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We have received the annual reports of the Quebec and Montreal Church Societies. In our next number we shall publish extracts from them. We have also received some parochial reports from different parts of our own diocese, which will be inserted in the order in which they were received, and extra copies sent to those who have ordered them.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

RECENT VISITATION—TOUR OF THE BISHOP OF QUEBEC IN THE DISTRICT OF ST. FRANCIS AND PARTS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT.

The bishop crossed over from Quebec to Point Levi on the morning of the 19th of January, to take the train for Richmond, but was detained with the other passengers about twenty-seven hours at Point Levi, on account of the immense accumulations of recent snow in the cuts upon the road above, which it was necessary to remove before the down-train could pass. He thus unavoidably missed his first appointment, which was at *Upper Durham*, on the west bank of the St. Francis, attached to the mission of Kingsey: on *Saturday, the 20th*, and late in the evening of that day, went down to Kingsey Parsonage, about a dozen miles from Richmond, with the *Rev. Mr. Balfour* who had come up to meet him.

His Lordship's duties thus began at *Kingsey*, on the east side of the St. Francis, on *Sunday, the 21st January*, and his concluding act was to preach at Lennoxville on *Sunday, the 18th February*. In his whole circuit, the number of different places at which he held confirmations was twelve: the occasions upon which he preached without confirming, six: the number of persons confirmed, 213: of churches consecrated, two: of sermons preached, nineteen: of baptisms performed by his hands, five, the subjects of which, in four instances, were adults. The particulars of the circuit are briefly as follows:—

Passed *Sunday 21st January*, at *Kingsey*; preached in the morning—preached again, and confirmed nineteen persons in the afternoon. *Monday, 22nd*—crossed the river, driven by *Mr. Balfour*, and went down by *Lower Durham*, to the house of the *Rev. Mr. Ross*, at *Drummondville*, between twenty and twenty-five miles distant from Kingsey. No service at *L. Durham Church*, (which belongs to the Drummondville mission), on account of rain which prevented the expectation of the bishop's arrival. *Tuesday, 23rd*—preached at Drummondville and confirmed twenty-three persons: proceeded then up the river, twenty-five miles, to the *Rev. Dr. Falloon's* at *Melbourne*. *Wednesday, 24th*—consecrated a little wooden church in the rear of *Melbourne*, very neatly fitted up within. Five presbyters assisted, one of whom had driven himself a distance of nearly fifty miles. The bishop preached. Upon his return to the house with *Dr. Falloon*, it was found that the family had been

augmented by the birth of *Mrs. Falloon's* fourth child. *Thursday, St. Paul's day*, preached at *Richmond* opposite to *Melbourne*, in *Dr. Falloon's* principal church, and confirmed thirty-one persons. Four of these and one of the recipients of the rite at *Kingsey*, were among those who had been disappointed at *Upper Durham*, from the circumstances mentioned above, and came over to avail themselves of a different opportunity. Proceeded by train in the afternoon, to the *Principal's Lodge*, *Bishop's College*, *Lennoxville*. *Sunday, 28th*—preached in the morning at *Lennoxville Church*, and baptized, during service, the infant child of the *Rev. Principal Nicolls*; went in the afternoon to *Waterville*, six miles distant, with the *Rev. Principal Nicolls*, who has for some time served the small congregation there. The bishop preached and confirmed five persons. Passed the week at the College. On the 3rd of February, the *Rev. J. H. Thompson, M.A.*, of *Queen's College, Cambridge*, arrived from England, and became also the guest of *Mr. Nicolls*. This gentleman holds the appointment in the University of *Bishop's College of Divinity Professor*, comprehending instruction in the Hebrew tongue. On *Sunday, 4th February*, the bishop confirmed twenty five persons and preached in the town of *Sherbrooke*, a few miles from *Lennoxville*. The holy communion was administered, and several of the persons confirmed remained to enjoy that privilege. In the afternoon, his lordship confirmed twenty-one persons and preached at *Compton Village*, ten miles from *Lennoxville*. Here it was that his lordship baptized four adults. Their feelings appeared to be greatly touched, although subdued at the same time by solemn and reverential impressions, and the same testimonies of chastised inward emotion were rendered in different places, by persons renewing their baptismal vows, under the benediction of the Church at confirmation. The *Rev. Mr. Allen*, missionary of *Compton*, who was present, took no part in the services, the share assigned to presbyters being divided between the *Rev. Mr. Pennfather*, who had driven the bishop over from *Lennoxville* and the *Rev. Mr. Burrage*, who came to meet him from *Hatley*. *Mr. Allen* was under deep domestic affliction—his father-in-law, *Mr. Cottwell*, who resided with him, lying dead in the house, having suddenly dropped down, to rise no more, at a funeral which he attended on *Sunday, the 4th*. It was a remarkable and consolatory circumstance worthy of being noted here, that on the day before his death, being then quite well, he wrote a long letter to one of his sons, mainly filled with reflections, in a solemn and earnest tone of Christian feeling, upon the uncertainty of life and the necessity of constant preparation to appear before the judgment-seat of Christ.

The church at *Compton* which, though a wooden edifice, is a very pleasing specimen of improving style of ecclesiastical architecture in the Diocese, and in its interior arrangement and fitting up of very good effect, was to have been consecrated upon this occasion, but from some particular circumstances, it was judged best upon the whole to postpone the ceremony till summer, when both this and the little struc-

ture at *Waterville*, in the same township already mentioned, which has been made exceedingly neat, will, with the permission of Almighty God, be dedicated in due solemnity, to Him.

The bishop and officiating clergy having partaken of refreshment at the house of *Mr. Stinson*, a respectable parishioner, his lordship and *Mr. Burrage* went on to the house of the latter at *Charleston Village*, in *Hatley*, eight miles from *Compton*, where, on the next day, *Wednesday, 7th*, seventeen persons were confirmed, the bishop preaching upon the occasion, and interweaving, as he did in one or two other places, his address to the recipients of confirmation, with the sermon. On *Thursday, the 8th*, *Mr. Burrage* drove the bishop over fourteen miles, to *Stanstead*, where *Mr. B.* officiates every Sunday in a temporary place of worship, to a small flock, after his morning service at *Hatley*. After an early dinner at *Mr. Judd's*, father of the *Rev. Mr. Judd* of *St. Johns*, service was performed and the bishop preached. At the close of the service, he had a conference with the heads of families respecting some enlarged provisions for public worship, of which, however, the prospect is at present small. There was no confirmation here. The bishop and companion returned to *Hatley* the same day. On *Friday, the 9th*, driven again by *Mr. Burrage*, he went over to *Coutcook*, about a dozen miles from *Hatley*, a new place near the frontier, created by the railroad which passes through it, where a custom-house is established, and both travellers were received at the house of *Leut. Thompson, R.N.*, the collector. An evening service had been here appointed in the school-house, and the bishop preached to about forty persons. The place is regularly served on Sundays, by *Mr. Allen* from *Compton*, who reaches it by train, after his duties there. On *Saturday morning, the 10th*, his lordship proceeded by way of conveyance, to *Bishop's College*, distant about twenty miles from *Coutcook*, and was thence driven by one of the students to *Eaton*, thirteen miles further, the mission of the *Rev. J. Dubriel*, at whose parsonage he slept. The inhabitants are making great efforts here to establish the means of respectable education for their families and those of their neighbourhood. On *Sunday morning, the 11th*, the bishop confirmed twelve persons at *Eaton*, and preached; went out immediately after service with the *Rev. Mr. Kemp*, missionary of *Bury*, to *Robinson* in that township, eight miles from *Eaton*, for afternoon service; confirmed seventeen, and preached again, at *Mr. Kemp's*. *Monday, 12th*, went with *Mr. Kemp* to *Victoria Road Church*, six miles from *Robinson*: confirmed 22 (making 29 in this mission) and preached. The holy communion was afterwards administered to 26 persons. The settlement here is composed purely of English labourers: they are a very humble and obscure but very orderly congregation, and of very correct habits. The settlers throughout the township are chiefly from England. Returned to sleep at *Robinson*, and on *Sunday, 13th*, preached to a congregation of about forty persons at the *Dudswell Road Church*, four short miles from *Robinson*, in a place which exhibits a painful

