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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The several Parochial reports and accounts of Church Society Meetings, which have lately been published in the columns of the *Church*, have been so fraught with matter which cannot fail to interest the lovers of our Zion, that though aware we must condense them, we had marked so many paragraphs for insertion in our periodical that we have been more than once reminded we were monopolizing too much of the office type; and that we had more than sufficient matter for two numbers. We have therefore been obliged to exclude nearly all the resolutions passed at the various meetings and confine our selections to those portions of the proceedings and reports which more particularly relate to the Church Society's operations and progress; and we fear that even now when the *Gazette* goes to press some of our selections will have to stand over for another month. When, however, it is remembered that the *Gazette* proposes to chronicle the ecclesiastical events in the three Canadian Dioceses, we shall be readily excused for any apparent shortcomings; we venture to hope that the time is not far distant when the publisher and proprietor will be encouraged to enlarge the size of the periodical, and to issue it oftener than once a month. From many quarters we have received the intimation that in order to interest the people in the affairs of the Church Societies, their objects, and the manner in which they are being carried out, should be more frequently and plainly brought before them, than in the annual reports. We would throw out the hint therefore for the consideration of the several District and Parochial branches, whether it would not be desirable to distribute a number of copies of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* gratuitously to their subscribers. Much of the expense now incurred by the parent societies in publishing their annual reports (which from their length are read but by few,) might be thus saved. We throw out this suggestion without any fear of our motive being impugned, as the only reward which those who have undertaken the selection of matter for the paper look for, is to find a more general interest taken in the affairs of the Church by its members. The *Gazette* will be published, for the present, as near the middle of each month as possible,

in order to give the publisher time to receive the monthly proceedings of the Societies in the Eastern Dioceses. Those who are favorable to the project and are willing to act as agents for the circulation of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette* are requested to communicate with the publisher as soon as possible, for it should be remembered "*bis dat qui cito dat*," and that many have regretted, when too late, that an undertaking has failed, when by a little timely assistance they might themselves have prevented that which they affect to lament.

His Lordship the Bishop of Rupert's Land has done us the honor to send the following ecclesiastical intelligence:

ORDINATION, RUPERT'S LAND.—On Sunday, December 25th (Christmas day), the Bishop held an ordination in St. John's Church, Red River, when the Rev. Thomas Cochrane, B.A., and the Rev. Griffith O. Corbett, Col. Church Society, were ordained Priests, and Mr. James Settee, Native Catechist, was admitted to the Order of Deacon.

VISITATION.—On Tuesday, Dec'ber 27th, the Bishop held his Triennial Visitation in Saint John's Church, on which occasion the Rev. Wm. Cochran, of St. Andrew's Church, Red River, who has laboured for more than a quarter of a century in the country, was appointed First Archdeacon of Assiniboia, comprising the Red River and Fairford; and the Rev. James Hunter, of Christ Church, Cumberland, who has translated the Gospel of St. Matthew and the greater part of the Prayer Book into the Cree language, was appointed First Archdeacon of Cumberland, comprising the Saskatchewan and York.

From his Lordship's letter, we learn that the total number of the clergy at present in his diocese is 15.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

We have great pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the munificent donation recently made to Trinity College by the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron.—That gentleman has provided for the permanent endowment of two scholarships open to the sons of clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland resident and doing duty in any part of British North America, with a preference *ceteris paribus*, to those who intend to receive Holy Orders. The scholarships are of the annual value of £25 currency, and the first will be open for competition in October next.

NOTICES.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto gives notice that it is his intention, with the Divine permission, to hold Confirmations in the Niagara District during the month of May next; in the Gore and Districts West of Hamilton, in the months of June and July; and in August at the Manitowahning Mission, and Sault Ste. Marie, &c., Lake Huron. A list of the days and places of Confirmation will be published hereafter, and his Lordship requests that notice may be given to him as early as possible of such new Stations as may have been established, or new parishes organized, at which confirmations are required to be held or churches to be consecrated.

Although former usage required that every candidate for confirmation should have attained the full age of fifteen, the Bishop, in order to meet the frequent applications of the clergy in favour of persons somewhat younger, is induced to admit such candidates as have completed their fourteenth year, provided they be specially recommended by their respective pastors. The clergy will be pleased to have in readiness and furnish to the Bishop, previous to commencing the service of the day, a list containing the names and ages of the several candidates, whom they are to present for the holy rite.

Some years ago the Bishop called the attention of his brethren the clergy to the advantage of registering in their parish books the names of the confirmed, to which they might afterwards usefully refer, and he will be much gratified to inspect them in the Missions where this has been done.

The Bishop embraces this occasion to renew his anxious desire, that the candidates for confirmation should be fully instructed in those solemn obligations and responsibilities which they are in their own persons about to assume; and that every practical means may be employed to render them fully acquainted with all that pertains to the faith and practice of members of the true Church of Christ.

The Rector and Churchwardens of St. James's gratefully acknowledge the donation of £17 19s. 11., from Captain Beresford, being the balance due on the Parochial School House.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE.

February 1, 1851.

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

The following are the representatives from the Central Board for the present year:—

W. Lindsay, Esq., Bedford; B. Chamberlin, Esq., Farnham and Freighsburg; G. Rogers, Esq., W. Evans, Esq., Gore; D. Alexander, Laprairie; Major Jones, Sabrevois; J. Yule, Jr. T. Austin, Chambly; C. Dorwin, Henryville; Capt. Maitland, Brome and Sutton; Mr. Gilmour, Granby; R. W. Shepherd, Esq., Vaudreuil; G. H. Monk, Esq., St. Martin and St. Therese; Capt. Maitland, Dr. Holmes, E. E. Shelton, Esq., St. George's, Montreal; S. C. Bagg, Esq., Dr. Fraser, J. B. Gibb, Esq., A. Howard, Esq., T. Mussen, Esq., W. A. Townsend, Esq., Cathedral; N. S. Tylee, St. Mary's Hochelaga; Rev. E. J. Rogers, J. B. Anderson, Esq., Philipsburg; C. L. Baker, Esq., Freighsburg; Dr. Barrington, Lachine.

The following Committees were appointed, viz:—

Lay Committee:—Hon Judge McCord, Chairman; Major Campbell, B. Chamberlin, Esq., W. C. Evans, Esq., Dr. Fraser, Dr. Holmes, J. Lovell, Esq., E. E. Shelton, Esq., Hon. George Moffatt, Capt. Maitland, T. Mussen, Esq., N. S. Tylee, Esq., Colonel Wilgress, G. H. Monk, Esq., J. B. Anderson, Esq.

