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No. 5.

The public annual meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto will be held (D.V.) on Wednesday, the 6th June, at 7 p.m. There will be a meeting of the incorporate members held on the same day, at 11 a.m.

A meeting of the Clergy Trust Committee will be held (D.V.) on Thursday, the 7th June, at 2 p.m., at the Society's Rooms, Toronto.

We are authorised to state that the Lord Bishop of Toronto, for many reasons, has determined not to convene a meeting of the Synod before the month of October.

The length of the Niagara District Branch of the Church Society's report has obliged us to defer publishing other reports which were subsequently received. We would draw attention to the resolution passed by the members of the Niagara District Branch, that the Secretary should order 400 extra copies of the *Gazette* containing their report, for circulation in the district. This is as it should be. We trust that other branches will take the hint.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal has given notice of the following Confirmations to be held by him during the month of June:

- June 8. Friday, at Lacolle.
- " 10. Sunday, at Clarencorville.
- " 12. Tuesday, at Philipsburgh.
- " 14. Thursday, at Bedford.
- " 17. Sunday, at Stanbridge, Upper Mills.
- " 19. Tuesday, at Frolichsburgh.
- " 20. Wednesday, at Dunham.
- " 21. Thursday, at Cowensville.
- " 24. Sunday, at Brome and Sutton.

Church Society's Office, Montreal,
2nd May, 1855.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day. The Lord Bishop in the chair.

A letter was read from the Rev. C. Forest on the subject of insurance of the lives of the clergy, which was ordered to lie on the table. A letter was received from the Building Committee of the Church at Mannach's Corner, requesting payment of 25*l.*, being the balance of the grant made to that church. Authority was given for the payment of the 25*l.*

The Treasurer's book was laid on the table, from which it appears that the following sums have been received since the last meeting:

Collected at St. Luke's Church	£5 18 0
Bishop of Montreal (subscription)	12 10 0
Mr. Fulford	1 5 0
F. Fulford, Esq.	1 5 0
Miss Fulford	0 10 0
Dean of Montreal	2 10 0
Mrs. Bethune	2 0 0
Archdeacon Lower	2 10 0
Hon. George Moffatt	5 0 0
Mrs. Moffatt	2 10 0
J. O. Moffatt	2 10 0
A. Howard	5 0 0
Rev. Edward J. Rogers (subscription)	1 17 6
S. Gertraud	1 5 0
E. Idler	1 5 0
Mrs. Moffatt	1 5 0
H. T. Chapman	1 5 0
W. A. Townsend	1 5 0
Mrs. —	1 0 0
Miss —	0 10 0
Master E. —	0 5 0
Mrs. A. Simpson	1 5 0
S. Bethune	1 5 0
W. Nelson	1 5 0
J. J. Abbot (subscription)	1 5 0
Dr. Barnston	1 5 0
G. Harding	0 5 0
A gift	0 5 0
Collection at Hawdon	0 18 7
Collection at Frost Village	3 0 3
Rev. W. Abbott	1 17 0
Rev. J. Abbott	1 17 0
Miss Day	0 2 6
Rev. Canon Bancroft	1 17 0

It was Resolved, That the Central Board being informed of the death of the Rev. D. Gavin, missionary at Sabrevois, and a member of this society, the Lord Bishop be requested to communicate to Mrs. Gavin the sympathy of the Board at the severe affliction with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit her, and the high estimation entertained for the zeal and faithfulness of her deceased husband.

E. J. ROGERS, Secretary.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MY DEAR BRETHREN OF THE HOME AND SIMCOE DISTRICTS,

It is my intention to visit for the purpose of Confirmation your several Parishes and Stations in accordance with the following list. I remain, &c.

JOHN TORONTO.

May, 1855.

Thursday 17	Thornhill	11 a.m.
"	Yaughan	3 p.m.
Friday 18	Markham	11 a.m.
"	Markham Village	3 p.m.
Saturday 19	St. John Baptist's Ch.	
"	Oak Ridges	11 a.m.
"	Mitchell's Corners	3 p.m.
Sunday 20	Newmarket	11 a.m.
"	St. Alban's	3 p.m.
Monday 21	Georgina	12 noon
"	Sutton Mills	3 p.m.
Tuesday 22	Lake Simcoe	
Wednesday 23	Orillia	10 a.m.
"	Medonte	2 p.m.
Thursday 24	travelling	
Friday 25	Penetanguishene	2 p.m.
Saturday 26	Craig's Oro	12 noon
Sunday 27	Barrie	11 a.m.
"	Innisfil	3 p.m.
Monday 28	West Gwillimbury	10 a.m.
"	Lloydton	3 p.m.

Tuesday 29	Mulhaur	12 noon
"	St. John's, Mono	4 p.m.
Wednesday 30	St. Mark's, Mono	10 a.m.
"	English Wilson	3 p.m.
Thursday 31	Bolton	10 a.m.
"	St. John's Church, Gore of Toronto	2 p.m.

JUNE 1855.

Friday 1	Tullamore	10 a.m.
"	Brampton	3 p.m.
Saturday 2	Norval	10 a.m.
"	Hornby	2 p.m.
Sunday 3	Georgetown	10 a.m.
"	Milton	3 p.m.
Monday 4	Nelson	10 a.m.
"	Wellington Square	2 p.m.
Tuesday 5	Oakville	10 a.m.

The following Parishes and Stations are postponed for a week — viz.:

JUNE 1855.

Tuesday 12	Palermo	11 a.m.
"	Churchville	3 p.m.
Wednesday 13	Streetsville	11 a.m.
"	St. Peter's, Springfield	3 p.m.
Thursday 14	Stone Church	10 a.m.
"	Woodbridge	3 p.m.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE TOWARDS THE ACQUISITION OF THE THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FUND, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN APRIL 1855.

Previously announced	£4 6 6
Northport, per Rev. T. Bousfield	0 10 0
St. John's, Stamford	1 0 5
St. Geo.'s, Drummondville	1 15 9
per Rev. C. L. Ingles	2 10 2
St. John's, Smith's Falls	£0 8 4
Port Elmsley	0 13 7
Dunbar Corner	0 2 6
per Rev. J. B. Worrell	1 4 5
Christ Ch'ch, Huntingford	1 12 10
Lot 28, Con. XII., E. Zorr	0 7 8
per Rev. F. D. Fauquier	2 0 6
St. Mary's Warwick	0 12 2
Brooke	0 7 10
per Rev. J. Smyth	1 0 0
St. Paul's Ch'ch, Fort Erie	1 10 9
St. John's, Limestone Ridge	0 6 5
per churchwarden	1 7 2
Biddulph	0 5 0
St. Mary's	0 7 6
	0 12 6
Holy Trinity Church, West Hawkesbury	2 11 7
St. John's Church, Vankleek Hill	0 10 0
per Rev. R. L. Stephenson	3 1 7
Edwardsburg	0 6 5
Mountain	0 7 0
per Rev. J. Harris	0 13 6
St. James' Ch'ch, Carleton Place	0 17 6
St. John's, Lansark	0 6 8
St. George's, Ramsay	0 6 3
per Rev. J. S. Lauder	1 10 0

