHURCH SOCIETY, D. T.**

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of a committee of the Barrie branch of the incorporated Church Society of the diocese of Toronto, held on the 26th of April, 1855.

**PRESENT.**—The Rector in the chair.—Mr. Lally, Mr. Whitley, Mr. Georgen, Mr. H. Bernard, Dr. Boys, (acting as Secretary) Dr. Ardagh, Mr. Sanford, Mr. McKenzie.

1. Read the minutes of the last meeting, held on the 26th February, 1855.

2. The Chairman explained that the object of the present meeting was to receive the collection made for the society pursuant to the fourth minute of the last meeting, by the committee of ladies, and to decide on the appropriation thereof; and likewise to take into consideration any other matter that might be brought forward.

3. The acting secretary stated that the following sums had been paid into his hands, making, together £24 18s. 1½, as being the collection referred to in the foregoing minutes, viz.:

Collected by Mrs. Bernard and Mrs. Gowan,	£ 8	18	1½
Collected by Mrs. Boys and Miss Ardagh,	11	2	0
Collected by Miss Ardagh at Shanty Bay,	3	12	6
	23	13	1½

The Annual subscription of the Rector, S. D. Ardagh

	1	5	0
	£24	18	1½

4. Whereupon it was resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this meeting be presented to the committee of ladies for the zeal with which they have fulfilled the duties imposed upon them; and for the exertions they must have made to secure such ample success.

5. Mr. Whitley moved, seconded by Mr. Lally, that three-quarters of the collection made be transmitted to the Parent Society, and that one quarter be retained for parish purposes.

Dr. Boys moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Georgen, that two thirds of the amount collected be applied to the wants of the parish, and that the remainder be transmitted to the Parent Society, accompanied with a list of the contributors, and the amounts they have severally contributed.

The amendment being put, was carried.

The original motion being put was lost.

6. Moved by Dr. Boys, seconded by Dr. Ardagh, that the two-thirds of the collection retained for the wants of the parish be applied first to the payment of a small bill for printing, and the remainder to the liquidation of the debt on the school house.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lally, seconded by Mr. Bernard, that, inasmuch as the appropriation of any portion of the amount retained towards the debt on the school house would be contrary to the constitution of the Church Society, the sum so retained be applied towards the payment of any small claims against this branch, and the balance applied to the debt on the parsonage house.

The amendment being put, was lost.

The original motion being put, was carried.

7. Moved by Mr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Lally, that the Secretary be requested to forward to the Secretary of the Church Society the one-third part of the sum collected at Barrie, pursuant to the resolution to that effect, together with a copy of the minutes of this meeting.

Which motion being put was carried.

(Signed,)

S. B. ARDAGH, Chairman.

*Report of the Newcastle District Branch of the Church Society, for the year ending March 28, 1856.*

The past year will be long remembered as a year fruitful in great events, and involving in its

issues the most momentous consequences. The peace of Europe has been rudely interrupted by the insatiable ambition of one individual—who has just been summoned to his last account;—and Religion has been made a pretext for the most worthless aggression, together with the invasion of the rights and liberties of men. A sanguinary war has followed, accompanied by more than the usual proportion of misery, suffering, and death. The laurels of the warrior have been steeped in blood; the tears of the mourner have brought little relief for the loss of beloved relatives and friends; and the cry of the widow and orphan has ascended up to Heaven as a witness against the cruelty and wickedness of man.

But amidst these unparalleled sufferings and privations, this terrific loss of life, as well by wasting disease as in the strife of the battlefield, the Christian is bound to recognise the hand of an overruling Providence, and to hope that out of all this evil paramount and final good may be the result. We may reasonably hope, that when the present dark clouds have rolled away—when the din of battle has ceased, and the strife of contending thousands is over, that “a great door and effectual” will be opened for the introduction of Christianity amongst the benighted followers of the false prophet; and that the crescent—the symbol of the unbeliever—will be laid prostrate in the dust before the advancing banner of the cross; and that He who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will shall cause those dark places of the earth to be enlightened by the bright beams of the glorious gospel of Christ.