Book and Tract Committee:—Rev. J. Bethune, D. D., Rev. W. T. Leach, D.C.L., Rev. E. J. Rogers, Rev. W. Bond, Rev. C. Bancroft, Rev. R. Lousdell, Rev. J. Flanagan.

It was resolved that the Clergy of the different churches in the city be requested to make arrangements for the more effectual collection of subscriptions to the Church Society, in their respective congregations, and to make a monthly return of the amount collected, to be laid before the Central Board.

It was resolved, on the motion of Dr. Bethune, seconded by Colonel Wilgress:—That the sum of £270 be granted to the Lord Bishop, for Missionary purposes.

£25 were also granted to the Book and Tract Committee.

A Bible and prayer book were granted, on the application of the Rev. J. Flanagan, for the use of the congregation at Point Clare.—*Montreal Herald*.

Church Society's Office,
March 1, 1851.

At a meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held this day, in accordance with the constitution, there were present—

The Lord Bishop in the chair.

Rev. J. Bethune, D.D. Hon. Judge McCord,
" W. T. Leach, D.C.L. Col. Wilgress,
" W. Bond, Capt. Maitland.
" N. Lousdell, S. C. Bagg, Esq.
" R. Lindsay, Dr. Barnstore.
" E. J. Rogers.

After prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read, from the Rev. J. Johnston, informing the Board that W. F. Grasset, Esq., has been re-elected as the representative of Aylmer at the Central Board of the Church Society.

The following report of the Lay Committee was then read.

"The Lay Committee, before proceeding to other business, unanimously elected Francis

Fulford, Esq., their secretary for the ensuing year.

"An application was received from the Rev. J. Constantine, of Stanbridge, praying for aid towards the erection of a parsonage at that place. It set forth that a sum of £250 will be required for that object: towards which there are in the hands of the Lord Bishop £100 (collected in England some years ago by the Rev. J. Jones), and the inhabitants of the mission have subscribed a further sum of £70.

"There are many reasons set forth in the petition of the reverend incumbent which induce this committee to urge on the Central Board the propriety of aiding this mission in the proposed work to the utmost means of the Society usually appropriated for similar purposes: and they therefore respectfully suggest that, so soon as this Mission by its own exertions shall have raised the sum of £70, already subscribed, to £100, the Church Society should make a grant of £50, to be paid at the discretion of the Lay Committee, due regard being had to freedom from debt, &c.

"The committee report that, good and sufficient discharges having been signed by the creditors of the church at Ormstown, to their satisfaction, the grant made to that church has been paid.

"The whole respectfully submitted.

"J. McCord, Chairman."

On motion of the Rev. W. T. Leach, D.C.L., seconded by the Rev. W. Bond, the above report was adopted.

An application for the purchase of certain lands at Wolfe Island was referred to the Lay Committee.

Authority was given to the Managing Committee of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, to invest any sums that may now be in the Treasurer's hands belonging to that fund.

E. J. ROGERS, Secretary.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

CONSECRATION OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SHENBROOKE.—On Friday the 10th inst., St. Peter's Church was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Quebec. The Lord Bishop of Montreal being requested to be present on the occasion, kindly consented, and took part in the ceremony, which added much to the interest of the day. Several of the clergy were present, arrayed in their surplices.

The service commenced at 11 o'clock. The Bishops were received at the door of the church by the Incumbent, the Rev. Dr. Helmuth, D.D., the clergy, the churchwardens, and several other members of the congregation. The petition, which was signed by the incumbent, churchwardens, and many of the parishioners, was presented by the Rev. Dr. Helmuth to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, praying that he would consecrate the church.

The petition was read by the Rev. Mr. Reid, of Compton, after which the Bishop signified his consent, with very kind remarks to the Rev. Dr. Helmuth for the efforts made by him, in conjunction with his flock, to rid the church from incumbrances, and the pleasure all must derive, together with himself, to have this building set apart from all common uses to the worship of the living God.

The clergy then, together with the churchwardens and others, proceeded up the aisle to the chancel, and while doing so, the 24th Psalm was repeated.

The Bishops having taken their seats, the instrument of conveyance was presented to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, who placed it on the Communion Table.

After the solemn and impressive prayers for

all who should worship in that church, partake of the sacraments, enjoy its rights and privileges—that the word preached might be blessed, the Rev. L. Doolittle, M.A., of Lennoxville, read the sentence of consecration, which was signed by the Bishop, who then stated that this document would be preserved in the Archives of the Sec of Quebec, to be referred to whenever occasion should require it.

The usual Morning Service was read by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Stuart, B.A. The 1st Lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. Butler, M.A.; the 2nd Lesson by the Rev. Mr. Pennefather, B.A. The Lord Bishop of Quebec read the Ante-Communion Service. The Epistle was read by the Rev. Dr. Helmuth, D.D.; the Gospel by one of his Lordship's chaplains, the Rev. J. H. Nicolls, M.A., Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, from the parable of the talents.—"Occupy till I come." The subject was very appropriate for the occasion, and was most ably handled by his Lordship. To say the least, it was a most impressive, able and eloquent discourse, and was listened to with intense interest by a crowded congregation.

After the service of the Church, the Bishop, clergy, and churchwardens proceeded to the residence of the Rev. Dr. Helmuth, where they were hospitably entertained, and where pleasant and cheerful conversation occupied the time.

On the whole, it was a delightful season. Secret prayers were doubtless offered up by many hearts on that solemn and impressive occasion that God would graciously accept our humble offering, and bless the administration of his word and grace to the saving of souls.

And last—not least—a due meed of praise should be awarded to the ladies of the congregation, who, by the proceeds of two fancy sales, the result of their labors, contributed so largely towards the liquidation of the debt on the church.—*Communicated*.—(*Montreal Herald*.)

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

A Meeting of the Church Society was held on Wednesday, the 2d day of March Present: the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, Revids. F. L. Osler, Dr. Lett, S. Givins, R. Mitchel, and Messrs. R. Denison, H. Mortimer, Thomas W. Birchall, Alex. Dixon, Henry Rowsell, W. M. Westmacott, and the Secretary.

The Secretary announced that the Lord Bishop had written to say that he was prevented attending in consequence of indisposition.

The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, vice-president, took the chair.

The Secretary was called upon to read the prayers—then the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the chairman.

The balance sheet was laid on the table. An abstract of the various accounts, and also the items of receipt and expenditure during the past month, were then read by the Secretary.

On the recommendation of the standing committee, a few small accounts, amounting to £9 2s. 6d. were ordered to be paid.