St. John's, Peterboro', per churchwarden.....	2 5 0	Berkely, per Rev. J. Beaven.....	0 14 4	Orillia, per Rev. T. B. Read.....	6 0 0
St. Peter's, Credit.....	1 10 4	Bath, per Rev. W. F. S. Harper.....	0 6 3	St. Mary's, Tullamore, the whole, per Rev. J. G. Armstrong.....	18 13 9
Sydenham.....	1 3 3	St. George's Ch., Grafton.....	1 0 0	Township of London, per Rev. C. C. Brough.....	5 0 0
Port Credit.....	0 6 0	Trinity Church, Colborne.....	1 5 0	Milton, special for Bible and Trust Fund.....	0 5 0
per Rev. S. Givins.....	2 18 7	per Rev. J. Wilson.....	2 5 0	Garden Island, special for Indian Mission,.....	0 5 0
St. George's Ch'ch, St. Catharines, per Rev. A. F. A. Atkinson.....	6 17 0	Norwood, 3 stations, per Rev. John Hillton.....	0 10 0	per H. C. Baker, Esq.....	0 10 0
Trinity Church, Mono.....	1 12 6	Trinity Church, Howard, per Rev. C. C. Johnson.....	1 1 4	Amherstburg, per Rev. F. Mack... 4 0 0	
St. Mary's.....	0 7 6	St. John's Church, Bowmanville.....	1 15 0	Thornhill, additional... 2 10 0	
St. Paul's, Sarnia.....	2 0 0	Enniskillen.....	0 10 0	Burford, per Rev. C. B. Pettit... 1 2 2	
Butler's, Mono.....	0 6 0	per Rev. Dr. Macnab... 2 5 0		Cobourg, per Ven. A. N. Bethune 20 0 0	
per Rev. J. G. R. Salter.....	4 4 0	St. George's Church, Goderich, per Rev. E. L. Elwood... 2 2 0		Special for Mission Fund, per do. 2 10 0	
Milton.....	0 18 9	Additional from a member of St. George's Church, Grafton, per Rev. J. Wilson.....	3 0 0	Grafton, per do. do. 8 0 0	
Hornby.....	0 11 7	Napanee, per Rev. W. B. Lauder... 0 12 6		Darlington, per do. do. 7 10 0	
Lowville.....	0 5 4	Fitzroy Harbour, per Rev. J. A. Morris.....	0 10 0	Clarke, per do. do. 6 5 0	
per Rev. F. Tremayne... 1 15 8		St. Paul's, Yorkville, per Churchwardens.....	5 0 0	Colborne, per do. do. 8 0 0	
Mersa, per Rev. J. Kennedy.....	0 10 0	St. John's Church, Prescott, per Churchwarden.....	6 19 7	Cartwright, per do. do. 2 0 0	
Chatham, per Rev. P. Sandys.....	2 0 0	St. Stephens, Vaughan, per Rev. D. E. Blake.....	0 7 1	Manvers, per do. do. 2 15 0	
St. Jude's Church, Oakville, per churchwarden.....	2 10 0	St. George's, Etobicoke, per Churchwarden.....	1 1 0	St. George's, Kingston, 22 1 3	
St. Paul's Church, London, per churchwardens.....	5 0 0	Grimby, per Rev. Dr. Lundy... 1 13 9		St. Paul's, do..... 2 0 0	
St. George's, Clarke.....	1 2 6	St. Mary Magdalene's, Picton, per Churchwarden.....	1 0 0	per Rev. W. Greig..... 24 1 3	
Orono.....	0 6 3	St. John's Church, Bowmanville, additional, per Churchwarden... 0 5 0		Niagara, per George Rykert, Esq. 10 10 0	
Newton.....	0 6 3	Orono, additional per Rev. H. Brent 0 7 0		Church Holy Trinity, Toronto... per Churchwardens..... 8 8 1	
per Rev. H. Brent.....	1 15 0	St. James, Duudas.....	1 15 0	St. Catharines, per G. Rykert, 12 10 0	
St. George's.....	£0 5 0	per Rev. W. McMurray.....	6 15 0	Chippawa, per G. Rykert, Esq... 8 7 2	
Sutton.....	0 4 0	London Township, additional per Rev. C. C. Brough.....	1 10 0	Thorold..... 8 19 8	
Park's School-house.....	0 3 0	St. George's, Kingston, per Rev. W. David.....	6 0 0	Stamford & Drummondville..... 3 3 0	
Shepherd's do.	0 3 6	St. George's, Toronto, per Churchwarden.....	10 6 0	Special for Mission Fund 1 19 8	
Per Rev. W. Ritchie.....	0 15 6	Christ Church, Mimico, per Rev. H. C. Cooper.....	0 5 0	per G. Rykert, Esq... 5 2 10	
St. Paul's, Newmarket... 0 12 1		St. George's Church, Goderich, per Rev. E. L. Elwood.....	1 1 0	Fort Erie, per do. 3 3 9	
Christ Church, St. Alban's 0 14 2		106 collections, amounting to.....	£16 8	Louth, per do. 2 5 0	
Trinity Church, Aurora... 0 5 10		PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.		Dunville, Port Maitland, and South Cayuga, per do. 6 2 1	
Per Rev. S. Ramsay.....	1 12 1	Rice Lake, the whole per Rev. W. Beck.....	2 18 9	Special, W. O. F., per do..... 3 10 0	
St. Mark's, Barriefield... 0 7 0		Hornby, additional, per Thomas Atkinson, Esq. 0 2 6		Barric, per Rev. S. B. Ardagh... 7 17 5	
McClellan's School-house... 0 8 0		West Hawkesbury, per Rev. R. L. Stephenson.....	4 3 4	Mono, per Rev. John Fletcher..... 13 8 1	
Per Rev. E. C. Bower.....	0 15 0	St. John's, Cavan.....	3 3 5	London, per W. W. Street, Esq... 30 0 0	
Elizabethtown.....	1 5 8 1/2	St. Paul's, Cavan.....	2 11 7	Christ Church, Scarborough 1/2 8 3 9	
North Augusta.....	1 2 2 1/2	per Rev. T. W. Allen.....	5 15 0	St. Paul's..... 1 15 0	
Per Rev. W. C. Clarke.....	2 7 11	West Gwillimbury.....	5 1 0	St. Jude's..... 0 19 3	
St. John's, Tecumseth... 0 14 0		per Rev. A. Hill.....	5 1 0	per Rev. W. Belt..... 5 18 0	
Trinity.....	1 5 0	Credit, per Rev. S. Givins.....	7 13 0	Adolphustown, additional, per Rev. J. A. Muloch..... 2 0 0	
Per Rev. F. L. Osler.....	1 19 0	Mersa, per Rev. J. Kennedy.....	4 10 0	Penetanguishene, per Churchwarden Carleton Place, 1/2..... 2 0 6	
Zono Mills, per Rev. J. Gunno.....	1 0 0	Hamilton District.....	134 6 6	St. John's, 0 19 4	
Orillia, per Rev. J. B. Read.....	1 6 6	per H. C. Baker, Esq.....	134 6 6	St. George's, 2 5 2	
London Town'p, per Rev. C. C. Brough 8 2 6		Markham, the whole per Rev. G. Hill.....	6 19 4	per Rev. J. S. Lauder, 5 5 0	
St. Paul's, Port Robinson 1 7 6		Georgina, additional, per Rev. W. Ritchie.....	0 3 2	Prescott, per Churchwarden..... 8 7 3	
St. Peter's, Thorold.....	2 16 6	St. Paul's, Newmarket... £2 17 9		Stratford, per Rev. E. Pattison 2 6 3	
Per Rev. T. B. Fuller.....	4 4 0	Christ Church, St. Alban's 2 15 2		Special, for Indian Missions, per W. M. Collins..... 0 10 0	
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis.....	0 5 0	per Rev. S. Ramsay... 5 12 11		Bath, per Rev. W. F. S. Harper 0 18 9	
Christ Church, Amherstburgh, per Rev. F. Mack.....	0 12 6	Biddulph and McGillivray, per Rev. J. Lampan.....	3 5 0	Napanee, per Rev. W. B. Lauder 1 8 6	
St. Paul's, Norval.....	1 11 9	Thornhill, 1/2.....	5 7 9	Grimby, per Rev. Dr. Lundy... 4 0 0	
St. George's, Georgetown 1 25 0		St. Stephen's, Vaughan, 1/2 7 1 11		Special, Grimsby, W. O. F., per Rev. Dr. Lundy..... 4 10 0	
Per Rev. T. W. Marsh.....	3 6 9	per Rev. D. E. Blake, 12 9 8		Christ Church, Woodbridge, per Rev. F. G. Armstrong..... 5 14 4	
Christ Church, Emily... 0 10 0		Woodstock, per J. Ingersoll, Esq. ... £84 1 3		St. George's Ch. Etobicoke £5 0 0	
St. James's.....	0 2 6	Mrs. Mortimer, special, W. & O. F. Thornhill.....	2 10 0	Special Mission Fund do. 1 11 3	
St. John's.....	0 2 6			Do. W. & O. Fund do. 0 15 0	
Per Rev. R. Harding.....	0 15 0			Christ Church, Mimico, the whole..... 3 0 0	
Burford, per Rev. C. B. Pettit.....	0 5 5			per Rev. H. C. Cooper..... 10 6 3	
Wellington Sq're, per Rev. T. Greeno 1 7 6				Holy Trinity additional, per Churchwarden..... 0 11 3	
St. John's Ch., Sandwich 0 16 3				Fitzroy Harbor, per Rev. J. A. Morris 10 0 0	
Windsor.....	1 12 6			1/2 Sandwich, per Rev. E. H. Dowar 2 14 7	
Irish Settlement.....	0 10 3			GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.	
Per Rev. E. H. Dewar.....	2 19 0			Previously announced..... £243 17 5	
St. George's, Guelph, per Rev. A. Palmer.....	2 6 5			St. John's, Tecumseth, ... £0 4 8	
St. John's Church, Portageouth, per Churchwarden.....	1 10 0			Trinity Church, 0 7 0	
Trinity Church, Thornhill 1 1 5				per Rev. F. L. Osler... 0 11 8	
Oakridges.....	0 17 4			Zone Mills, per Rev. J. Gunno..... 1 0 0	
Per Rev. D. E. Blake.....	1 18 9			London Town'p, per Rev. C. C. Brough 8 2 6	
St. James's, Ingersoll, per Rev. J. W. Marsh.....	0 15 6				
St. James's, Toronto, per Churchwarden.....	15 10 0				
Christ Church, Port Stauley, per Churchwarden.....	1 5 0				
Trinity Church, Streetsville, per Churchwarden.....	0 15 0				