contrast to the other portion of the mission, the settlers being much led away by the rankest delusions and the most extravagant fanaticism, of which the noxious fruits are too unhappily apparent among them. There are, however, gratifying exceptions. Mr. Kemp and the bishop went out to *Dudswell*, a dozen or fifteen miles further, and took up their quarters at the house of the *Rev. Mr. Chapman*, the missionary of the spot, who, however, was absent as well as his lady, her immediate approaching confinement having obliged him to take her down to her friends at Sherbrooke. He had left all matters in readiness for their reception, and returned himself at midnight. This was the second instance upon the journey of the bishop arriving at a missionary's residence just at so critical a moment in domestic life.

Wednesday, the 14th Feb.—A memorable anniversary for the bishop, being that of his consecration nineteen years ago at Lambeth, was also a memorable day for *Dudswell*. The church, which is the first and only place of worship in the whole township, had been by extraordinary exertions and sacrifices on the part of the Missionary, brought to its completion. The bishop was greeted upon his first arrival by the sound of its bell, just hung at the cost of £18, and the whole structure, though of wood, is, within and without, most highly creditable and well arranged, with all its appurtenances complete and handsome: the style is early English. The consecration of this Church took place on the day mentioned. Six presbyters assisted, three of them came twenty-five miles. The bishop preached. Seven persons were confirmed, and the Holy Communion was administered to twelve. All is new in this township, and almost all has yet, under the divine grace and blessing, to be moulded in religion; but the material edifice, it may well be believed, will be a prelude, as it supplies an emblem for effectually building up the spiritual house to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Nothing can be a more pleasing object to the eye, nor suggest a happier hope to the mind, than the sacred edifice with its spire pointing to heaven, seated advantageously upon the crest of a hill in a spot which promises to be the nucleus of a future village, and inviting the settlers from within the surrounding ranges of wooded heights to gather together for the worship of God in Christ, and to drink at this fountain of the waters of life.

The church was densely crowded: and the bishop met everywhere upon this journey good and attentive congregations. The Churches generally are in good order; in different instances, remarkably well kept—a great advance upon the state of things that existed in the same tract of country not many years back. Many particulars might have been given, both with reference to matters which meet the eye,—in this mission and in that,—and to matters of high import also, such as have been rendered in one or two examples where new or special circumstances called for notice,—had it not been that the details would have too much swelled the account; and many more acknowledgments might in like manner have been made of the acts of attention and hospitality shewn to the bishop.

On *Thursday 15th*, his lordship was driven by the *Rev. L. Doolittle* from *Dodswell* to *Lennoxville*, a distance of 25 miles; and on the day following attended a very full meeting of the college corporation, for important business, at which the *Hon. Mr. Justice McCord*, of *Montreal*, Vice-Chancellor of the University, was also present. The Bishop of *Montreal* was prevented from coming, by engagements of duty in his Diocese. The operations of the college are, thus far, conducted upon a small scale: yet there are now nearly thirty clergymen in the

two Dioceses of Lower Canada who were prepared for the ministry, in whole or in part, within its walls, of which the corner-stone was laid in *Sept. 1841*. At this moment, the majority of the students are designed for *lay professions*, and it is anticipated that the college, besides being a nursery of faithful men in the ministry of reconciliation will, as it progressively expands, be eminently serviceable in qualifying a portion of the youth of the country for other important vocations in human life.

The Bishop, with some members of his family who had come up to the college, went down, by train, to *Richmond* on *Saturday*, the 17th, intending to proceed to *Quebec*; but as the trains were again stopped below, they returned immediately to *Lennoxville*, where, on *Sunday*, the annual *Quinquagesima* sermon for the *Diocesan Church Society* was preached in the morning by the *Rev. Principal Nicolls*. The Bishop preached in the same church in the afternoon, and on the day following returned with his party to *Quebec*.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. R. A. CARDEN.

On *Monday* last the members of the *Loyal Orange Association* of the *District of Quebec*, presented the *Rev. R. A. Carden* with a purse containing *Forty Sovereigns*, in appreciation of his valuable services as *Chaplain* of the *Lodges* in this city, and the faithful discharge of his duties as a minister of the Gospel.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

Church Society's Office, Montreal,
7th March, 1853.

A meeting of the *Central Board* of the *Church Society* was held this day, the *Lord Bishop* in the Chair.

The following report of the *Lay Committee* was presented by the *Hon Justice McCord*, and ordered to be considered at the monthly meeting in *April* next.

"The mission at *Hemmingsford* having complied with the requirements of this committee suggested in their report to the *Central Board* in *November* last, by placing before them sufficient assurance of means to complete the parsonage now in the course of erection, respectfully recommend the *Central Board* to pay over to the *Rev. G. D. C. O'Grady* the sum voted on the 4th *Jan'y*, 1853, namely, £25, and a further contribution of £10 towards the balance of £22 15s. 4d., remaining to be made up.

An application from the mission at *Laprairie* was submitted, showing an unpaid debt due on the church property at that place of £75, and praying an aid from the *Central Board* of £25 towards the payment of the same. The committee recommend the *Board* to grant their request so soon as the inhabitants shall have raised the sum of £50 required to free the property from debt.

A letter was received from the *rev. missionary* at *St. Hyacinthe* praying aid towards the erection of a building to serve at present both as a schoolhouse and house of prayer, until the inhabitants shall be able to build a suitable church. The lay committee recommend a grant of £12 10s..

J. McCord, Chairman L. C.
Edward J. Rogers, Secretary.

MONTREAL DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

(From the *St. John's News*, C. E.)

The Meeting of the *St. John's Parochial Association* of this Society, was held according to the previous announcement,—in *St. James' Church*, of this place, on *Monday evening*, the 26th ultimo. The *Lord Bishop* of *Montreal* pre-

sided, supported by a considerable number of the Clergy and Laity, the Church being filled with a most attentive audience. After the prayers and the opening remarks by the Bishop, the Report was read by the *Rev. Canon Bancroft*, Rector of the Parish,—whereupon the following resolutions were unanimously passed by the Meeting:

1. That the Report now read be adopted. Moved by the *Rev. Canon Townsend*, Rector of *Clarenceville*; seconded by *W. Macrea*, Esq.; supported by the *Rev. Joseph Scott*, Rector of *Dunham*, and *Chaplain* to the *Lord Bishop*.