A grant of service books for the desk of the church at Cookstown was voted, on the application of the Rev. F. L. Osler.

An application was made through the Rev. E. Dewar, for a grant in aid of the fund for building a church at Windsor, in the township of Sandwich, in which was set forth most forcibly the claims of that parish on the sympathies of the members of the Church in this diocese. On the recommendation of the standing committee it was resolved that a grant be made for this object so soon as the funds of the Society

will admit of it and prior claims have been satisfied.

An application was made on behalf of the Grand Trunk Railroad Company for permission to make bricks on the lot of land held in trust for the church at Duffin's Creek, and offering to pay £50 or 50,000 of brick, the contractor covenanting to cart away the surface soil to a place whence it may be brought back again, so soon as the term of years (to be agreed upon) has expired, and the ground properly levelled, so that it will be none the worse for agricultural purposes. Letters were read from the Society's agent on the spot, and the Land Committee recommended that the offer should be accepted. It was therefore resolved, that it would be for the benefit of the Church in that locality to enter into some such arrangement, and that R. Denison, Esq., and the Secretary be empowered to negotiate with the directors, on behalf of the Society.

The standing committee recommended, at the Reverends Henry Brent, rector of Clarke, and R. Michele, A. M., rector of York Mills, and Peter Paterson and Charles McGrath, Esqs. be elected on the standing committee, in lieu of the Revs. S. B. Ardlagh, A. M., and Alexander Sanson, and Lucius O'Brien, Esq., M.D., and James Bovell, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P., who vacate their seats in accordance with the fourth clause of the XIV. Bye-law. No other list being presented, the above-named gentlemen were declared duly elected.

The Secretary read the following note from T. P. Roberts, Esq.:

Toronto, 27th February, 1851.

Rev. and dear Sir,—From the various calls now made on my time, I find it will be impossible for me to continue longer in the office of auditor of accounts of the Church Society. I have therefore to request that you will do me the favor to tender my resignation to the Society at their first meeting, with my grateful acknowledgments for the kind consideration and confidence reposed by that body in the past reports of Mr. Brent and myself.

I have the honor to be,

Rev. and dear Sir, yours faithfully,

THOMAS P. ROBERTS.

Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Sec. C. S.

It was Resolved, that the thanks of this meeting are due to Mr. Roberts for the careful manner in which he, together with Mr. Brent, have audited the accounts since their appointment—and that he be informed that the Society accepts his resignation of the office of auditor with regret.

The Secretary stated that S. B. Harman, Esq., had desired him to inform the Society that it was utterly out of his power to attend to his duties as a member of the standing committee, for at least another year; he felt it therefore his duty to urge the acceptance of his resignation, which had been sent in many months since. Resolved, that under the circumstances, the resignation be accepted, and that the Secretary inform him that the Society does so with regret.

The Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that T. P. Roberts, Esq. be elected a member of the standing committee, in the room of S. B. Harman, Esq., resigned.

The Secretary read a letter from James Alexander, Esq., the crown-land agent at Barrie, in which he gave a statement of the instalments and interest on the glebe lot in Mone. He showed also the amount which appeared to the credit of that parochial branch in the Society's books in accordance with the agreement entered into by it with the parent Society when the lot was purchased, and that sum was ordered to be remitted to Barrie immediately.

Moved by the Rev. S. Givens, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Lett,

Resolved, That the Society will at its next meeting, take into consideration the subject of the non-transmission of the Jubilee Fund to Great Britain, with a view to the adoption of such measures as may enable the Society to remit the same.

Moved by the Rev. F. L. Osler, seconded by the Rev. S. Givens:

Resolved, That the resolution of January 4th, passed respecting the glebe lot in Tecumseth, be rescinded; and that this resolution be subject to the approbation of the Bishop.

Moved by the Rev. S. Givens, seconded by T. W. Birchall, Esq.

Resolved, That Lot No. 17, 6th concession in the township of Tecumseth, obtained from the government as a glebe for the township by the Rev. F. L. Osler, the deed of which at his request was made to the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, in order, as he suggested, that it might be reconveyed in the best manner for the sole benefit of the church in the said township:

Be it resolved, that the Church Society do convey the said land to the Incumbent and Churchwardens of St. John's Church, Tecumseth, and their successors in office, for the sole use and benefit of the present Incumbent of St. John's Church and of such other Incumbent or Incumbents as may hereafter succeed him, duly licensed and holding pastoral charge solely in the said township.

W. M. Westmacott gave notice that at the next meeting he would move—That the actual balance due to the Society from Mr. Champion be withdrawn from the accounts as it now appears, and be entered to debit in an account to be opened in the "General Purposes ledger," giving credit therein for any sum which may be hereafter received in liquidation thereof.

The secretary stated that he had prepared a report of the result of his tour on the business of the society in the Eastern Townships; but as the Lord Bishop was absent, it would be perhaps better to defer the reading of it till the next meeting. It was agreed that all other matters should stand over till meeting in April. The secretary then read the closing prayer.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS IN THE DIOCESE TOWARDS THE AUGMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES FUND OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY, APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP ON THE 2ND SUNDAY IN JANUARY, 1851.

Previously announced	£198 19 7
St. John's Church, Jordan, per Rev. A. Dixon	0 7 6
St. Paul's Ch. Dunnville	£1 7 6
Christ's Ch. Port Maitland	1 7 6
St. John's Ch. S. Cayuga	1 5 0
—per Rev. A. Townley	4 0 0
Merrickville, per Rev. E. Morris	1 8 8
St. Peter's on the Credit	1 16 5
Sydenham	0 9 6
Port Credit	0 10 6
—per Rev. S. Givens	2 16 5
Christ's Church, Delaware	2 5 6
Carradoc Academy	1 5 9
—per Rev. R. Flood	3 11 3
Trinity Church, Moore	1 12 6
St. Mary's, do.	1 0 3
Sarnia	3 15 6
Butlers	0 4 0
—per Rev. G. J. R. Salter	6 12 3