St. Mark's, Barrielsfield,...	0 14 0	
McClellan's School-house,	0 11 0	
per Rev. F. C. Brown	1 5 0	
Wellington Square, per Rev. T. Green	1 10 0	
St. John's, Sandwich.....	1 8 0	
Windsor	1 3 6	
Irish Settlement.....	0 11 2	
per Rev. E. H. Dewar	3 2 8	
St. John's, Port Whitby...	1 5 0	
St. George's, Oshawa.....	1 0 0	
St. Paul's,	1 0 0	
per Rev. J. Pentland...	3 5 0	
St. George's, Guelph.....	5 15 3	
Puslinch	0 12 6	
per Rev. A. Palmer ...	6 7 9	
Christ Church, Port Stanley, per churchwarden	1 5 0	
Deerham, per Rev. C. Brown.....	1 5 0	
Rawdon	0 11 3	
Hungerford.....	0 6 0	
Cooko Settlement	0 2 0	
Nesbit Reid's	0 1 9	
per Rev. F. T. S. Groves	1 0 0	
Burford, per Rev. C. B. Pettit	0 7 5	
St. Paul's, Kingston, per Rev. W. Greig	1 8 9	
Woodstock, per Churchwarden.....	9 14 6	
Cartwright, per Churchwarden.....	0 10 0	
Grimsby, per Rev. Dr. Lundy	1 0 3	
Bytown, per Rev. S. S. Strong	5 19 1	
Williamsburg	1 14 2	
Matilda	0 0 10	
per Rev. E. J. Boswell...	1 15 0	
Biddulph	0 6 3	
St. Mary's	0 6 3	
Edwardsburg	0 8 3	
Mountain	0 8 4	
per Rev. J. Harris.....	0 16 7	
Chatham, per Rev. F. Sandys	2 10 0	
Church of Ascension, per H. C. Baker, Esq	4 0 0	
176 collections, amounting to	£296 6 1	
WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.		
Zono Mills, per Rev. J. Gunno	£1 5 0	
London Town'p, per Rev. C. C. Brough	3 2 6	
St. Paul's, Kingston	1 0 0	
Waterloo	0 2 6	
Per Rev. W. Greig...	1 2 6	
St. Mary's, Mansvers	0 5 7	
Special, from West Gwillimbury, per Rev. A. Hill.....	0 14 6	
Norral	0 12 6	
Grimsby	3 6 0	
Beamsville	0 10 0	
per Rev. Dr. Lundy...	3 16 0	
Sandwich, per Rev. E. H. Dewar ...	3 1 5	
199 collections, amounting to	£157 1 10	
MISSION FUND.		
Zono Mills, per Rev. J. Gunno	1 0 0	
London Town'p, per Rev. C. C. Brough	3 2 6	
St. George's, Guelph	3 1 7	
Puslinch	0 15 0	
Worsfold Eramosa	0 10 7	
Per Rev. A. Palmer ..	4 7 2	
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Rev. R. L. Stephenson	1 5 0	
J. Hamilton, Esq.....	1 5 0	
Rev. C. C. Johnson.....	1 5 0	
Rev. James Harris	1 5 0	
Rev. T. W. Allen	1 5 0	
Rev. A. Hill.....	1 5 0	
Rev. F. W. Sandys.....	1 5 0	
Rev. G. Hill.....	1 5 0	
Hamilton District, 20 clergymen and 21 laymen, per H. C. Baker, Esq.	51 5 0	
Rev. G. Hallen.....	1 5 0	
Rev. J. G. D. MacKenzie	1 5 0	
Rev. J. S. Lauder	1 5 0	

A. M. Clarke, Esq., M. D.....	1 5 0
Admiral Baldwin.....	1 5 0
James Henderson, Esq.....	1 5 0
Alexander Murray, Esq.....	1 5 0
George Sootheran, Esq.....	1 5 0
Henry Townley, Esq.....	1 5 0
W. V. Bacon, Esq.....	1 5 0
W. H. Bottom, Esq.....	1 5 0
J. Borer, Esq.....	1 5 0
Rev. R. Leeming.....	12 10 0
Rev. J. Septimus Ramsay.....	1 5 0
Rev. J. Gilbert Armstrong.....	1 5 0
Rev. D. E. Blake.....	1 5 0
Rev. Charles Browne.....	1 5 0
Rev. F. Mack	1 5 0
Rev. W. Greig.....	1 5 0
Rev. E. H. Dewar.....	1 5 0
Rev. E. Elwood.....	1 5 0
Rev. T. Green.....	1 5 0
Rev. A. F. Atkinson	1 5 0
Rev. T. J. Roberts.....	1 5 0
Rev. T. B. Fuller.....	1 5 5
Rev. C. L. Ingles	1 5 0
Rev. E. Grasett.....	1 5 0
Rev. A. Dixon	1 5 0
Rev. John Fletcher.....	1 5 0
Rev. J. W. Marsh	1 5 0
Rev. S. B. Ardagh.....	1 5 0
Rev. Dr. Beaven	2 10 0
Rev. W. F. S. Harper	1 5 0
Rev. W. B. Lauder	1 5 0
Rev. S. S. Strong	1 5 0
Edmund Lally, Esq.....	1 5 0
Daniel Whitley, Esq.....	1 0 0
Rev. J. Short	1 5 0
H. A. Joseph, Esq.....	£2 10 0

THOS. SMITH KENNEDY, Secretary.

The Rector and Churchwarden of St. Peter's Church, Brockville, wish to acknowledge the grateful offering of three handsome Windows of stained glass, recently erected in the Chancel of St. Peter's Church. This appropriate memorial of filial affection, has been presented to the Church by the children of the late Mr. & Mrs. David Ford.

The Rev. T. J. M. W. BLACKMAN, having returned to Hamilton for the summer, requests that all communications for him may be addressed to that place.

A very gratifying scene occurred at the church of the Holy Trinity on Sunday afternoon last, at the close of the usual Sunday school; when a very handsome Bible was presented to the Rev. W. S. Darling, the assistant minister, through the joint contributions of the teachers and scholars—a grateful acknowledgment on the part of the young of the affectionate teaching of their respected pastor, and also an assurance that they are not insensible to the privileges they enjoy, in the opportunity afforded them of acquiring that unfading “knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation.”

Annual Meeting of the City of Ottawa Parochial Branch Church Society, D. T.

At a meeting of subscribers to the Church Society held in Christ's Church, Ottawa, this 2nd day of April, 1855:
Present:—Dr. Strong in the chair; Mrs. Strong, Miss F. Cole, Captain Baker, Mr. G. P. Baker,

Mr. P. P. Harris, Mr. Noel, Judge Armstrong, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Foxton, Mr. Stanner. It was Moved by Mr. G. P. Baker, seconded by Mr. Stanner, That P. P. Harris, Esq. be Treasurer to this Parochial Branch of the Church Society. Moved by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Foxton, That Mr. H. V. Noel be Secretary to this Association.

Moved by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Noel, That the following ladies and gentlemen be a Parochial Committee, viz.:—Mrs. Strong, Miss F. Cole, Mrs. Austin, Capt G. W. Baker, Mr. G. P. Baker, Mr. Foxton, Mrs. T. M. Bladell, Mrs. Cousens, Mr. Stanner, Mr. Bishop and the Churchwardens.

A subscription list was presented by Miss F. Cole, all of which had been collected, amounting to £61 6s. 7d. currency—the sum of £1 7s. 6d. of this being specially given for the Widows & Orphans' Fund, leaves £62 18s. 1d. at the disposal of the subscribers for Parochial purposes, after one-fourth has been remitted to the Parent Society.