2. That this Meeting views with gratitude to Almighty God the measure of sympathy and support which the *Church Society*, since its formation, has enjoyed in this Parish, and District, and the progress which it has made throughout the Diocese, and pledges itself to renewed efforts. Moved by the *Rev. Gerald De Courcy O'Grady*, of *Hemmingsford*; seconded by *Ben. Vaughan*, Esq.; supported by the *Rev. W. Bond*, of *Montreal*.

3. That this Meeting has heard with pleasure the intention of the *Lord Bishop* to apply to the *Central Board* to furnish means for the support of two travelling Missionaries; and that it also views with satisfaction the increasing attention which is being paid to the cause of Education in this Diocese, moved by the *Rev. Principal Nicolls*, of the *University of Bishop's College*; seconded and supported by *Commissary General Robinson*.

4. That the events which are now occurring in Europe, by which fresh doors are being opened to our Church for Missionary efforts, ought to lead its members earnestly to pray God to raise up fresh laborers, and to strengthen the hands of those who are already in the field. Moved by *Dr. Barber*, of *Montreal*; seconded and supported by the *Rev. E. Duvernet*, of *Hearville*.

5. That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the ladies of the *St. John's Parish Association*, and to other ladies and gentlemen who have faithfully served the Association. Moved by the *Rev. Geo. Slack*, of *Milton*; seconded by *Virgil Titus*, Esq., supported by the *Rev. C. Morice*, of *Laclolle*.

6. That the cordial thanks of the Meeting be rendered to the *Lord Bishop*, for his kindness in presiding upon the present occasion. His Lordship having left the chair, the resolution was moved by the *Rev. Canon Bancroft*, and seconded by *Charles Pierce*, Esq.

Anthems were impressively and effectively sung by the choir, being interspersed appropriately during the services of the evening. These, together with the animated and eloquent speeches, gave this Meeting a peculiar interest and attraction; greater, perhaps, than any hitherto holden.

We believe that we speak the unanimous sense of the Meeting when we say that the closing remarks by the *Lord Bishop* produced, by their appropriateness and impressive piety, an effect which cannot fail to be remembered, and to stir up increased zeal and activity in the good work in which the Society is engaged.

On the following day (*Thursday*) the *Lord Bishop* and the rest of the Clergy, with a number of lay gentlemen from a distance, attended the examination at the *St. John's High School*, of which the *Rev. F. E. Judd*, A.M., is Principal, remaining from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. In the afternoon, about two o'clock, the *Lord Bishop* and party above named, visited the *French Training School*, under the charge of *Mons. Fronteau*. We may safely say that everybody was delighted with this visit. The rapid improvement of some of the boys; the thorough training they received, in as far as each of them had proceeded; and their attentive, modest, and attractive demeanor, made a strong impression on all present, and

evinced the great importance of this little establishment in a moral and religious point of view, prompting a sincere wish that the present head master—Mr. Fronteau—may continue his judicious labors in training the young and promising objects, both in literature and in religion. We prognosticate, from all we saw, its continued increase. Though as yet a small and tender plant, we trust that, sustained by the dew of heavenly grace, it will soon become a noble tree, to the benefit of the French population of Lower Canada.

The following confirmations have been lately held by the Lord Bishop of Montreal:—

		Males.	Fmls.		
Feb. 7,	St. Martins,	77	9	} Rev. T. Young.	
" 8,	St. Thereso,		2		
" 10,	Kilkenny,	4	5	} Rev. A. Lockhart	
" 11,	New Glasgow,	2	1		
" 13,	{ Rawdon,	20	19	} Rev. C. Rollett.	
	{ Kildare,	10	10		
Mar. 4,	Mascouch,	7	10	Rev. J. Cornwall.	

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His Lordship hopes to complete the course of confirmations throughout the diocese during the present year. Due notice will be given to every clergyman of the day appointed for their respective missions. It is also his Lordship's intention, by God's permission, to hold a general ordination for the diocese in the cathedral church, in the city of Montreal, on Trinity Sunday.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

NOTICE.

The Bishop of Toronto begs to inform his brethren the Clergy of the Home and Simcoe Districts that he intends to Confirm at their several Missions and Stations during the month of May next.

The collection for the Theological Students' Fund is appointed to be taken up in April. As the Society's books will be closed on the last day of that month, the clergy are requested to forward the amounts as early as possible.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KINGSTON.

This sacred edifice, as many of the readers of the *Church* know, was erected to the honor and glory of God for the accommodation of the poorer brethren, and as a memorial of John and Robert Cartwright, men known for their sterling worth not only in and about Kingston, but throughout the whole Province. On Easter Monday, 1844, the Vestry of St. George's Church resolved, if possible, to procure the erection of two additional Churches—one in some part of Lot No. 24, in the western part of the parish; the other in the old burying-ground on Queen-street, in the eastern part. This spot, long hallowed to many of the members of St. George's Church as containing the mortal remains of those near and dear to them, had recently become hallowed to them all as containing the tomb of their beloved pastor, Robert Cartwright. Mr. Cartwright had intended to procure the erection of an ad-

ditional Church on this spot, and his mourning parishioners thought the best monument they could erect to his memory would be the carrying out of his design in this respect. The erection of the Church in Lot No. 24 was prosecuted with greater energy than that of the other, owing to the fact, perhaps, that a separate congregation had already been formed there through the zealous labors of the Rev. R. V. Rogers. St. James's Church was, consequently, opened for Divine service in the autumn of 1845. In the early part of this year the mortal remains of John Cartwright had been laid beside those of his twin-brother, Robert, with whom he was naturally associated in the monumental Church about to be erected. They were lovely in their lives; in their deaths they were not divided, except by a very small interval, even as regards time—not divided at all as respects the faith in which they died. The wishes of the kind-hearted friends of John and Robert Cartwright exceeded their means: they began a Church in a style in which they were unable to complete it. The Church opened in 1847 was not the Church contemplated in 1844 and begun in 1845. Still it was a pleasing tribute to departed worth, and an offering, doubtless, acceptable to the great Head of the Church. Up to the time of its destruction about £2,500 had been expended on St. Paul's Church; of this sum £2,000, more or less, was raised by voluntary subscriptions in England and Ireland, as well as in Kingston and other parts of Canada; of the remainder, £300 was assumed as a debt by the Vestry of St. George's Church, and the rest had been raised in the congregation and among the members of the Church in Kingston generally, for the purposes of painting and heating, &c. When the Church had been so far completed as to enable the congregation to look forward with confidence to its consecration during the ensuing summer, it was suddenly reduced to ashes about midnight on the 10th of November last. The walls are the only portion of it remaining, except the font, the books, and some furniture of minor value. Fortunately the building was insured for £1,000 and the organ for £50, both of which sums are available. Immediately after the fire the Churchwardens procured from Mr. Hay, of Toronto, a design for the restoration of the Church, which they submitted to the congregation for inspection. The design was approved of, and the only difficulty which presented itself was the raising of funds necessary to carry it out. To overcome this difficulty it was resolved to resort to active means for obtaining subscriptions—first in the congregation, then from members of the Church in Kingston generally, and afterwards in the cities, towns, villages, and populous districts throughout Canada. To carry

out Mr. Hay's design in its full extent, £1,090 will be required—a sum which, it is presumed, may be raised without entreaty on the part of those who collect, or inconvenience to those who contribute.—
Church. W. G.