Carried forward £217 7 1

Brought forward	£217 7 1
Christ's Church, Amherstburgh—	
—per Rev. Frederick Mack	1 0 0
Christ's Church, Grantham—per	
Rev. W. H. Phillips	1 0 0
Fitzroy Harbor	1 0 0
St. Mark's, Pakenham	1 10 0
—per Rev. R. L. Stephenson	2 10 0
Trinity Church, Simcoe	2 4 9
Christ's Church, Vittoria	1 4 5
—per Rev. F. Evans	3 9 2
Norwood and Lakefield—per Rev. J. Hilton	2 12 6
St. George's, Georgina	0 10 3
Park's School-house	0 5 7
Sutton	0 16 5½
Shepperd's School-house	0 5 8½
—per Rev. W. Ritchie	1 18 0
Richmond, per Rev. J. Flood	1 7 6
St. Peter's, Osnabruck, per Rev. St. M. Ker	0 10 0
Napanee, per Rev. W. B. Lander	1 0 0
St. Peter's, Tyrconnel	1 4 4
Fingal	1 12 4
Trinity Church, Howard	0 19 9
Clairville	0 13 10
—per Rev. H. Hulland	4 10 3
St. John's, Darlington,	1 10 6
Emmiskillen Church	1 2 6
—per Rev. Dr. MacNab	2 13 0
St. James', Biddolph	0 5 0
St. Mary's	0 5 0
—per Rev. A. Lampman	0 10 0
St. George's, Clarke	1 5 0
Newtonville	0 10 0
Orono	0 17 6
—per Rev. H. Brent	2 12 6
St. James', Dundas	2 0 0
St. John's, Ancaster	2 0 0
—per Rev. Dr. Murray	4 0 0
St. Peter's, Cobourg, per Ven'ble Archdeacon Bethune	12 10 0
Donaldson's School-house, Garafraza	0 11 7½
Union Church, Woolwich	1 6 3
Erwin's School-house, Wellesley	0 17 6
Allanville do. Peel	0 6 8
Smith's School-house, Egremont	0 5 0
Rooney's do. Arthur	0 12 3
Smith's do. do.	0 13 8½
—per Rev. F. Tremayne	4 13 0
Wellington Square and Nelson, per Rev. T. Green	1 2 6
St. Paul's, Adolphustown	0 10 0
St. Paul's, Fredericksburg	0 10 0
—per Rev. J. Mulock	1 0 0
St. Mary's, Manvers, per churchwarden	0 12 6
St. Philip's, Marysburgh	0 10 0
St. John's, do.	0 5 0
—per Rev. J. R. Tooke	0 15 0
St. Paul's, Norval	£1 0 0
St. Stephen's, Hornby	1 0 0
Stewartown	0 10 10½
Georgetown	0 10 7½
—per Rev. T. W. Marsh	3 1 6
Clark's Mills	0 15 0
Baker's School House	0 6 6
Tiner's " "	0 1 6
—per Rev. Paul Shirley	1 2 0
St. John's, Portsmouth, per churchwarden	1 5 0
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis	0 7 3

142 Collections, amounting to £273 17 4

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND (Additional).

Previously announced	£435	8	11
Merrickville, per Rev. E. Morris...	2	6	4
Richmond, per J. Flood	1	2	6
Napanee, per Rev. W. B. Lander	1	13	9
Perrytown, Hope, per Rev. V. P. Snyerhoffer.....	0	10	0
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis,...	0	2	9

MISSION FUND (Additional).

Previously announced,	£199	16	0
Napanee, per Rev. W. B. Lander	1	0	0
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis,...	0	2	6

STUDENTS' FUND (Additional.)

Previously announced	£224	7	11
Franktown, per Rev. R. Lewis.....	0	2	6

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

Previously announced	£7	12	4 1/2
Napanee.....	1	5	0
Cartwright—1/2 of Collection.....	1	15	0
per Churchwardens.			
St. Thomas do	20	0	0
—per Rev. A. St. Geo. Caulfield.			
Huntingford do	3	3	9
—per Rev. F. D. Fauquier.			
Franktown do	2	0	0
—per Rev. R. Lewis			

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Rev. G. Nugent.....	£1	5	0
" J. Flood	1	5	0
" W. B. Lander	1	5	0
" Henry Brent	1	5	0
E. Lally, Esq., Barrie.....	1	5	0
Daniel Whitley, do	0	10	0
Phillip Low, Esq., Pictou	3	15	0
Mrs. Marsh, Toronto.....	1	0	0
Miss Marsh, do	0	5	0
H. Mortimer, Esq., do.....	1	5	0
Rev. Paul Shirley	1	5	0
Rev. R. Lewis.....	1	5	0
Rev. F. D. Fauquier.....	1	5	0

DONATIONS.

Widows and Orphans' Fund, per			
Rev W. Blakey	£2	15	0

Monies received on account of the contingent expenses of the Synod, in accordance with the recommendation of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, in his Pastoral, dated 16th January, 1854.

St. Peter's Ch., Cobourg, per Ven. A. N. Bethune, D.P.	2	0	0
Corwall and Moulinette, per Rev. H. Patton.....	2	0	0
St. George's, Drummondville, and St. John's, Stamford, per Rev. C. L. Ingles.....	1	0	0
Huntingford, per Rev. F. D. Fauquier	1	0	0

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY.
Sec. C.S.D.T.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MIDLAND DISTRICT BRANCH CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Thursday evening a large and respectable audience met at the City Hall, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Midland and Victoria Districts Branch of the Church Society. The chair was filled by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston. The meeting was addressed by the Reverend Thomas S. Kennedy of Toronto, the Secretary of the Church Society, who ex-

plained at considerable length the state and prospects of the society. The report for last year was read and received.

REPORT.

Your Committee, anxious to avail themselves of the services of the Reverend Secretary of the Parent Society on this present occasion, have decided upon holding their Annual Meeting of this Branch Association at an earlier period than usual, in the expectation that much valuable information will be communicated by him respecting the operations of the Society generally.

Upon a review of the proceedings of this Branch during the last eleven months, there is much to call forth gratitude to Him who "puts into the heart of man good desires, and brings the same to good effect," for we are satisfied that it is only as He blesses our plans, that we can look for a successful result to our labors.

Though no new associations have been established since the last report was rendered, yet it is a pleasing subject for reflection that those already in existence throughout the District have continued steadily, to a certain extent, to carry out the objects for which they were designed, still, for all, there is room for increased zeal and energy; and though something has been done to occupy the fields which are ripe for harvest, still much more remains to be accomplished, equal even to the undivided efforts of every member of our Church, rich and poor. Every year opens fresh settlements, and increases the amount of population, of which we may safely calculate one-fourth and upwards to be professedly attached to the Communion of the Church. These demand greater exertions from the wealthy members, and thus call for a more hearty co-operation on their part with this Association, through whose instrumentality henceforth it will depend whether fresh fields of Missionary enterprise are to be occupied or not; for the days are past when help is to be looked for from foreign sources; and your Committee would ask, is it not time, after so many years of careful nurturing, the children of the Church should walk alone?

