

duced in each instance by the amount of the available revenue of such Endowment Funds: Provided also that this clause shall not be held to apply to those Missionaries who were in the receipt of any such Endowment Funds at the time of the enactment of this Proviso: or of Missionaries in charge of Missions whose Endowment Funds shall have been brought up from \$1800, or less, to the sum which yields \$200 per annum interest.

Briefly stated the object of the contemplated change is to make the revenue derived from Local Endowments where such exist, available in paying part of the above, scale and not to treat it extra or as a sort of Ecclesiastical perquisite to be had in certain Missions and not to be had in others. We think there cannot be a doubt as to the wisdom of the course taken to-day, although heartily opposed by some whose zeal for the welfare of the Diocese is alike beyond question and praise. The following careful *resumé* was presented by Mr. John Hamilton, a comparatively young officer of the Society, but one who gives promise of being like many other Laymen a tower of strength to the work of the Church in this Diocese. It presents the case in a forcible and temperate manner, and we do not think there was any really successful attempt made to controvert the position which it so clearly lays down.

From the records of the Church Society, it appears that in 1863 Mr. Robert Hamilton offered to present a certain number of Missions with \$200 each towards an Endowment, provided a like sum was raised by the Mission. No other stipulation appears to have been made. In the Church Society report for 1864, it is stated that the Bishop had issued a circular, calling attention to Local Endowments, urging the necessity of establishing such funds, and referring to a resolution of the S. P. G., appropriating £1000 sterling to the Diocese of Montreal for Local Endowments, on condition of their raising £5000, and the Church Society of that Diocese adding £500 sterling—not more than £100 sterling of the S. P. G. grant to be given to any one place. The Bishop added that upon his application the S. P. G., had consented to make a similar appropriation to the Diocese of Quebec. In May, 1864, the Bishop of Quebec entered into a correspondence with the S. P. G., to the effect that this Diocese could not avail themselves of the offer as made, which elicited a reply dated 9th July, 1864, stating that if this Diocese could raise even £1000 or £500 there was no doubt one-fifth would be added by the S. P. G., and that similar applications might be made from time to time. The report of the Church Society, for the year 1864, referring to the formation of these Endowment Funds says, *such a nucleus towards the support of their Pastor will be felt by succeeding generations as a great boon, knowing as we do that the aid now received from the S. P. G., is a declining aid and must ultimately cease altogether.*

The report of the Clergy Trust Committee for the same year, referring to the Frampton Endowment Fund says, "the revenue of the Frampton Mission Endowment Fund is now sufficient to enable the Committee to pay two hundred dollars per annum to the Clergyman serving the Mission, he will therefore from the 1st January, 1885, receive a portion of his stipend from this Fund according to the terms of the Trust Deed.

In the report of the Church Society for the year 1865, it is stated that a form of deed had been drafted and approved of, setting forth the purposes for which the Fund is in each case intended, and the conditions and trusts subject to which it is held by the society.

In July, 1865, the Secretary of the S. P. G., wrote saying "that its aid towards Endowments was given in the hope of relieving itself gradually from its present expenditure, and of encouraging the ultimate independence of the Colonial Church." The effect would be that in a few years every Mission in which an Endowment Fund was started would be self-supporting.

Until the year 1875, in accordance with the Trust Deed, the revenue from such Endowment Funds as had matured formed part of the stipend

of the Clergyman. On the 2nd February, 1875, at the annual meeting of the Church Society, it was resolved "That the attention of the Diocesan Board be drawn to the propriety of paying the salaries of the Clergy of its Missions from the Funds under its control, without making a deduction on account of any sums to which the Clergyman is entitled from Endowment provided by the Mission."

At the meeting of the Synod, in the year 1875, the following resolution was adopted by vote of both orders, "That the attention of the Diocesan Board be drawn to the propriety of paying the Clergy from the funds under its control, without making a deduction on account of any sums to which the Clergyman is entitled from the Endowment provided by the Mission." These resolutions were acted upon by the Diocesan Board, although it appears to be contrary to the Trust Deed and the condition of the S. P. G. grant. On the 6th February, 1878, at the annual meeting of the Church Society, it was reported that a further sum of £500 had been received from the S. P. G., towards certain Endowment Fund.