We are informed that several farmers, members of St. John's Church, Gore of Toronto, recently made a present to their clergyman, the Rev. J. Gilbert Armstrong, of about a dozen cords of prime cordwood. This was no doubt a very seasonable and agreeable present to Mr. Armstrong this severe weather. We hope other congregations throughout the Province will profit by so good and generous an example.

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Society met on the 14th of February. Present—The Lord Bishop, the Revs. D. E. Blake, R. Mitehele, S. Lett, H. Mortimer, H. Denison and H. Rowell, Esqs.

The Rev. Dr. Lett acted as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

After the usual prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read. The balance sheet and particulars of the various accounts were read and laid on the table.

The following donations were received during the past month:—Sir J. B. Robinson, £12 10s.; I. R. Marsh, Esq., £10, to be divided between the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the Mission Fund; a dividend of 3½ per cent. on Bank U. C. stock, 129 shares, total £56 8s. 9d., had been received and placed to the credit of the Widows and Orphans' Fund; also, a bonus on same, amounting to £189 15s.; interest on Grand Trunk debentures, for same account, £18 9s. 10d.; and dividend on Commercial Bank stock, £3 10s.

Invested on the Widows and Orphans' account during the past month, in purchase of seventeen shares, say £212 10s., Bank of Upper Canada stock, at par, and in purchase of two shares, say £50, Commercial Bank stock.

The Society approved of the following investment on account of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, on the recommendation of the Finance and Standing Committees.—two Middlesex county debentures, one for £250, the other for £500, having nineteen years to run, at the rate of £77 10s. per £100, or £581 5s. for the £750—the legality of the by-law under which said debentures were issued having been ascertained.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Society agreed to pay £12 10s. per annum to the Rev. R. Flood, for the payment of an interpreter for the Muncsey Mission, the engagement to date from the 1st July, 1854.

On the application of the Rev. J. Carroll, a grant of books and tracts to the amount of £2 10s. was ordered, for distribution in his mission.

On application of the Rev. W. Stennett, a grant of books and tracts for the Sunday school and mission of Carleton.

The Committee appointed to report on the Rev. A. Townley's Letters on Education presented their report, which was ordered to be laid on the table; as also a letter from Captain Rubidge: those documents having been received subsequent to the meeting of the Standing Committee, and therefore not considered by that body.

Prayers were read by the Bishop and the meeting adjourned.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS, AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE, TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES FUND OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP IN JANUARY, 1855.

Previously announced	£10 14 2
York Mills, per Churchwarden	2 2 0
Jordan	£0 16 40
Port Dalhousie	0 16 8
per Rev. A. Dixon	1 12 6
Trinity Church, Moore	1 6 0
St. Mary's	0 12 6
Sarnia	1 10 0
Butler's	0 6 0
per Rev. G. J. R. Salter	3 13 0
St. James's, Toronto, per Churchwarden	17 17 6
St. Paul's Church, Cavan	1 5 0
St. John's	1 0 0
per Rev. T. W. Allen	2 5 0
Christ Ch., Huntingford, Lot 28, 12th Con., East Zorra	0 8 11
per Rev. F. D. Fauquier	2 12 6
St. James's, Ingersoll, per Rev. J. W. Marsh	2 4 11
Caledonia	1 2 6
Cayuga	0 18 6
York	0 12 6
per Rev. B. C. Hill	2 13 6
St. Peter's, Barton	0 16 6
St. Paul's, Glanford	0 9 3
per Rev. G. A. Bull	1 5 9
Holy Trinity, W. Hawkesbury	3 11 10
St. John's, Vankleek Hill	0 11 6
per Rev. R. Stephenson	4 3 4
St. George's, Georgina	0 6 4
Sutton	0 4 2
Park's Schoolhouse	0 2 4
Shepherd's Schoolhouse, per Rev. W. Ritchie	0 5 0
Asphodel	0 5 1
Otonabee	0 6 5
Dummer	0 5 4
From a member	0 10 0
per Rev. J. Hilton	1 5 10
St. George's, Grafton	4 0 0
Trinity Church, Colborne	2 10 0
per Rev. J. Wilson	6 10 0
12th Line, Goulbourn	0 8 2
Christ Church, Huntley, per Rev. J. Godfrey	0 11 10
Oakville	2 8 1
Palermo	0 8 0
per Rev. R. Shanklin, St. Paul's, Norval	1 7 0
St. George's, Georgetown	2 5 9
per Rev. T. W. Marsh	3 12 9
Milton	1 9 0
St. Stephen's, Hornby	0 13 9
pr. Rv. F. Tremayne, Jr.	2 2 9
Wilmot, per Churchwarden	0 15 0
St. John's, Prescott	4 2 0
St. James's, Maitland	0 18 4
Christ Church, Scarboro'	1 8 7
St. Paul's	0 15 8
St. Jude's	0 8 9
per Rev. W. Belt	2 8 0
St. Peters, Credit	3 0 0
Sydenham	0 14 6
Port Credit	0 18 9
per Rev. S. Givens	4 13 3
Rice Lake, per Rev. T. W. Beck	0 13 5
Christ Church, Binbrooke, per Rev. J. Alexander	0 14 9
Christ Ch., Port Maitland	1 0 1
St. John's, South Cayuga	1 0 7
St. Paul's, Dunnville	1 9 7
per Rev. A. Townley	3 10 3

Brockville, per Rev. J. T. Lewis	15 0 0
Merrickville, per Rev. E. Morris	1 8 4
Orillia Church	£0 15 0
St. George's, Medonte	0 11 3
per Rev. T. B. Read	1 6 3
Yorkville, per Churchwarden	11 5 6
Belloville, per Rev. J. Grier	2 17 7
Brock, per Reverend R. Garrett	1 0 0
St. Peter's, Tryconnel, per Rev. H. Holland	2 0 11
St. Luke's Ch., Camden	0 8 9
Baker's School House	0 6 3
Tiner's School House	0 1 3
Red do. do.	0 1 3
per Rev. Paul Shirley	0 17 6
Warwick, additional, per Rev. J. Smyth	0 2 6
Goderich, per Rev. E. L. Elwood	2 5 0
St. Catherine's, per Rev. A. F. Atkins	10 2 3
Trinity Church, Howard	3 3 4
Town Hall, Morpeth	0 13 11
per Rev. C. C. Johnson	3 17 3
Trinity Church, Cornwall	4 0 0
Christ Church, Moulinette	1 0 0
per Rev. H. Patton	5 0 0
Carrying Place, per Rev. J. Padfield	0 10 0
St. Peter's Ch., Cobourg	5 10 0
Stiles' School House	0 7 10
Drope's	0 7 2
per Rev. Archd. Bethune	7 5 0
Bath, per Rev. H. F. Harper	0 10 0
Fitzroy Harbour	1 5 0
St. Mark's, Paekenhams	0 15 0
Town Hall, Hubbell's Mills	0 15 0
9th line, Fitzroy Church	0 10 0
Swamp Tavern, Fitzroy School House	0 5 0
per Rev. J. A. Morris	3 10 0
109 Collections, amounting to	£105 2 5

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Previously announced	£414 15 7
St. Paul's Church, London, per W. W. Street, Esq.	8 0 0
Christ Church, Huntingford, additional, per Rev. F. Fauquier	0 10 0
St. James's, Ingersoll, per Rev. J. W. Marsh	2 5 0
Christ Church, Scarboro'	£2 5 0
St. Paul's, "	1 15 0
St. Jude's, "	0 8 3
per Rev. W. Belt	4 8 3
Merrickville, per Rev. E. Morris	1 4 6
Carrying Place, per Rev. J. Padfield	0 10 0
.....	£431 13 4

STUDENTS' FUND.