If charity begins at home, have not the Townships lying in our rear, such as Hinchinbrooke, Sheffield and Bedford, in which are settled scattered families of one faith, a special claim upon their more favored brethren? Believing that they have, your Committee would urge the necessity of appointing a Travelling Missionary for these and other destitute Townships; and as a substantial proof of the love and sincerity of Church people, call upon them to furnish their portion of the means that may be required.

Since we last met, your Committee have to report that a change has taken place in the missions of Barriefield, Portsmouth and Sydenham. Rev. E. Bower, whose duties at Sydenham have devolved upon Rev. E. C. Johnson, (lately ordained by the Lord Bishop of Toronto,) has been appointed to Pittsburg, in the stead of Rev. H. Brent, translated to the important Rectory of Clarke, and to whom as Secretary this Association is so much indebted. Rev. F. Dobbs, brother-in-law of one whose memory is dear to not a few among us, and now many years gathered to his fathers, has succeeded to the mission of Portsmouth, in the place of Rev. T. Allen, promoted to the Rectory of Caran, a faithful laborer in this part of the Lord's Vineyard.

Your Committee hoped to have had it in their power to report on this occasion the completion of the Parochial School House, but they regret their inability. The delay has arisen from the scarcity of mechanics last season, and by the increased rate of wages; and as the contracts were taken irrespective of these contingencies, it was deemed advisable to give time so as to al-

low the burden to fall with less pressure upon the contractors. Your committee have the assurance, however, that by the 1st of April next the building will in every respect be fit for occupation; and then churchmen, if disposed to promote the welfare, temporal and spiritual, of their fellow-creatures, will have it in their power to support a school for boys, girls and infants, with ample accommodation for each department. Your committee would remark, that as a large sum over and above the amount raised has been supplied from private sources to complete the building, it is hoped that whatever is required to provide furniture for the schools and support for their efficient maintenance, will be cheerfully borne by those whom God has so bountifully blessed.

And here a subject presents itself, of great importance as regards the welfare of the community at large, viz., the common school system of education established in this Province. This demands the serious attention of every one who believes that secular knowledge, apart from religious, does not meet the requirements of a being who is destined not to a brief sojourn here only, but to an everlasting existence beyond the grave.

Your Committee hail with delight the prospect of the appointment of a Bishop to the proposed See of Kingston; believing, however, at the same time, that the accomplishment of this object depends in some degree upon local efforts, they would strongly recommend, in order to expedite it, that a Committee be formed whose duty it shall be to promote an Endowment fund, in accordance with the Pastoral Letter lately issued by our Diocesan.

One more subject connected with the interest of the Church your committee desire to bring before your notice, before they proceed to their Financial Statement, viz: The propriety of appointing a Lay Agent for the purpose of visiting the wharves, steamboats, and the City in general, for the sale of Bibles, Prayer Books and Religious Tracts, where there is an ability to pay, and where there is not, then a gratuitous distribution to a limited extent. As the spring opens, the tide of emigration sets in on these shores, but independently of this, we are to expect this year a large accession to our population, in consequence of the extensive operations caused by railroad enterprise. Are we not therefore bound to the utmost of our ability to circulate the Word of God, the only rule of our faith, to accompany it with the book of Common Prayer, in whose soul-stirring supplications the pious find a most welcome relief, and an invaluable treasure; and more than this, should we not lend our hand to provide them with the precious means of grace through the agency of a ministry endowed with authority to teach and to guide unto truth?

It will not fail to recur to the minds of not a few in this meeting that arrangements were made last year to appoint to each ward collectors in behalf of the several associations in the city. In four wards the work was effectually and satisfactorily done: in the remaining three, Rideau, Victoria, and Sydenham, it was partially done, or altogether unfulfilled. Your Committee would therefore suggest the continuance of the same system, only effectually carried out, and would recommend that a personal appeal be made to every family and individual in the Communion of the Church, in behalf of the many important objects of the institution.

The Depository, under the superintendence of Mrs. Ferns, has received this year an increased support. Of Bibles, there have been sold 120, of Prayer Books 728, and of Religious Tracts and Works above 700. This however is but a small matter compared with the

numbers and wealth of our people. Let us hope, that if we are spared to live to another anniversary, we shall be enabled to speak better things.

Your Committee would now come to the income and expenditure of the association, of which the following is a brief statement.

The amount of subscriptions received during the last eleven months has been £128 14s. 6d., not reckoning a donation of £25 from Mrs. Macaulay to the Widows and Orphans' Fund. To the account of income must be added the balance in hand on the commencement of the year, £38 3s. 6d.

The proceeds of sales at depository amount to £73 18s. 6d. The stock on hand is worth about £60.

The expenditure arising from the payments of the salaries allowed to the Missionaries of Barriefield, Wolfe Island and Portsmouth, from the payment of Books ordered from Christian Knowledge Society, Rowsell of Toronto, Stamford and Swords of N. Y., from the payment of the quarter of general subscriptions transmitted to Toronto, and from the commission on collecting subscriptions has been met by funds in the Treasurer's hands, and a balance now remains to the credit of the association, of £27 17s. 8d.

It is time to refer to the reports received from other Parochial Branches; and as to St. James's in this city, its report will be meagre, owing to the two facts:—

I. Having understood that a sub-committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the District Branch, would canvass Victoria Ward, this association suspended its operations till within about a month since, having been informed that the sub-committee was not likely to act. A collection has been commenced, but not completed.

II. The congregation having purchased an organ, the efforts made to pay for it will greatly interfere with collections for any foreign object.

It is gratifying to observe the steady progress which the Church makes in this portion of the Lord's Vineyard.

Collections received from February 3, 1853, to February 7, 1854.—

Sacramental collection.....	£20	9	11
Collection for clothing.....		8	5
	£28	14	11
Expenditure.....	£25	15	0
In hand.....	£2	19	11
For Missions collected in Sunday School.....	1	0	11
Church box.....		13	7
Widows and Orphans' fund.....	4	2	6
do do do.....	5	17	0
Collected for Sunday schools.....	£10	11	10
Expenditure.....		10	0
In hand.....		11	8

The Committee of St. Paul's Parochial Association reports, that, during the year 1853 there has been collected in aid of the Branch of the Church Society the sum of £10, of which £2 10s. has been remitted to the Parent Society, and the remainder has been expended on local purposes, viz: to aid in raising funds for heating the church. The committee also mention that a very large expenditure has during the year been made by the congregation and other friendly churchmen for heating, painting and repairing the church, the aggregate of which would amount to about the sum of £120, which has in some measure been the cause why the committee has not raised a larger and more general subscription for the purposes of the association.