But the year to whose transactions, as affecting the future destinies of nations, we have thus briefly adverted, has also been fraught with consequences of the deepest importance to ourselves. The property of the Church in this Province has been wrested from her and applied to secular purposes, with the exception of the incomes of the present Clergy. This is a heavy blow, severely struck against the future extension of Church ministrations throughout the land, and were we dependant upon government support for the carrying out of future missionary enterprise, our hopes and expectations would in that case have come suddenly to an end. But it is a remarkable fact, and worthy of being remembered, that at the very time when the Legislature of this Province were devising a plan whereby they might most effectually deprive our Church of all further support from the proceeds of the Reserves, our venerable Bishop, with his clergy and faithful laity, were assembled together in Synod, to take such measures as might be deemed expedient to counteract the intended injury; and to devise means for the future sustentation and extension of the church, by for ever placing her beyond the reach of legislative interference and control. The proceedings of that Synod were of the most important character. A basis of future operations has been carefully laid down; and there is little doubt that its future meetings will be attended with the most beneficial effects to the cause of the Church in this country.

Thus we see, that although we have been severely tried, injured, and persecuted, yet we have no cause for despondency; although the hand of the spoiler has been lifted up against us, yet we have not been forsaken; for He that is with us is mightier than those that are against us. With our *Diocesan Synod* and *Church Society* we have abundant means for the future organization and settlement of all matters affecting the interests of our Church: and in the increasing prosperity, the christian liberality, and the enlightened zeal and piety of our

people, we have the best guarantee for the future spread of the Gospel, and the support of missionaries through the instrumentality of the Church.

The limits usually assigned to a District Report, especially where the different missions consist of settled parishes, affords little scope for novelty of matter or variety of detail. Your Committee, therefore, now proceed to lay before you a financial statement of the proceedings of each Parochial Committee, as far as they have been reported during the past year;—premising that no change in the number or appointment of the Clergy labouring within the district has taken place during that period. In the course of the winter parochial meetings were held in all the front townships, which were generally well attended; and the result, so far as yet ascertained, may be considered satisfactory. Your Committee deeply regret, that by reason of a heavy fall of snow, which for a time completely shut up the roads and rendered them impassable, they were unable to extend their visits to some of the back townships; and the same cause prevented their brethren in those missions from attending the meetings on the front.

*Coboury.*—Since the last Annual Meeting of the Church Society this parish have completed what was then in progress—the new Church of St Peter. This handsome and substantial structure, capable of containing 1000 persons, and which it is expected will be sufficient for the congregation of the town and neighbourhood for some years to come,—was opened for Divine Service on the 15th October last. The whole cost, from the commencement of the tower, will exceed £4000; and this large sum, with the exception of about £180, has been raised entirely within the parish. After the best exertions on the part of the Building Committee, a debt of about £500 still remains to be discharged; but it is confidently believed that, by the application of a portion of the ordinary Church revenue, two annual collections in Church, and some aid from the local Church Society, this incumbrance can be entirely removed in the course of two or three years.

It would reasonably be anticipated that the very large expenses attending the undertaking would have the effect of partially diminishing the contributions for general objects; for, in addition to the payment of subscriptions, the offerings on Easter Sunday towards the Building Fund amounted to £70, and those on the day of the opening of the new Church to £53 11s. besides nearly £100 obtained by a sale of useful and ornamental articles furnished through the exertions of the Ladies of the parish. Notwithstanding this large outlay, the quarterly collections for the Church Society have nearly maintained their average; and the subscriptions for the present year amount to £90 6s. 5d.

The expenditure on the part of the Parochial Board since the last annual meeting has been, For Sunday School reward and other

books.....	£11	11	3
“ Scholars paid for at Mr. Dow’s School.....	3	8	0
“ Wood for Sunday School.....	0	15	0
“ Incidental expenses.....	0	6	3

Total.....£16 1 3

After making this deduction, and remitting one-fourth to the Parent Society, there will be a balance available of about £50, which it is proposed to apply towards the liquidation of the debt of St Peter’s Church.