Merrickville, per Rev. E. Morris	£1 1 0
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MISSION FUND.

Merrickville, per Rev. E. Morris	£1 6 2
St. Paul's Ch., London; per W. W. Street, Esq.	8 0 0
Carrying Place, Murray, per Rev. J. Padfield	0 5 0

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Merrickville, per Rev. E. Morris	£9 4 3
Warwick, per Rev. J. Smyth	0 15 9
Camden East, Parochial Branch, per Rev. P. Shirley	1 15 0
St. Thomas, Parochial Branch, per Treasurer	6 15 0
Brockville, per Rev. J. Trav. Lewis	13 1 3
Northport, the whole sent per Rev. T. Bousfield	3 15 0
Cornwall } amount collected	7 10 0
Special Mission Fund, Girl's Parochial School, Cornwall	0 10 9

Stratford Parochial Branch, per Rev. E. Patterson	2 0 3
Special for Indian Missions, per W. M. Collins	0 10 0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. Paul Shirley, xiv. year	£1 5 0
Rev. Robert Blakey	1 5 0
Rev. W. Clarke	1 5 0
C. J. Campbell, Esq.	1 5 0
Rev. St. Geo. Caulfield	1 5 0
Rev. J. Wilson	1 5 0
Rev. Wm. Ritchie	1 5 0
Rev. Thos. Leech, 1st instalment	1 5 0
Rev. A. H. R. Mullholland	1 5 0
Rev. J. Travers Lewis	1 5 0
George W. Baker, Esq.	1 5 0
A. Gaviller, Esq., for W. O. F.	5 0 0
Rev. J. Smyth	1 5 0

T. S. KENNEDY,
Secretary.

Annual Meeting of the London Parochial Branch.

The annual meeting of the London Parochial Branch of the Church Society was held at St. Paul's school-house on Friday evening, the 16th instant; the Rev. C. C. Brough in the chair. The following resolutions were adopted by the meeting:—

Moved by the Hon. G. J. Goodhue, and seconded by the Rev. Francis Evans—That the Report just read be received.

Moved by L. Lawrason, Esq., and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Dillon—Resolved, that this meeting desires to express its thanks to Almighty God for the measure of success which has attended the labors of the parent Society during the past year.

It was then moved by Anthony Lefroy, Esq., seconded by the Rev. James Mochrige, and resolved—That it is our duty, as Christians and Churchmen, to promote the interests of the Church Society in this our favored city and locality; and that this duty is the more incumbent, inasmuch as the Church must, for the time to come, mainly depend upon the christian liberality of her members.

Moved by F. Talbot, Esq., seconded by the Rev. E. Patterson, and resolved—That the thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby offered, to the gentlemen who have aided in obtaining contributions during the past year, and otherwise furthered the interests of the Church Society in this city.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Blackman, of Port Stanley, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Holland, of Dunwich, and resolved—That the thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby tendered, to the officers and committee for their valuable services during the past year, and that they are requested to continue their labors for the year to come.

Annual Meeting of the Brock District Branch.

A meeting of the Brock District Branch of the Church Society, Diocese of Toronto, was held pursuant to notice at the town hall, Woodstock, on the evening of Thursday the first of March. The attendance on the occasion was good, although smaller than it undoubtedly would have been but for the coldness of the weather. The clergy present were the Rev. W. Bettridge, B.D., chairman of the District; the Revs. Messrs. Palmer, Cronyn, Flood, Brough, Revell, Boomer, Marsh, Fauquier, and the Secretary. The report showed that a great amount of zeal exists among the members of this branch, a proof of which may be gathered from the fact that the subscriptions in Woodstock Parochial Association alone exceed those of last year by £77 7s. 6d., the whole of which it was resolved to remit intact to the Parent Society.

The following resolutions were moved and passed unanimously:—

1st Resolution,—Moved by the Rev. Henry Revell, A.M., seconded by the Rev. J. W. Marsh, A.B., and supported by D. G. Miller, Esq.,—
 "That the Report now read be adopted."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS.
Parsonage Building Fund.

Balance for last year,	£19	9	10
1854.			
April 24th. Cash from $\frac{3}{4}$ of Parochial Associations,	18	4	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total in hand, exclusive of 1 year's interest, due 23 April, 1855, ...	37	14	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
<i>Burial Ground Enlargement Fund.</i>			
Mr. E. Senger's debent. exclusive of 1 year's interest due 21 May 1855, £52 8 8			
Total in hand,	52	8	8

Amount collected within the year for various objects by voluntary contribution.

To pay balance due for repairs of Trinity Church,	£47	1	10½
Episcopal Fund (collection not yet completed)	250	0	0
Subscriptions, Donnt's &c. to Ch'ch Society, total	51	0	0
Pew Rents, about	32	0	0
Offertory Collections to defray current expenses, about.....	30	0	0
Total Voluntary Contributions	410	1	10½

REPORT of the Committee of Christ Church, Scarborough, Parochial Branch of the Church Society, 1855.

The cold, stormy weather of the past month so materially retarded the collections in progress in this Parochial Branch of the Church Society, that your Committee are compelled again to come before the annual meeting, without being able to state positively the measure of support which the Church Society will receive at its hands. So far as the collections have gone, however, there is an increase of subscriptions, and no doubt exists that the whole amount will be greater than that of last year.* And certainly, when we consider the recent spoliation of the Church's property, which makes the extension of the Church beyond her present bounds entirely to depend on the voluntary offerings of her children, there is a call upon us all for increased diligence, lest the souls of our fellow countrymen in distant settlements perish for lack of spiritual knowledge.

In the last report, mention was made of the expenditure of about £28 currency, in tinning the spire and new shingling the roof of the Church. Since that time about £75 currency has been expended upon the exterior of the building, and but for an accident to one of the workmen employed, the whole would have been completed before winter—all the materials required, and to some extent the funds also, being in hand. It is estimated that the further sum of £25 currency will complete the work,—making the entire cost, including a (first coat or) priming of paint, about £125 currency, and the whole will be finished and paid for, without any further call upon the members of the congregation. Your committee cannot help congratulating the parish upon the carrying out, amid many difficulties, of such extensive repairs, and especially on the approving testimony of many disinterested witnesses, who say that the work promises to be, both durable and becoming.

For two or three years past, the balance of offertory collections, over the expenses of the Church, as well as the three-fourths of Church Society subscriptions retained in the parish, amounting together to about £20 currency per annum, have been added to the fund for repairs. But after Easter next, these sums will be at the disposal of the Churchwardens and Vestry for other purposes. Your Committee recommend that, as soon as practicable, additions be made to the parochial library, and that a smaller library be also purchased for the use of the children in the Sunday school.

