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THE SNOW FALL. The snow had begun, in the gloaming,

And busily all the night
Had been heaping field and highway
With a silence deep and white, Every pine and fir and hemlock, ore ermine too dear for an earl, And poorest twig on the elm tree Was rid ed inch deep with pearl.

From sheds, new roofed with Carrara, Came Chanticleer's muffled crow, The stiff rails were softened to swan's down, And still fluttered down the snow.

I stood and watched by the window The noiseless work of the sky, And the sudden flurries of snow birds Like brown leaves whirling by.

I thought of a mound in Sweet Auburn, Where a little headstone stood, How the flakes were folding it gently, As did robins the babes in the wood.

Up spoke our own little Mabel, Saying, "Father, who makes it now?" And I told of our Heavenly Father Who cares for us all below. Again, I looked at the snowfall,

And thought of the leaden sky
That arched o'er our first great sorrow,
When the mound was heaped so high. I remember the gradual patience

That fell from that cloud-like snow, Flake by flake, healing and hiding The scar of that deep-felt woe. And again to the child I whispered, The snow that husheth all, Darling, the merciful Father

Alone can make it fall!" Then with eyes that saw not, I kissed her, And she, kissing back, could not know That my kiss was given to her sister Folded close under deepening snow.

Colonial Ecclesiastical.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL. Church Society's Office

At a meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held this day, in accordance with the constitution, there were present -The Lord Bishop in the chair.

Hon. Judge McCord, Rev. J. Bethune, D.D. W. T. Leach, D.C.L. Col. Wilgress, W. Bond, Capt. Maitland. N. Lonsdell, S. C. Bagg, Esq. " N. Lonsdell.

Dr. Barnstore, After prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

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Diocese. Founded. No. of the Clergy. the proposed work to the utmost means of the Jamaica...... 1826 Society usually appropriated for similar purposes; and they therefore respectfully suggest hat, so soon as this Mission by its own exertions shall have raised the sum of £70, already Subscribed, to £100, the Church Society should make a grant of £50, to be paid at the discreof the Lay Committee, due regard being

had to freedom from debt, &c. "The committee report that, good and suffidischarges having been signed by the creditors of the church at Ormstown, to their satisfaction, the grant made to that church has

"The whole respectfully submitted.

"J. McCord, Chairman."
On motion of the Rev. W. T. Leach, D.C.L., seconded by the Rev. W. Bond, the above report

An application for the purchase of certain lands at Wolfe Island was referred to the Lay

Authority was given to the Managing Committee of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, to invest any sums that may now be in the Treasurer's hands belonging to that fund. E. J. Rogens, Secretary.

ADDRESS To the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Johnstown Deanery, on the

subject of an Episcopal Fund. The undersigned Members of the General Committee for the Episcopal Fund in the Johnstown Rural Deanery, when assembled in St. John's Church, Prescott, on the 22d inst., adopted and ordered to be printed the following

ENGLAND AND IBELAND IN THE JOHNSTOWN DEANERY :

Dear Brethren-At the Meeting of the Clergy and Laity in Diocesan Synod last October, it was unanimously resolved by that important assembly, acting as the representatives of the Church in this Diocese—"That it is high time 5th. Fi that the recommendation of his lordship the Eugland in all the British Colonies and Foreign Bishop, that this vast diocesc should be immediately divided, should take effect as speedily million, and of these it appears that the single as possible, and that two additional sees should moreover resolved-"That it is expedient that an episcopal fund be forthwith commenced * and that the Lord Bishop of Toronto be respectfully requested, by pastoral

the members of the Church generally, towards carrying out this important object In compliance with the respectful request of the Synod, the Bishop has recently issued a pastoral letter on this subject, which (as it is addressed to the laity as well as to the clergy) has without advancing any further reasons, we may most probably been read to you by your respective pastors. In that letter his lordship calls apon all faithful members of our branch of the noble and pious objects therein recommendneither the resolutions of the Synod, nor the admirable pastoral of our venerable Bishop, low, but until we have done so we can scarcely urge in detail the reasons why a sub-division of Diocese is both expedient and necessary, it Being then, (as we trust you all are), conhas occurred to us, that as we are about to