*Port Hope.*—From this Parochial Association no report has been received.

**Grafton.**—Great exertions have been made during the past year to increase the funds of this Parochial Committee; and the appeals which have been made to the people have, with scarcely an exception, been met with the most generous and liberal spirit. A small congregation in the 6th Con. of Haldimand, about 8 miles back of Grafton, have shown their appreciation of the services which they occasionally receive by very freely contributing to the support of the Church Society. And they have evinced a disposition to receive instruction from their minister in the principles and doctrines of the Church which is exceedingly encouraging, and may well stimulate us to further missionary exertion on behalf of our spiritually destitute brethren. There is one very gratifying feature in this congregation, which deserves to be noticed; and that is, that the men will lay aside their worldly occupations and intermit their daily business on those occasions when their minister visits them, in order that they may attend Divine Service. Surely such people may humbly hope that the blessing of Almighty God will rest upon themselves and their families.

A venerable and highly esteemed member of the congregation at Grafton has also been exceedingly liberal in his contributions to the Church Society; and altogether this committee has been enabled to raise the sum of £31 15s. being a much larger amount than has ever been raised in the parish for similar purposes. The proportion allotted to be expended for local purposes will be reserved to assist in making a payment upon a small endowment for the parish, recently purchased from the Hon. George S. Boulton.

When the smallness of this congregation is considered, the result of their contributions appears very satisfactory; and it can be said with truth, that they abound in *good works*.

**Colborne.**—The people of this parish continue to be occupied in paying for their Glebe; and gladly avail themselves for this purpose of the proportion of the Society's funds appropriated to local objects. During the past year a large payment has been made to the Government on this land, which leaves yet due another and final instalment, which it is hoped will be paid off in the course of a few months.

The amount collected for the Society by this Parochial Committee during the past year is, £32 12s. 6d., being the largest amount yet contributed for this purpose. Those gentlemen who have kindly undertaken the work of collection in this parish deserve the special thanks of the Committee; as, but for their untiring exertions during the last two or three years, many subscriptions which now appear on the list would never have been received by the Society. It thus appears that there has been raised in the Mission of Grafton and Colborne the sum of £64 7s. 6d. for the Society during the past year. If a few faithful and zealous members of the Church in each parish would only give a little time and attention every year to the promotion and duly carrying out of the various excellent objects of the Society, its income might easily be doubled or trebled; and the efficiency and usefulness of such an institution, for all such purposes, be very greatly improved and increased.

**Clarke.**—This Parochial Committee have nothing of a special nature to report respecting their operations during the past year. Their exertions have been chiefly confined to the removal of the large debt still due upon the parsonage. When the parish shall have been relieved of this heavy responsibility, the commit-

tee will gladly turn their attention to the furtherance of those objects, both of a local and general nature, which come more properly within the scope of the society's operations.

The subscriptions for the past year amount to £25; the usual proportion of which will be transmitted to the Parent Society.

The Committee regret that their pledged engagements require all the available funds at their disposal for local purposes; as they are thereby prevented from recommending the appropriation of a larger sum to the use of the parent Society, than the proportion required by the constitution. They regret this the more, because they are deeply sensible that the present position of our ecclesiastical affairs demands the united and vigorous efforts of all Churchmen throughout the Diocese.

**Cavan.**—The Churchmen in this Mission have set a good example of Christian enterprise and beneficence; for, in addition to the sum of £24 contributed by the Parochial Committee, in £13 10s. from St. John's Church, and £10 10s. from St. Paul's, they are taking active measures to erect a Church in the thriving village of Millbrook. For this purpose the sum of nearly £400 has already been subscribed by the parishioners, about £300 of which is contributed by the inhabitants of the village. Besides these liberal contributions a suitable building site has been procured, valued at £100, the joint offering of three individuals.