To complete the amount of our parochial doings, your Committee should not omit to mention the entire new fencing of the old burial ground—a work which was very much wanted, and for which the congregation is indebted to the active exertions of a few individuals. Every thing connected with the churches themselves, being now, (or shortly to be) with funds already provided, in a state of good repair, your Committee in

concluding their report, desire to draw the attention of all the members of the Church in Scarborough to another object; the desirableness of uniting their efforts to build or purchase a parsonage house, the want of which swallows up a sum in payment of rent equal to two-thirds of the clergyman's stipend from this congregation. Your Committee rejoice to be able to say, that the two congregations of St. Paul's and St. Jude's Churches are alive to this duty, and wish to confer with the members of this congregation for joint action in the matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Copy of a resolution passed at the annual meeting of Christ's Church (Scarborough) Parochial Branch of the Church Society.

"That this meeting recognizes the duty of the members of the Church in Scarborough to provide a residence for their minister, and that the Churchwardens and Messrs. Helliwell, Taber and Humphrey be appointed to confer with the congregation of the other two Churches on the subject. Said conference to take place in St. Jude's Church, on next, the instant, at 1 o'clock, p.m."—

REPORT of the Committee of the St. Paul's and St. Jude's Churches (Scarborough) Parochial Branch of the Church Society.

March 2nd, 1855.

The united contributions of the two congregations of St. Paul's and St. Jude's Churches is, as was to be expected, considerably larger than from St. Paul's alone; but your committee have the gratification of stating, that the St. Paul's Church contributions alone are greater than they were last year, being £6 14s. 4½d. against £6 13s. 1d. cy. last year; and the St. Jude's Church contributions are £8 16s. 9d. cy. against nothing last year—a commendable mark of progress, which, it is to be hoped, will be repeated in every future year.

As there has been no parochial meeting held in either of these churches for a series of years, it might have been expected that the committee should give a sketch of the events which have occurred in that time; but the quiet, even tenor of our way has been disturbed by no event worthy of special mention, beyond the removal of our former esteemed pastor, the Rev. W. S. Darling, and the institution of the present incumbent, who has endeavored, by more frequent services in both churches, (weekly, instead of fortnightly), and communions (bi-monthly, instead of three or four times a-year), to stir up in Churofmen greater diligence, and kindle a spirit of zeal and devotion worthy of the religious privileges they possess.

During the past year a good and serviceable frame building (costing £40 cy.) has been erected on a corner of the St. Paul's Church burying-ground, for the use of a sexton; and towards the payment for this (£22 cy. having been borrowed) the offertory collections, amounting to about £7 cy. per annum, are to be devoted for three years, commencing in October last. Other current expenses, beyond the care and cleaning of the church—such as insurance, fuel, lights, &c.—will be more than met, if necessary, by the portion of the Church Society's contributions allowed to be retained in the parish. The congregation of St. Jude's Church have, during the year, to their credit, paid off the remaining debt (£50 cy.) upon their church; and for the future the offertory collections (about £6 cy. per annum), instead of being partly swallowed up as heretofore in payment of interest, will go to defray the necessary expenses of the church. They have also, of their own accord, increased by fifty per cent. the clergyman's stipend—a

very thoughtful and reasonable provision, considering the exceeding high prices of the necessaries of life.

Your committee cannot conclude without calling the attention of the members of the Church in Scarborough to the desirableness of building or purchasing a parsonage-house, the want of which (until the increase mentioned above) required a sum in payment of rent equal to the whole of the stipend from the two congregations of St. Paul's and St. Jude's. The disadvantages to the parish, besides the manifest injustice to the minister, are, first, the making the mission less desirable to a clergyman, who must be supposed to have some care that his family should be provided with a settled home; and, second, the uncertainty with regard to the pastor's residence, which may be in one place to-day, and in another to-morrow; whereas there ought to be a fixed residence, belonging to the congregations, set apart and known as the parsonage-house, to which (whatever changes of ministers might take place) parishioners might resort for advice and spiritual comfort, with the certainty of either finding there the pastor, or at least leaving a message which would find him as long as the parish existed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Annual Meeting of the Mono Parochial Branch.

The Annual Meeting of the Mono Parochial Branch of the Church Society was held on Thursday, March 1st, 1855, in St. John's Church, Mono, the Rev. John Fletcher, A.B., in the chair; when the following report was submitted.

In presenting another annual report of the state of the church in this mission, the committee of the Mono Parochial Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto desire to record their gratitude to Almighty God for the measure of success vouchsafed to the church in this neighbourhood, notwithstanding the unceasing exertions of schismatical bodies to enlarge the number of their members by proselytes from her ranks.

As unscrupulous assertions have been occasionally made with respect to the decrease of the church here, and the corresponding increase of dissent, the committee consider it necessary to make the following comparison of the census reports of 1848 and 1852, in order to shew the falsity of such assertions.

The church, in 1848, numbered 1595 members; in 1852, 2190; increase, 38 per cent.

Dissenters, &c., in 1848, 2887 members; in 1852, 3751; increase, 30 per cent.

The church has thus an increase of 8 per cent. more than Dissenters and Roman Catholics, within this mission.

As it may interest the members of this association to learn the relative growth, through the province, of the Church and the different bodies of Protestant Dissenters having teachers in these townships, the committee call their attention to the following published statistics of the numbers of those bodies at the time of taking the census in the years before mentioned.

	1848.	1852.	
The Church.....	171,751	223,190	inc. 30 per cent.
Church of Scotland	67,900	67,842	dec. 15½ "
Free Church	64,729	65,507	inc. 6½ "
Wesleyan Methelst	90,263	90,640	inc. 7 "
Episcopal Methodist	36,893	43,384	inc. 19 "

But in order to ascertain the real growth of these denominations during this period, we should take into consideration the increase that they should have received from natural causes, which may be set down as 8½ per cent. per annum; and thus we shall arrive at the actual increase from extraneous sources. According to this mode of calculation, the increase of the Church, from immigration and other causes, is

* The collections, though not yet complete, are already in advance of former years.

15.19 per cent.; and of the Episcopal Methodists, 4.10 per cent.; while the other denominations decreased as follows: Church of Scotland, 30 per cent.; Free Church, 13 per cent.; Wesleyan Methodists, 7.8 per cent.

As it is the members of this last denomination that make the greatest efforts to proselyte from the Church, and boast most loudly of success, the following acknowledgment of the want of success of that body, from Egerton Ryerson, who had been nearly 30 years a preacher of the greatest celebrity in it, will satisfy the members of the Church who hear such boasting, that it is altogether beside the truth: "It ought to make a Christian heart bleed to think that our largest increase of members, according to returns over which we are disposed to congratulate ourselves, falls vastly short of the natural increase of population in our own community, apart from the increase of the population of the country at large, and therefore that perhaps five or more persons are sent out into the world as worldlings, from the families of our church [i. e. the Methodist Society], while one is retained or brought into it from the world by all our missionaries and agencies." The committee therefore expect that they shall hear no more in this neighbourhood of this vain boasting.

The amounts collected for church purposes in the mission, during the year, are as follows:

Subscriptions to Church Society	£12	18	8
Collection for General Purposes	0	14	4
" Students' Fund	1	6	0
" Mission Station	1	6	3
" Widows and Orphans	1	10	0
Towards minister's stipend—			
Subscriptions	£38	12	6
Presents	14	9	6
			53 2 0

£70 17 3

The above shows a very gratifying increase over the amounts collected last year, for the Society, viz., £120s. 7½d; but a trifling decrease in your minister's stipend, viz., £1 9s 1½d.