Moved by Mr. Noel, seconded by Mr. Harris, and carried—That the thanks of this meeting are justly due and hereby tendered to Miss F. Cole and Mrs. Strong for their indefatigable exertions in collecting the said sum of £61 6s. 7d.

Moved by Captain Baker, seconded by Mr. Stanner, That the sum of £15 15s. being one-fourth of the collection, and £1 7s. 6d. specially subscribed to the Widows & Orphans' Fund, be remitted to the Secretary of the Parent Society.

Resolved—That in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, this meeting cannot in justice to the absent subscribers proceed with the disposition of that portion of the funds set apart for local purposes, but that a meeting be called for that object on Monday the 16th instant.

(Signed) S. S. Strong,
Chairman,
H. V. Noel,
Secretary.

Report of the Sarnia Parochial Branch Church Society, D. T.

The Committee have the satisfaction of presenting a favourable Report of this branch of the Church Society. The annual contributions to the general purposes of the society amount to £11 5s. 3d. The quarterly collections during the past year have amounted to £9 9s. 10d., being in each case an increase over those of the preceding year; but these we believe might be greatly augmented. Much more would be contributed both toward supplying the wants of the parish, and maintaining the cause of the church throughout the diocese, did we occupy a different position from that in which we are at present placed. Altho this is a rapidly increasing town, we are as yet without the advantage of a resident minister or a regular service; the consequences have been a feeling of discouragement, a growing apathy regarding the general interests of the church, and the congregation has not increased proportionately with the increase of the population.

It has pleased Almighty God during the past year to remove from amongst us one, by whose devoted zeal and energy the church in our neighbourhood was much benefitted, and whose loss many amongst us have deep reason to deplore; we trust that his deeds of kindness towards his neighbours, and liberality towards his church, the fruits as we truly believe of an humble and living faith in the Lord Jesus, may have the happy effect of prompting others to the performance of similar acts of love and mercy.

Through the liberality of the late Captain Vidal, the deed of a building erected for a church will be given to the society, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed, and thus every facility will be afforded, as far as the people can

minister to their own wants, for the public worship of Almighty God. The church has been supplied with a handsome communion service by Mr. E. Vidal, the father of the late Bishop of Sierra Leone, with service books by Admiral Vidal, and with a stove &c. by Mr. U. Durand.

All that has been done for the church amongst us, has been done by our own people, unassisted by those at a distance; and while we can but count ourselves to be unprofitable servants, still we think that we have no reasonable ground for dissatisfaction in the fact, that the contributions from this parish towards the general funds of our Church Society will bear comparison with many parishes in the diocese far more favorably circumstanced.

Moore.—We have but little to report from this Branch. During the past year there has been a slight but satisfactory increase both in the numbers of subscribers, and in the amount subscribed. We trust that as the people become more sensibly alive to the fact, that the church, deprived of all endowment and external aid, depends entirely for support upon the exertions of her members, they will be led to be more active and zealous in maintaining the efficiency of the Church Society, as the proper agent for dispensing those funds, which are employed in the extension of the ministrations of the church.—Amount subscribed £20 1s. 4d. sent to the Parent Society, £10 1s. 6d.

Report of the Orilla Parochial Branch Church Society, D. T.

The Committee of the Orilla Parochial Branch of the Church Society desire to express their gratitude to the Author of every good work for the measure of success with which their efforts have been attended.

In making this report it will be necessary to notice some objects of a purely local character which have been advanced in the mission, as well as that more particularly connected with the Church Society, inasmuch as the one has a direct bearing on the other, and local undertakings must necessarily circumscribe the income of the Society.

Shortly after the appointment of the Committee in February, 1864, the names of sixty-four subscribers were enrolled, and a total amount of £22 3s. collected, of which £6 was sent to the Parent Society at Toronto, and the balance £16 3s. applied to the liquidation of the debt upon the parsonage. This last amount was afterwards increased by £2 17s. from ten other subscribers, making £19, to which £5 was added by the industry of the ladies of the congregation, and the whole £24 sent to the Indian Department through the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Secretary, Church Society, as an instalment on the parsonage. A second instalment of the same amount has since been paid by the laudable exertions of the Ladies' Industrial Society.

During the period to which this report refers four collections have been made for the Church Society in the various churches of the mission, amounting to £8 4s. 3d.

The Committee also desire to call the attention of the churchmen of this parish to their indebtedness to the Parent Society for its generous aid in securing the parsonage house.

The sum of £38 12s. 6d. had in previous years been advanced by the Society to the Indian Department; and in reply to a request made by the clergyman and wardens, the Society in June last, with its usual liberality, consented to make this sum a grant to the parish, provided all future instalments were punctually paid.

Taking into account that, in addition to the local objects already mentioned, considerable sums of money have been raised within the mission during the past year for the completion

of the Coldwater road and Oro churches; that the former has been opened for Divine service, and the opening of the other will shortly follow; that a list has been subscribed for a new church in this village; and that the duty of providing for the support of the clergyman has been cheerfully responded to; the Committee feel that there is abundant cause for gratitude to Almighty God, and encouragement to go on with zeal and faith in every good work that may tend to the promotion of God's service.

T. BOLTON READ,
Chairman.
J. ANDAON,
Treasurer.

Report of the Committee of the Parochial Branch of the Church Society, presented at the Annual Meeting at St. James's Church, Penetanguishene, held on Thursday, 15th February, 1865.

In the report of our proceedings of the last year, your committee took occasion to impress on the members of our church the importance of supporting the Church Society, on the ground that some of the sources from which our church is now supplied, were gradually drying up and would at last totally fail. In making this observation they were alluding particularly to the aid afforded by the society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and the Clergy Reserve Fund.

The principle on which the venerable Society just mentioned affords assistance, is, gradually to withdraw its help from those parts of the Province which increase in wealth and prosperity; because they consider that the inhabitants are then in a state to support their clergymen themselves; and your committee would remind the inhabitants of this place, that when they cease to have the services of the clergyman now officiating among them, they will probably have to provide the entire funds for the salary of his successor. Your committee are happy to state that the proceedings of the two last annual meetings have shewn that the members of this branch of the Church Society are gradually preparing for that time by appropriating the greater part of the Church Society funds at their disposal to the purchase of land; and they strongly recommend that this plan be persevered in till this important object, (the endowment of the church) be attained. Though no land has yet been met with suitable for the purpose, yet the object of endowing the Church has been steadily kept in view, and since the last annual meeting the churchwardens have petitioned the Government for the privilege of purchasing some town lots on certain terms which would bring the purchase of them within the means annually at our disposal.

As to the Clergy Reserves Fund your committee stated in their last report that "it was the avowed purpose of some of the leading statesmen in the Province to deprive the church of the miserable pittance that was left." This unholy purpose has been accomplished; and though your committee cannot trust themselves to notice this disgraceful transaction in the terms it merits; yet they cannot forbear taking this fitting opportunity of recording their indignant protest against the sacrifice.

Your committee have nothing to add to their former report on the subject of education. The Sunday Schools at the village and the garrison have about the same number of children, and the attendance has not fallen off. As to the day schools, your committee have still to complain, that the reasonable prayer of the church of England to have separate schools for their children has not been granted; and when the members of our church see that the very same privilege which is denied to them is given to the Roman Catholics, they cannot but acutely

feel the manifest injustice with which they are treated.

Your committee in their last report were in hopes that they should be able to get a consignment of books from the Church Depository, for sale at this place. Though they have not succeeded to the extent they wished, they are enabled to state that there will be a supply of a few bibles and prayer-books of a superior size and description to the amount of five pounds in the course of a few weeks, and in order to keep up the supply, the committee would recommend that a small grant be made for that purpose: the proceeds of the sale may be expended in procuring more.

Your committee have reason to think that the small assistance which we gave to the inhabitants of Victoria Hill, and the observations which were made in connection with it in their last report, have been the means of encouraging the inhabitants of that station to renewed exertions for the erection of a church. They have already about £16 on their subscription list, which is a proof that they are in earnest. Your committee would therefore recommend that the same amount which was awarded last year be given this year, provided the intended church be set apart for the Church of England, and be erected on land secured or to be secured to the Church Society. As the collections for this year are not yet completed, your committee can say nothing definite with respect to them, but can only hope that they will not fall short of former years. As to other collections for church purposes, your committee take this opportunity of stating that the offertory collections for the year 1864, including the collections arising from the four annual sermons for the Church Society, amounted to £22 5s. 11d. They would also beg leave to mention that a lady of the congregation while absent from home raised subscriptions to the amount of £18 10s., with which she purchased a well-toned bell, and that the inhabitants have subscribed about £12 to build a bell turret for it. Your committee, in concluding their report, would endeavour to impress on their fellow christians and on themselves, the deep responsibilities which rest on the members of our Church Society, and the necessity of their using their influence to extend its usefulness by endeavoring to increase the number of subscribers; and they hope that all will bear in mind that the chief purpose of our meeting together on these occasions is to quicken our zeal in the cause, and to encourage each other in the pious work, of extending by means of this Society, the benefits of the Church of Christ to all around us.

