

MISSIONARY MEETING—ST. PETER'S TORONTO.

An interesting meeting was held in this new and beautiful church on Wednesday evening the 27th inst., for the purpose of organizing a Parochial Association in connection with the Diocesan Church Society.

At the request of the Incumbent, the Bishop of Niagara presided, and in an able opening address laid before the meeting the claims of this useful Society.

The attendance was very respectable considering the unfavourable state of the weather.

The Rev. Canon Beaven, The Ven. Archdeacon Fuller, and several other gentlemen addressed the meeting, and a handsome collection was taken up.

This Branch promises to do well for the Society.—*Com.*

MEETING OF BISHOPS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

The *American Churchman* of 21st. ulto., publishes in advance a copy of the letter which the Archbishop of Canterbury is about to transmit to every Bishop of the Anglican Communion, throughout the world:—

LAMBETH PALACE, February 22, 1867.

RT. REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:—I request your presence at a meeting of the Bishops in visible communion with the United Church of England and Ireland, purposed—God willing—to be holden at Lambeth, under my Presidency, on the 24th of September next, and the three following days.

The circumstances under which I have resolved to issue the present invitations are these: The Metropolitan and Bishops of Canada, last year, addressed to the two Houses of the Convocation of Canterbury, the expression of their desire, that I should be moved to invite the Bishops of our Indian and Colonial Episcopate, to meet myself and the Home Bishops, for brotherly communion and conference.

The consequence of that appeal, has been—that both Houses of the Convocation of my Province have addressed to me their dutiful request, that I would invite the attendance—not only of our own Home and Colonial Bishops—but of all who are avowedly in communion with our Church. The same request was unanimously preferred to me, at a numerous gathering of English, Irish, and Colonial Archbishops and Bishops, recently assembled at Lambeth; at which—I rejoice to record it—we had the counsel and concurrence of an eminent Bishop of the Church in the United States of America—the Bishop of Illinois.

Moved by these requests, and by the expressed concurrence therein, of other members both of the home and Colonial Episcopate, who could not be present at our meeting, I have now resolved—not, I humbly trust, without the guidance of God the Holy Ghost—to grant this grave request, and call together the meeting thus earnestly desired. I greatly hope that you may be able to attend it, and to aid us with your presence and brotherly counsel thereat.

I propose, that—at our assembling—we should first solemnly seek the blessing of Almighty God on our gathering—by uniting together in the highest acts of the Church's worship. After this, brotherly consultations will follow. In these, we may consider, together, many practical questions—the settlement of which would tend to the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ—and to the maintenance of greater union in our Missionary work, and to increased intercommunion among ourselves.

Such a meeting would not be competent to make declarations, or lay down definitions on points of doctrine. But, united worship and common counsels would greatly tend to maintain practically the unity of the faith; whilst they would bind us in straighter bonds of peace and brotherly charity.

I shall gladly receive from you a list of any subjects you may wish to suggest to me, for consideration and discussion. Should you be unable to attend, and desire to commission any brother Bishop to speak for you, I shall welcome him as your representative, in our united deliberations.