

The Revds. W. King, and S. H. Simpson; Lieut. Ashe, R. N.; Professor Chapman of Bishop's College; and E. Burstall, J. Young, W. G. Ross, W. Andrew, A. T. Galt, R. Roberts, H. N. Jones, and E. Jones, Esquires.

Moved by Rev. J. Carry, seconded by J. Maclaren, Esq., and Resolved,

8. That the following gentlemen be requested to accept office as Vice-Presidents of the Society for the ensuing year: The Honbles. Messrs. Chief Justice Bowen, and Justice Meredith, the Honbles. H. Black, J. M. Fraser, E. Hale, Senr., E. Hale, Junr., G. Pomberton, J. Stewart, and W. Walker; Lieut. Colonel Streatfeild, R. E.; and the Revds. Official Mackie, D. D., S. S. Wood, M. A., and J. H. Nicolls, M. A.; and that the Central Board consist of the Rev. A. W. Mountain, and Wm. Andrew, D. Burnet, A. Campbell, T. Cary, J. B. Forsyth, N. Freer, H. LeMesurier, J. Maclaren, C. N. Montizambert, W. Petry, H. S. Scott, J. A. Sewell, M. D., J. Sealy, J. Von Exter, J. W. Leaycraft, and R. Hamilton, Esquires, in addition to the ex-officio members.

Mr. Scott then gave notice that at the next meeting of the Society, he will move that the word "Thursday," be substituted for the word "Friday," in Article ix., and the words "10th January," inserted before "15th May," and also that Article viii., which fixes the qualification for Membership at 25s. Annual Subscription, be amended by substituting 10s. for 25s.

It was then moved by Rev. W. Wickes, seconded by Rev. C. P. Reid, and Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to revise the By-Laws of the Society, and particularly to consider the expediency of reducing the qualification for Membership, and that this Committee consist of the Rev. E. Sewell, the Rev. W. King, J. B. Forsyth, (Chairman,) and H. S. Scott, Esquires, and the Treasurer and Secretary of the Society, and be directed to report to the next Meeting of the Society.

In the course of the proceedings, the Secretary read a letter from the Rev. W. Bond, Secretary of the Church Society of the Diocese of Montreal, expressing the interest felt by that body in the prosperity of the Church Society of the sister Diocese, and communicating a Resolution of the Society to that effect.

The Doxology having been sung, the Meeting was dismissed with the benediction by the Lord Bishop.

G. J. QUEBEC.

#### MEETING OF THE CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates who had been requested to accompany them for the special purpose of considering what further action might be taken with regard to the preservation of the Clergy Reserves, met at the National School House, Quebec, at half past six, P. M., on Wednesday, 2nd July. The Minutes are given below, as well as the Circular of the Lord Bishop, suggesting the appointment of Delegates.

The Lord Bishop having taken the chair, directed the Rev. A. W. Mountain, to call over the names of the Delegates, which having been done, it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Falloon, seconded by Rev. Charles Reid, and Resolved, That the Rev. Armine Mountain be appointed Clerical Secretary of the Meeting.

Moved by T. Triggs, Esq., Delegate from Nicolet, seconded by H. N. Patton, Esq., Delegate from Pointe Levi, and Resolved, That the Hon. Edward Hale, of Sherbrooke, be appointed Lay Secretary of the Meeting.

These gentlemen having accepted their respective appointments, it was further Resolved, That the Secretaries be appointed a Committee to act in concert with the Lord Bishop, in preparing Resolutions for an adjourned meeting, to be held to-morrow, at ten o'clock, A. M.

The meeting then adjourned.

Thursday, 3rd July, 1851.

Divine Service was held in All Saints' Chapel, at half past seven, A. M., when the Rev. Gilbert Percy, B. A., said prayers, and Rev. H. Burges, B. A., read the lessons.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates re-assembled, by adjournment from yesterday evening, at the National School House, Quebec, at ten o'clock, A. M.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec presided.

The Meeting having been opened with prayer, the minutes of the meeting of yesterday were read.

The names of the Clergy and Lay Delegates were called over.

It was then moved by the Rev. George M. Ross, Rector of Drummondville, seconded by John B. Paddon, Esq., Delegate from Lennoxville, supported by John U. Ritter, Esq., Delegate from Three Rivers, and unanimously Resolved,

1. That the Bishop, and Clergy of the Diocese of Quebec, and the Laity of the same, being represented by the Delegates attending, by desire of the Bishop, the Anniversary Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, do solemnly protest against the alienation of the Clergy Reserves, for any other than their original purpose, and do hold the same to involve a violation of the principles of the British Constitution, a dangerous infringement of vested interests, a departure from the pledges virtually given by Act of Parliament to the Church, and a most injurious deprivation of means provided by the pious munificence of the Imperial Government, for the extension of Religion, and specially for fulfilling the great and solemn duty of preaching the gospel to the poor.

It was moved by the Rev. H. Burges, B. A., of Nicolet, seconded by James Armstrong, Esq., Delegate from Rivière du Loup en haut, supported by George Chapman, Esq., Delegate from Pointe Levi, and unanimously Resolved,

2. That no class or condition of persons in this Province can be endangered in estate or conscience, by the maintenance of this religious property for its original purpose.

It was moved by the Rev. John Kemp, of Bury, seconded by Mr. Simon Gavin, Delegate from Dudswell, supported by Mr. Joseph Rockingham, Delegate from Inverness, and unanimously Resolved,

3. That any measure framed with the view of diverting this property from its original purpose, is to be regarded as erroneous in its general principle, and fraught with alarming evils to this Diocese in particular, inasmuch as the settlements opened from year to year within the limits of Lower Canada, and especially within that portion of it which constitutes the Diocese of Quebec, afford no adequate resources whatever for the support of the Ministry of the Gospel among the inhabitants, who, if deprived of the benefit of such an endowment, will be left as sheep without a shepherd, and will present a spectacle of reproach to a Christian country.

It was moved by the Rev. John Dalziel, of Eaton, seconded by Eleazar Clark, Esq., Delegate from Sherbrooke, supported by Mr. Hugh Russell, Delegate from St. Margarets, and unanimously Resolved,

5. That a Petition embodying the views now expressed as the solemn opinion of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Quebec, in special meeting assembled, be presented to the Provincial Parliament during the present or ensuing session, and be also transmitted to the Queen, and to the other branches of the Imperial Legislature: 't at the Revds. Official Mackie, D. D., E. W. Sewell, and A. W. Mountain; The Honorables William Walker, and Edward Hale, of Sherbrooke, and Horatio Nelson Patton, Esq., be a Committee to draft the same, in conformity with these views; and that the Lord Bishop of Quebec be authorized to sign and transmit it, as hereinbefore directed on behalf of this meeting.

The benediction having been pronounced, the meeting then adjourned.

Armine W. Mountain, Clerical Secretary. }  
Edward Hale, Lay Secretary. } G. J. QUEBEC.