(Signed) GEO. HALLEN,
Chairman.
W. SIMPSON,
Secretary.

Report of the Eastern District Branch of the Church Society for 1864-5.

The Secretary, in forwarding this abstract of the several Parochial Reports, has the pleasure of stating that the contributors to the Church Society from this district exceed the amount reported last year by the large sum of £102 12s. 6d. It is the more gratifying to call attention to this increased liberality to the Church Society, inasmuch as the Episcopal Fund, and local wants have in several parishes been liberally responded to, without infringing on the claims of the Society.

Brockville.—The Parochial Committee report £58 9s. 10d. as subscribed in this parish. Of this sum £2 10s. was specially given to the Parochial School Fund, and £2 10s. to travelling missionaries. Of the balance, one-fourth has been remitted to the Parent Society, as well as the Rector's subscription.

The offertory collections for the Society for

the past year amounted to £67 7s. 8d., including £21 12s. 6d. collected on Thanksgiving day, and appropriated by the Rector to the W. & O. Fund. The total sum thus contributed to the Society being £125 17s. 6d.—exceeding that of the past year by £38 2s. 7½d.

It is a subject for congratulation and a motive for increased encouragement thus to record an increase in aid given to the Church Society, inasmuch as the local expenditure in this parish for the past year exceeded £700, exclusive of £600 subscribed to the Episcopal Fund.

It may not be out of place to mention that the thanks of the Vestry were gratefully tendered to the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Ford, for the presentation of a handsome triplet window of stained glass for the chancel of St. Peter's church, as an appropriate memorial of filial affection, and a grateful offering to the church of Christ. Thanks were also unanimously voted to Mrs. Sidney Jones for the munificent Easter offering of £100 to the Parochial School Fund.

Prescott—The subscriptions made in the united branches of Prescott and Maitland amounted to £32 8s. 2d.—one-fourth of which has been transmitted to the Parent Society.

The offertory collections for the Society amounting to £38 10s., as also the Rector's subscription, and £7 contributed for synodal purposes, have also been remitted.

Cornwall—The Committee of the Cornwall and Moulinette Branch report that owing to the death or removal of thirteen subscribers, there is a trifling falling off in the list of subscriptions. Among those whom Providence has removed by the hand of death, we have to regret the loss of one, an estimable lady who for 12 years had been a subscriber of £3 per annum, and a member moreover of a family most conspicuous for liberal contributions to the charity of the parish. Another cause of diminution may probably be traced to the fact that great exertions were made for the Episcopal Fund, nearly £400 having been subscribed, and £52 of this sum paid into the hands of the Treasurer.

Financial Statement.

Subscriptions.....	£31	0	0
Donation of Fees by Rector	1	8	1½
Parochial School Missionary Box	0	10	9
Proceeds of four Annual Sermons	19	7	9

Total..... £55 6 7½

It may be added that the £30 was expended on the church yard fence and shingling the parsonage, objects embraced in the constitution of the Society. May God's blessing rest upon the Society and all contributing to its Funds.

Merrickville.—The Missionary at Merrickville reports £9 3s. 9d. as subscribed, the whole of which has been forwarded to the Parent Society. The offertory collections for the Society amounted to £5 0s. 9d. Total £14 4s. 6d.

Elizabethtown and North Augusta.—The Rector reports £10 2s. 6d. as subscribed in New Dublin, and £7 17s. 6d. in Augusta, one fourth of which together with the Rector's subscription has been sent to Toronto. The quarterly collections for the Society, are New Dublin £4 4s. 6d.; Augusta £4 1s. 11d. Total contributions to the Church Society £26 6s. 6d.

The Rector adds, "a few trifling repairs were made upon the church at New Dublin, but the congregation at North Augusta have very creditably drained and enclosed with a good and substantial fence their church-yard, at an expense of £21 6s. 7½d., which has been paid. Elizabethtown has also subscribed £24 15s. to the Episcopal Fund, and Augusta £46."

Hawkesbury.—This branch has raised £19 3s. 4d. for the Society's objects, including the Incumbent's subscription, and that of John Hamilton, Esq., an incorporated member. The quarterly collections made at Hawkesbury and Vankeek Hill were £7 14s. 4d.

The Incumbent reports that £110 has been contributed towards the stipend, of which sum £50 is subscribed by the Messrs. Hamilton, who also provide a residence for him. These gentlemen have also offered £30 towards the completion of a spire for the church when a similar amount shall have been raised by the congregation.

A lady at Vankeek Hill has obtained subscriptions of £25 towards procuring a bell for St. John's Church, and by the aid of Funds raised in Kingston and Brockville, together with £12 10s. from the Church Society, it is hoped that this church will be soon completed, the congregation having subscribed towards reducing the debt £12 2s. 1d. This mission has succeeded in procuring subscriptions to the amount of £150 to the Episcopal Fund.

Kemptville.—The Incumbent reports as follows: Subscriptions to the Church Society.

Kemptville.....	£15	6	10½
Burritt's Rapids.....	8	3	7½
Quarterly Collections	5	5	0

Total £28 15 6

£73 10s. has been subscribed in the parish to the Episcopal Fund.

The missionary at Mountain reports £6 3s. 9d. as collected for the different purposes of the Society, and the Rector of Williamsburg £6 15s., the proceeds of the quarterly collections. The Rev. Mr. Tremayne reports offertory collections amounting to £2 2s. 1d., while £37 10s. has been raised towards finishing St. John's Church, New Boyne, and £40 at the several stations in his mission towards his stipend.

From the above Report, the Secretary draws the pleasing inference that the Church is becoming more and more alive to her duties and responsibilities, while the increasing liberality of her members forbid us to doubt but that, notwithstanding the tyranny and spoliation to which she has been subjected, she will become more and more an instrument of good, more self-sustaining and blessed in her exertions. As a summary of the above Parochial Reports, we find that this district has in subscriptions and offertory collections contributed to the Church Society for the present year £352 2 2½

To this, add sums subscribed for local purposes, and which do not include the full expenditure in all the parishes £2,419 9 10

Grand total..... £2,771 12 0½

J. TRAVERS LEWIS, LL.D.

Secretary.

April 19th, 1856. *Annual Meeting of the Brockville Parochial Branch of the Church Society, D. T.*

The annual parochial meeting of this branch of the Church Society was held in St. Peter's Church on the 14th, the Rev. Dr. Lewis, rector, in the chair.

The report having been read, its adoption was moved by the Rev. H. Patton, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Harris.

The following resolutions were then put and carried unanimously:—

Moved by Dr. Reynolds, seconded by the Rev. R. Stephenson—

As the constitution of the Church Society has for its object the building up of the Church, and seeks to accomplish it, under God, through the instrumentality of an educated ministry, the

circulation of the word of God, the Book of Common Prayer, and tracts of approved reputation, it has a special claim upon the prayers and hearty coöperation of the members of the Church.—Carried.

Moved by Ormond Jones, Esq., seconded by the Rev. T. S. Kennedy—

That it becometh every pious member of the Church, while acknowledging with gratitude the past success which God has granted to our Church Society, to pray also for a still more abundant blessing upon its future efforts in promoting the benevolent objects for which it was established thirteen years ago.

Moved by George Sherwood, Esq., seconded by D. B. O. Ford, Esq.—

That in the opinion of this meeting it would greatly tend to the efficiency of the Church, if the members resident in the intended Diocese of Kingston would use increased exertions to raise the Episcopal Fund to the sum required, in order to entitle the proposed diocese to the election of a chief pastor.

J. TRAVERS LEWIS, LL.D., Chairman.
W. B. McCLEAN, Secretary.

Meeting of the Port Stanley Parochial branch of the Church Society.

