

4. That in countries where the support of Religion is entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions, it does not maintain its proper influence, but is uniformly found, amongst the great mass of the people, to degenerate and decline; and that religious division and animosity increase—erroneous tenets gain strength and prevalence—and infidelity itself spreads to an unwonted extent." Carried unanimously.

Moved by Geo. Crawford, Esq., of Brockville, seconded by Edmund Deedes, Esq., of Woodstock,

5. "That this meeting regards the maintenance of the Clergy Reserves to religious uses, according to the intentions of a pious Sovereign expressed in various Acts of Parliament of the United Kingdom, to be one of the best boons and blessings which can be secured to this colony,—as tending to insure, with the Divine favour, the propagation of true religion within its bounds, to the end of time." Carried unanimously.

Moved by Edmund Murney, Esq., of Belleville, seconded by the Rev. Henry Patton, Rector, Cornwall, and Rural Dean of the Johnstown Deanery,

6. "That a petition, embodying the views now expressed as the solemn opinion of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Toronto in conference assembled, be presented to the Provincial Parliament during the approaching session, and be also transmitted to the Queen and other branches of the Imperial Legislature; and that the Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston, the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, the Rev. B. Cronyn, the Rev. A. Palmer, the Rev. M. Harris, the Rev. H. Patton, Edmund Deedes, Esq., G. Rykert, Esq., J. H. Hagarty, Esq., the Hon. G. S. Boulton, George Crawford, Esq., and J. A. Henderson, Esq., be a committee to draft the same, subject to the approval of the Lord Bishop of Toronto." Carried unanimously.

Moved by the Rev. A. Palmer, A. B., Rector, Guelph, and Rural Dean of the Gore Deanery, seconded by Thomas C. Dixon, Esq., of London,

7. "That this meeting is of opinion, that for the more effectual exercise of the discipline of the Church, and the more advantageous management of its temporal affairs, it is expedient and desirable to apply to the Crown for the establishment of a Diocesan Synod or Convocation, consisting of the laity as well as of the clergy, so as best to meet the requirements of the Church in this Diocese; and that the committee aforesaid do draft a memorial to the Queen, founded upon the observations upon this subject expressed in the Episcopal charge of the Lord Bishop delivered yesterday." Carried unanimously.

Moved by the Rev. E. J. Boswell, Rector, Williamsburgh, seconded by Laurence Lawrason, Esq., of London,

8. "That this meeting desires to express its sense of the paramount duty of connecting religion with secular education; and, in order to carry out this obligation, they deem it necessary to petition the Colonial Legislature to permit the establishment of separate Church Schools; and that the assessments ordinarily paid by churchmen for the support of common Schools be applied to the maintenance of such as are in connection with the Church, where such appropriation is practicable and desired; and that the committee aforesaid be empowered to draft the same." Carried unanimously.

Moved by Sir A. N. MacNab, M. P. P., of Hamilton, seconded by George Crawford, Esq., of Brockville,

"That the thanks of this meeting are justly due, and are hereby most cordially tendered, to the Lord Bishop of Toronto, for the extraordinary degree of zeal and energy which he has manifested in the present critical emergency of the Church in this Diocese; and also for the dignified, impartial, and courteous manner in which his Lordship has presided over our deliberations."

This resolution was put to the meeting by the Venerable Archdeacon Stuart, and was carried by the whole assembly rising to testify their approval.

At the suggestion of the Lord Bishop, it was ordered

That the thanks of the clergy and laity be presented to the Rev. W. H. Herchmer, M. A., for his eloquent Sermon on the

first day of the Visitation; and that, on behalf of the Bishop, the clergy, and the laity, he be very respectfully solicited to publish the said sermon.

The meeting was adjourned by the Lord Bishop, with his benediction.

JOHN TORONTO.

J. GAMBLE GEDDES, *Clerical Secretary.*

JAMES BOVELL, *Lay Secretary.*

(From the Church.)

(Some account of the proceedings of the Church Union of the Diocese of Toronto will be given in our next number.)

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP OF NOVA SCOTIA.—On Tuesday March 25th, being the Festival of the Annunciation, the Rev. Hibbert Binney, D. D., Fellow and Tutor of Worcester College, Oxford, was consecrated Bishop of Nova Scotia, in the chapel of Lambeth Palace, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of London, Chichester, and Oxford. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Goulburn, head master of Rugby School. Among those present were the Rev. Dr. Jelf, Dr. Major, Dr. Binney of Newbury, Dr. Hessey, the Rev. Ernest Hawkins, and the Rev. Whitaker Churton.—*Colonial Church Chronicle.*

DIocese OF FRÉDERICTON.

On the 16th of March, an Ordination was held in Christ Church, Fredericton, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, when the Rev. C. G. Coster, A. M., of King's College, Fredericton, and the Rev. C. Lee, A. B. of the same, were ordained Priests.

The Sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, from St. Matthew, xxviii. 20.—*N. B. Churchman.*

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

The monthly meeting of the Society took place on March 21, the Archbishop of Canterbury in the chair; the Bishop of Salisbury, Lord Lyttelton, Sir R. H. Inglis, Archdeacons Jones and Bridge, and a considerable number of clergy and laity were present. The Report of the Finance Committee, containing the estimate for the ensuing year, was read. Several pressing applications, from various dioceses, were reluctantly postponed. The following grants were made:—£500 per annum, for three years, to be placed at the disposal of the Bishop of SYDNEY; £200 for three years, to Christ's College, TASMANIA; £200 for three years, in aid of Missions in the island of TRINIDAD; the sum of £100 was granted to the Rev. J. C. Cochran, of Lunenburg, NOVA SCOTIA, whose father and himself have been in connexion with the Society for nearly seventy years. The decease of another old Missionary was announced, the Rev. J. Chapman, late of Harbour Grace, Newfoundland. The annual sum of £440 from the interest of the North American Bishops' Fund, was appropriated to the Bishop of NOVA SCOTIA during his incumbency. A careful and elaborate petition to Parliament, in defence of the Clergy Reserves, was read and adopted.—*Colonial Church Chronicle.*

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MADRAS AND SOUTH INDIA MISSION.

The Lord Bishop of Madras, after having visited all the Missions in Travancore, and confirmed 903 candidates, proceeded to Tinnevely, held fourteen Confirmations, and (including those connected with the S. P. G.) confirmed 3353 native candidates. On Sunday, Feb. 2, his Lordship held his Ordination, when the Revs. T. Clark, Jacob Chandy, and Jesusden John, were admitted to Priests' Orders, and five native catechists to the order of Deacons. In the early morning service, the Rev. John Devasagayam delivered an earnest and affectionate exhortation to the native candidates, and the Rev. G. Pettit preached the ordination sermon,