

It was a matter of gratification to me, as well as, I trust, to all I address, to receive the Bishop among us last summer. I rejoice to think that he was favorably impressed with the progress made in this portion of his Diocese, and I hope that his efforts amongst us will not have been without beneficial results. I am glad to have this public opportunity of expressing the sympathy I felt for the Bishop in the annoyances to which he was recently subjected.

In conclusion, I would venture to impress upon you that, as members of the Church, it is our duty, individually, to spread to the utmost her principles, and attach her adherents to her; it is our duty to exhibit great toleration for the different shades of opinion existing in the Church, marking what is good rather than what we disapprove in them; and it is particularly our duty to exercise great liberality in our contributions to church purposes. I am far from ignoring the extent to which this liberality now exists, but I would urge you not to rest content merely with what you have done, but to give still more largely from the stores of which God has constituted you the stewards.

The Secretary, Rev. D. B. Parnter, then read the Report for the past year; and a statement of the finances was made by the Treasurer.

The following Resolutions were then passed unanimously, having been ably moved and seconded. Some of the speakers alluded to the union of Church and State which exists in the mother country, and expressed the opinion that this union has hitherto been a great hindrance to her perfect usefulness, and that their separation would, instead of being prejudicial to her interests, be one of the greatest blessings which could be conferred upon her, and through her, upon the people of England:

Moved by the Archdeacon, and seconded by the Hon. Joseph Hensley:

“That the Report now read be adopted, and printed under the direction of the Committee.”