

The Bishop of Georgia was anxious that justice should be done to the Church. In our public meetings it was so usual to charge the Church with parsimony and a failure of duty, and with the extreme difficulty of raising funds, that the outside public was likely to form very erroneous notions. It ought to be remembered that, beside our general objects, we have more than thirty dioceses, each of which has objects of its own, and the amounts thus raised are not seen in these general statements. If the parochial clergy are to give so much attention to general calls, they must neglect many others. Nearly all the dioceses had diocesan missions of their own, besides the "Domestic" and "Foreign" work. Their expenses in church and parsonage buildings were heavy. They raised funds for widows and orphans, for aged and infirm clergy, for the support of the Episcopate, besides other Diocesan Institutions, and the current support of their Bishops:—and all this besides the support of the clergy, the worship of the Church, and the poor. If the full aggregate of all all this could be set before them, that assembly would be struck with amazement. The Bishop of Michigan's parish, they had just learned, gave over \$35,000 the past year. His own parish in Savannah seldom gave less than \$18,000 to \$20,000, which went to diocesan work, and must so do, unless he should send his clergy as mendicants through the land. He thought the agent would do well to visit, not so much the larger parishes which were not well informed, as the second class rural parishes, which might thus be induced to take a deeper interest. Another thing ought to be remembered. A large proportion of the non-contributing parishes, had really hardly any existence at all. The list included many that had died out. He hoped the resolution would pass. But it should be remembered that we were not one consolidated body like the Presbyterians, but more than thirty distinct dioceses within one Catholic Church, and each portion kept its own separate account. In proportion to our numbers we gave much more than any body of Christians in the land; and could it be added together, the enormous amount would astonish every one that heard it.

The Bishop of Western New York thought it was especially the duty of the Bishops to see that these collections were made; and it was at his suggestion that the words, "and especially the Bishops," were inserted in the Resolution.

The Bishop of Maryland said that his diocese had raised, both this year and last year, more than \$10,000 for diocesan Missions. For Church purposes, other than ordinary parochial expenses, his diocese had raised \$147,000. But in view of all this, they were yet far, very far from the measure of their duty, or rightly valuing the privilege of doing something in God's cause. There were country parishes in his diocese harder and poorer than any in Massachusetts, but none so poor that it could not contribute a quarter of a dollar; and in enclosing, and addressing, and putting the postage stamp on that small sum, an active interest would be shown, which would be sure to increase. The formation of an active habit was invaluable. If a man passed by the opportunity of giving, because he had only twenty-five cents to give, he would soon do the same because he had only fifty cents, and soon, even when he had \$5, he would button up his pocket; and, by-and-by, he would come honestly to believe that it was absolutely wrong to give his money away at all. He wished every member of the Board to go away feeling pledged to labour more, and pray more earnestly than ever. If the Bishop did not do his duty, let the local agents write to him once a week until he did his duty; and if the

parish clergymen failed, let them be treated in the same way. Thus their income would go on increasing in a geometrical ratio.

The Bishop of Louisiana excused his diocese for having so many non-contributing parishes, on the ground that it was so new a diocese, and had so much missionary work to be done within its own borders, which they did, without appealing to foreign aid in other dioceses. When their own pioneer work was done, they would be able and willing to do more for the general fund. He hoped the resolution would pass by acclamation.

Dr. Van Kleeck said that he was already acting on the Bishop of Georgia's recommendation, and spent more than half his time in the rural parishes. He mentioned that a gentleman of Alabama had pledged \$200 a-year, if a missionary were sent to Utah. Another had pledged \$25 a-year for three years.

Judge Conyngham said his clergyman held a missionary meeting once a month, with the happiest effect. Another member of the Board suggested that a missionary meeting should be held during the session of every Diocesan Convention.