From a review, however, of the subscriptions and donations in aid of the objects of the Church Society, it will appear that notwithstanding the expectation was indulged that the Rural Parochial Branches would this past year have contributed towards the missions now deriving a portion of support from St. George's Parochial Association, yet disappointment has been the result, for no assistance has been received from them. Your Committee, however, are fully assured that if the field before us is to be occupied and cultivated in a profitable manner, there must be a hearty co-operation on the part of all the members of the church now enjoying her ministrations and participating in the many blessings which flow from a due appreciation of her ordinances. We must not allow any local interests to check the putting forth our utmost strength to advance the Kingdom of Christ among all ranks and conditions of men, among the neglected Aborigines of the Continent fast passing away, among the poor Emigrants from the land of our fathers, once happy in their parish church and all its allowed associations, but now severed from them but in bitter remembrance,—and among the descendants of the first settlers, those true sons of the church, moving yearly farther into the forest in search of richer land and a better recompense.

W. M. HERRMANN, A.M., Secretary.

THORNHILL AND VAUGHAN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

In presenting this their Annual Report, your committee rejoice in being enabled to congratulate the subscribers to these parochial associations upon the present prosperous condition of the parent society; and as it has been truly and well remarked by the society's venerable and respected President, in his Pastoral address upon the formation of the society; "that the parochial associations are the foundation of all," it may reasonably be inferred, your committee think, that they also are, in a general point of view, progressing favourably.

That the Society has already experienced much benefit by reason of the salutary change which has thus been effected in the Constitution, in the complete renewal of the generous confidence which was originally accorded to her; and that she has to some extent actually received increased pecuniary support, is placed beyond a doubt, by the comparative statement of her pecuniary resources as between the last and preceding year, which will be found at page 14 of the last Report, where it is stated, that the total increase on the whole of the receipts of the Society and District Branches, over the preceding year, amounts to £807 8 9.

Notwithstanding this result, which may be regarded as a presage of future usefulness, it is nevertheless painful and lamentable to reflect how very inadequate are the means at the Society's disposal for the accomplishment of its truly grand and Christian objects.

To instance this in only one branch of the Society's operations, your committee would refer to page 16 of the last Report, under the head of "Mission Fund."

Your committee feel confident that if this object were brought more prominently before the several congregations, who enjoy the means of grace; if they were told plainly how many Townships were necessarily deprived, from year to year, of the services of our Church on Sunday, the proceeds of the Annual Collections to be appropriated to the Mission Fund would be greatly increased. It is written in the Epistle of Paul to Timothy, v. 8.—"If any man provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is

worse than an infidel." The Society therefore feels constrained to confine its exertions to the promotion of missionary objects within the bounds of its own Diocese. However deeply Churchmen may sympathize with other Societies, associated for the purpose of carrying on the good work, either in the mother land or its numerous dependencies, they must feel that the wants of the Church in this Diocese have paramount claims on their liberality. In the Home District alone there are several Townships, in each of which flourishing villages are springing up, to minister to the spiritual wants of whose inhabitants would afford ample employment for several Clergymen, but who are not visited even periodically by a Travelling Missionary, and the same may be said of every District in the Diocese."

Surely whoever can rise from the perusal of such affecting statements with heart unmoved or without the firm resolve rising to his lips that he will use his most strenuous efforts to mitigate as soon and as far as in him lies so lamentable a destitution of the means of grace and the ordinances of Religion, must be sadly wanting in that greatest of all Christian graces, the divine grace of charity.

Referring to matters more immediately coming under their cognizance as the managing committee of this Parochial Branch, your committee beg to observe, that although they cannot report any augmentation in the number of members or amount of Annual subscriptions to this branch, they are happy in being enabled to state, that few if any of the original subscribers have withdrawn their support from it. Upon the first establishment of this Parochial Branch, strenuous efforts were made and it is believed with very general success, to induce every baptized member of the Church residing within the bounds of this Parish to become a subscriber to and an associate member of this Society. Since that period no addition has been made to the gross amount of the Church population in this neighborhood, which has rather diminished than increased, especially since the northern railroad has gone into operation; but it is gratifying to reflect that the contributions of such of the subscribers as have sought new locations, though withdrawn from this particular branch, have not been lost to the Society, but will tend to swell the amount of subscriptions in other Parishes.

It is moreover a fit subject for congratulation, that it may be reasonably expected that this particular branch will speedily recover all its former strength and vigour whenever the contemplated branch of the northern railroad to Thornhill goes into operation, which it is hoped may be the case in the course of the ensuing summer; for the neighborhood of Thornhill, will compare favorably with any other place in Upper Canada for the salubrity of its climate; the fertility of its soil, and the beauty of its situation, being thereby admirably adapted not merely for purposes of occasional recreation, but for the permanent residence of the more wealthy classes of our townspeople.

Hitherto the amounts contributed by this branch year by year, exclusive of the first, have been pretty nearly equal. The subscriptions from the united Parochial associations of Thornhill and Vaughan amounted this year to the sum of £38 2s. 1d. of which £12 12s. 4d. was remitted to the Parent Society.

The Vaughan Parochial association, established at an early period in the Society's history, did but little, except during the first year of its existence, until its revival three years back; and since then the three-fourths applicable to its local objects were expended for two years in necessary repairs of the Church, and the erec-

it is believed will number many scholars, is about to be commenced at Cookestown.

The regular services performed during the last year have been,—

1st Sunday in the month: Three full services and the Sacraments administered at Trinity Church, Davis's Station and Mrs Bird's School House.

2d do. Three full services, St. John's, Trinity and Cookestown.

3d do. Two full services, St. John's, Trinity and Cookestown.

4th do. Three full services, St. John's, Trinity and Cookestown. A regular weekly Monday evening service at Mrs. Bird's School house, and monthly services at Davis's, Hummitt's and Whiteside's Schools, with many occasional services in different places

WEST GWILLIMBURY

Rev. A. Hill, B. A. Incumbent.

In this Township the interests of the Church have been steadily gaining ground, and the members of her communion are becoming more alive to their blessed privileges and responsibilities; still there is manifest room for improvement, and it is hoped that here there may be no falling behind, but all may be actuated by the onward spirit of progress.

At Christ's Church things are somewhat in the same state as they were last year. At Bradford we are shaking off the incumbrances which have hitherto hung so heavily over us: the debt upon our church, which at one time amounted to £100, has now been reduced to about £17, and this we hope to liquidate in the course of the next three months.