During the past year the people of this flourishing township paid £100 towards their Minister's salary; and from what your Committee can learn, their is every probability of a like sum being contributed this year also.

Let us hope that the Divine blessing may rest upon the zealous labours of the Churchmen of Millbrook; and that they may soon be privileged to behold, in addition to other marks of prosperity, the *Village Church*, where they and their families may regularly assemble to worship God after the manner of their fathers.

**Darlington.**—The Committee of the Darlington Branch of the Church Society have nothing special to record at the close of the present year. Impressed, however, with a deep sense of the vast importance to our common country and the Church of Christ in this land of the various operations of our noble Church Society, they have rejoiced to find that the contributions in aid of the funds of that institution within the parish during the year have far exceeded those which were obtained in the previous year. The sum collected is nearly £30. To the Ladies who voluntarily undertook the task of collecting, and who have succeeded so admirably, even in the midst of some opposition, great praise is due—and it is hoped as each succeeding year rolls round, that there will be those to be found who will nobly imitate their example, and address themselves in earnest to the blessed work of thus replenishing the treasury of the Lord.

In conclusion, your committee cannot help but remember that great responsibility rests upon the members of the Church generally in this Diocese, in relation to the Church Society. With such it rests to say, whether that Society shall be crippled and fall powerless to the ground, or whether it shall have such a place given to it in their prayers, and be so sustained by their exertions, that it shall prove the grandest auxiliary which the Church in this country has ever had.

**Manvers.**—In consequence of the severity of the weather, the annual meeting in this township was very small. The Collectors of last year were reappointed. The lists have not yet

been completed; but the Incumbent has been authorized to say that a sum not less than last year will be transmitted to the Parent Society.

The Committee have to report a very important local improvement, viz.: the fencing of the sides of the Churchyard. This has been accomplished with a balance of £12, which remained in hand over liquidating the debt on the Church. There are also funds in hand to fence the other side.

Up to this date, the sum of £6 17s 6d. has been paid towards the salary of the Clergyman for last year.

Annual subscriptions,.....	£6 0 0
Donations in money,.....	0 17 6
	£6 17 6

**Cartwright.**—The annual meeting in this township was well attended. Several of the Lanty present forcibly advocated the claims of the Society. The people came forward and paid down £6 5s. on the table. This sum has been increased to £8. One-fourth of this sum is now ready to be sent to the Parent Society.

The Committee have to report the painting and seating of the Church since last year. This has been done at an expense of £12 5s., one half of which has been collected in the township. The sums collected and expended in the township are as follow:—

Annual subscriptions for last year's salary for the Clergyman,.....	£36 1 6
Donations for the same in money.....	14 0 0
Subscriptions for seating and painting the Church, including } of the Society's annual subscriptions,....	20 0 0
½ of subscriptions for the Parent Society, .....	2 0 0

£72 8 3

A balance on hand of £24 6s. given by the Society for promoting C. K. Collected in the village of Bowmanville.....	9 0 0
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£94 8 3

**Seymour.**—This Parochial Committee, in consequence of the heavy burdens still pressing upon the congregation, have not felt justified in incurring any additional pecuniary responsibilities, in the shape of contributions to the Church Society. Engaged almost exclusively in agricultural pursuits, and for the most part struggling to obtain a livelihood from such occupations, they have not at any time been capable of accomplishing very much for the advancement of true religion; but during the last year especially they have been rendered less able, by the direct withdrawal of the bounties of Providence, on what they particularly lean for support. There has been a general failure of their wheat crop, which is their staple article of commerce.

But, notwithstanding these drawbacks, they have been by no means niggardly in their contributions: for, in addition to paying £50 towards the maintenance of their Missionary, they have expended upwards of £30 upon their yet unfinished Church, which, until fully completed, must necessarily cause a heavy drain upon their very limited resources.

