

Messrs. Hamilton, White and Jones were appointed a committee to co-operate with the Bishop in making arrangements for the Anniversary Meeting. A Committee was also appointed to review the Clerical Reports prior to their publication. The Lord Bishop formally intimated to the Board that the late Dr. Robert Hamilton had by his will bequeathed to the Mission Fund of the Society \$45,000 together with the unexpended portion of his annual tithe, which amounted to about \$11,000, or \$56,000 in all, less succession Duty. And also that he had bequeathed to the Quebec Church Society \$10,000 to be held in trust for the benefit of S. Matthews' Church. A fitting resolution was passed expressive of the Society's grateful appreciation of these munificent bequests, and thankfully accepting the trusts imposed. The Lord Bishop as President, and the Rev. A. J. Balfour as Secretary, were duly authorized to execute a Deed of Trust between the Society and the Executors and Trustees of Estate, late Robert Hamilton, Esq., to receive and grant a discharge for the sums of money referred to.

#### ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

It is indeed a pleasure to be able to inform our readers that the Right Rev. Dr. Dumoulin, Lord Bishop of Niagara, has most kindly promised to speak at the Anniversary Meeting of our Church Society, which will be held, it is hoped, in the Tara Hall on Monday evening, March 6th, at eight o'clock. The Bishop, who will be staying with our Bishop, has also promised to preach at S. Matthew's Church, Quebec, on Sunday morning, March 5th, and at the Cathedral at Evensong.

"Have you not mistaken the pew, sir?" said a lady to a stranger, as he entered her pew. "I beg pardon," replied the intruder, rising to go out, "I fear I have—I took it for a Christian's!"

### The Robert Hamilton Bequest

AND

### The Robert Hamilton Memorial.

On the last day of the old year the Bishop was permitted to receive for the Church Society's Mission Fund, from the Estate of our late Friend and Benefactor, (1) a sum of \$45,000, and (2) the amount of Mr. Robert Hamilton's tithe that happened to be unexpended at the time of his decease, viz., about \$11,000. The Bishop, at the same time, took for the Church Society towards the endowment of the Rectory of S. Matthew's Church, Quebec, a sum of \$10,000. And he further took for Bishop's College, Lennoxville, \$25,000, the College having received \$20,000 of the \$15,000 intended for it two years ago. The Bishop further took, as Attorney for the Bishop of Montreal, \$10,000 towards Missionary work in the Gatineau District, and as Attorney for the Bishop of Ottawa, \$10,000 for that Diocese. These gifts, including \$10,000 mentioned in the Will, but given before Mr. Hamilton's decease towards the endowment of Hawkesbury, in the Diocese of Ottawa, and including the \$20,000 already given to Bishop's College, Lennoxville, amount to the generous sum of \$141,000.

There is, in fact, only one cause for regret, and that is that by the law of this Province all these glorious gifts for religious and educational objects are subject to ten per cent duty payable to the Provincial Government; so that, excepting the \$10,000 for Hawkesbury and \$20,000 for Bishop's College, which were given during life, ten per cent or one-tenth of all the remaining gifts had to be paid into the Provincial Exchequer, whereas in the Province of Ontario all such bequests go to their various objects duty free.

But all this does not in the least affect the fact that in the late Mr. Robert Hamilton we have a noble example, an example calling—according to our measure—not only for humble imita-