Portant object, you would be gratified by our Feb. 5, 1853.

uggesting some of the arguments which may be advanced in favor of the proposed measures We beg leave therefore to direct your attention

As members of an episcopal church, we, of course, believe in the necessity of adequate episcopal supervision, for purposes of government and coursel, and for the effective administration of the supervision o nistration of those sacred offices of confirma-tion, ordination, and consecration of churches, for which the inferior orders of the ministry have neither warrant nor authority from the Word of God, nor from the usages of the pri-mitive Church. We believe that a bishop is as ecessary to a diocese as a clergyman is to a parish. If from any cause a parish becomes too extensive or populous for the care of a single clergyman, it requires to be divided; or, which practically amounts to the same thing, the clergyman requires a curate or assistant. In like manner, when a diocese becomes too extensive for the oversight of a single bishop, it also requires to be divided. Now, such is the present position of this diocese, which, as the late Synod declared, "presents a field of labor much beyond the exertions of any indi-vidual bishop, however faithfully and diligently employed, as in the case of our present revered This is owing to the great increase constantly taking place in our population, the consequent opening of new settlements, the corresponding formation of new parishes, and the employment of additional clergymen. These various causes combined, have more than doubled the labors of our venerable Diocesan since his appointment to the episcopate in 1839. At that time there were but 70 clergymen in the diocese, there are now about 150. The population has increased in nearly a like proportion, having much more than doubled itself within these 15 wars. having much more than doubled itself within those 15 years. And yet, our excellent Bishop in his 76th year, has necessarily become less physically able to superintend his extensive diocese than he was at the age of 60. Although perhaps not one mun in a thousand at his advanced age is capable of enduring the same amount of labor, or is possessed of the mental vigor, the energetic resolve, or the physical powers of endurance, which God has graciously bestowed upon our iron Bishop; yet even he feels himself at length compelled to acknowledge that he is no longer equal to "that which comes upon him daily, the care of all the churches" in this vast diocese. churches" in this vast diocese.

He has, accordingly, on several occasions recently, expressed his earnest desire, both for the good of the church and on his own personal account, to be relieved from a portion of his burden; and no one who knows our indefatigable Bishop needs to be assured that he is not the man to complain of excessive labor without a cause. Hence one strong argument for a

division of the diocese.

Another powerful argument for this measure is deduced from the fact, that wherever new bishoprics have been established in the colonies of the empire, God's blessing appears to have followed in a remarkable degree. Zeal in God's cause has been aroused, Christian energies call A letter was read, from the Rev. J. Johnston, ed into action, and great liberality displayed in informing the Board that W. F. Grasett, Esq., has been re-elected as the representative of aylmer at the Central Board of the Church The following report of the Lay Committee diocese within the last fifteen years. The number of our clergy more than doubled, new life "The Lay Committee, before proceeding to and vigor infused, acts of munificent liberality other business, unanimously elected Francis Fulford, Esq., their secretary for the ensuing ed, and various other tokens that God is with "An application was received from the Rev.
J. Constantine, of Stanbridge, praying for aid towards the erection of a parsonage at that s the erection of a parsonage at that It same extent, yet it has, we believe, almost invariably happened, that the appointment of required for that object; towards which there a new bishop has been immediately followed by lected in England some years ago by the Rev. laboring within the bounds of the new diocese J. Jones), and the inhabitants of the mission In the report of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, for the year "There are many reasons set forth in the 1850, appears a tabular statement, a portion of which will amply confirm our assertions under

amaica...... 1825 57 in 25 years they numbered 11^d arba¹0es..... 1825 50 in 25 do. do. 129 ewfoundland 1839 10 in 11 do. do. 45

.. 1847 17 in 3 do. 1847 11 in 3 dc. This statement proves how wonderfully the numbers of the clergy have increased wherever a zealous, pious, and devoted bishop has been appointed to a new see. May we not then cese were subdivided, and we were blessed with a godly, faithful, and laborious bishop for our new diocese, that the numbers of our clergy would again speedily increase, and that by their labors owned and blessed by Almighty God, the work of the Lord would still more ex

sively prevail amongst us. Again: if we compare our diocese with other like portions of the spiritual vineyard, we may infer the necessity of a subdivision of the sphere f episcopal duties, for

1st. The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, with a Church Population of about one million, has 32 bishops; but, according to the same ratio, our diocese with nearly one quarter of a million of Church People, should form 8 bishoprics.