This meeting took place on the evening of Feb. 6 last, and was decidedly one of the largest, most respectable, interesting, and best conducted of the kind that we ever witnessed. The night was the coldest of the season, and it was feared that the meeting would be small indeed, and that speakers from other parishes would decline attending, owing to the weather. Such, however, was not the case; the church was well filled, and the meeting opened with singing a part of the sixty-seventh psalm, followed by the prayer for such occasions. Unable to take any notes of the speeches, we of course will not attempt now to give even the substance of what was said, but this we will say, that all agreed that many of the speeches delivered were quite equal to the best efforts of the most famed speakers in the country. The Reverends Messrs Brough, Hayward, Caulfield and Blackman spoke a considerable length, and were listened to with marked attention. Amongst the lay speakers Judge Hughes, Messrs, Ermatinger, Price, and Talbot, took the most prominent part. The following are the resolutions:—

Moved by E. E. Warren, Esq., seconded by Rev. H. Hayward—That this meeting desires thankfully to acknowledge the mercy of God in the abundant success which has attended the labors of the society during the past year.

Moved by Rev. E. Ermatinger, Esq., seconded by Judge Hughes,—That the objects contemplated by the constitution of the Church Society are such as commend themselves to the members of the church in this locality.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Caulfield, seconded by F. Talbot, Esq.,—That the meeting hails with satisfaction the prospect of a speedy division of the unwieldy diocese of Toronto, at the same time, that it desires cordially to acknowledge the eminent services of our present venerable bishop.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Brough, seconded by S. Price, Esq.,—That this meeting would impress upon every churchman the great and growing necessity which exists for increased exertion, to enable the society to carry on its important objects, and the particular manner in which this necessity is heightened by the recent act of the legislature, in the secularisation of the clergy reserves.

Moved by W. H. Higman, seconded by W. D. Hale, Esq.,—That the following gentlemen form the committee for the ensuing year: The churchwardens, Messrs. Drs. Burgess and Moore, W.

D. Hale, Higman, Warren, Turvill, Phillips, Arkell Carruthers, and Jackson.—*Com.*

Extracts from the Report of the Committee of the Parochial Branch of the Church Society, in connection with the Church of the Holy Trinity Toronto, April, 1855.

By the Constitution of the Parent Society one-fourth of the collections made by the Parochial Branches are to be remitted to the treasurer, the remaining three-fourths may be retained for local Church objects, of which the Committee availed themselves.

And after mature deliberation, resolved to apply the funds at their disposal towards the purchase of a lot of land, on which to erect a Parochial day and Sunday School, so soon as the necessary funds can be raised.

They secured 50 feet front by 112 feet deep, in the immediate neighbourhood of the Church, for the sum of £300, of which £50 has been paid with the assistance of £25, advanced by the Churchwardens; but the many demands upon the funds of the Church will prevent any further aid from them, and the Committee feel that they will have to rely entirely in future upon the liberality of the congregation in contributing to the Parochial association.

The Committee earnestly invite the co-operation of their fellow worshippers to secure a religious education for the young of the congregation (under the superintendence of their Clergy); for while they would desire that no useful branch of secular learning should be neglected, they feel that the higher concerns of Eternity should be the first consideration. If we believe that religion is essential to the happiness of mankind, and that the Church's mission is to watch over her members from the cradle to the grave, we must take care that no neglect on our part retards her success in fulfilling her appointed office.

The talents committed to our charge were bestowed for the benefit of others as well as of ourselves, and we shall be judged according to our use or abuse of them.

Independent of the great advantage of securing the establishment of a school for the children of the congregation, the building could be advantageously appropriated for the week-day services of the Church during the winter months, which would save the expence of fuel, and at the same contribute greatly to the comfort of those in the habit of attending, from the difficulty experienced in warming the Church, and would no doubt induce many more to avail themselves of such opportunities of public worship.

The Committee would also desire to establish a reading room and library for the use of the congregation. The Vestry and other meetings would be held in it, and thus leave the Church entirely for public worship. But while they would desire to carry out the above important plan, which would so materially add to the advantages at present enjoyed by the Parishioners, the Committee would remind the congregation that as Churchmen, they have even a much higher duty to perform, that of providing a permanent and adequate income for their Clergy; for they feel strongly that those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, and that we should consider it a privilege to secure to those who minister to us in sacred things, such an income, as will enable them to devote all their energies to the advancement of the spiritual and temporal interests of those committed to their charge, free from anxiety for providing for their own families.

The Churchwardens, whose more immediate duty it is to provide the Clergyman's salary, having so recently called the attention of the

congregation to the necessity of greater liberality in their contributions, the Committee do not consider it necessary at present to enlarge upon the subject.

The following statistics connected with the congregation the committee are satisfied will prove very interesting:—

1. The number of Baptisms have been.....	115
2. " Marriages	26
3. " Burials
4. Average Sunday morning congregation	650
5. " evening "	600
6. " communicants	135
7. " Sunday school scholars.....	145
8. Parochial visits paid	1400

In bringing their report to a close, the Committee would ask each member of the congregation to act as if the words of our Lord to St. Peter, "Lovest thou me?" were addressed to them individually, and in whatever relation of life they may be placed to consider themselves in some measure as missionaries bound to assist in carrying out their Master's work, and that upon their individual exertions depends the success or failure of the cause.

After the reading of the report the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Moved by Dr. Beaven, seconded by Mr. Scadding,—

That the report now read be adopted and printed for circulation among the members of the congregation.

2. Moved by Mr. Buckland, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lett,—

That the members of this association cheerfully recognize the duty incumbent upon them of assisting to the utmost of their ability in carrying out the missionary work of the parent society

3. Moved by the Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by Mr. Coate,—

That the following gentlemen be appointed a committee to wait upon his Lordship the Bishop to lay before his Lordship the plan prepared by Mr. W. Hay, the architect, for a parochial day and Sunday school, and endeavor to obtain his Lordship's sanction, as trustee of the church, to such plan:—The Clergy, the Churchwardens, C. Berezy, Esq., Messrs. Hay, Buckland, and C. J. Campbell.

4. Moved by Mr. Hay, seconded by Rev. J. G. Armstrong,—

That the thanks of the association be given to the officers of this parochial branch.

5. Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Scadding,—

That the following gentlemen compose the committee for the present year:—The Clergy, the Churchwardens, Messrs. E. G. O'Brien, Wheeler, Hill, C. Berezy, W. Ince, D. Crawford, W. Hay, P. Buckland, Charles, P. W. Conte, Jacques, Wedd, Westmacott, G. J. Campbell.

6. Moved by Mr. Brent, seconded by Mr. E. G. O'Brien,—

That to secure a suitable residence for the clergy of the church is a most desirable object to be accomplished; that as it appears a convenient house and lot can be purchased on Albert-street, in the immediate neighborhood of the church, be it resolved that the following gentlemen be a committee to confer with the incumbent upon the subject, and take such other steps as they may deem advisable:—The Churchwardens, Messrs. Hay, Buckland, and O'Brien.

Report of the Niagara District Parochial Branch of the Church Society.

In presenting their thirteenth annual report, the managing committee of the Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society desire to express their gratitude to Almighty God for

the blessings vouchsafed them, and those for whom they act, during the past year. Whilst war, with all its horrors and sufferings and evils, has engaged the attention and taxed the energies of our fellow subjects in the mother country—and whilst many of our fellow churchmen, after performing deeds of almost unparalleled valour, have shed their blood at the call of their country—the members of the Church in this district have been graciously permitted to follow their various avocations in peace and quietness, taking part in the contest which is raging in Europe only by their prayers and their fervent desires for the early success of the allies (whose flags, for the first time in many centuries, have waived together in victory), in their noble struggle for the protection of the weak against the deep-laid schemes of the autocrat of all the Russias. Whilst our fellow-countrymen in Great Britain and Ireland have united with an enthusiasm never before witnessed to tax themselves very heavily, to carry on this contest, we have not only been entirely exempt from such taxation, but all our staple production: have been greatly enhanced in value, and our country thereby so much the more enriched. Whilst that mysterious scourge, the Asiatic cholera, has been carrying its ravages throughout the civilised world, this district has, in a great measure, been mercifully spared its attacks. We are compelled to say in a great measure; for we bow our heads in sorrow and mourning when we remember that we have lost during the past year, through the ravages of that awful scourge, one of the earliest and staunchest and warmest hearted friends of this society, within the bounds of this district branch association. It was the Hon'ble James Kirby, who, at the auspicious meeting held in this church on the 7th day of July, 1842, moved the first resolution, which called this association into existence: and ever since, by his influence, his personal exertions and his means, yea and beyond his means, he had evinced the deepest interest in its prosperity. At the parochial meeting in Fort Erie, he was always present, unmindful of rain or snow, if his feeble health allowed him at all to leave his house; and his noble soldier-like appearance, and the earnest mindedness of the few words he used to speak on taking part in the proceedings of the meetings, gave an earnest of the deep interest that he took therein, and gave to them a tone which the most eloquent orations would have failed without them to impart. Your managing committee would hope, that the example that he set to his fellow churchmen throughout the district will not be lost; but that many will be found to walk in his most honoured steps.