We have here to acknowledge the liberal conduct of an individual member of our communion who has so liberally erected the spire of our church at his sole expense; an addition to which all must acknowledge to add much to its beauty, and may serve to remind us of the Heaven to which it points,—the home of the Christian and of his Redeemer Christ.

The Offertory Collections (not including those after annual sermon) amount to £16.

Our Sunday School at Bradford is sadly affected by the want of teachers, and it is hoped that others will follow the example set by one female member of the congregation, and come forward and aid in the work.

The congregation assembling in Coulson's School house continues on the increase. During the past year upwards of £150 has been subscribed by the people in this locality towards the erection of a church. An acre of ground has been purchased of Mr. John Coulson, and a church has been commenced, and we confidently expect will be ready for Divine service by the first of next June. May God speed us and bless the work of our hands.

Divine service has been celebrated at Christ Church every Sunday morning at....11 A.M.

Bradford Church " 2 P.M.

Coulson's School "4½ A.M.

Also in Pinkerton's School house in summer at 6 P.M. every other Sunday.

The collections on behalf of the Clergyman last Feb., amounted to a little more than £50; but great allowances are to be made when the other heavy expenses connected with Church matters are taken into consideration.

In conclusion, your Committee would refer to the gratifying fact, that last year our subscriptions were nearly double those of the preceding year.

Your Committee, and the young friends who so kindly assisted them as collectors, pleaded for Christ's poor: and kindly was that plea responded to.

Again, with the same object in view, the Com-

mittee appear before you. The whole of what may be contributed will be faithfully devoted to missionary objects: and thus the poor destitute settlers in the remote parts of our County, as well as those residing in the bordering Townships, will feel that there are some who care for their souls, and who are willing for Christ's sake to give as hath been given unto them.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SOCIETY, YORK MILLS.

The annual meeting of this Branch of the Church Society was held in St. John's Church, on Monday evening the 6th inst., the Rev. R. Mitchele, M.A., Rector, presided.

The following clergymen were present, and explained and enforced, most eloquently, the various objects of the Parent Society. The Rev. James Beaven, D. D.; Rev. Stephen Lett, L.L.D.; Rev. D. E. Blake, B. A., Rural Dean; Rev. J. D. McKenzie, B. A.; Rev. G. S. Hill; Rev. W. Belt. That which made the meeting most interesting was the part taken by the laity, who moved all the resolutions.

The St. John's Parochial Branch of the Church Society, was established, the more effectually to assist the Parent Society in carrying out the various Christian objects which the Church has in view. A retrospect of the affairs of our local branch, so far as collections may be taken as a test, is upon the whole very encouraging for the past year. The collections made amounted to £20 18s. 11d. of this sum £10 9s. 1½d. was transmitted to the Parent Society, and the remainder £10 9s. was handed over to the Churchwardens.

Besides this collection, there were three special offertory collections made in the Church—one for the Mission fund, one for the Widows and Orphans' fund, and one for the General Purposes Fund, making together the sum of £9 9s. 7d. So that the sum of £19 18s. 8d. was contributed by this congregation during the past year, for the diffusion of true religion in the poor and destitute settlements of the Diocese.

The remainder of the subscriptions of the parishioners to Trinity College, Toronto, has with two or three exceptions, been all paid in during the past year, amounting to upwards of £30 5s.

From these facts, we may very reasonably infer, that were all the members of our congregation to devote but a small part of the tithe of their substance to the support of their religion, much good, both for the church at large, and for own division of it, under the blessing of God, might be effected.

In conclusion, we may mention, that the beneficial results of united effort were clearly seen in the hearty good will and the real feeling of interest manifested by our people, last summer, in providing a Festival for our Sunday School children.

May the same good, liberal Christian feeling ever continue amongst us, and establish that as a parochial re-union for our young people on the festival of St. John, after whom our church is called.

BURWICK PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

A meeting was held in the church on Thursday evening, the 9th instant, and was the first ever assembled for this special object in this place. The chair was taken at 7 o'clock by the Rev. J. Gilbert Armstrong, the Incumbent. After a hymn, the usual prayers were read, and the Rev. Chairman explained succinctly the objects of the meeting; saying he felt he need not enter on the subject at large, as so many gentlemen, both clergy and laity, had kindly promised to address the meeting: he, therefore,

called on J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P. and Warden for the County, to move the first resolution, which was to the effect, that the subject for which the Church Society was formed have an imperative claim upon every member of the Church.

Mr. Gamble, in a very eloquent and effective speech,—which was most attentively listened to by a crowded audience—reviewed the history of the Church Society from its commencement. He said there were, however, one or two points which he would wish to see altered, one of which was the reduction of the subscription for incorporated members from £1 5s. to 10s. He thought that this was a happy moment for establishing a branch of the Church Society in this parish, and spoke of the interest all her members were now taking in the permanent establishment of their Holy Zion. Mr. Gamble instanced his late visit to New York, when he was honoured as one of the delegates from the Synod of this Diocese to the General Convention of the Church held in that city. He was never more gratified in his life than at the reception which he met with there, not as an individual, but as the representative—however unworthy—of the United Church of England and Ireland in Canada. Mr. Gamble then went into a history of the rise and progress of the Church at Burwick, and hoped that her members in that locality would give their warm support for the furtherance of the exemplary objects of the Church Society and the maintenance of that entry which is her great characteristic.

This resolution was seconded by the Rev. S. Givens in a speech replete with interest, in which he gave to the meeting his own experience as to the efficient working of the Church Society during the last twelve years.

Before the meeting closed a subscription list was opened, and very liberally signed by many present.

Collector's books were also issued, and every hope is entertained of great success in this neighborhood for the Church Society.

CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING IN GODERICH.

A large and influential meeting of the church society was held in St. George's church Goderich, on Wednesday evening the 15th ult: the Rev. E. L. Elwood, A. M., Rector, in the chair.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of this association, with power to add to their number.

Thomas Mercer Jones,	John Longworth,
John Strachan,	Isaac Rettensburg.
George Brown,	W. E. Grace.
Morgan Hamilton,	T. W. Molesewrth,
W. B. Rich,	Henry Percival.
Samuel Pollock.	Henry Hannels.
John Hallan, jun.	

GALT CHURCH SOCIETY.