2d. Canada East, with a Church Population

according to the census of 45,600, has two bishops; now we number five times 46,000,

and, therefore, according to the same proportion, should have ten bishops.

3d. The other portions of British North America, including Canada East, are divided into six sees, yet their united church population is, at least, 20,000 less than the church population of the single diocese of Toronto.

4th. If our Diocese were at once divided, the portion which would form the new Diocese of Kingston would contain a church population, according to the census of 1852, amounting to 88,366, or nearly double the number of the church population of the sees of Quebec and 5th. Finally, "the members of the Church of

Diocese of Toronto claims one-fourth,"* and erected, one east and the other west of the as there are at least 28 colonial bishops, then, then remaining Diocese of Toronto." It was according to the numerical proportion of church moreover resolved—"That it is expedient that members, we ought to have seven bishops.— These calculations are, of course, only an approximation in one particular to the true state of the comparison, to ascertain which more letter or otherwise, to invite contributions from correctly it would be requisite to compare the relative extent of countries, facilities of travel, and other actails into which our present limits favor of the subdivision of our diocese; and, suggest, as an additional argument why we should zealously endeavor to obtain the requisite funds for the support of the episcopate, hrist's Holy Church in this diocese, to make that until we do so we can scarcely expect that vigorous and united efforts for accomplishing permission will be granted us to choose our own bishops, a power which the Colonial Church ed, in accordance with the unanimous decision ought undoubtedly to possess, and which she of the Synod, speaking as with the voice of the cannot much longer consent to be deprived of whole church whom it represented. But as Only let us secure the required funds and the

appeal to your liberality on behalf of this im- * Letter of Bishop of Toronto to Rev. E. Hawkins,

cally concerned only with the proposed new Diocese of Kingston, of which when established, we shall form a portion. The Bishop proposes that each row discovery of the same by voluntary contributions, in accordance with the decision of the late Synod.

2nd. Moved by the Rev. J. B. Worrell. sethat each new diocese should contribute the sum of £16,666 currency, the interest of which sum of £10,666 currency curren charitable objects, and to make frequent journies (involving expenses of travel) through his diocese. Of the £16,666 currency, to be raised within the proposed new see of Kingston, £2,000 sterling or £2,500 currency has been invited to contribute. #2,000 sterling or £2,000 currency has been already contributed in England, and we believe we may safely assume that the sum will be increased to £2,666 currency, leaving only £14,000 currency to be contributed within the new diocese. We next require to ascertain sub-committee for carrying out the details of the what portion of this amount should, in equity, be contributed within this deanery. From calculations which we have made, based upon the ratio of church population and assessed valuation of property within our bounds, we find that we ought to contribute the sum of £3,250 currency and this amount we feel could confi currency, and this amount we feel quite confident can be secured, if only we engage in the Committee. good work with faith and prayer aud a determi-

to contribute, in the following manner: 3. Cornwall and Moulinette Kemptville and South Gower 210 Williamsburg and Matilda 210 6. Hawkesbury (Counties of Prescott and

12. Edwardsburg and Mountain 80 Or the amount could be raised according to ation of "A Layman," in a recent number of less direct channel of the Echo. The Church paper. Reckoning 6 members to a family, we have within this deanery 3,558 church families, and it would surely not be ex-

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By either of these methods the amount can be in this noble and pious enterprise. The committee, having carefully discussed both these plans, respectfully beg leave to recommend the loption of the former, and urgently entreat the several parishes to use their utmost endeavours to contribute the several amounts at which they have been respectively rated, according to their And now, dear brethren, permit us to urge

