

Church Society.

CENTRAL BOARD.

At a meeting of the Central Board, held on the 19th of December, the following grants were made, viz : thirty dollars towards a new School opened at Forrest Lake, in the mission of Nicolet, for one year, commencing January 1st, 1894, at the request of the Rev. T. L. Ball :

One hundred dollars towards the purchase of a Parsonage House, at Melbourne, at the request of the Rev. James Hepburn ;

And one hundred dollars towards a new Church, at North Hatley, at the request of the Rev. E. A. W. King.

DIOCESAN BOARD.

At a meeting of the Board, held at the Cathedral Church Hall, on November 29th, a committee appointed at a previous meeting to take into consideration the reports received from the Archdeacon, as General Missionary Agent, on the assessments of Missions whose agreements expire on 31st December, as well as the correspondence with the Clergy and Church-Wardens on the subject, made their report as to each separate congregation, recommending such increase of assessment, as the circumstances seemed to justify.

This report, based upon the necessity of augmenting the resources of the Diocesan Board, owing to the speedy withdrawal of the S. P. G. Grant and the claims presented by new fields of missionary work, was considered clause by clause, and, after careful study, adopted.

At the meeting on the 20th December, the Board was again occupied in considering the correspondence with the Archdeacon and the authorities of the various Missions to be re-assessed, and arriving at an ultimate decision in each case, when the proposals of the Board, in the first instance, had been objected to.

Additional business transacted, was as follows :

(1) The announcement by the Lord Bishop of the resignation, by the Revd. G. J. Sutherland, of the Mission of St. Sylvester, and the nomination of the Revd. Th. Rudd, as his successor, which the Board concurred in.

(2) The approval of a proposed change in the boundaries of the Missions of Leeds, St. Sylvester and Frampton, with a view to greater efficiency in working them.

(3) The union with the Board of a new Congregation, Eaton Corner, in the Parish of Eaton.

It is gratifying to be able to announce, through the columns of the *Diocesan Gazette*, that the Venerable Archdeacon Roe is meeting with no small measure of success in his conferences with the various congregations. He has completed his canvass of the Missions in the Districts of Gaspé, St. Francis and Megantic, and is about to visit those on the North Shore. Although it is too early to announce, even approximately, the amount of increase, the indications are not wanting that a sufficiently large addition to the contributions of the people will be made to justify the Board in the hope that its work will suffer no curtailment.

Quebec Cathedral.

With the hearty concurrence of the Select Vestry, new Choir Stalls have been erected in the Cathedral at the Bishop's expense, and the Cathedral Choir now sits in the Body of the Church instead of in the Gallery. It is hoped that this change will do much in the way of adding heartiness to the Services.

There is now daily Cathedral Service in All Saints' Chapel within the Cathedral Precincts, at 9.30 a.m. and at 5 p.m. All who wish to serve God are earnestly invited to come at any rate occasionally to these daily Services and so to help in maintaining the stream of Intercession and Thanks-giving and Praise, which it is one great object of Cathedral life to encourage and uphold.

Preachers during the month of January.

Jan'y 7th, 11 a.m.—Rev. Canon Von Iffland.

7 p.m.—The Lord Bishop.

Jan'y 14th, 11 a.m.—The Lord Bishop.

7 p.m.—The Very Reverend the Dean.

Jan'y 21st, 11 a.m.—The Lord Bishop of Athabaska.

7 p.m.—The Very Reverend the Dean.

Jan'y 28th, 11 a.m.—The Very Reverend the Dean.

7 p.m.—The Rev. H. J. Petry.

N.B. The Sunday Evening Services are now fully Choral.

PERSONAL.—Rev. L. V. Larivière, who for several years past has been in charge of the Col. and Cont. Church Society's Mission (French) in the city of Quebec, left on January 1st to take up his residence in Florida, having obtained leave of absence for 12 months from the Lord Bishop.