At the Synod of 1881, the resolution of 1875 was cancelled by the adoption of an amendment to Canon VIII, on Diocesan Board as follows, *viz.*, "Provided nevertheless that in the case of Missions possessing Local Endowment Funds the scale of payment to the Missionary shall be reduced in each instance by the amount of the available revenue of such Endowment Funds; provided also that this Clause shall not be held to apply to those Missionaries who were in receipt of the revenue of any such Local Endowment Fund at the time of the enacting of this Proviso." At the Synod of 1883, the following further Proviso was added to the above Canon, "or of Missionaries in charge of Missions whose Endowment Fund shall have been begun during their Incumbency, and shall have reached the sum which yields \$200 per annum." At the annual meeting of the Church Society, held on 7th Feb., 1883, the foregoing alteration in Canon VIII. was reported, when it was moved, "That the resolution of the Synod of 1875 should be adopted by the Society and placed on record. It was then moved in amendment that Article XIV (or Diocesan Board) be amended by adding after the sentence, "not less than \$600 per annum," "provided nevertheless that in case of Missions possessing Local Endowment Funds the scale of payments to the Missionary shall be reduced in each instance by the amount of the available revenue of such Endowment Funds, provided also that this Clause shall not be held to apply to those Missionaries who were in receipt of the revenue of any such Local Endowment Funds, at the time of the enacting of this proviso or of Missionaries in charge of Missions, whose Endowment Funds shall have been brought up from \$1500 or less to the sum which yields \$200 per annum." This resolution was carried awaiting final adoption. At the annual meeting of the Church Society February 6th, 1884, the foregoing amendment to Article XIV was brought up for final adoption and was lost, and the resolution of 1875 was ordered to be reprinted in the annual report. At the annual meeting of the Church Society on February 5th, 1885, the amendment to Article XIV, introduced in 1883, was again adopted with the substitution of \$1800 for \$1500. It was for final adoption that the question came up on the present occasion. The promoters of the revised scheme felt it necessary to draw attention to the following points.

First—The intention of the S. P. G., in aiding these funds as showed by the Secretary's letter dated July, 1865, in the following terms—"The aid towards Endowments is given in the hope of relieving itself gradually from the present expenditure and of encouraging the ultimate independence of the Colonial Church." The payment of the revenue over and above the scale established by the Synod of the Church Society does not promote either of these objects.

Second—The actual payment of the revenue of the Frampton Endowment to the Clergyman as "a portion of his stipend," and not over and above the scale of payment prescribed by the Synod and

Clerical Society, indicates the judgment of those who managed this in common with the other funds, between 1865 and 1875, when the whole circumstances of the formation of these funds, was fresh in their minds.

Third—The actual wording of the Trust Deed adopted in 1865, requires that the reserve should be paid towards "the support of the Clergyman" not to the Clergyman, this latter expression had it been used would have required that the revenue should be paid to him irrespective of any consideration. The words "towards his support," implies that the revenue shall form part of the stipend assigned to him by Synod and Church Society under the scale.

Fourth—In the Judgment of the Synod and Church Society the scale of payment needed to be maintained requiring aid is definite, but this limit is exceeded when the revenue of the Endowment is paid to the Clergyman over and above the scale and the Funds of the S. P. G., and the Diocesan Mission Fund are to this extent drawn upon for a larger amount than is necessary.

Fifth—The effect of paying the revenue of the Endowment Fund irrespective of the scale of the payment, has been to add an unexpected amount in the most accidental way to the Clergymen who are appointed to particular Missions, without any regard or reference to the fact of their possessing an Endowment.

Sixth—The effect of returning to the principle laid down and the objects contemplated by the S. P. G., in encouraging Local Endowments, will be to enable the Board of Missions in time to improve the condition of all the Clergy and take up new ground, a point which is pressed by the S. P. G.

Seventh—The encouragement afforded to Clergymen during whose Incumbency the Endowment has in any case been raised from \$1800 or less to the amount yielding a revenue of \$200 is in accordance with hopes held out by the action of the Synod or Church Society in the past, and promote the more speedy completion of the funds.

After a very full discussion carried out in the very best spirit, the change proposed was carried on division and the meeting came to a close in the usual way.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

The Lord Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation on Sunday, 22nd, at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, at the evening service. The classes contained some few adults, and numbered in all 28 females and 12 males. The Bishop addressed the candidates, and the Dean of Montreal preached on the subject of the Holy Communion. There was a very large congregation.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The second meeting of the Sunday-School Association for the Diocese of Montreal was held on Monday evening, 16th March, in St. George's school-room. There was a large attendance of teachers and friends, and a most interesting "Model Lesson" was given by the Rev. Canon Henderson, Principal of the Theological College; the subject being the Death (or Burial) and Resurrection of Our Lord, based upon Mark xv. 42 and following verses. We were pleased also to note the presence of a number of the clergy of the city, amongst others the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese presiding, the Very Rev. the Dean, Archdeacon Evans and Canon Belcher. The model lesson as given by Canon Henderson was intended for young children as well as for scholars more advanced; and he illustrated the style of teaching in connection with the former by means of several children who were present and to whom he put questions and received replies. In the course of his remarks he pointed out the difference between *Teaching* and *Training* and indicated one object of Sunday-school teaching to give to children a knowledge of the *facts* of Scripture, to secure which reference should be made not merely to the text, but also to the customs of the country &c. He further advised teachers to refer as much as possible to the Prayer-