

besides her deeply afflicted husband, three young children and two step-children to lament the loss they have sustained.—*Cornwall Freeholder.*

CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE TORONTO.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Society was held at the Society's board-room, on Wednesday, 12th February.

The Lord Bishop in the chair.

Present:—The Rev. Dr. Lewis, Bishop-elect of Ontario; the Revs. J. G. Geddes, Dr. McMurray, S. Givins, Dr. Read, A. Palmer, Dr. McNab, E. H. Dewart, J. G. D. McKonzie, T. Allan, H. B. Osler, Dr. Lauder, T. S. Kennedy; Messrs. J. Brent, R. B. Denison, E. H. Rutherford, Revs. E. H. Pless, S. B. Ardagh, Messrs. J. Magrath, J. Bovell, F. Carter, H. Mortimer.

The Secretary, by the request of the Rt. Rev. Chairman, read the usual prayers.

His Lordship then said that before any other business be taken up, an address be adopted to Her most gracious Majesty of condolence on her late bereavement. The following address was read by the Bishop-elect of Ontario, and unanimously concurred in—it was ordered to be engrossed, and forwarded to the Governor-General:—

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:—

"We, the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity, members of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, in the Province of Canada, assembled at a General Meeting of the said Society, beg leave most respectfully and dutifully to address your Majesty, in order to give expression to the sincere and deep sorrow with which we, in common with all your subjects, have heard of the severe affliction with which you have been visited by the death of the late Prince Consort.

The death of so wise and excellent a prince, filling so high a position, and discharging so faithfully his duties towards God and man, we must all deplore as a most grievous national visitation. But whatever may be the greatness of the loss to the nation, it is to your Majesty that this must, in every relation, as Queen, Wife, and Mother, be felt to be the great and lasting affliction of your life. We wish, therefore, to assure your Majesty of our most true and respectful affection for yourself and your royal children, and our deep sympathy with you in this your hour of trial; and we earnestly pray that the same Heavenly Father, who, in his wisdom, has thus visited you, will now and ever mercifully support you by his grace, and that through the sanctifying effect of all the dispensations of his providence he will bring you, day by day, into closer communion with himself; and that thus directed by his spirit, and sustained by his power, you may long be spared to rule over, and to be a blessing to your faithful people, until at last, when your work on earth shall be accomplished, you may exchange an earthly for an heavenly crown, in the eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed.

The Secretary then read a statement of the income and expenditure on account of the various trusts; the balance to the credit or debit of each, which had been laid before the Standing Committee more in detail on the day previous.

Communications were read.

From the Rev. J. W. R. Beck, asking whether the Society would relieve the trustees of the Fenelon Falls mission of their responsibility to that mission. A sum of about £550 being due by the parish of Peterboro' to that trust; which they were anxious to liquidate

as soon as possible. £100 down, and interest from time to time upon the principal. He wished to know whether the Society would assume the trust, and agree to pay the Incumbent of Fenelon the interest arising from the Trust Funds.

From the Rev. N. Disbrow, on the subject of the Omemeo parsonage and glebe, with letter from Rev. R. Harding.

From Rev. A. G. Walshé, chaplain to Her Majesty's forces, Hamilton, soliciting grant of tracts and prayer books for free distribution among the soldiers.

From Rev. E. Morgan, missionary, Simcoo county, for Bible and Prayer-book for service at Ramsbottoms Mills, in Essa.

From the Rev. G. S. J. Hill, on the subject of his compensation for losses sustained by the action of the Government, with regard to his rectory.

Resolved—That the Society accept the trust alluded to in the Rev. J. W. Beck's letter, so far as investing any monies which may from time to time be paid over by the churchwardens or others, in connexion with the church at Peterboro', and pay over the interest accruing therefrom to the clergyman at Fenelon Falls.

Resolved—That the Society has no fund at present out of which it can pay for the land at Omemeo, and that the parishioners ought to exert themselves, and save the parsonage.

Resolved—That a grant of \$10 worth of tracts and Prayer-books be granted to the Rev. A. C. Walshé, Chaplain to the Forces at Hamilton, for distribution among the soldiers.

Resolved—That a Bible and Prayer-Book for service at Ramsbottom's Mills, in Essa, be granted to the Rev. E. Morgan.