The number of services performed during the year was 192, at 11 stations, being an increase of 41 services and 3 stations over those of 1853.

The number of baptisms was 104, of marriages 21, and of burials 10; being an increase in the year of 19 baptisms, 13 marriages, and 2 burials.

As difficulties stood in the way of the survey of the Mono side of the village of Orangeville, the site of the church referred to in our last report was not given in till late in the year; it was however then presented in a very excellent situation, and Mr. Ketchum, in addition to giving it, has increased his subscription to £50; the foundation has been prepared and the stones raised, and, as the contract for the mason work has been let out, the committee trust that early in the spring the building will be commenced. Advertisements were published in one of our county papers, and notices posted up in the neighbourhood, requiring tenders for the erection of St. Luke's Church, but none were received, consequently nothing has yet been done to it.

The committee acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a font for Trinity Church, from Mr. James Ekins, of Toronto, and trust that this act of considerate liberality on the part of a stranger may induce some of the members of the different congregations in the parish to emulate his example, and provide suitable vessels for the administration of both sacraments, in their respective churches.

The lending library, at Mr. John Atkinson's, in connection with St. John's Church, has been revived, and an addition made to it of 23 books, making the number at present 181. Subscrip-

tion to the library is fixed at half a dollar per annum.

Depositories for the sale of books of common prayer have been established at the following places: Messrs. Atkinson & Hutchinson, Mono; Mr. James Kelly, Orangeville; and Mr. John Little, Mulmur. An addition of 1d. per quarter dollar is made to the Toronto price, in order to pay for any expenses that may be incurred, and to assist in increasing the stock.

The state of the payments on the Glebe, which during the incumbency of the late Secretary of the Church Society had been neglected, has, during the last year, been looked into, and four additional instalments paid, leaving four still unpaid, with interest; towards the payment of which there is a small balance in the hands of the society.

The parent society still continues to prosper. During the last financial year, the increase in the actual income of the society and its branches was £1,788. New parochial branches have been formed, and the reports which have been received from some of them show results which could hardly have been expected by the most sanguine well wishers of the society. Three missionaries and four catechists and schoolmasters received the whole or a part of their stipends from the mission fund; four widows and fifteen orphans of deceased clergymen received annuities; and eight divinity students have been assisted from the funds collected for that purpose.

The meeting of the Synod, in October, was marked with the most perfect cordiality, and resolutions of the utmost importance for the future government of the Church were passed with almost complete unanimity.

But, while there are matters that are calculated to afford comfort and pleasure to a true-hearted churchman, the committee must not refrain from referring to others of a far different character, the tendency of which is to produce gloom and despondency in the heart; the clouds that have been so long gathering over us have at length burst, and swept away with them our clergy reserves; the Church has no longer a portion or inheritance in the public property of the province, but is obliged to rely principally upon her own resources. But, though the enemies of religion have succeeded in "robbing God," through the Church, of the "offerings" presented to him by the king and parliament of Great Britain, yet they shall not succeed or overthrow that Church; for her foundations are upon the holy hills: the Lord of Hosts is still with her; the God of Jacob is still her refuge.

From every diocese in our vast colonial empire the most pleasing tidings are continually reaching our ears,—giving us encouragement to expect that the sound of the gospel shall soon be heard in the most remote portions of our globe.

We still continue to receive the most satisfactory accounts of the progress of reformation in Ireland. A striking proof of it is found in the astonishing decrease of the Romish clergy, who, about seven years ago, were said to be upwards of 5,000, while in 1853, according to a return then made, there were only 2,366.

In England the onward motion of the Church still continues, being manifested by the great increase and enlargement of churches, the zeal and activity shown in promoting every project for the spiritual instruction of the masses of the people, and the self-denying devotion of her ministers; and the consequence is, that the dissenters themselves are compelled to acknowledge her prosperity, while they confess that their own bodies not only do not show that prosperity, but are in general on the decrease. The English correspondent of the *New York Recorder* (a Baptist paper), after observing that the ratio of in-

crease in their denomination is smaller than formerly, thus proceeds: "Probably the greater zeal which has been displayed by the Church of England during the last twenty years will in part account for this; . . . one substantial proof of which is to be found in the following fact: From 1801 to 1831 the increase of church accommodation within the pale of the establishment was in the aggregate no more than 4.6 per cent. in that already existing; whereas the aggregate increase during the period 1831-1861 was 17.9 per cent." Another writer (the correspondent of the *Christian Observer*—an American Presbyterian paper), after speaking in the highest terms of the life and growth now so evident in the Church of England, thus gives the state of facts as they stand with the dissenters: "It is well known that Scotland is the stronghold of Presbyterianism, and that in England the Presbyterian Church scarcely numbers 100 ministers and congregations, and this Church, though small, is the most vigorous and healthy of all. The Independents and Baptists, by their organs, deplore the apathy and worldliness now so rampant, preventing their advancement during the past year. The various bodies of Methodists give in exact statistics, from which it is mournfully true that they are all retrograding. This might be accounted for in the Old Connection, from the fratricidal warfare carried on for the last four years by those who have mis-called themselves reformers. But this will not help the case of the minor Methodist bodies, because, in the ordinary course of things, they might be expected to derive advantage from the agitations of the parent body, whereas they all report a defalcation of members. The Methodist New Connection, which commenced in 1797, reports a small decrease on their total membership, which now amounts to a few above 17,000. The Primitive Methodists report about 92,000, being a decrease of about 1,020 in the year. The Association Methodists, who began with the expulsion of Dr. Warren from the old body in 1835, report a decrease of 7,000, being just one-half of their entire number. The Reforming Methodists, who have robbed the Wesleyan Conference of at least 90,000 members, only reported at their delegate meeting, held a fortnight ago, 43,000, stating that they have already lost 10,000, and the Parent Connection itself has a further decrease this year of 6,787 members." It is therefore only reasonable to conclude that those persons who had been perverted from the faith and form of sound words delivered unto them, and had strayed to other folds, have now seen their error, and are returning to the Church.

As members of this Church, it is our duty to rejoice at her prosperity, and to show our joy by increased exertions in her behalf; and as our Government has seen fit to rob us of our right, let us by increased subscriptions to the Church Society endeavor to counteract the evils intended for us by our enemies, and thus show that, as the flames of Smithfield, while consuming our martyred ancestors, kindled a fire which no human efforts could extinguish, so the tyrannical persecution of the Church by the dominant party in the colony shall only have the effect of binding her more closely to the hearts of her members, and of giving her that position which, as the Church of the living God, she is authorized to expect—that of being triumphant over all opposition, and of becoming the glory of this colony as well as of all other lands.

Moved by the Rev. F. L. Osler, M. A., Rural Dean, seconded by Mr. J. Atkinson,—

That the report now read be adopted.

Moved by the Rev. H. B. Osler, seconded by Mr. J. Alexander,—

That we desire to give expression to our gra-

itude to Almighty God for the measure of success he has been pleased to vouchsafe to the labors of the members of his Church in all parts of the world.

Moved by G. McManue, Esq., J. P., seconded by Mr. W. Allen,—

That this meeting desires to place on record its conviction, that the measure passed at the last session of the Provincial Parliament for the secularization of the lands called Clergy Reserves is a sacrilegious act and calculated to bring down upon the perpetrators of it the just judgment of an offended God.

