

Lord John Russell seconded the Resolution.

Earl Grey moved the second Resolution:—

“That while the population of the United Kingdom is spreading itself over vast portions of the earth, and thus laying the foundation of future empires, it is incumbent on the Church of the mother country, so long as her help shall be indispensable, to assist in providing for her emigrant children those ministrations and ordinances of religion which are the privilege of her poorest members at home.”

The Right Hon. Sidney Herbert seconded this.

The Bishop of Oxford moved the next Resolution:

“That, notwithstanding the success which has attended the labours of the Society's Missionaries in heathen lands, the best hope of bringing the various races of the earth to a knowledge of Christ must always depend, under Divine Providence, upon the efforts of a native Ministry.”

Sir R. H. Inglis briefly seconded the motion.

The Duke of Newcastle moved the next Resolution:

“That over and above such contributions as may be offered for the general purposes of the Society, in commemoration of the present Jubilee, special funds be opened in furtherance of three of the more important purposes to which the attention of the Society has of late been directed: namely—the extension of the Episcopate in the British dominions abroad; the education of Missionary candidates in Colleges at home and abroad; the religious instruction and superintendence of emigrants.”

The Earl of Harrowby, in seconding the motion, expressed his deep sense of the importance of the new career undertaken lately by the Church in planting independent Episcopal communities in the Colonies. He could not but add, that while acknowledging the importance of Episcopal administration to these infant communities, he felt that *he should like to see the principle more extensively applied among our great and growing population at home.* (Cheers.)

The Bishop of Tennessee acknowledged in few words the kind manner in which his country had been referred to.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said, that as President of the Society, the privilege fell to his lot of tendering to his Royal Highness the respectful thanks of the Meeting for the services he had rendered in presiding on this occasion. (Cheers.)

The Earl of Chichester seconded the motion.

His Royal Highness, in acknowledging the vote, said it had been very gratifying to him to preside at this meeting, to listen to the eloquent speeches which had been made, and to witness the expressions of enthusiasm with which noble and religious sentiments had been received. He saw in all this pledges for further exertions in this cause. (Cheers.)

The Archbishop then pronounced the Benediction and the Meeting terminated.

On Sunday, June 22, Sermons in commemoration of the Society's Jubilee were preached in 50 churches in and around London. The Collections, so far as they have been received, amount to £2,697 13s. 10d.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

June, 1851.

The Lord Bishop of St. Asaph in the Chair.

The Standing Committee, pursuant to notice, proposed that the sum of £2000 be granted towards the permanent endowment of the Bishopric of Nova Scotia; provided that, within two years from this date, an additional sum of £4000 shall have been raised for the same purpose from other sources.

J. C. Meymott, Esq., moved, that the words from “provided” to “sources” inclusive, be omitted.

The Rev. Dr. Binney seconded this motion, which was carried.

The grant was then made, without the conditions proposed.

Dr. Binney proposed that a Memorial should be forwarded to Earl Grey from this Society, against the repeal of the Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, under which the sum of

£400 was paid annually, since the year 1789, towards the support of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia.

It was agreed to refer this subject to the consideration of the Standing Committee.

The Venerable V. Shortland, Archdeacon of Madras, who was present at the Meeting, alluded to the services rendered by the Society, during a period of more than a century, in the cause of Missions in Southern India. The Archdeacon spoke of this Society as the instrument, through the Divine blessing on the labours of its faithful missionaries, in laying the foundation of the great work now in progress in that portion of our Colonial empire; and he gave a satisfactory account of the Church in the Missions of Tanjore and Tinnevely. He read to the meeting the following extract from a letter which he had lately received from the Rev. A. R. Symonds, Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel at Madras, and Incumbent of the Society's Church at St. Thomé in that Mission.

“I have just had a most interesting case of conversion. A young Brahmin, 22 years of age, of the highest caste, placed himself under my care for baptism. He is very respectable and of some property, was in a good situation, and is well educated. Last night I baptized him before the English congregation, together with a Pariah; Mr. Brotherton and I jointly officiating. The Brahmin had been living with me for several days, eating at my table, and breaking caste. At his baptism he gave up his string.

“I am about to draw up a full account to send to the Parent Society for publication. You will then see the full particulars. The case has caused immense sensation, he being the first of the caste (of Sacrificing Priest) that has embraced Christianity. All agree that it is a most satisfactory case, as being free from all worldly suspicion. He will eventually become a student with me, but for the present it is thought desirable that he should return to his translatorship, so shewing that converts are not necessarily to become dependents of missionaries or missionary societies.”

The following letter from the Bishop of Toronto, dated Toronto, 9th May, 1851, was laid before the Meeting:

“I have been some time in possession of your agreeable letter of the 9th February, and have again to express my grateful acknowledgments to the venerable Society for their generous grant to the Rev. Mr. Osler's church, and the donation of books to the Rev. Mr. Ingles. It would, nevertheless, seem that our wants multiply faster the more they are supplied, and I sometimes fear that your generous spirit will at length get wearied out by our incessant applications; yet I do not desire to see them decrease so long as we have so many poor settlements to assist, and so many more gradually redeeming themselves from the forest, for such would be a sign that the Church was losing her energy, which I trust will never happen.

“No. 1 is a petition from the Rev. Robert Norris Merritt, a travelling missionary, who has been very active in his range of duty, and has been already before the Society, and received three grants during the last year, for three several churches, which he has been instrumental in erecting; and he now comes to entreat your assistance in building a fourth. The particulars stated by the Rev. Mr. Merritt, and the worthy rector of Hamilton, are quite correct, and within my knowledge. The case is very interesting, and deserves the favourable consideration of the Society.

“No. 2 is a petition from the Rev. A. H. R. Mulholland, for aid in building a small church at Owen's Sound, on Lake Huron. Sydenham is a village building at the bottom of the Sound, and is likely in time to become a town of some magnitude, but as yet it is in its early struggles. The best recommendation to the Society will be to state the fact, that Mr. Mulholland collected from the inhabitants of Toronto, while attending the visitation, upwards of £80 and a small convenient set of plate for the church; so much convinced were they of the necessity of the case.

“No. 3. The petition of the Rev. Arthur Hill, for a grant towards finishing a church at Bradford. This is a growing