upon you the propriety of commencing the good work at once. Commence it with prayer for God's blessing upon the pious enterprise; com-mence it with faith and continue in it with perseverance, and we feel confident that the work can be accomplished. It is one that will doubt-less involve much labor and require some selfdenying zeal and liberality; but, as our venera-ole Bishop has happily remarked, "it is wisely rdered that nothing truly valuable can be efected in this world without much and continued exertion." The plan proposed presents a grand and noble enterprise of benevolence, one of the oldest and most sublime that our branch of the Church in modern times has witnessed, it should therefore call forth corresponding exertions on our parts. And when the appeal is made to you the name of God and for the advancement o the Redeemer's Kingdom, we trust you will not be backward in responding to it in proportion to the means with which God has blessed you. Every man therefore according as he purposeth n his heart so let him give, for God loveth a cheerful giver." And for whatever measure of uccess may attend our exertions let all the

clory be ascribed unto God. We remain your affectionate brethren in the Gospel of Christ,-REV. HENRY PATTON, Rural Dean and Chairman.

REV. E. J. Boswell, Secretary pro tem. REV. ROBERT BLAKEY. REV. JAMES HARRIS, and ALFRED HOOKER,

E. H. WHITMARSH. JAMES HOLDEN, WM. HUMPHRIES, Esgrs., Members of the General Committee. Prescott, Feb. 22, 1854.

THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

A meeting of the clergy churchwardens and lay delegates of the several parishes in the deaneries of Lanark and Carlton, was held in Christ's Church, Bytown, on Tuesday the 7th March 1854, at 11 o'clock, in accordance with the directions of the Lord Bishop of the diocese

n his recent pastoral letter. Although the rapid thaw during the few previous days indicated the end of sleighing, pearly all the parishes were ably represented by lay delegates, who evinced a lively interest in he important object of the meeting

The Rev. S. S. Strong, Rural Dean presided. The Rev. J. B. Worrell acted as Secretary. Letters were read from the Rev. Messrs. Pine and Plees apologising for unavoidable absence. out assenting to whatever should be resolved on but assenting to whatever should be resolved on by the majority of clergy and laity. Mr. Tayler, of Fitzroy Harbour, accounted for the absence of the Rev. R. L. Stevenson by reason of unexpected parochial duty. A letter was also expected parochial duty. A letter was also ppeared that Mr. Patton had taked the trouble nounted to £2550.

The following resolutions were unanimously

into three sees, yet we are at present practi-2nd. Moved by the Rev. J. B. Worrell, se-

sum of £16,666 currency, the interest of which if funded would, at six per cent., yield £1,000 currency per annum; which all must admit to be a very moderate provision for a bishop, who is expected to maintain a certain degree of dignity, to be given to hospitality, to be liberal to have table and the provision for a committee of general management; that they meet as often as the Rural Dean should think recessory; that saven do form

him transmitted to the Treasurer of the General

5th. Moved by the Rev. J. Godfrey, seconded

nation to consecrate to the glory of God a due portion of those goods with which the Almighty has been pleased liberally to endow us. In order to show how this sum may be raised, we have ventured to classify the several parishes have ventured to classify the several parishes or missions according to their supposed ability respectfully request that Jas. Shaw, Esq., do 6th. Moved by the Rev. R. Rolph, seconded

That the Rev. J. B. Worrell be appointed Secretary to the committee of General Manage-

With the organization effected by the above resolutions it may be hoped that an active canvass of the whole deanery for contributing

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Meeting in London, Canada West. In the absence of the London Times of the re-Or the amount could be raised according to the following scale, suggested in part by the Bishop's pastoral and in part by the communication of the following scale, suggested in part by the reached us, we obtain the following through the

very interesting account of a meeting held in London, C. W., on the 23rd ult., for the adoption of means to secure the endowment of the 5 at £100 0 0£500 leading parishioners, from the country. The clergy present were Rev. Messrs. Ellwood, Appropriate prayer clergy present were Rev. Messrs. Ellwood, Palmer, Evans, Bettridge, Revell, Foquiere, Jessopp, Caulfield, Gunne, Lampman, Flood, Bewar, Hayward, Brough, and Rev. B. Cronyn, who was in the chair. Rev. B. Cronyn opened the proceedings by a few appropriate remarks after with the greater cleanurs. Appropriate prayers were then said by the chairman.—The chairman addressed the meeting at some length, stating the authority on which had been called together. In order to do so which he read a letter from our venerable Bishop couched in the kindest and most liberal language, and showing that, not only his own desire, but that of the authorities at home, was to consult, to the fullest extent, the clergy and laity of Ca-Leaving still 137 families, who after all due liligence may be overlooked, or from any cause liligence may be overlooked, or from any cause and a, as to all future creations for the Episcopal appeared in our columns, and has, no doubt, The chairman also read a pastoral letter | been very generally read, w of the Bishop, in 1851, showing that his mind to republish the extract. - ED. CH.] procured if only we are resolved to do our duty for this Province, a proper episcopal supervision and a permanent fund, to support the future bishops respectably. He then read the resolu-tion of Synod, and the remarks of the Bishop in