Your Committee have learned with sincere grief, that it has pleased Almighty God to arrest the excellent and devoted Missionary of this parish, in the midst of his active and zealous labours, by a most painful visitation of severe illness, from which he has been suffering for many months past, and which has almost incapacitated him for active exertion, and consequently precludes him from that pastoral intercourse with his people which, under the Di-



vine blessing, may be viewed as the mainspring of ministerial success. But, notwithstanding this sad and grievous affliction, your Committee feel warranted in cherishing the belief that, amongst the people of his charge, there exists an increase of vital godliness, and of warm affection for our beloved Church. And they earnestly hope and pray that it may please the Great Head of the Church to restore their brother again to health and strength, and enable him to labour with increasing success in the vineyard of our Divine Master.

*Rice Lake.*—This Parochial Association presents nothing calling for special remark; but the Committee have agreed to send to the Parent Society the sum of two pounds ten shillings as their contribution for the past year.

From this abstract of the Society's labours in the different Missions comprising the District, it will be seen that the result, if not equal to what might reasonably be expected, is on the whole encouraging. But when your Committee consider the admirable constitution of the Society, and the various excellent objects which it is intended to promote, they cannot avoid expressing their regret that a more decided, vigorous, and united effort is not made on the part of both clergy and people to sustain and foster so valuable an institution. And they feel persuaded that this backwardness of which they complain does not arise from any opposition on the part of our people, but from the want of a better acquaintance with its organization and working; and from the fact, that their duties in this respect are not sufficiently explained and forced upon their attention. Our people must be exhorted to lay aside all sectional differences, to avoid party spirit, strife, and contention, and to give their hearty and zealous support to those Church Institutions which have for their aim and object the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, by promoting the edification and salvation of the souls of men.

We should feel deeply thankful, that in order to meet the pressing necessities of our Church and to unite all our people in missionary enterprise, we have established among us such an institution as the Church Society. And various instances are mentioned in this report, where individual parishes or missions gladly avail themselves of the medium thus afforded them of promoting and sustaining Church objects of a purely local character. For it is a most important feature of our excellent Society that, while it enables us to unite with the Church at large in promoting the general good of the whole, it also affords us the best means of carrying on in our respective missions the various objects which it was instituted to accomplish.

And here your Committee would venture to suggest, that the Church Society affords to every Parish or Mission in which a branch is established a most valuable means of procuring a small endowment or Globe, which might be gradually paid for, by allotting from year to year the three-fourths of all monies raised within the parish, together with whatever donations and subscriptions might be collected for that purpose. It should be well borne in mind, that in all great undertakings much may be accomplished by regular combination and methodical management. And none should feel themselves excused from assisting in the extension and support of Church ministrations, when we consider the peculiar and trying position of our ecclesiastical affairs at the present time.

That property which was intended for the sustenance and extension of true religion has been alienated and applied to secular uses,

This circumstance, therefore, throws upon us the responsibility of averting, as far as possible, the direful results which might otherwise ensue from this act of cruel injustice. To fulfil this duty, we must all bear our part, both in securing to ourselves, and extending to others, the ministrations of that branch of the Church Catholic to which we belong. To carry out this noble design, and to give additional efficacy to our contributions in aid of this great work, we feel persuaded that we cannot do better than employ the agency of the Church Society: its organization enabling it to give utility to the smallest offering, and to accomplish objects beyond the reach of individual effort. In the present exigency *lukewarmness would be a disgrace, and indifference a crime.* something more is required from us than mere profession, or the scanty offering doled out by worldly prudence; and which is at once disproportioned to the magnitude of the object for which it is solicited, and unworthy the cause to which it is to be applied.

Rather, as God has prospered us, so let us give; and, as good stewards of his manifold gifts, let us be found faithful in the use and improvement of the talents committed to us. If we all do this, the cause of the Church will not languish; the enemy will not prevail against us; the destitute will not want spiritual nourishment; nor the vineyard of the Lord faithful and devoted labourers, to collect the scattered and wandering sheep in the highways of the world, and to labour among them in the word and doctrine.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN WILSON, Secretary.

Grafton, Mar. 28, 1855.

#### Annual Meeting of the Church Society, St. Paul's, Newmarket.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday, April 9, 1855.