The resolution was carried, *nem. con.*

The Bishop of Iowa then read a report of a Special Committee appointed two years ago, in regard to increased efficiency in the missionary work in the West. The report went at length into various branches of the subject, and concluded with several resolutions. They first recommended greater concentration of important points, and a larger support to missionaries labouring at such points. The second advocated the establishment of itinerating missionaries. The third advocated the co-operation of the laity in various ways on the frontier. The fourth suggested some organised system for aiding in the erection of churches and parsonages. The fifth called on the parochial clergy to take measures to increase the knowledge of their people in regard to mission work, and secure their earnest prayer. The sixth recommended that special forms of prayer be set forth for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of the Canon.

The Report and Resolutions were laid on the table, for further action on Thursday afternoon. —*Ch. Journal, N. Y.*

WESTERN NEW YORK.

The Journal of Convention furnishes the following statistics of the Diocese:—

Clergy—Canonically resident (Bishop, 1; Priests, 126; Deacons, 11)...	138
Ordained (Deacons, 5; Priests, 5)...	10
Candidates for Orders.....	19
Parishes in union with the Convention	146
Families.....	8,699
Adults	10,202
Children	4,913
Not specified.....	11,163
Not reported.....	11,540
Total number of individuals	37,818
Baptisms, (Adult, 263; Infant, 1,270; not specified, 8).....	1,536
Communicants, present number ...	10,834
Sunday School Teachers.....	1,221
Sunday scholars	8,773
Contributions,—General \$ 4,094.72	
Diocesan 9,601.86	
Parochial 48,704.82—\$62,401.40	

REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, 1859.

For many years past, the Society has been

called to consider the propriety of a change in the season for holding its Anniversary Meetings. This question, wisely referred to the local Committees, has at length been decided. A large majority of the Lay Delegates, at the last meeting of the General Committee, resolved upon the change. By an Act of the Legislature, published in the appendix of the last report, that decision has been confirmed. We meet together now for the first time, under this new regulation, and it is hoped, that the objections urged against the change, may be obviated, and that all parties will work together, in giving increased efficiency to the operations of the Society.

The Society has good reason to be thankful for the success vouchsafed during the year closed at the last Anniversary meeting. It was a period of great difficulty and commercial depression, and yet, the contributions considerably exceeded those of any former year; and it will be found, on reference to the Treasurer's accounts, that there remains a large cash balance, after providing for the last annual appropriations.

Considering the short time since the last report was furnished, it was not thought desirable to call upon the Missionaries for their usual returns, shewing the duties performed in their several missions. The work is, meanwhile, going on, but more laborers are required. It will be seen by many of the reports that Missionaries are earnestly desired.

Since our last meeting, death has taken one from our number. The Rev. C. G. Wiggins, the late devoted Missionary at Greenwich and Petersburg, seeking in change of climate for restoration to health, found a grave in a distant land. God has thus been pleased to deprive the Church of one admirably fitted for the Missionary work.

The Society has also of late sustained another heavy loss, by the lamented death of George D. Robinson, Esquire, for many years one of the Auditors. Ever ready to take an active part in the work and to afford assistance in the kindest and most judicious way, the removal of Mr. Robinson has left a blank which cannot readily be supplied.

The Society will be gratified to learn that a considerable addition has been made to its future resources, by a donation from an earnest minded churchman, who desires that his name may not be mentioned. This generous gift consists of a Policy of Insurance, No. 2,467, in the American Temperance Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., for the sum of \$1000; which has been assigned to the Society, and placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Loan Committee.

To provide for the appropriations required at the present time, the members of the Society have been, in most instances, called upon for a half-yearly contribution. The result will be gathered from the abstracts from the reports of the Missionaries and local Committees.

From the returns, it appears that the following sums have been contributed to the various objects of the Society for the half year ending at the present time, *viz.*:—Aged Clergy Fund, £2; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, £6; General Purposes, £1007 2s. 4d., total, £1015 2s. 4d.

The returns from several local Committees have not yet been received.

The present is a time when the Church seems specially called to that Missionary work for which it was instituted. Never, since the first preaching of the Apostles, did there seem a wider field for its extension, than that so remarkably opened up by the extraordinary events of the few past years.