

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

Proceedings of the Annual Session in Trinity School House.

The annual session of the general committee of the Diocesan Church Society opened in Trinity church school room on Tuesday, June 30th, with His Lordship Bishop Kingston in the chair.

The opening prayers were read by Rev. W. O. Raymond, and the roll of delegates was then called.

About sixty clergymen and laymen were present when the session opened—a rather small attendance—but as the morning wore on others arrived, and by noon there were about seventy present.

W. M. Jarvis moved that the minutes of the last meeting of the society, as printed, be taken up and confirmed.

This motion was carried. Bishop Kingston then referred briefly, but in a feeling manner, to the great loss the Synod and Diocesan Church Society had met with in the death of the late Sir Leonard Tilley.

The secretary, Rev. W. O. Raymond, read his annual report. The reports from the parishes were then read. Rev. Mr. Spencer reported for Addington, and showed the need of financial aid. His lordship said the S. P. C. K. had decided to give a grant.

Rev. J. G. Collins reported for Cambridge, showing that parish to be in a flourishing and happy condition, although at times it was a struggle.

For Chatham, Rev. Canon Forsyth reported, and his report was most satisfactory. The greater part of the debt created by the improvements to St. Mary's chapel had been paid.

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To the Right Rev. the President and the General Committee of the D. C. S.: Your secretary begs leave to submit his annual report.

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allowed on old and shod-worn stock was \$70.47—total \$3,463.98. Comparing these figures with those of last year, there are much the same in every particular.

There is, however, a slight increase in our favor, but not more than the showing that we are holding our own. But if (and we have reasonable hope to expect that such will be the case) this condition of affairs continues to develop we may look forward to the future with still brighter anticipation of greater results.

For when the time comes the depository to enlarge its usefulness by importing other publications than those that come through our society, the church people of the diocese will have then a wider and, we believe, a better service at its disposal for the support of all kinds of church literature and Sunday school requisites, which at present are beyond the limits of our depository.

In the committee's report of last year reference was made to the expiration of the lease of the shop on German street on the first day of May, 1896.

Your committee now report that we have renewed the lease for a further term of two years, from May 1st, 1896, to May 1st, 1898, at the same rental of \$175 per annum, and that we have again sub-let a portion of the shop to the Auxiliary Bible Society for a like term of two years at the same rental of \$50 per annum.

Your committee arranged with the Auxiliary Bible Society to have an exhibit of Bibles and S. P. C. K. publications at the St. John exhibition last fall. The exhibit was as practical as it was timely in the interests of the depository, for the goods exhibited are to be sent to the public and a considerable sum was realized from the sales, which covered our share of expenses.

The opportunity was timely, if only as an ordinary business advertisement, but we believe the exhibit contributed to the general benefit of our work.

Your committee express once more the hope that churchmen will give the auxiliary branch of diocesan work their united support and patronage. They feel they have a right to expect such a support from the hands of those for whose benefit this depository is maintained and carried on.

The most important branch of diocesan work which you desire of your committee is to promote the welfare of the church in this special department of her work, and to place at the service of our people our own healthy church literature at the lowest possible price.

It is here to be observed that under our present arrangement of business, the prices charged for the S. P. C. K. books compare most favorably with those charged by other publishing houses, and on the whole our prices are less than theirs.

In the working of the depository all has been most satisfactory. The curator and her assistant have continued to discharge their duties to the entire approval of your committee. Respectfully submitted, WM. EATOUGH.

On behalf of the depository committee, J. Roy Campbell, the treasurer of the committee, gave a detailed account of the management of each Sunday school, which is covered in the foregoing report.

The reports were adopted and ordered to be printed in the Journal. The report of the committee on In-Home Missions and on the Promotion of Sunday Schools, was read by Rev. W. Eatough as follows:

The annual Advent appeal was issued to the Sunday schools, urging the earnest and sincere cooperation of the Children's Mission Fund, and for the first time this year envelopes were distributed along with the appeal, which gave each scholar an opportunity of making a special Christmas offering.

During the year donations and bequests have come into the society amounting in the aggregate to upwards of \$8,000. These are more particularly referred to in the report of the finance committee.

