

energies, that the church may not be taken by surprise when the aid now received from "the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel" shall be reduced according to the statement given in the bishop's charge, January 7th, 1856, to which I must again call your attention. The bishop says:

"According to the engagements which the Society entered into with me on behalf of this Diocese, when I was in England, in July 1853 (and I did my best, as you will, I am sure, well believe, to obtain as favourable an arrangement as possible) they are to give us a grant of £3,600 sterling per annum, which is to be apportioned for the payment of present and new missionaries, strict regard being had to the observance of good faith with all those to whom the society is already pledged; no new engagements are to be entered into on behalf of the society for a longer period than five years, when the grants will be subject to revision; and that, from and after the 1st of July, 1858, the said grants shall be reduced by not less than ten per cent. In order, therefore, to be prepared to meet this reduction in 1858,—a reduction which will amount at least to £360 sterling per annum, besides any losses that may arise on the Clergy Reserves list.—it must be evident that we must leave several vacancies, as they occur in our present missions, without fresh appointments, unless much larger contributions are raised for missionary purposes within the Diocese. It is well, then, that these things should be clearly understood, that we may not be building on false foundations; and though, as I have already stated, I am fully persuaded that it is utterly impossible for the church in this Diocese, at present, to be self-supporting,—indeed, if she were at once reduced to such a strait, one-half at least of her cures must be abandoned—yet I certainly do think that more may and ought to be done for this object than has hitherto been accomplished, and that more will be done when we have fairly placed this matter before our people, and explained the state and prospects of our church to them, and brought into operation a well-organized system for developing their resources and energies.

Our "Incorporated Diocesan Church Society" naturally presents us with fitting machinery for assisting us to meet these our difficulties; but if the society is really to be made an efficient engine, it must, notwithstanding the increase that appears in its funds for the past year, meet with much greater and more general support than has hitherto been accorded to it. The whole matter, however, will really resolve itself into this simple question: Whether the members of the Church of England in this Diocese are now, indeed, in earnest in their work: do they feel it to be their duty and privilege to further the spread of the gospel, according to that pure and reformed faith which our church teaches: and are they willing, for God's glory, and the salvation of souls, to allow the church to "reap of their worldly things, while she sows to them of her spiritual things?" I certainly think it very probable that some of our present missions will have to be abandoned as permanent stations for clergymen; and perhaps it has given a wrong impression of their position, to have allowed clergymen to occupy a settled location, with an apparent permanency given to their ministrations approaching rather to that of a parochial character, while they still retain the name of missionaries, and continue to receive the whole, or nearly the whole, of their support from missionary funds raised without the Diocese. If we are to look to the permanent establishment of the church in this Diocese, with a hope of its ever being self-supporting, I think that, for the future, it is very questionable whether, on vacancies occurring, any parish or district should be considered as entitled to the permanent and regular services of a clergyman, until the congregation is prepared to supply a very much larger proportion of his maintenance than is now generally the case,—even if we cannot as yet require (which would be

impossible, except in a few instances), the whole to be raised within the cure."

After that I have read, it will be clear to all present, that the "Incorporated Diocesan Church Society" claims at our hands more support than it has at present received. We shall soon have to ask for help, but how can we make out a case, when we have no rules, no order, no plan systematically laid down, by which the great and effective machinery of the church can be set in motion. We have no fund, nor any means by which to create one. All the seats in the church are free, and most of them still without backs and kneeling boards. We have two churchwardens, but we have no means of knowing who are real members and supporters of the church. We may have a list of subscribers towards the purchase of glebe and erection of parsonage, &c., but people are too apt to consider when they give a donation of a few dollars, they have done all, and think they have a share in the building for ever. We hope to find a remedy to-day by letting the seats in the church, let us begin the new year with a single eye to God's glory, form our plans in his strength, and pray for a blessing on our nifty-work and all will be well.

The following resolutions were then put to the meeting:

Moved by Mr. James Hodgins, seconded by Mr. Henry Argue,—That the seats in St. Paul's Church, Clarendon, be numbered from one upwards, and let at once, at an annual rec., and finished in a uniform and workmanlike manner when the funds are sufficient to pay for the same—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. Alexander Sonart, seconded by Thomas Corrigan, churchwarden,—That the pew rents form part of the fund for the liquidation of the debt on the glebe and parsonage, and after the erection of the new parsonage house, and all things necessary for the completion of the same, to be applied to such other purposes as shall be thought most needed from time to time, the application of such sums to be determined on at the annual meeting on Easter Monday in each year—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. James Hodgins, seconded by Mr. Henry Argue,—That this meeting pledges itself to use all the means in its power to raise as much money as possible by subscription lists during the present year. Farmers sending in grain to forward it to Mr. James Hodgins, Mr. James Shaw, or to Mr. Mathewson—*Carried.*

The meeting adjourned till Monday, March 2nd, 1857.

Two o'clock, Monday, March 2nd.

The members of the congregation came forward willingly to pay for their seats, the sum of twenty-three pounds was raised before the close of the meeting.

THOMAS CORRIGAN, } Churchwardens.
JOHN DALE, JR., }

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A letter from the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Missionary among the Indians at Lake Huron, Canada West, addressed to the Lord Bishop of Toronto, was laid before the meeting. This letter, dated Malnetoonh-neng, August 6, 1856, was forward by the Bishop with his full recommendation. It appeared that Dr. O'Meara had translated the Prayer Book and New Testament into the Ojibwa language. These works having been attended with greater expense than Dr. O'Meara had expected, he requested, with the approval of his Diocesan, some addition to the £25 which had been voted.

It was agreed that an additional sum of £25 be granted.

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