The chairman said that the probable boundaries of the Dioceses would be from the western line of Lower Canada, to the river Trent, as one from the Trent to the Grand River, a second—and from the Grand River to the St. Clair, a

third. The great northern regions forming a fourth. Nothing could be more complimentary to the Lord Bishop than the chairman's concludng remarks. He alluded forcibly to his letter of the 27th January, and also to the one of the 17th February. Those letters, he said, showed the truly christian spirit of an indefatigable and aged prelate. Feeling that his labors could years, she might extend and flourish, and meet the spiritual requirements of our people throughout the vast bounds of this Province.

The following is an abridged sketch of the ubsequent proceedings:
The Hon. G. J. Goodhue moved the first re-

olution, as follows: 'That the pastoral letter of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, now read, is entitled to the most respectful and serious attention of all churchmen ithin the diocese, not only as emanating from one whose untiring zeal to promote the interests of the church has entitled him to the confidence of all the members of our communion, but also because we regard the project therein proposed as one of paramount importance, and which, if carried out, will confer the most lasting benefits

on the church in this country."

Mr. Goodhue would, while not diminishing his yearly contributions for church purposes, aid the fund now sought to be raised, and felt that, by proper activity and perseverance, it could be done without being oppressive to any. In ten years from this day, we may see half a million of churchmen west of the Grand River; and when he recollected that, in 1823, there were but two clergymen to officiate in that wide ield, where now there are upwards of thirty, and still a great many stations were unsupplied, he thought that there was sufficient evide the principles of the Church of England were cherished by the people.

L. Lawrason, Esq., moved the second resolution,

"That the following gentlemen do form a committee of general management, for the purpose set forth in the bishop's pastoral: All the clergymen having pastoral charges in the diocese, the Hon. G. J. Goodhue, L. Lawrason, W. . Street, L. Ridout, H. Barwick, James Hamilton, J. B. Askin, Charles Monsarratt, John Wilson, T. C. Dixon, Crowell Wilson, James Shanley, W. Horton, F. Talbot, W. Elliott, E.

expected parochial duty. A letter was also red ciergy and increased from one to thirty-five, read from the Rev. H. Patton, Rural Dean of the Johnstown Deanery, detailing the mode of the sectourches had been erected when the peodic assessment adopted in his deanery. By this it ple were much poorer than they are now, and the section such division if it is a specific plant of the section and the section of the diocese. be sessment adopted it in a dealery.

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vinced of the propriety of the measures resolved on by the synod, and recommended in the Bishop's pastoral letter, permit us to direct your attention to the amount or proportion of the gates of the deaneries of Lanark and Carleton sates of the deaneries of Lanark and Carleton had by his Lordship, which this deanery way be expected to contribute. Although the synod suggested the subdivision of the diocese into three sees, yet we are at present practithe people of Canada than it had hitherto been.
Judge Small proposed the third resolution viz:

"That the committee of general management shall meet, from time to time, as they shall deem necessary; their first meeting to be held on the 16th of March next, on which day they shall appoint their treasurer and secretary. That they shall appoint the times and places of holding public meetings, prepare, print and circulate addresses, send deputations, employ agents, and adopt such other means as shall seem best calculated to carry out the measures

recommended by the Lord Bishop."