Public meetings in furtherance of the objects of this association, and the very important object of making provision for the support of the episcopate, after the demise of our venerable and indefatigable Diocesan, were held during the last autumn in St. John's Church, Sarnford, attended by the Rev. W. Leeming, Rev. C. L. Ingles, the Secretary; in St. George's Church, Drummondville, attended by the same; in Trinity Church, Chippawa, by the same, with the addition of the Rev. A. Nelles of the Mohawk Mission, and the Rev. E. H. Dewar, rector of Sandwich; in St. Paul's Church, Fort Erie, by the Rev. E. Grasset, rector, the Rev. A. Townley, the Rev. C. L. Ingles, the Secretary; in St. John's Church, Bertie, by the same; in St. Peter's Church, Thorold, by the Rev. A. F. Atkinson, the Rev. A. Townley, the Rev. T. T. Roberts, the Secretary; in St. Paul's Church, Fort Robinson, by the Secretary; in St. Mark's Church, Niagara, by the Rev. T. Green, rector, the Rev. A. Townley, the Rev. H. N. Philipps, the Secretary; in St. Paul's Church, Dunnville,

and Christ's Church, Port Maitland, by the Rev. A. Townley, incumbent, and Rev. B. C. Hill, missionary at York and parts adjacent; and in January last, at Christ's Church, Grantham, attended by the Rev. H. N. Philipps, incumbent, and Rev. T. Green. These three last meetings the Secretary was unable to attend in consequence of indisposition. It is deeply to be regretted that all the members of the church in this district do not, like the late lamented Colonel Kirby, make it a *point of duty* to attend in their own parishes, and, undeterred by rain, snow or mud, by their presence, if not with their voices, encourage and enspirit those clergymen who, at no little inconvenience to themselves, endeavour to attend these meetings.

Your managing committee believe that, if this suggestion were followed up, and those who feel an interest in the society would *ask for information* on points, in regard to which they are ignorant, they would be well repaid for their trouble, and the ranks of the association would be greatly swollen and its funds vastly increased.

It has been a source of deep regret to your managing committee to be obliged to report the district still destitute of the invaluable services of a travelling missionary. During the last autumn, a gentleman recently arrived from Ireland, but who knew the country well, and who has been for many years a member of your association, placed in the hands of the Secretary the testimonials which a friend of his, a clergyman of some five years' standing in Ireland, had sent out by him for that purpose. The testimonials being of a high character and the gentleman being willing to undertake (as your secretary understood from his friend) the duties of our travelling mission, your Secretary laid the testimonials before his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese on the 10th of November last; and in compliance with his lordship's wish and direction, addressed, on the 16th November last, to the Rev. Mr. Mussen a letter offering to him the situation of travelling missionary in this district; a copy of which is furnished to the committee. A few weeks previous to the last ordination, your Secretary received a note from the Rev. H. J. Grasett, B. D., Secretary to the Lord Bishop, stating that his lordship wished to know if we had funds on hand to support a travelling missionary, and if so, desired the appointment of one, as it was thought that one of the young gentlemen about to be ordained could be spared for our district. Your Secretary felt himself bound to answer that, having, with the Lord Bishop's direction, invited the Rev. Mr. Mussen, from Ireland, out for that duty, he did not think that the managing committee would feel themselves at liberty to employ another gentleman, until such time as they had heard from the Rev. Mr. Mussen, or that full time had elapsed to enable him to answer your Secretary's letter of 16th November. Your managing committee regret to say that no answer has been received as yet from that gentleman. In connection with this subject your committee have much pleasure in announcing that a worthy member of the church, not by any means in affluent circumstances, but a *hard working farmer from the North of Ireland, now occupying a rented farm*, has kindly offered to your Secretary to afford your travelling missionary his board and lodging, and provender for his horse, *free of charge*, if he would be satisfied with the best he could place before him. This is a spirit worthy of a churchman; and your managing committee desire it to be known, that others may emulate so good an example!!!

The following places have been supplied during the past year with occasional services:—

Port Colborne once a month, by Rev. E. Grasett, rector of Fort Erie; Queenston once a month each, by Rev. T. Green, rector of Niagara, Rev. T. B. Fuller, rector of Thorold, Rev. C. J. Ingles of Drummondville; the Junction once a month, by Rev. T. B. Fuller; and Marshville three times a year by the same.

A subject of vast importance to the members of the church in this part of the diocese has called for the attention of the members of the church within the bounds of this association; and though not formally brought under the action of your managing committee, is yet one on which they feel themselves called to make a few remarks in this report. We refer to the Bishopric Endowment Fund. To take this important matter into consideration, a highly respectable meeting of several of the leading members of the church was held in St. Catharines, on the 29th of April last, and an address to the members of the church throughout this rural deanery agreed upon, and which has been generally circulated. Action has been taken on the subject in several of our parishes, with the most promising results; and it is sincerely hoped that the importance of the subject will enlist the members of the church throughout our bounds in a cause so intimately connected with the very existence of the church in this diocese; and that the pleasing duty of reporting the complete success of this scheme will devolve upon the members of your managing committee for the next year.

Another subject of the highest importance, and which justly demands notice in this report, is the late act of the legislature of this province, in reference to the clergy reserves. For many years we have had too much reason to fear that the clamours of the restless and unprincipled agitators of this vexed question would have such an influence on the electors of this province, that a parliament pledged to the secularization of this property would be returned, and last summer realized those fears. A measure, as is well known, passed the House of Assembly to sever for ever, as far as this province is concerned, all connection between church and state, and to dispose of the clergy reserves for the benefit of the several municipalities of the province, after providing for the payment of certain charges upon that fund; which charge, as far as our holy church is concerned, consists in the payment of the salaries of the incumbents doing duty in the diocese.

Owing to the third clause of the act, which allows of the commutation of the salaries of the incumbents, a considerable sum will be secured for the benefit of the church, which, if properly husbanded, and met, as we trust it will be, by large contributions from churchmen in the diocese, will, under the divine blessing, place the church on a good footing. We have unquestionably been despoiled of a large portion of what we righteously believed to be our patrimony; but, as faithful subjects, it becomes us to bow to the laws of the land, and to endeavour to make up, from the contributions of those whom God has constituted stewards of the good things committed to their care, more than that which has been taken from us by the laws of our country. And your committee believe that this deficiency will be more than made up. Our people have never yet been fairly called upon to contribute to God's service, without showing themselves willing to contribute, as fully as they could have been expected to do, *under the circumstances of the case*. The circumstances to which your committee allude are that our people have never been trained to give, and that they have never seen any very urgent need of their contributions.

For many years, the ministrations of religion were furnished to our people by the liberality

of our brethren in the mother country; and when, from the wonderful growth of the colonial empire of Great Britain, that liberality was diverted to newer and therefore poorer colonies, the increase of the clergy reserve fund came in to make up that deficiency. But now that the church will be in a *great measure* thrown upon the contributions of its members, it is earnestly hoped that they will not be found wanting in the hour of need. *The members of the church have the means*; if they only learn the duty of contributing according to their means, and grace is given them so to contribute, all will yet be well, and the loss of the greater portion of our patrimony, provided for us by a pious monarch, will not be long felt. Let them adopt as their guide in their contributions the standard, which God Almighty fixed for the contributions of his ancient people the Jews [and your committee know of no other]; and soon the coffers of the church will be flowing over, and men, not means will be the great want of the church. But this want will not be long afterwards felt; for parents will not feel any longer that they are devoting their children to a profession which demands from those who fill it the staid and expenses of gentlemen, with little more than the income of labourers. And it is earnestly hoped that now that a solemn act of the provincial legislature has severed the connection which was supposed to exist between the church and the state, all prejudices against our holy communion on that score will be removed, and that many now estranged from her fold will be drawn towards her by her divine constitution, the undeniable excellence of her form of government, and the unrivalled beauty of her services.

The reports for the current year, though of a favorable character, show that our people have much to learn, and much grace to seek, before they will deserve the commendation passed upon the widow in the gospel—"She did what she could."