It was resolved that after April 30, 1856, the entire sum collected by the Association should be forwarded to the Parent Society. The receipts are not quite equal to last year, in consequence of demands of a local character.

Amount collected for the year ending April 30, 1855, £11 10 10  
Remitted to the Parent Society, 2 17 9

*Christ Church, St. Alban's.*—Annual Meeting held Easter Tuesday, April 10, 1855. I am glad to be able to report that this Association is in a flourishing condition, and that from this time forth the whole of the proceeds will be remitted to the Parent Society.

Amount collected, £11 2 6  
Remitted to the Parent Society, 2 15 2

SEPTIMUS F. RAMSEY.

To the Rev. T. S. Kennedy.

#### Report of the Markham Parochial Branch of the Church Society, D. T., for the year ending April, 1855.

In presenting the report of this Parochial Branch, your Committee have to announce that the amount collected is £8 4s. 4d., being an increase over the income of last year of £2 15s. 7d. This Branch has determined to forward, as it did last year, the whole amount collected to the Parent Society, believing that the Society will never be able to carry out all its objects in a satisfactory manner until the whole Diocese pours its offerings into the common fund, and thus the strong will be enabled to help the weak. Under the present system of each parish retaining its, the more wealthy a parish is, the more it receives from the Society, while the poorer branches only receive in pro-

portion to their poverty a very small sum. This Parochial Branch is happy to be able to say that its offerings to the Parent Society do not interfere in any way with the carrying out of matters of local importance. Last year the congregation of St. Philip's Church purchased a melodeon this year they are painting the Church; while the congregation of the Church in Markham village are raising by local subscription, a sum of money to pay off the debt of the Church, and also to erect a fence around the Churchyard.

Geo. T. J. Hill, Chairman.

Markham, April, 1855.

#### TRINITY COLLEGE.

The following gentlemen have passed the 1st Examination for the Degree of M. B.:

Messrs. Mackenzie, J. T.; Morrison, M.; Walker, N.; Hewat, W. S.; Johnson, R. J.; Bown, E. T.; Ball, R. L.; Lambert, W.; Muter, P.

*Final Examination, M. B.*—Messrs. Goodman, E.; Ryall, J.; Bettridge, W.; Lewis, R. P.; Burdott, D. E.; Bown, E. T.; \*Johnson, R. J.

#### PRIZE LIST, 1854-5.

##### Faculty of Medicine.

Assistant Demonstrators and Prosectors of Anatomy.....	J. T. Mackenzie.
General and Descriptive Anatomy.....	W. Lambert.
Chemistry (Senior).....	J. T. Mackenzie.
Mat. Medica (Senior).....	W. Lambert.
" (Junior).....	J. T. Mackenzie.
Obstetrics (Senior).....	John King.
" (Junior).....	E. Goodman.
Surgery (Senior).....	T. G. Phillips.
Practice of Medicine (Junior).....	J. T. Mackenzie.
Institutes of Medicine (Junior).....	W. Lambert.
Medical Jurisprudence.....	T. G. Phillips.
Clinical Surgery.....	A. Ardagh.
	N. Walker.
	J. T. Mackenzie.

N. BETHUNE,  
Dean F. M.

\* Not yet matriculated.

To the Editor of the Ecclesiastical Gazette.

MY DEAR SIR,—In the report of the Niagara District Branch of the Church Society as printed in your number for May, there is an inaccuracy in that part which relates to the Stamford and Drummondville Branch Association which needs correction. None of our subscriptions or donations are raised for "special objects within the Parish."

The special donations ought to have been acknowledged thus:—

Donations for Special objects of Church Society £6 4s. 10d. made up of the following sums:—

W. & O.....	£2 10 0
M. F. ....	1 19 10
S. F. ....	0 5 0
General Purposes. F. ....	1 10 0

£6 4 10

By correcting this in your next issue you will oblige yours very truly,

CHARLES LEXCESTER INGLE.

Drummondville,  
May 28th, 1855.

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