The Judge said, that the letters of the Bishop, just read by the chairman, gave him the fullest satisfaction, and tended to raise his lordship still higher in his estimation. Now, he would willingly contribute to that fund, that he otherwise could not support. The people, having the appointment of the bishops, was what he desired, and while he was not prepared to say how far the appointment of four bishops might contribute to the usefulness of the church, he felt safe in submitting to the superior judgment of the bishop, whose great experience rendered him a competent judge. No difficulty, he apprehended, would be found in having the means, if all entered on the subject with liberality and

The fourth resolution was,
"That the clergymen and churchwardens of
each parish or mission, with power to add to their number, shall form sub-committees, to co-operate with the general committee in their respective localities.

> GORE RURAL DEANERY. From the Hamilton Gazette.

Meeting relative to the formation of an Episcopal Fund with a view to the subdivison of the Diocese

to the requisition of the Rural Dean.

PRESENT,—The Rev. Arthur Palmer, Rural Dean, Rev. J. G. Geddes, Rev. J. Alexander, Rev. W. McMurray, D.D., Rev. John Hebden, Rev. H. J Grasett, Rev. B. Cronyn, Rev. Wm. Rev. H. J. Grasett, Rev. B. Cronyn, Rev. Wm. Bettridge, Rev. F. Evans, Rev. Thomas Greene, Rev. Thos. Marsh, Rev. George Bull, Rev. Chas. Ruttan, Rev. T. J. M. Blackman, Rev. Robert Shanklin; Absalom Shade, H. C. Baker, C. K. Dickson, J. Davidson, H.J. Greenstreet, John O. Hott, Thomas Stinton, Festiges, and Lyde The Middlesex Prototype furnishes us with a Hatt, Thomas Stinton, Esquires, and Judge

the townspeople were present, and some of the therefore propose that the meeting should be

proceedings by a few appropriate remarks, after with the greater clearness, he read extracts from the pastoral of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese recently addressed to the members of

Letters were read which had been received

by the chairman from his Lordship explanatory certain points relating to future proceedings had been made from different quarters with espect to the boundaries of the proposed new Diocese, and then read a letter which he had received on the subject from the Bishop. He also referred to a letter in the possession of a gentleman just then entered (Rev. Mr. Cronyn) which would tend to show the feeling entertained on this movement by the authorities at home. The importance of the step we are about to take, he said, it would now be difficult to estimate. The vast extent of the present Diocese was known to every one, and all must see how impossible it would be for any one individual to extend to it an active personal superintendence. The necessity. therefore, of an increase in the number of bishops not extend over many more years, he evinced a sincere desire to have the church placed on a secure and permanent basis, so that, in after called upon the meeting to reflect upon the position in which we should be placed. The only alternative remaining would be an annual tax on the parishes; and if in many a difficulty was experienced in raising from year to year the sum required for their respective incumbents. the necessity of providing some permanent endowment must present itself in a still stronger point of view. He felt assured there were many staunch and cordial members of our church who would be willing to bear this share annually in maintaining their bishops; but the indifferent and lukewarm could not be made to feel an interest in anything beyond local objects. The bishops, therefore, he contended, should not be made stipendiaries. Some fixed support should place them above the fluctuation of annual returns. If we were ever to derive benefit from their superintendence, a fund should be raised to secure their permanent support. This, while it was the proper plan, would have a favourable effect upon the different parishes; because the endowment once secured, there would be no occasion for other calls for the support of the episcopate; whereas, were the bishops to be placed in the condition of stipendiaries, appeals must be made to the different localities, to which from the pressure of their more immediate demand, they would not be able to respond. He could have wished to have called a meeting in which this important subject might have received undivided attention, but as the roads were about to break up, he thought the most favourable occasion for submitting this question to the consideration of his clerical and lay brethren was that of their assembling at Hamilton, to attend the general district meeting of the Church Society. Important as the subject of the limited time which they possessed, and would therefore request Mr. Cronyn to read, for the information of the meeting, the letter to which he had previously referred.

