

Bishop Thorneloe was deeply moved by this grand token of esteem and affection, and in reply spoke very slowly and tenderly. He reviewed all the marks of esteem he had witnessed since his elevation to the high Office he had been called upon in the providence of God to fill. He would never forget the many happy years spent among his old parishioners of S. Peter's. He had ministered to them in the days of their sorrow, and he had had the happiness to participate in their joys. The numerous ties of true friendship, that brought them closer together during all these years, he could not enumerate, and would ever look back upon Sherbrooke as a place where a host of faithful friends took an interest in his welfare. He paid a tribute to Dr. Heneker, who presented the Address, and he did not like to say in his presence how much he revered and respected him. He thanked his brethren of the Clergy, who had been for so many years his faithful collaborators, and who were present in such large numbers, for their kindness in coming to say farewell, and he would especially mention his faithful friend Archdeacon Roe, as well as Prof. Searth and Rev. G. H. Parker, of whom he said that he owed them debts of gratitude for all their kindnesses to him. He was rejoiced to see present members of the great Roman Catholic Church as well as large numbers from the various denominations outside of his own Church. This gave him much pleasure, for, while he had ever firmly upheld and taught the doctrine of the English Branch of the Church, he was happy to find that he had done so in such a manner as not to alienate or hurt the feelings of those who differed from him, and he would welcome with joy the day when they all would be one—which must eventually come. He welcomed with pleasure the clerical gentlemen of other denominations, and thanked one and all for the kind wishes expressed in the Address. He expressed the hope that they would continue to shew their regard for him by taking a deeper interest in the Diocese of Algoma, and told of a workingman in the Parish who had given him five dollars to be used in his new field of labor. The Bishop closed what many are pleased to call his most eloquent address with a hearty wish for the welfare and happiness of all present, assuring all that he never would forget, in his new home, the many kind and true friends he

had left behind, not only in the City of Sherbrooke, but in the whole District of Saint Francis.

Church Society.

CENTRAL BOARD.

A Stated Meeting of the Central Board, presided over by the Lord Bishop, was held in the Church Hall on January 19th. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Rev. A. J. Balfour, Secretary of the Society, submitted the Annual Report for the year 1896, which was read through, considered clause by clause, slightly amended and ordered to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Church Society on February 3rd proximo. The Report, on the whole, was a favourable one: for, although it exhibited a slight falling off in voluntary contributions in behalf of the Society's several Funds, amounting in the aggregate to \$375.00, it revealed the fact that in the District of St. Francis, where the decline chiefly occurred, there had been a very large increase over 1895 in the amount raised and expended for general Church purposes. The increase is apparently about \$8,000.00. In the same District, the offerings towards objects outside of our own Diocese exceed the previous years by more than \$500.00. The returns from the City of Quebec, per offertory and *ordinary* subscriptions, are slightly in excess of those of 1895.

The Deanery of Megantic has done well; and the Deanery of Gaspé, in spite of poor harvest returns, from land and sea, has done nobly.

Bearing in mind that during the same year, the authorities of Lennoxville University acknowledge to have received from Churchmen in the Diocese, in addition to Mr. Robert Hamilton's generous gift of \$20,000, no less than \$15,000, in behalf of their Jubilee Fund (in part to be paid by instalments), the general work of the Church may be characterized as progressive and hopeful—so far as material things lead to a right judgment.

The Board resolved to recommend the present Vice-Presidents, and members of the Central Board, for re-election at the Annual Meeting.

A report from the Education and Depository Committee was presented and adopted, and some letters read and considered.