The eleventh Anniversary of the Galt Branch of the Church Society, was held in Trinity Church on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Mr. Boomer presided; and we have never, on any like occasion, witnessed anything like such a numerous and gratified meeting, comprising not merely the members of the Church of England, but many others belonging to the different congregations in the town. There were ten Clergymen present, viz.—The Rev. Messrs Be tridge, of Woodstock; Cronyn, of London; Evans, of Simcoe; Geddes and Hebdon, of Hamilton; Palmer, of Guelph; Ruttan, of Paris; Vaulinge, of Wilnot; and Green, Marsh, and Boomer. These severally addressed the meeting, and we never listened to more convincing or interesting speeches.

The Report was read by the Rev. M. Boomer

and gave the gratifying statement, that in the late collection in January for the funds of the Society many of the contributors had doubled, and others materially increased their subscriptions, and that there was a willingness to meet the demands of the Collector that had never previously been exhibited. The consequence was, a material increase of the funds for the present year—and this in the face of the fact that considerable claims would have to be made on the congregation for the painting of the Church, both outside and inside, during the season now passing. These, however, were materially lessened by the liberality of the Lady Organist, who refused to receive any remuneration for her admirable services, and devoted the whole to the improvement of the Church. The Report also bore becoming testimony to the Lady who performed the onerous duties of Collector. We need not add that the Report was unanimously adopted.

All resolutions (and some of them were very important) were passed unanimously. This is the most promising anniversary the Society ever held here.—*Galt Reporter*.

GUELPH PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

The Eleventh Anniversary of the District Branch of the Church Society was held in the Court House on Tuesday evening, and was attended by a very large and respectable audience, the court room being literally crowded.—The chair was occupied by the Rev. A. Palmer, Rector of Guelph, supported by the Rev. R. Cronyn, Rector of London; the Rev. Wm. Bettbridge, Rector of Woodstock; the Rev. F. Evans, Rector of Woodhouse; the Rev. J. G. Geddes, and J. Hebden of Hamilton; the Rev. T. Marsh of Norval; the Rev. M. Boomer of Galt; the Rev. Thomas Green of Wellington Square; the Rev. John Smithurst of Elora; the Rev. E. M. Stewart of Guelph; the Rev. Francis Treymayne, and a number of influential laymen of the town and vicinity.

The chairman having opened the meeting with prayer, called on the Secretary, Mr. J. Frank, to read the following

REPORT.

The Committee of the Guelph Parochial Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, in presenting the Eleventh Annual Report, are happy to be enabled to state that the operations of the Society continue to be marked by steady and progressive success, and the receipts of this Parochial Association, as well as of the Church Society in general, have been larger during the past than any preceding year.

This is a result which calls for gratitude to Him whose cause it is the design of the Society to promote—and whether we consider the excellence of the objects to which the labors of the Society are devoted, or the dependence of the United Church of England and Ireland, under God, on the efforts of this Society, to aid her in diffusing and establishing pure and undefiled religion in this land, we cannot but feel called on to praise God for the blessing that He has hitherto bestowed on the Society, and also to give it our still more earnest and zealous co-operation.

By referring to the Report of the Parent Society for the year ending the 31st of March, 1853 (when the accounts of the Society were last made up), we find that the receipts of the Society for the eleventh year were £6,246 4s. 4d. being an increase of £807 8s. 5d. over the preceding year; and your Committee have much gratification in reporting that the amount already received by this Parochial Association, for the year ending this month, is £55 0s. 0d.,

being a larger sum than that collected by this Association during any former year of its existence, and your Committee have reason to believe that the amount just named will be still further increased before it will be necessary to transmit to the Treasurer of the District Branch in Hamilton.

Your Committee need not on this occasion enumerate the special objects embraced in the constitution of the Church Society, as they must already be familiar to the members of this Association; but it will be satisfactory to them to be informed that, in prosecuting those objects, the Society continues to employ travelling Missionaries in the various destitute tracts of this vast Diocese, two of whom are zealously abiding in the northern townships comprised in the late District of Wellington; that twenty-two candidates are preparing for the Ministry in Trinity College (an institution which will ever be a monument of the zeal and indomitable energy of the present Bishop of the Diocese); that four widows and fifteen orphans—left in destitution by those who had died in their Master's service, and whose scanty stipends did not enable them to make provisions for those who were dear to them—have been assisted by the Society; and that (in building of churches and parsonages, and the maintenance of Scriptural schools, have been encouraged and aided according to the Society's ability. Your Committee feel that they may well ask, after enumerating these results of the Society's labors, What faithful member of our Church is here, who will not do all that in him lies to enable the Society to become the instrument of still greater good from year to year?

Your Committee beg to report, that of the sum reported by this Association at the annual meeting 1853, amounting to £38 14s. 9d., one-fourth was forwarded to the Parent Society, a further sum was applied towards the Travelling Mission Fund of this District Branch, and the balance, amounting to £28 12s. 3½d. (received back by this Association), was applied towards the liquidation of the debt due on St. George's Cemetery.

And here your Committee desire to express the great importance of the Church Society in reference to its beneficial effects on Parochial operations.

True it is that the amount received back by this Association from year to year has been small, nevertheless it has served as the basis of most important operations; and your Committee will be borne out by the Rector when they say that were it not for the certainty of having something from this source to begin with, the hopeful commencement that has been made of a handsome and commodious church would never have been attempted; neither would the members of our Church be in possession, as they now are, of a Cemetery which will ere long be consecrated for ever for the interment of the dead.

Before this parish can be said to be effectually organized, its Church must be completed, a good school in connection with it must be established and maintained, a parsonage-house must be built to receive, at all events the successor to the present incumbent, and the Cemetery arrangements must be completed—all being paid for, and everything left free from debt.—To accomplish these objects, while we aid in the general diffusion of true religion, requires but an ordinary measure of that self-denial and liberality which as Christians we are called to exhibit; and your Committee would impress on this Association, that one means of promoting them is by being zealous in the cause of the Church Society.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED TO MARCH 11.

J. J. B., Thorold; A. B., Scotland; Rev. F. T., Elora; Rev. T. G., Fort Nelson; H. J. S., Quebec; Rev. T. W. M. Norval; Rev. J. G. G., Hamilton; J. D., Hamilton; C. M. Picton; Rev. J. R., Frelightsburg; Rev. J. C., Stanbridge; Hon. J. G., Toronto; Rev. H. P., Cornwall; Rev. J. S. M., Coteau Landing; Rev. P. S., Camden East; Rev. C. L. I., Drummondville; Dr. M., Stamford; Mrs. McD., Grimsby; W. F. B., Grimsby; Rev. J. A. McL., Christieville; Rev. H. B. O., Lloydstown; Rev. Dr. M., Quebec.

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