The Parish of St. Catharines reports that the collections for the current year (including the sum of 2l. 10s. which goes to the parent society in tact) amount to 52l. 10s. This is somewhat less than the amount collected last year; but the diminution is not so great as might have been expected, when the following circumstances are considered, namely, the death and removal of some regular subscribers, the extreme scarcity of money, and the pressure of local claims.

The Parish of Niagara reports the total amount of their collections for the past year at 50l. 15s. 1d.

The parochial committee attribute the diminution in the subscriptions of this parish to two causes; first and chiefly, to the removal of the greater portion of the military, by whom the garrison was in former years occupied; and secondly, to a liberal subscription list, which the congregation have entered upon for the erection of a parsonage house.

The Parish of Chippawa reports, that the subscriptions of this parochial association for the past year amount to 45l. 18s. 9d., being a slight decrease on the contributions of the preceding year, occasioned in part by the removal of some few of the subscribers to other parishes. The parochial committee, however, have no reason to apprehend a growing indifference to the prosperity of the institution; but have every reason to hope that their association will continue to give it a gradually increasing support.

The Committee of the Stamford and Drummondville Branch Association (within the parish of Chippawa) report, that while the subscriptions and donations do not amount to a sum

which ought to have been raised by the united association, (but which however will be found to be 2l. 11s. 6d. in advance of last year's amount), yet they feel assured that this does not arise from any want of confidence in the Society, or of interest in Christ's Holy Church. The subscriptions for general purposes amount to..... £11 6 10½
The donations do. 1 7 6
Special objects within the parish... 6 4 10½

£18 19 3

The parochial committee assure the district branch that great exertions are made to keep up the quarterly collections in this portion of the parish.

The Parish of Thorold reports, that owing to the failure of crops during the past year, and the stagnation of certain branches of business, on which some of the contributors to this parochial branch depend, strong fears were entertained that there would be a large decrease in the collections for the current year, they have therefore the greater pleasure in reporting that, owing to the faithfulness of several of the collectors, this large apprehended decrease has been changed into the considerable increase of 7l. 2s. 6d. above that of last year, the amount for the current year being 30l. 13s. 6d., while it is believed that other contributions will yet be received. When it is taken into consideration that the people of this parish are engaged in erecting a very substantial, elegant and costly church, it is hoped that this contribution to the funds of the Church Society will be received as a favorable omen of what will be done by them for the support of church institutions, when they shall have been more fully taught their duty in this respect, and shall have realized more fully than they have yet done their privileges and their duties as churchmen.

The Parochial Committee of Dunnville, Port Maitland and South Cayuga report, that a portion of the largest subscribers having left Dunnville, and the heavy local depression commercially, leaves the absolute amount less than last year, when a special effort was made, still it is a steady increase upon most former years, and the subscribers more general. Port Maitland shows, on the contrary, an increase of about one-third, and is again, I trust, beginning to revive after its severe suffering in former years from removals and deaths. The hopeful little congregation of St. John's Church, South Cayuga, has again nearly doubled any previous year's subscriptions. The amounts are—Dunnville, 8l. 0s. 2d., Port Maitland, 10l. 12s. 6d., South Cayuga, 17 15s. 7½d.

The Parish of Fort Erie reports, that the sum of 14l. has been collected during the past year.

The Parish of Louth reports the sum of 3l. 10s., including the Rector's contribution to the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

No report has been received from the parish of Grimsby for the two last years.

Appended is the Treasurer's Account of Receipts and Disbursements for the past year:

Niagara District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society in account current with George Rykert, Treasurer.

Dr.

1851, Dec. 9.—To paid Chairman's Check, dated in July last, in favor of the Rev. Mr. Grasett.....	£12 10 0
1855, Jan. 25.—14lto, do. do.....	12 10 0
Balance.....	56 8 2
	£81 8 2

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1851, January.—By Balance per account.....	£28 18 3
March 17.—By Collections retained for Missionary purposes.....	52 0 11
	81 8 2
February 29.—By Balance brought down.....	£56 8 2
	Geo. RYKERT, Treasurer.
	St. Catharines, 26th Feb., 1855.

From this it will be seen that, though our finances are in a favourable condition, in consequence of not having any travelling missionary to support, they would be considerably reduced if we should be so fortunate as to secure the invaluable services of a clergyman to undertake that important duty; and that it is the part of wisdom to keep on hand, and producing a small income to the district branch, sufficient to meet the calls upon the branch for that purpose, independent of the current contributions for the year.

In conclusion, your managing committee would remark, that the duty of aiding the Church of Christ in endeavouring to extend the blessings of the Gospel throughout our country is pressed upon the members of our association by the love which they entertain for their fellow-Christians, by the consideration that, at the utmost, they are only stewards of what they possess, and that they themselves belong to God, by the assurance of holy writ, that the discharge of this sacred duty is noticed by the Most High, and is well-pleasing in His sight; by the grateful sense of the many mercies and blessings vouchsafed them; but, above all, by the self-sacrificing love borne towards our race by our adorable Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, "though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might become rich."

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. B. FULLER, Secretary.

Niagara, 1st March, 1766.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

1. Moved by the Hon. W. H. Dickson, seconded by Major Brown, That the report now read be adopted and printed in the Ecclesiastical Gazette, and that 400 copies of the number containing it be ordered by the Secretary, for circulation amongst the members of the district branch.

2. Moved by the Rev. E. Grasett, seconded by J. Powell, Esq., That this District Branch of the Diocesan Church Society feels it a privilege again publicly to acknowledge the goodness of God in the success which has hitherto attended their humble efforts to advance the interests of His Church, and to record their earnest prayer that He may still be pleased to vouchsafe to them his blessing.

3. Moved by John Simpson, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Adam Townley, That the recent act of the Provincial Legislature for the secularization of the Clergy Reserves imposes on every member of the Church the solemn responsibility of manifesting to all, that there is in our Holy Church a vital and Divine principle which, under the blessing of Almighty God, will enable her, independent of all extraneous aid, to fulfil her great mission in this colony.

4. Moved by the Rev. T. Creen, seconded by the Rev. C. L. Ingles, That the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, of which the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was made by the Imperial Act of 1840 the trustees for that part allotted thereby to the Church, having finally severed our district branch from all connection with the venerable Society, this meeting desires to express its deep sense of the heavy debt of gratitude due by the Church in this colony to that venerable society

for its first planting therein, and for a long continuance of nursing care and attention.

6. Moved by the Rev. T. B. Fuller, seconded by the Rev. H. N. Philipps, Whereas the best interests of the Church require, for the management of her affairs generally, and of her property in particular, a representative body, consisting of the clergy and laity representing parishes, presided over by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and invested with corporate powers; and whereas the Diocesan Synod, so happily established, would present such a body, if the necessary corporate powers could be obtained for it—Resolved, therefore, that this District Branch Association, through its proper officers, petition the Legislature for an act conferring corporate powers on the Diocesan Synod.

6. That the thanks of this District Branch are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Secretary, Treasurer and Collectors, for their services during the past year; and that the Rev. T. B. Fuller be Secretary, the Rev. C. L. Ingles be Assistant Secretary, and George Rykert, Esq., Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

ENGLAND.

CLERICAL STATISTICS.—According to a calculation founded on the Clergy List the number of Clergy in England and Wales amounted at the commencement of the year 1854 to 18,420, at the commencement of 1855 it is 18,750, showing an increase of 330, which is about the excess of Ordinations over deaths notified in the Ecclesiastical Gazette.

A memorial is in course of signature at Manchester, calling upon the bishop to exert his episcopal authority and influence "to promote obedience to the law and the performance of a plain christian duty in having public prayers read daily, at hours convenient for the people, in all the churches in the parish, or those of them to which his lordship may deem it proper in the first instance to limit such requirements; and that his lordship will be further pleased to order that all churches may be left open during times at which service is not being performed, in order that all who wish may resort thither for private prayer."

DEED.

The Rev. Daniel Gavin, missionary at Sabrovois, near St. John's, C. E., died on the 18th day of April, of inflammation of the lungs. On the last day on which he preached, Easter Sunday, he had entered his fiftieth year, having laboured for the last seven years among the French Canadians at Sabrovois, with marked success.

Notwithstanding the almost impassable state of the roads, Mr. Gavin's remains were, on the following Monday, accompanied to the grave by between four and five hundred persons, principally French Canadians. The Burial Service was performed in English and French, by the Rev. Canon Townsend and Bancroft and the Rev. Mr. Duvernet, Mr. Fronteau, acting as Catechist, assisted. Clergymen from the neighbouring parishes, with their churchwardens and others, attended as mourners. Addresses were delivered in French and English by the Rev. Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Fronteau.

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