Resolved—That the Rev. G. S. J. Hill be recommended to apply to the government for his costs and personal compensation in defending the Markham rectory glebe.

The Rev. A. Palmer's amendment to the Mission Board By-Law was, after a lengthy discussion, carried, with the exception of the last clause, which he gave up. The following is the amendment:

"That it is expedient that the By-Law on the Mission Board be amended, by leaving out the third clause thereof, and by substituting the following:

"That the Board of Missions assumes the payment of their stipends to all missionaries who have been up to this date licensed by the Bishop to minister within the limits of any District Association of this Diocese, provided the committee of such district association shall from time to time place the Board in possession of sufficient funds to cover the stipends, or shall fulfil such stipulations as may have been, in special cases, entered into with the Board.

"That the Board will be ready to assume the same obligation in reference to such missions as have had promises made to them by any district association, and have been accepted by the Board as having claims upon its consideration before any other new missions are provided for.

"That after such missionaries and missions have been provided for by the Board, from the funds contributed by their respective district associations, any surplus there may be, shall be applicable to the payment of missionaries in any part of the diocese where the Bishop shall see fit to appoint a clergyman to minister, in any mission recommended to his Lordship by the District Committee, through the Mission Board.

"That incumbents of settled parishes, which shall pay or secure to the Board, through the District Committee, the stipends of their ministers, or any portion thereof, shall be entitled to draw the same amount from the Board."

The Rev. Dr. Read's amendment was conscientiously lost.

The Rev. E. H. Dewart gave notice of his intention to move the following:—

"That a committee be appointed to revise the list of missionaries now receiving aid from the Mission Board; and that this committee be required to report at the meeting of this Society in November next, stating what amount of aid they recommend to be given hereafter to each parish, and for what length of time; provided, always, that no alterations made in the amount of assistance now given shall take effect until the expiration of one year from the time of this resolution being carried."

The Rev. Dr. READ nominated the Rev. John Creighton, of Orillia, Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Rev. H. Hope, of Toronto, R. B. Denison, Esq., Professor Kingston, and F. W. Coate, Esq., both of Toronto, for election, as incorporate members.

The closing prayers were read by the Secretary, and the meeting adjourned.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY, *Secretary.*

PRESENTATION OF PLATE AND ADDRESS TO THE REV. J. TRAVERS LEWIS, LL.D., BISHOP ELECT OF ONTARIO.

(From the Brockville Canadian.)

A meeting of the congregation of St Peter's Church, Brockville, was held at noon on Saturday, the 8th of February, at the parochial school-house, for the purpose of presenting an address and some plate to the Rev. Dr. Lewis, late rector of this parish. The intended gift was conspicuously placed on a table, and was much admired; it consisted of a tea and coffee service with a salver, from the house of Savage & Lyman, Montreal. The initials and crest of the Rev. Doctor were beautifully engraved on the several pieces—and on the principal piece these words:—"To the Rev. J. Travers Lewis, LL.D., from the Congregation of St. Peter's Church, Brockville, a parting token of esteem and love. January, 1862."

The meeting being called to order, the Hon. George Crawford, M.L.C., was chosen chairman, and in a few appropriate remarks explained the object of the meeting, and thanked the ladies instrumental in getting up the presentation, and thus giving the congregation so much pleasure; alluded to the subscription list not being confined to the congregation, but contributed to by all, and with such cheerfulness as to show the wide spread esteem in which Dr. Lewis was held.

At the request of the chairman, Mr. Steele then read the following address:—

"To the Rev. J. Travers Lewis, LL.D.

"REVEREND SIR—After a ministration of many years amongst us, attended, we trust, with profit to our souls, we, the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Brockville, cannot suffer you to leave us without a few parting words expressive of our regard and esteem.

"When first you came among us, you declared that, to the best of your ability, you would preach to us Christ crucified; and we can testify that, with singular zeal and simple, truthful eloquence, you have, to rich and poor alike, held up the bright pattern of a crucified Redeemer.

"The voice of the Church has called you to be our Bishop; and your high and holy office necessarily withdraws you from the pastoral charge of this flock to greater and more onerous duties. Although grieved to part, we are cheered by the assurance that whatever immediate loss we sustain by your removal, will be more than compensated by the general edification of the Church within your diocese. The same qualities