Moved by Mr. Joseph Alexander, seconded by Mr. Henry Carson,—

That the thanks of this meeting be given to those persons who acted with so much efficiency as collectors during the past year, and that they be respectfully requested to continue their services during the present year.

Merrickville, Feb. 20th 1855.

DEAR SIR,—May I ask you the kindness to let the following find a corner in your next issue.

The Minister, Churchwardens, and congregation of Trinity Church, Merrickville, acknowledge most thankfully the receipt of another present to their Church from Mrs. S. Jones, Rockford, Brockville. This exemplary daughter of the Church, in addition to her former gift of a marble font mounted on walnut pedestal, has this year furnished the Communion Table with a neat set of cloths for sacramental purposes. On looking over the Church files, it appears that we are not the only privileged congregation, other churches also have shared in this pious lady's liberality, and they will doubtless echo our prayer, that she may be "remembered for good, for the good deeds she has done for the house of her God and for the offices thereof."—*Con.*

ADDRESS TO THE REV. N. WATKINS.

Leeds, September 27, 1851.

REV AND DEAR SIR,—It is with feelings of deep regret that we the undersigned have learned that your declining health and domestic afflictions has rendered it imperative on you to resign this prosperous mission on the 1st Oct.

We cannot, Rev. sir, repine at the inscrutable ways of Divine Providence—"Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat." Yet we cannot permit the happy relation that has subsisted between you and us for the last seven or eight years to be severed without an expression of our sympathy in your afflictions and of our sincere prayers for your happiness and prosperity. We beg to assure you that the soundness of your doctrine, your untiring exertions for our spiritual welfare, your self-denial, your unostentatious but godly counsels, and your kindness to us as well as to our children, will never be forgotten.

When you first came amongst us we were as sheep without a shepherd; you found the whole country without either a church or congregation, and no one seemed to care for our souls. But you, Rev. Sir, began your work in the spirit of the Gospel, through good report and evil report, through heat and cold, through wet and dry, and through all the conceivable dangers of the forest at midnight, you toiled incessantly to establish the Church and "to gather the lost sheep into the fold." Your sermons embrace two prominent topics—Christ Jesus is all and in all, and the Church as God's chosen instrument to make known the richness and fulness of his grace to all nations. We are sensible, dear sir, that your enemies within and without have made you the target at which the tongue of scurrility might fire its envious and poisoned darts; but all these puerile attempts

have only increased your congregation, and endeared you to our hearts.

Please accept this small purse, and ever believe us faithfully and truly yours.

EDWARD GREEN.
JOSEPH SINGLETON.
JOHN NIBLOCK.
WILLIAM MORRIS.
ANDREW DILLON.

WILLIAM COCKERALL.
JOHN JACONS.
ADAM GILLESPIE.
JOHN SINGLETON.
WILLIAM COLEMAN.

Wardens and Vestries of St. John's Church, Leeds.

SAMUEL GREEN.
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HENRY JOHNSON.
JAMES C. GREEN.
RICHARD JOHNSTON.
SAMUEL JOHNSTON.
WILLIAM GREEN.

Wardens and Vestries of Trinity Church, Lansdown.

To Rev. N. Watkins, Travelling Missionary.

REPLY.

Longleat Farm, Waterloo,
Oct. 1st, 1851.

To the Churchwardens and Vestries of St. John's Church, Leeds, and Trinity Church, Lansdown.

GENTLEMEN,—With emotions of gratitude and pleasure I have the honour to acknowledge your kind and courteous address (with the purse).

My dear brethren, after seven years' acquaintance and the repeated greetings and happy welcomes which I have on all occasions received from you and your families, I needed no such assurances or donation to convince me of your sympathy, affection and confidence. Notwithstanding my infirmities and disabilities for the work assigned to me by our beloved diocesan, I must confess that the mission is in a prosperous condition. The churches are free from debt, and generally filled with attentive worshippers. But this success, under the blessing of God, is due to your liberality and zeal for the Church of God rather than to anything praiseworthy in your missionary. However, I can truly say that my motive in the work was you, not yours. My oath of office to the Bishop and my accountability to the Judge of all have enabled me to endure hardships, and I trust to leave memorials among you which time will not efface. I shall never forget your kindness, nor cease to pray that you may stand fast in the Lord, holding forth in your lives the lamp of truth (Christ and the Church), that I may rejoice in the day of judgment that I have not run in vain nor laboured in vain. With sincere affection for you and your families,

Believe me, dear brethren,

Faithfully yours, &c., &c.,

NATHANIEL WATKINS.

DIocese of NOVA SCOTIA.

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA.

This institution was founded sixty-five years ago, and originated with four clergymen in the city of New York, of whom the Rev. Dr. Inglis, first Bishop of Nova Scotia, was one. The local legislature granted a sum of money to purchase a site for the College, and gave £400 sterling per annum towards defraying its expenses. The Home government also granted aid towards the erection of the building, and £1,000 per annum for its support, and that of the academy at Windsor. The imperial endowments were however subsequently withdrawn; and an effort was made to withdraw that granted by the local legislature. In consequence of some objections to the college to provide against such a contingency it is now designed to raise by

subscriptions a permanent fund of £10,000, with which to endow the college. Contributions of £100 entitle the donor and his heirs to a free scholarship in perpetuity. A gentleman in Nova Scotia has offered to give £1,000 towards the fund provided the other £9,000 be collected by a certain day.—*Condensed from Hazard's Gazette.*

PROGRESS OF EDUCATION.

In 1832, there were in Nova Scotia proper 420 schools, containing 11,771 scholars. In 1851, there were 916 schools, with 26,554 scholars, being in the proportion of one pupil to every 8½ of the population, a proportion usually regarded as denoting an adequate supply of the means of elementary instruction. This is so far satisfactory. Still more so is the passage of the Act for the Establishment of a Normal School. If that institution be founded on a liberal basis,—if it be well supplied with the apparatus of sound and useful learning and science,—if it be generously sustained,—and if it be managed with judgment and energy, it will prove a blessing of no common magnitude and worth. I cannot but hope that the enlightened zeal which prompted the measure will continue to be encouraged by a patriotic legislature, and that the intellectual growth of the people will not be checked by mean and sordid calculations; for it is written by the pen of inspiration that "happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding, for the merchandise thereof is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold." I may further observe, that the common schools of this country stand greatly in need of improvement, as the reports of the superintendents of education abundantly testify, and that their improvement mainly depends on the qualifications, mental and moral, of the teachers. The incompetency of a large number of the persons now holding that office is justly complained of by the superintendents. If, therefore, in the institution about to be established, a judicious system of instruction be adopted, suited to the state and wants of the people of this province,—if care be taken that the teachers are thoroughly instructed and trained, and their capabilities practically tested, by drilling them in tuition from the alphabet form to the highest class,—and if uniformity of method (including text books) be prescribed, we may anticipate brilliant results in the course of the next few years. And here I may be allowed to remark, that the recent efforts made by various religious bodies for the endowment of their educational institutions are among the most noticeable signs of the times in Nova Scotia. It cannot be said that we are not making progress, when the fact is recorded that the sum of thirty thousand pounds has been subscribed in this small province, within the last three years, for the purpose above mentioned.—*From a lecture on "The progress and prospects of Nova Scotia," by the Rev. Dr. Cramp, Halifax, Oct. 23rd, 1851.*

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