

CHURCH SOCIETY.

Quebec, May 12th, 1852.

At a stated Meeting of the Central Board held this day, at the National School House,

Present—The Lord Bishop (in the Chair,) the Revds. E. W. Sewell, A. W. Mountain, R. G. Plees, Official Mackie, D. D., Hon. W. Walker, Messrs. H. S. Scott, and C. N. Montizambert, and the Secretary.

After the usual prayers, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Secretary stated that the Treasurers at Quebec and Montreal had transferred the Bank Stock, and disposed of the balance in hand, in October, 1851, in accordance with the directions of the Central Board.

The Secretary also stated that the Honorary Counsel had agreed to the plan recommended by the Central Board with reference to the purchase of the Melbourne Parsonage and Glebe Lot, and the Lord Bishop added that the deed had been passed, and the property duly accepted by himself.

The Treasurer's Accounts were laid on the table, shewing a balance of £24 1s 7d on account of the General Fund, and £577 14s 9d on account of the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

His Lordship stated that £500 of the last named sum was a bequest left at his disposal for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy, by the late Miss Finlay, and that he had handed over the same to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Society.

The Secretary having informed the Board that the Treasurer, acting in conjunction with the Chairman of the Lay Committee, had purchased £200 of Bonds of Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, on account of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, this investment was approved of by the Board.

The Finance Committee Report was then read, and it was Resolved on motion of Revd. A. W. Mountain, seconded by C. N. Montizambert, Esq., that the same be received and considered clause by clause.

The several clauses were then read and agreed to.

Clause 1. Recommended £7 10s. towards the completion of the inside work of the Church in the destitute settlement of Cranbourne.

Clause 2. That £6 2s 10d be granted to pay the arrears of rent on a lot of land, consisting of 90 acres, adjoining the Church at Bourg Louis, and intended as a Glebe.—This amount to be paid as soon as the deed securing the property to the Church is completed.

This clause also stated that the Committee were disposed to entertain favorably an application from the Rev. T. Pennefather, of this Mission, for aid towards the erection of a Parsonage, but did not recommend any specific sum in the absence of more particular information.

Clause 3. Recommended £25 to aid in the erection of a Parsonage at Portneuf, to be paid as soon as the building shall be roofed in.

Clause 4. That £37 10s. be granted towards the completion of the three Churches in the Mission of Ireland and parts adjacent, in the following sums:

- £15 to the Upper Ireland Church,
- £12 10s. to the 1st Inverness Church,
- £10 to the 2nd Inverness Church.

The Lay Committee Report was next read, and on motion of Revd. E. W. Sewell, seconded by Revd. R. G. Plees, received and adopted.

The Lord Bishop drew the attention of the Board to the Resolution of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, granting aid towards the purchase of Glebes, in the Diocese of Montreal.

When it was moved by Revd. A. W. Mountain, seconded by H. S. Scott, Esq., and Resolved:

That the Lord Bishop be requested to address an enquiry to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, whether the same assistance which has been extended to the Diocese of Montreal

towards procuring endowments, can be extended to this Diocese also.

The Report of the Depository Committee was read, and on motion of H. S. Scott, Esq., seconded by the Secretary, adopted.

A letter of thanks from the Revd. W. King, for the vote of £20 to St. Sylvester Church, was read.

The Lord Bishop stated that he had authorised the Treasurer to remit to England the sum of £500 sterling, being the amount collected in the Diocese for the Jubilee Fund S. P. G.:—it having been necessary to make this remittance before the close of the Jubilee year.

This transaction was confirmed by the Board.

An expenditure of 19s. 8d., by the Treasurer, paid for advertising, was approved of.

£3 6s. 3d., amount of travelling and other incidental expenses (particulars of which were submitted) incurred by the Secretary, were ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

Mr. Scott having brought under the notice of the meeting the necessity of increased exertion in the field of missionary operations, the Lord Bishop engaged that the matter should be brought prominently forward at the next annual meeting.

The meeting was closed by the Benediction.

G. J. QUEBEC.

REPORT of the Lay Committee referred to in the foregoing Minutes:—

Quebec, 12th May, 1852.

The Lay Committee beg to report that, since the last meeting of the Central Board, they have made arrangements for the sale of one half the Glebe Lot of New Ireland to Mr. Laroche, (the proprietor of a Mill adjoining the lot,) at the price of 6s. per acre, the sum the Society is now paying for the same;—Mr. Laroche to pay the amount in four equal annual instalments with interest.

They have also, acting in conjunction with Mr. Trigge, of Nicolet, invested £200 of the Nicolet Endowment Fund, in bonds of the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, and have directed the Treasurer to invest the £500 lately received from the Lord Bishop of Quebec, on account of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, together with any further sum he may have in hand, in Government Debentures, as soon as he can procure the same.

The Committee have also taken steps to insure against loss by fire the Parsonages, which are the property of the Society.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,
Chairman.

REPORT of the Depository Committee referred to in the foregoing Minutes:—

Quebec, 5th May, 1852.

The Depository Committee in connection with the S. P. C. K. beg leave to report that, since the last meeting of the Central Board, they have made the following grants, viz:—

- 1.—To the Rev. J. Carry, of Leeds, six Bibles and six prayer books, twenty catechisms, and tracts to the value of 10s. for gratuitous distribution;
- 2.—To the Rev. T. Pennefather, of Bourg Louis (who remitted 8s 6d, proceeds of sales from a former grant,) twelve prayer books for sale or distribution at his discretion;
- 3.—To the Rev. W. Wickes, of Upper Ireland, a portion of a grant remaining at his disposal, originally voted for the use of the Quarantine Station.
- 4.—To the Rev. W. King, of St. Sylvester, twelve Bibles, twelve prayer books, and tracts and elementary books for Sunday Schools to the value of 25s, for use and distribution in his mission;
- 5.—To the Rev. J. Torrance, of Pointe Levi, tracts to the value of 25s: for gratuitous distribution;
- 6.—For the use of the Quebec Jail, tracts to the value of 10s;
- 7.—To the Rev. Armine Mountain, of Quebec, tracts for dis-