

his Lordship had expressed his intention to visit the Island at least once a year, to the strengthening and edifying of the congregations here.

On motion of Rev. James Simpson, seconded by Charles Palmer, Esq., it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the society be conveyed to the parent societies for their continual help, and to the lady collectors, for their valuable services.

On motion of Rev. T. B. Reagh, seconded by H. J. Candall, Esq., the officers and members of the Executive Committee (being subscribers) were re-elected, and the names of L. W. Watson, G. J. Wright, James Lewis and W. L. Cotton were added to the committee.

The reports of the rectors of the various Churches were not read—on the understanding that they would be published forthwith; and the chairman, with a few well chosen remarks, introduced the Rev. J. De Soyres, of St. John's Church, St. John, who kindly came over to address the meeting, and who then delivered a very able and eloquent speech for which the unanimous thanks of the meeting were conveyed to him by the chairman.

**CLERICAL ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of this very flourishing Society was held at Charlottetown on the evening of the 6th Feb. The day began with a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church, the Rev. J. Simpson, Incumbent, being the Celebrant. The clergy present were the Revs. S. Weston-Jones, James Simpson, Fred E. J. Lloyd, W. A. Crawford-Frost, C. F. Lowe, T. B. Reagh, H. Harper and T. H. Hunt. The regular meeting of the Society was held at the residence of the Rev. James Simpson, at 3 p. m.

The Rev. W. A. Crawford Frost read a very thoughtful paper, which provoked a good deal of discussion, on "Modern Infidelity and its treatment in the Pulpit." He said he should deal more largely with the rise of the various forms of unbelief, than with their progress and decay. As to treatment from the modern pulpit, his limited experience would not permit him to advise his brethren upon this point. The paper was well written and deeply thought out, the attention of the brethren being well sustained throughout.

A most helpful discussion followed, in which most took part.

Special reference was made to the excellent sermon preached to the Diocesan Church Society in St. Peter's Church by the Rev. Mr. De Soyres, and the President was instructed to convey the hearty thanks of the Society to that gentleman, and to request him to allow it to be printed for circulation throughout the Island.

The Rev. W. Sampson, Rector of Milton, was elected President for the ensuing year, and the Rev. C. F. Lowe was re-elected to the post of Secretary.

The Revs. Fred. E. J. Lloyd and C. F. Lowe were appointed to read special papers at the next quarterly meeting—the former upon the subject of "How best to improve the Diocesan Church Society," and the latter, "How to conduct a Bible Class."

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Milton, upon invitation of Rev. Mr. Sampson.

**DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.**

**NEEDS OF THE WHOLE DIOCESE.**—The "committee on the needs of the whole Diocese," with the concurrence of the Board of Home Missions and under the sanction of the Lord Bishop, has issued a circular to the Diocese from which we take the following particulars:—

To carry on the work that is now being done, there is required annually in contributions from the Diocese:—\$22,934.

To meet this sum for the year April, 1888, to April 1889, there was on the 1st January, 1889, either paid or promised, about \$21,000.

There is thus a probable deficiency for the current year of \$2,000.

Besides this deficiency in the amount required to maintain the existing ministrations of the Church lamentably deficient as they are, the following table shows the additional requirements of the Church throughout the Diocese.

Deanery of Chatham: number of clergy 4; stipends \$1,800; churches 3; cost \$3,500.

Deanery of Fredericton: clergy 1; stipend-\$500; churches 7; cost \$9,000; parsonages 2; cost \$2,000.

Deanery of Kingaton: clergy 4; stipends \$2,000; churches 12; cost \$18,000; parsonage 3; cost \$3,000.

Deanery of Shediac: clergy 3; stipends \$1,400; churches 2; cost \$3,000; parsonages 1; cost \$1,000.

Deanery of St. Andrews: clergy 3; stipends \$2,000; churches 4; cost \$6,000; parsonages 2; cost \$2,000.

Deanery of St. John: clergy 2; stipends \$1,200; churches 1; cost \$1,500.

Deanery of Woodstock: clergy 7; stipend-\$3,200; churches 15; cost \$22,500; parsonages 10; cost \$2,000.

Lumber Camps: clergy 2; stipends \$1,600

Total—clergy 25; stipends \$14,360; churches 44; cost \$63,500; parsonages 23; cost \$23,000.

A paper has been drawn up by the Committee and sanctioned by the Bishop of the Diocese for the use of speakers at Missionary Meetings, with the purpose of affording detailed information as to the present needs of the Diocese, as regards:—

- (a) Additional Clergy.
- (b) Additional churches and buildings.
- (c) The better utilization of the present clergy, buildings &c.

A copy of this paper can be had on application to the Secretary of the Committee, the Rev. A. Lowndes, the Rectory, Prince William, or to Mr. G. A. Schofield, Secretary to the Board of Home Missions, St. John. It is most desirable that Mr. Lowndes be communicated with at least a month before the meetings take place, so that definite arrangements may be made as to locality and hour for each meeting.

**DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.**

**CHURCH SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of Church Society was held at the National School Hall, on Wednesday, the 4th inst.

Those were present:—Rev. Canon Von Iffland, Rev. G. H. Parker, Rev. A. J. Balfour, Rev. J. H. Petry, Rev. L. W. Williams, W. G. Wurtels, Esq., John Hamilton, Esq., G. R. White, Esq., George Veasey, Esq., George Lampson, Esq., C. Judge, Esq., E. J. Hale, Esq., and the Secretary.

The Rev. H. J. Perry in the chair. After prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The reports and the accounts of the Central Board, the Diocesan Board, and the Clergy Trust Committee were presented, adopted and ordered to be printed.

The accounts of the Church Society, the Diocesan Board, the Clergy Trust Fund, the Bishopric Endowment Fund, and the Local Endowment Fund, were adopted and ordered to be printed.

The following were elected members of the Corporation: Rev. E. B. Husband, Rev. W. A. Adcock, Rev. J. E. Hatch.

The Honorary Council of the Church Society were then re-elected viz: The Hon. John Irvine, J. Dunbar, Q. C., and George Lampson, Esq., and a vote of thanks were tendered to them for their valuable services during the past year.

The Vice-Presidents were re-appointed omitting the name of the Rev. G. Reid, deceased.

A hearty vote of thanks was then tendered to Com. Geo. Irvine, C. B., and John Hamilton, Esq., for their very valuable services during the past year.

The Rev. Mr. Petry having to leave, the chair was taken by W. G. Wurtels, Esq.

The following gentleman were elected to serve on the Central Board:—Messrs. C. Judge, F. Montizambert, W. H. Carter, H. J. Pratten, R. P. Campbell, Frank Holloway, G. R. White, John Hamilton, E. J. Hale, W. H. Tapp, R. R. Dobell, Rev. E. I. Rexford, E. E. Webb, John Burstell, Sr. Richard Turner, A. Pope, C. P. Champion, T. H. Norris, G. E. Borlase, E. Pope, C. W. Walcott, G. C. Nuyes.

The following were elected members of the Diocesan Board: Rev. G. H. Parker, Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, Robert Hamilton, Esq. W. H. Carter, Esq., C. Judge, Esq.

The following were elected members of the Clergy Trust Committee: Rev. F. A. Smith, Rev. Canon Von Iffland, Rev. F. Boyle, Rev. L. W. Williams, Rev. Canon Richardson, Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, Rev. A. J. Balfour, Robert Hamilton, Esq., W. G. Wurtels, Esq., C. Judge, Esq., George Veasey, Esq., R. H. Smith, Esq., Alex. Pope, Esq., E. J. Hale, Esq.

The thanks of the Church Society were then given to the Auditors for their valuable services during the past year.

The following By-law read for the first time on the first day of February, 1888, was now finally considered and adopted.

"Whereas under the Statute of the Province of Quebec, 45 Vic., Chap. 88, this Society is authorized to consolidate the Endowment Funds, for the support of various Parishes and Missions within the Diocese of Quebec, placed and hereafter to be placed in the hands of this Society under deeds of trust for investment, so far as to distribute any losses that may occur through failure in investments proportionately over the whole; and whereas by such consolidation every Parish and Mission would in great measure be secured from loss which might occur by the total or partial failure of its investments, therefore it is enacted:

That all the Endowments so placed and hereafter to be placed in the hands of this Society be, and the same are, consolidated for such distribution of losses; provided nevertheless, that no parish or mission shall be affected by or come under the operation of the present By-law, until this Society shall have received a formal certificate in writing, signed by the incumbent and churchwardens of every congregation in the parish or mission, declaring that it has been decided at a regular meeting of said congregation, that the parish or mission consents to come under the operation of the present By-law, and to incur the obligation imposed by such consolidation, and desires to obtain the benefits which may arise therefrom. That in the event of loss in any Endowment Fund of any Parish or Mission which has so certified its consent and desire to come under this By-law, such loss shall be distributed over all the Endowments which are under the operation of this By-law, and shall be borne proportionately by the whole of such endowments."

A number of the Society's by-laws considered for the first time on the 15th day of November, 1888, were then finally adopted.

The following were then read for the first time and await final consideration:

In Article XIV., by-laws, add to paragraph 10, page 58, the following:—"Any clergyman who accepts employment in another Diocese, or who shall have been on leave of absence for a period of more than six months, for other cause than ill health, either of himself, wife or children, shall be considered to have removed from the Diocese, for the purpose of this By-law."

In Article XV., By-laws, page 61, add a new clause 114:—"Any clergyman who shall leave this Diocese, and accept employment in another, or who shall be on leave of absence for a period of more than six months, for other causes than ill-health, either of himself, wife or children, shall not in the event of his return to work in the Diocese be allowed to count the period of his former services therein, in determination of pension."

The meeting then adjourned.