At the last meeting of the executive committee, Geo. E. Fairweather, who for the past fifteen years has so ably filled the position of treasurer of the society, tendered his resignation, and the vacancy has been filled by the appointment of W. E. Smith of Fredericton.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The society resumed business at 3 o'clock. The report of the book depository committee was read by Rev. W. Eatough. It was as follows:

Sales.—The sales for the year ending 30th April, 1896, including the "Dawn of Day," amounted to \$1,091.23, as against \$1,078.33, the amount of sales for the previous year.

Imports.—The number of actual importations of goods during the year has been seventeen, as compared with fourteen for the preceding year, but the value of this year's purchases has been less by \$150 than that of last year. This indicates the greater sale of old stock during the year, which your committee disposed of at reduced prices in order to keep the present stock supplied with the latest and most saleable class of literature.

Dawn of Day.—Seven hundred and fifty copies of this magazine have been subscribed for during the year, which is an increase of eighty copies over last year's number. We are glad to see such an advance in the distribution of this admirable publication, and we feel sure in time, as our clergy and people become more and more familiar with it, that greater and greater will be their interest in it.

Grants.—The usual liberality of the parent society has been extended to us during the year, and the following parishes or missions have received grants: Kingsclere, £25 for library books; St. Mary's, St. John, £25 for library books.

Grand Falls, £30 for building fund of a new church at Four Falls. Andover, £20 for a like object at Glenburn.

In addition to these grants the diocese has to acknowledge the gift of a lantern and slides for the church history lectures.

Depository.—The value of the stock on hand at the beginning of the year was \$2,385.21, and that of goods purchased during the year, at selling prices, was \$1,104.76, making a total of \$3,489.97.

The sales have been \$1,024.37, and the stock on hand at the close of the year on the 30th April last, was valued at \$2,465.60, and discounts

the sickness of the rector of Burton and Maudsley, from whom we have no report, we have a further difference of \$20; but on the other hand we have increased amounts of five dollars and upwards from Chatham, Gagetown, Hampton, Newcastle and Nelson, St. John Baptist, St. Paul, Southampton and Queensbury, Wickford and Woodstock.

In the second division, viz., that of offerings for outside missionary objects, the amount is \$277.18, as against \$214.78 of last year. And in the third division, viz., that of offerings for outside missionary objects, the amount is \$142.91, as against \$254.56 of last year.

Though your committee are only indirectly connected with this object, yet cognate matters here be taken of these contributions as affecting those directly associated with home missions.

In the amounts reported from those of last year there is a deficit of \$100. Last year the parish reports \$28.59. Last year Trinity church, St. Stephen, reported \$50.50, this year no report has been received.

If the portion of the report had been favorable the aggregate amount of our children's offerings for Advent and Lent would have reached the sum of one thousand dollars. On the whole the report is satisfactory and the statement bears healthy indications of growth and progress.

Reading "The signs of the times," we are glad that a recent conference of one of the non-conformist bodies, held in this city, the Sunday school report adopted showed an amount of over six thousand dollars as being the children's contributions towards the work of their religious work, and that a like sum was expected for the present year.

The efforts of our children are very far short of any such amount, but the fact remains that the children are being trained to give, and we are hopeful that more can be done, and if only the clergy will interest themselves in the work, your committee venture to think that the children will readily respond to the call.

Prince William.—The amount required for the year of \$350 was met by a deputation to visit the mission and at their request it had agreed to reduce the amount to \$350 for the current year.

Springfield.—The amount required had been reduced \$50 in consequence of the separation of Norton Station, which contributed sixty dollars a year, while served from Springfield, and which was now again united with the parish of Norton, in which it was situated.

Special Grant.—Albert County.—The board feeling very strongly the responsibility of allowing this whole county to be without a grant to aid in providing the services of the church for any who might desire to have them agreed that they would make a grant of \$700 (there being a good report) upon condition as to contribution to be hereafter arranged. The grant to be put in force as soon as the bishop could find a suitable man for the work.

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Derby.—The grant was increased \$12 to make up the decreased income from the endowment fund. Greenwell.—The old grant of \$700 to this parish was renewed from April, 1895, to April, 1896, on condition of a contribution of \$430 from the people, which was \$70 more than the contribution of 1895. On April 1st, Rev. D. W. Pickett, who had been in charge of the parish for 36 years, resigned and made application for a grant from the incapacitated clergy fund, which the board were sorry to learn could not be made, as there were no available funds.

