

EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

A meeting to promote this important object was held at Sandwich, on Thursday last. The Right Rev. Bishop of Michigan favored the meeting with his presence, and the Rev. B. Cronyn, E. Lawrence Lawrason, Esq., as a deputation from the managing committee, as well as the Rev. F. Mack and the Rev. F. Sandys, were present.

The Rev. E. H. Dewar, as chairman of the meeting, explained the circumstances under which it was called, and read the resolution of the Synod, and extracts from the Bishop's Pastoral bearing upon the subject.

The Rev. B. Cronyn then entered upon a full and interesting statement, in which he detailed the origin of the movement, the outlines of the plan so admirably devised by our esteemed Diocesan, and the prospect of speedy success, which even now, when we have in reality been at work little more than a month, is no longer doubtful. It was, Mr. Cronyn observed, a decisive proof that the Church of Canada heartily responds to the call of her bishop, that wherever meetings have been held, the subject had excited deep interest, and liberal contributions had been raised. His own book, one of six in the town of London, shewed subscriptions amounting to nearly £3000. In Simcoe £800 had been subscribed at the meeting, in Woodstock £900, in Chatham £350. In fact he entertained no doubt, that in the places where the subject had already been brought before the people, and they did not cover one-half of the field, £8000 would be raised; and he felt confident that the whole sum required would be subscribed before the end of autumn, and that at the commencement of next year we should be in a position to request leave to elect a bishop.

Col. Prince, M.P.P., in moving the first resolution, made an animated and effective speech. Referring to a statement made by Mr. Cronyn, that without an adequate income we could not expect any distinguished clergyman in England to resign his preferment in that country for the purpose of presiding over a colonial diocese, the hon. gentleman remarked that he hoped to see the election fall upon one of the Canadian clergy. Among that body there were, he knew, as pious, as devoted, as learned, and as judicious men, as would be found in any country in the world. And he for one desired no better than to see his own spiritual interests and those of his countrymen entrusted to one selected from among their number. The movement, he continued, was well-timed and highly necessary. The Church had able and zealous adversaries; the Church of Rome was straining every nerve, and was making, it could not be concealed, headway among us. Her influence was increasing in the country and in the halls of the Legislature, and the Government was bound hand and foot by her power and her influence.

The Right Rev. Bishop McCrosky seconded the resolution in a forcible and eloquent address, to which in a brief report it would be impossible to do justice. He spoke of the vast importance of an increased number of Bishops, and instanced the Diocese of New York. It was, he said, a matter not of speculation, but of certainty, that if that vast diocese had been divided ten years ago the number of clergy would by this time have been quadrupled. And even now, lately as it had been effected, the increase of clergy was as remarkable as it was gratifying. The right rev. prelate dilated upon the necessity of having Bishops acquainted with the country and its wants, and concluded with an eloquent eulogy upon the character and services of that devoted servant of Christ, the venerable Bishop of Toronto.

The next resolution was moved by L. Lawra-

son, Esq., of London. He shewed the physical impossibility of the supervision of such a tract of country as is included in the present Diocese of Toronto by any one man, whatever his strength, his energy, and his devotion. It was of especial importance that a Bishop should visit every parish in his diocese once a year.

T. Woodbridge, Esq., of Sandwich, seconded the resolution, and spoke in feeling words, which commended themselves to every one present, of the spiritual destitution of many parts of the country, and more especially in the thinly settled districts of the western portion. There was an earnest longing for the ministrations of the Church, and he felt satisfied that the measure now proposed would be the best means towards supplying the lamented deficiency.

The third resolution was moved by the Rev. F. Mack, who exposed the false idea so prevalent of the meaning of "the Church" as consisting of the clergy, and drew a faithful picture of the Church as it ought to be, presided over by a bishop, ministered unto by priests and deacons, and her efficiency secured by the harmonious and cordial co-operation of all her lay members.

This resolution was seconded by Charles Hunt, Esq., of Windsor, who dwelt upon the new life and energy which the participation of the laity in the election of Bishops and the Synodical action of the Church was calculated to call forth, and its beneficial effects upon her welfare and efficiency.

