

mondville and all the Missions within the District of St. Francis.

A Circular with particular instructions for the occasion, will shortly be sent by post, to the Clergy who are concerned; and the day to be fixed for each Cure will then, or in sufficient time afterwards, be made known.

CIRCULAR TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

Quebec, 6th Oct. 1851.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

I am desirous of calling your attention and that of the members of the Church within your charge, in an especial manner, to the celebration of the third JUBILEE of the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL, which is fixed, in this Diocese, for Advent Sunday next, (the whole of the present year being considered open to the commemorative observance of the occasion, and that particular Sunday being named in accordance with a request made to me by the Diocesan Church Society, in the form of a Resolution passed at the last Anniversary Meeting.)

The Circular upon this subject, of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, our Metropolitan and President of the Society, of the 4th of April last, one of the copies of which was addressed to myself, has already been before you, together with the plan of the Society's proceedings and operations in relation to the Jubilee, in the Canadian Ecclesiastical Gazette of the month of June last.*

It is difficult to conceive an occasion of higher interest than this, to the Colonial Church, or one which could call for a more lively and fervent demonstration, first, of devout thankfulness to God, and next of gratitude to that Society which has been the instrument in His hands, of effecting such extensive good in all the distant dependencies of Britain. The name of CHRIST has been made known by this Society, far and wide, among the heathen; and the word and ordinances of God have been provided from the same source, for the Christian population which has poured itself from the British Isles over different regions, in all quarters of the globe: the Church, under these auspices, has been planted in her proper organization, and permanent institutions for the maintenance of learning and Religion have been created and established—but to look only to these North American Colonies, we see here, as the work of that Society, our people, by thousands upon thousands, enjoying the blessings of an Apostolic Ministry, which deals out to them the bread of life and faithfully leads them to their Saviour, who but for this Institution, the foremost of their earthly friends, would have been abandoned to ignorance and irreligion, or swept, in other instances, into the bosom of Rome.

The day has come, and we have been, for some time past reiterating the cry with far too little practical effect, when our congregations, according to their ability respectively, must do more for themselves—and if, in this portion of Canada, it is, after all, but very little which most of them have at command for the purpose, let us urge upon them the duty of *doing their diligence gladly to give of that little*, for the glory of God, the extension of His Church and the immediate benefit of themselves and their families; and, specially upon the approaching occasion, let us all seek to shew that we know how to appreciate the spiritual succour which has been extended to us; that there does exist among us some life of Religion; that we are capable of catching some glow from the spirit which, with reference to this very observance, is abroad

* The directions of the Society, to which reference is here given, claim particular attention and, as far as possible, exact compliance, under their several distinct heads; and that which relates to the Jubilee Roll is especially important, as suggesting a course of proceeding, and involving a principle in which our own Church has been deficient; and she has suffered not a little by that deficiency.

in the world; that if the Churches, through all the length of the United States of America, are manifesting, notwithstanding their political dismemberment in the last century from Great Britain, an enthusiastic interest in this Jubilee, and a close sympathy of faith and love with the Church of England, in the present conjuncture of her affairs, *their zeal* shall at least *provoke* us to be not behind in the demonstration of our sentiments. Let us,—and you will not be wanting in your individual part—use our endeavors, after all which we have received and are continuing to receive from the Society, for our own local wants, to raise such a sum as we shall not be ashamed to make up into the form of a remittance to England, if only to serve us a small token of the interest which we feel in the work of the Society at large over the world as well as of our gratitude for those benefits of which we have been the direct recipients. And let us, according to the recommendations of the Society and of our Metropolitan, its venerable President, make the observance a season of special prayer. Let us be seen *every where, lifting up holy hands* in supplication and intercession both for the prosperity, in particular, of this great National Institution of the Empire, and for the general advance of that glorious kingdom of Christ, the interests of which the Society is constituted simply to subserve.†

I avail myself of this opportunity to bring under your notice, a subject of a different nature. The period is now approaching for taking the Census of the population, for which legislative provision has been recently made; and it is of great importance (for it may involve consequences of high and permanent interest,) to obtain a full, fair and correct exhibition of our own numbers in the Diocese. I am not without reason to believe that *a particular watchfulness and care* will be required on our part to ensure justice to the Church of England in this behalf; and I trust that you will be upon the alert, within your charge, to prevent any such injurious mistakes as will otherwise be but too likely to occur.

I am,
 dear Sir,
 Your affectionate brother,
 G. J. QUEBEC.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

The stated Meeting of the Central Board was held at the National School House, Quebec, on the 8th inst. Present:—The Lord

† I willingly give a place here, (commending the suggestion, at the same time, to yourself and through you to the Members of your Congregation who may be in a position to act upon it,) to the following Extract from a Letter addressed by one of your brethren of the Diocese, to one of my Chaplains.

On looking over the proceedings of the Church Society of this Diocese in its Anniversary Meeting, and also those of the Central Board immediately following, as reported in the Ecclesiastical Gazette, I find by the 4th Resolve of the former that his Lordship the Bishop is respectfully requested to cause sermons to be preached on Advent Sunday next, and the proceeds to be transmitted to England. I find also, that, at the meeting of the Central Board, moved by Rev. Principal Nicolls and seconded by Rev. Dr. Falloon, it is Resolved—'That a special fund be opened for the receiving of the contributions of any persons who may be disposed to make offerings and to be remitted,' as in the foregoing. It has appeared to me that a door ought to be open here for the donations of such as are disposed to contribute to the endowment of their own Churches on the spot, I mean where they reside or elsewhere in the Diocese. If I understand it rightly—the Resolution above referred to provides only for money contributions. Now I think that is too scarce an article in most places of the Diocese, to justify the limitation of Christian liberality at so favorable and so slowly returning a period. I would therefore beg leave to suggest, that (if it be not already designed) an opportunity may be afforded to our zealous churchmen, who might be willing to make donations in land or otherwise for the endowment of Churches, or the general purposes of the Church Society in this Diocese. In many places Glebes and parsonage houses are wanting, and beyond this we ought to look for the gathering of some endowment.

I do not think this would much, if at all, retard the flow of Christian liberality toward the grateful acknowledgment of the Venerable Society's labors,—none can more desire to see that than myself.—Let the money be remitted—our local churches endowed with lands.