Newcastle and Nelson.—The Rev. J. H. S. Sweet having resigned this mission, the board thought it desirable to ascertain if some re-arrangement of work could not be made whereby Derby might be served from Newcastle, as to provide a resident clergyman for Ludlow, Blissetville and Blackville. The parishoners of Newcastle were much opposed to this change, and at their urgent request a grant of \$500 was made on condition of a contribution of \$500 for the current year.

New Denmark.—The Rev. N. M. Hansen having resigned in October last, after a service of 19 years, the Rev. C. B. Malmann was ordained on March 1st last and had since had charge of the work of New Denmark and Grand Falls. A grant had been made of \$780 on condition of a contribution of \$550. This was a peculiarly difficult matter to provide for, as it was a necessity at present that the missionary should be able to hold services in both Danish and English. Mr. Malmann wrote that a rectory was about to be built near St. August's church.

Prince William.—The amount required for this mission had been reduced to \$265, the old debt due by the mission having been satisfactorily arranged. Regular services had only been held during July, August and September, when the Rev. A. A. Bryant presented a class of 52 for confirmation. Until this month the mission had been vacant.

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putting before the people the special needs of the church, and others had asked for information as to the formation of a chapter of the brotherhood. This report was also adopted.

The executive committee was then chosen as follows: T. Carleton Allen, A. G. Beckwith, John Black, George Burchill, J. R. Campbell, A. C. Fairweather, W. S. Fisher, John B. Foster, Hon. Judge Hanington, H. A. Harvey, R. W. Hewson, C. F. Kinneer, C. A. Macdonald, John Moore, Hurd Peters, Alfred Porter, T. B. Robinson, A. A. Sterling, A. F. Street, H. L. Sturges, H. C. Tilley, G. E. Fairweather, Judge Wilkinson, Henry Wilnot.

The following were appointed the committee on International Sunday Schools in Home Missions and on the Promotion of Sunday Schools: Rev. C. B. Malmann, Rev. Canon Forsyth, Rev. H. Montgomery, Rev. W. Eatough, Rev. A. D. Dewdney, Rev. W. H. Sampson, Lally—Herbert Schofield, Alfred Porter, R. E. Coupe.

The book depository committee were elected as follows: Rev. C. B. Malmann, Rev. W. Eatough, Rev. J. M. Whittycumbe, Rev. H. Montgomery.

Lally—C. E. L. Jarvis, J. R. Campbell, T. B. Robinson, C. F. Kinneer, Rev. W. O. Raymond, G. E. Fairweather, Judge Wilkinson, Henry Wilnot.

The following were appointed to make arrangements for the next annual meeting of the society: Rev. W. O. Raymond was reappointed secretary and W. H. Smith treasurer.

James S. Beek and G. S. Smith were reappointed auditors. It was agreed not to charge the book depository committee interest on the \$300 loaned to them for the year.

The salary of the treasurer was fixed at \$500 and that of the secretary at \$100. The executive committee were authorized to pay the contingent expenses of the society.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at the same place where the synod meets.

EVENING SESSION. The society met again at 8:30 and at once entered upon the consideration of the schedule for the various parishes and missions as submitted by the home mission committee in the afternoon.

Rev. W. O. Raymond explained fully the difference between this year's grants and those of last year, and read the estimate of income and expenditure for 1896-7, as follows:

Table with columns for EXPENDITURE and INCOME. Includes items like Contingencies, Salaries, Grants to aided missions, etc.

Required from self-supporting missions \$5,276.00. The grants in the schedule were passed with slight alterations, as follows:

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A grant of \$50 was made to Newcastle and Nelson. The recommendations contained in the home mission board's report were adopted. That concerning the matter of the augmentation of clergymen's stipends having passed, rules were adopted for the government of the fund.

A grant of \$50 was made to Westfield. An application from Rev. James Spencer for assistance for the rectory at Addington was referred to the home mission board.

The sum of \$200 was granted the bishop for the employment of divinity students as lay readers during the summer holidays.

T. B. Robinson reported as to the fund for the education of the children of the clergy. Three young men had been assisted \$250 in all being given them.—Adopted.

Votes of thanks were passed to the citizens of St. John for their kind hospitality; to the press, to the rector and church wardens of Trinity church, and to the various railway and steamship companies.

Mr. Justice Hanington moved a vote of thanks to the bishop for his fair and impartial manner in which he had presided over the sessions of the general committee.

The meeting closed with prayer.

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Reports on Wednesday

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