The last resolution was proposed by J. P. Salter, Esq., and seconded by the Rev. F. Sandys, who, on account of the lateness of the hour, only addressed the meeting in a brief and hasty exhortation to help forward the good work in a liberal spirit.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop of Michigan, as well as the other gentlemen who had come from a distance, and to the chairman, was then proposed by Col. Prince and seconded by Major Donaldson of Amherstburg.

After the meeting a list was opened, and £230 was immediately subscribed by a few of those who were present. This may be considered a very good beginning, especially as the community is a small one, and £250 has lately been expended upon St. John's Church, while £240 has just been subscribed in Windsor alone towards the erection of a church in that village. Altogether, we have no hesitation in saying, that considering the importance of the subject, the interest excited, the high character of the speeches delivered by laymen as well as clergymen, and the successful result, this has been the most important Church meeting ever held in Sandwich.

The following were the resolutions adopted:

1. That the Pastoral Letter of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, called forth as it was by the united voice of clergy and laity in Synod assembled, is entitled to the most serious and respectful consideration of every member of the Church of England and Ireland in this Diocese.

2. That the division of the Diocese of Toronto is imperatively demanded by the rapid increase of population in this colony.

3. That the participation of the Laity in the Synodical action of the Church is the best guarantee that new energy will henceforth be infused into all our proceedings.

4. That the following gentlemen be a Committee to solicit subscriptions to the Episcopal Fund in this parish and neighborhood:—The Churchwardens, George Bullock, Esq., Doctor Dewson, Charles Hunt, Esq., Albert Prince, Esq., and Jacob Brown, Esq.

The Very Rev. Dean Newman, of Capetown, was among the passengers in the *Seringapatam*, which arrived in London on Wednesday, May 3.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

On Thursday last, the 29th of June, the Annual Dinner was given in the hall of Trinity College. The company included the Chancellor of the University, the Hon. J. H. Cameron, G. W. Allan, Esq., Lewis Moffatt, Esq., the Provost, the Professors in the Faculties of Arts and Medicine, the Bursar, and the matriculated students. The unavoidable absence of the Bishop, who was on his confirmation tour in the west, was much regretted.

The toast of 'The Queen,' which was received with fitting enthusiasm, was followed by that of 'The Chancellor,' who, on returning thanks, proposed 'The Benefactors of the College,' and, in so doing, adverted with great feeling, to the obligations under which the college lies to the Bishop of Toronto, its original projector and the watchful guardian of its interests. He mentioned also, as a special instance of British liberality, a donation of £500 made by Mr. Turner when the Bishop was collecting subscriptions for the college in England, and as proofs that the like spirit is not wanting within the Province, he instanced the munificent gift of Dr. Burnside in 1853, and the scholarships founded during the present year by Mr. Cameron and Mr. Allan. The toast was acknowledged by the two last mentioned gentlemen.

Among other toasts 'The Prizemen of the year' was given, including the successful competitors for the Wellington and Burnside scholarships, the former of which was awarded to Mr. Sanders, a pupil of Rugby school, and the latter to Mr. Evans, son of the Rev. Francis Evans, Rector of Woodhouse and Rural Dean.

Four scholarships in arts will be open to students commencing their college course in October next, one on Mr. Cameron's foundation, to be awarded at the commencement of the Michaelmas term, and three, viz.: one Wellington, one Bishop Strachan, and one Allan scholarship to be awarded according to the result of the annual examination in June.

THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

COLLECTIONS MADE IN THE SEVERAL CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND MISSIONARY STATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE MISSION FUND APPOINTED TO BE TAKEN UP ON THE 9TH OF JULY, 1864.

MISSION FUND.

St. Mary's, Warwick, £	0	10	0	
Town Line, Brooke,	0	7	0	
East Warwick,	0	3	0	
per Rev. J. Mockridge				£1 0 0
St. Paul's Ch., Fort Erie, 1	2	0		
St. John's Ch., Lime-Ridge 0	8	1		
per Rev. E. Grasett				1 10 1
St. John's Ch., Prescott 7	1	8½		
St. James' Ch., Maitland 0	17	3½		
per Churchwarden				7 19 0
Elizabeth Town,	0	19	8	
North Augusta,	0	18	9	
per Rev. W. C. Clarke				1 18 5
St. George's, Drummond-				
ville,	2	15	11	
St. John's, Stamford,	1	0	4	
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