

Bishop of Quebec, (in the Chair,) the Revds. A. W. Mountain, R. G. Pless, J. Torrance, W. King, and Official Mackie, D. D.; Hon. W. Walker; and C. N. Montizambert, J. Maclaren, and H. S. Scott, Esqrs.

After the usual prayers, the Minutes of the last meeting were read.

In reference to the grant made at the last meeting to the Diocesan Female School of the Diocese of Montreal, on the understanding that the Clergy of this Diocese should enjoy the same privilege in the education of their daughters as those in the Diocese of Montreal, the Secretary stated that Mrs. Roles, the lady conducting that Institution, was not prepared (as the Board had been led to suppose) to agree to the terms proposed unless the grant were made an annual one. At the same time a letter was read, containing a proposal from Mrs. Roles to take, in consideration of the grant of £50, the daughters of the Clergy of this Diocese at half-price, provided the number of such pupils should at no time exceed five. Resolved

That Mrs. Roles' offer be accepted.

Moved by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by the Hon. W. Walker, and Resolved

That all Clergymen desirous of availing themselves of this arrangement, be requested to intimate their intention to the Secretary of the Society.

The Finance Committee's Report was read, recommending a grant of £10 towards defraying the expense of painting and otherwise improving the Church at St. Sylvester.

The Rev. J. Torrance proposed, seconded by C. N. Montizambert, Esq., and it was Resolved, That the grant be increased to £20.

The Report of the Lay Committee was read: and on motion of Rev. Dr. Mackie, seconded by Rev. J. Torrance, was adopted.

The Report of the Depository Committee was read and adopted.

It was next moved by Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by Hon. W. Walker, and Resolved,

That the Treasurers at Montreal and Quebec be authorized to transfer the Bank stock of the Society, and to dispose of the balance in hand in October last, in the manner indicated in the plan for the division of the property of the Society agreed upon at the Special Meeting held on the 13th May last.

It was then Resolved, That the salary of the Secretary be fixed at £60 per annum, besides travelling expences, it being understood that the present rate be continued while his services are employed as Travelling Missionary.

A letter was read from the Minister and Churchwardens of the Church at Melbourne requesting that the purchase money of the Parsonage and Glebe Lot be at once paid. Resolved,

That the Board are prepared to pay the amount, on the terms as understood at the time the proposal was submitted to them: viz., a portion at once, and the remainder in two Annual Installments.

Moved by H. S. Scott, Esq., seconded by Rev. W. Wickes, and Resolved,

That the Lord Bishop of Quebec be requested to accept the Property, in trust for the Society, until the Act of Incorporation is obtained, should the Honorary Counsel see no objection to this arrangement:—and, if so, that that gentleman be requested to suggest some other arrangement.

The Treasurers' accounts were laid on the table, shewing a balance of £222 2 6 on account of the General Fund, and of £64 13 7 on account of Widows' and Orphans' Fund,—Resolved,

That the Treasurer be requested to invest the last named amount, together with any further sums that may be received by him on account of that fund, under the direction of the Lay Committee.

Moved by Rev. W. Wickes, seconded by Hon. W. Walker, and Resolved,

That an annual standing grant of £125 cy. be made to the Lord Bishop for the purpose of procuring the services of a Travelling Missionary, and that during any vacancy in the office, his Lordship be authorized to provide for the performance of those duties by such other arrangement as he may be able to make.

Ordered that £1 17 3 amount of incidental expences incurred by the Secretary since the month of May last, £2 4 4 Travelling Expences of the Secretary on account of the Society, and 15s. an addition to the expences of the last annual meeting of the Society be paid by the Treasurer.

The meeting was closed with the benediction.

G. J. QUEBEC.

Payments made to the Treasurer of the Church Society.

General Fund.	
Annual Subscription from J. Fletcher.....	£1 5 0
" " " Henry Jessopp.....	1 5 0
From Miss Osborne's Missionary Box.....	1 9 3
" Collections by Mrs. Harbeson.....	2 1 11
" " Miss F. Tremain.....	1 8 1
" Mr. Julian, South Pillar Light House, (on account of the Travelling Missionary Fund).....	0 15 0
Donation from a friend, Grosse Isle.....	0 5 0
	£8 9 3

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Collection at Cacouna, per Rev. E. G. W. Ross.....	£3 0 0
" in the Cathedral on Sunday, 28th Sept.....	41 1 0
" in St. Matthew's Chapel.....	12 0 0
" in All Saints' ".....	2 18 1
" at Nicolet.....	2 5 11
" at Hatley.....	1 2 6
" at Stanstead.....	1 0 0
" at Portneuf Mission.....	0 15 0
" in St. Paul's Chapel.....	1 16 7
" at Montmorenci.....	2 17 6
" at Grosse Isle.....	1 13 8
" at Pointe Levi.....	2 2 6
" at New Liverpool.....	3 6 6
	£75 19 1

R. SYMES, Treasurer.

Quebec, 8th Oct. 1851.

PARISH OF QUEBEC.—An application for a mandamus to compel the Rector of Quebec to read the funeral service in the Cathedral over the body of the infant child of Mr. C. Wurtele was made to the Judges of the Superior Court, during the last term. The decision of their honors, in which Mr. Justice Bacquet concurred, is given below:

BOWEN, C. J.—This is an application by petition on the part of Christian Wurtele for a writ of mandamus to be addressed to the Right Reverend George Jehoshaphat Mountain, Lord Bishop of the Diocese and Rector of the Parish of Quebec, to compel him to open the Cathedral Church in this city, and there to read, or cause to be read over the body of Charles Frederick Wurtele, the infant son of the petitioner, (who died 15th July last) the Funeral service appointed by the Ritual, as contained in the Book of Common prayer, to be used at the interment of deceased persons.

In support of the Petition the affidavit of C. Wurtele, and a notarial protest, have been produced and filed by petitioner.

No reasonable person can, for a moment, doubt that the right of burial in the parish church yard is a common law right recognized as inherent in every parishioner; it is founded, as stated in the books, "on a principle of humanity, becoming respect for the dead, and proper regard for the safety of the living."

With the view, therefore, of testing the validity of the claim thus set up by the Petitioner, we must look, in the first instance, to our Provincial Statute Law, 12 Vict., ch. 43. sec. 11, where it would be seen that this Court is bound to issue the Writ in all cases in which a Writ of Mandamus will lie and may be legally issued in England.

What, then, are the requisites upon which such a writ would be issued in England? It is fully admitted on both sides, that the petitioner must, in the first place, shew a clear legal right in himself, and a corresponding duty in that behalf in the person who refuses that right; secondly, the absence of all other remedy; and thirdly, an absolute and positive refusal.

Now, without stopping to inquire as to the second of these points, we conceive the petitioner, under the facts as disclosed by