The Rev. Mr. Cronyn then read the letter, and Shanley, W. Horton, F. Talbot, W. Elliott, E. Adams, H. C. R. Becher, L. Burwell, W. Wallace, Dr. H. Going, F. Going, Dr. Dewson, John Geary, Thomas Woodbridge, E. Ermatinger, together with all the lay delegates of the late confaction. The reverend gentleman stated, in faction. The reverend gentleman stated, in explanation that certain questions had been Mr. Lawrason remarked that, in his estimation, the sum sought to be raised was not sufficiently great to deter the churchmen of what may be the western diocese. In his memory, the clergy had increased from one to thirm for the better understanding of the subject he would state that these queries were:

Third.—Whether the members of the church

diocese is seen here in the same light as among yourselves. The only difficulty in the way is the want of an adequate endowment.

calculated to carry out the measures recommended by the Lord Bishop.

A few remarks were made by the mover of the

wn bishop, it would at once be granted.

suggests, ought not to be confined to our own suggests, ought not to be commed to clergy, but to the church generally."

The first resolution was then moved by the Rev. J. G. Geddes, and seconded by Judge the Rev. Mr. Shanklin, and seconded by H. J.

O'Reilly, as follows: Resolved .- That the pastoral letter of the Greenstreet, Esq:-Lord Bishop of Toronto now read is entitled to the most respectful and serious consideration of all churchmen within the diocese, not only as emanating from one whose untiring zeal in promoting the interest of the church has entitled him to the confidence of all the members of our communion; but also because we regard the project therein proposed as one of paramount importance, and which, if carried out, will appropriate the meeting on the project leading to their number, to co-operate in their respective to their number, to co-operate in their respective to chief number, to co-operate in their respective to confidence of all the members of our communion; but also because we regard the project therein proposed as one of paramount importance, and which, if carried out, will importance, and which, if carried out, will appropriate the project therein proposed as one of paramount importance, and which, if carried out, will appropriate the church has entitled to their number, to co-operate in their respective to coalities with the general committee. It was then agreed that the next meeting be held in Hamilton on the Wednesday in Easter week, at 10 o'clock, A.M.; after which prayers were said by the Chairman, and the meeting of the coalities with the general committee. confer the most lasting benefits on the church adjourned.

in this country.

The reverend mover said that he could not have consented to move the first resolution on so important a subject did it not so strongly recommend itself, and were it not regarded as a preliminary step to future operations. On the present occasion he would refrain from lengthened remarks; indeed, the occasion did not require them; for though on the discussion of the details some differences of opinion might arise, he felt assured that on this resolution there would not be a dissentient voice.

Judge O'Reilly viewed the matter in the same light. The present was a preliminary resolution. The details would be discussed at the proper

The second resolution was moved by the Rev. Wm. McMurray, D.D., and seconded by Absolam

Shade, Esq., as follows:

Resolved.—That the following gentlemen do form a committee of management for the purpose set forth in the bishop's pastoral, all clergymen licensed to cure of souls within this Rural licensed to cure of souls within this Rural Deanery:—Sir Allan Macnab, Judge O'Reilly, Richard Juson, H. C. Baker, Charles Dickson, Thomas Hammill, Absalom Shade, John Davidson, H. J. Greenstreet, F. W. Stone, Henry Wyatt, William Pettit, James Young, James Goddes, Hanny Margan, W. Kamp, Hanny Margan, W. Kamp, Hanny Margan, W. Geddes, Henry Morgan, Wm. Kern, Henry Racey, Esquires, and Dr. Gardener, with power add to the number: five members of the

committee to form a quorum.

The reverend gentleman who moved the resolution said that he had nothing to add to the remarks so well made from the chair on the opening of the meeting. He looked forward to another meeting before long, and did not think it necessary at present to say anything. He felt much obliged to the chairman for calling them so soon together for the discussion of this important matter, and looked forward to future

t length.

Absalom Shade, Esq., in seconding the resotion said that he thought it much better if the secting could come to some decisions. Delays were always dangerous; and could some plan be fixed upon, the collections might at once be proceeded with. He thought the line of the Grand River would not be a good boundary, as it did not correspond with the township lines and other civil divisions. By the proposed line, townships would be cut up, and even towns divided: he therefore thought a division, corresponding in the main with the last boundary of the Indian reserve, would be better; but at a preliminary meeting he would not offer any further observations.

The Chairman hoped that gentlemen would not withhold their sentiments, but state them fully and freely, otherwise there would be no means of arriving at a satisfactory conclusion as

to our future course.

Mr. Shade had not come prepared with any proposition of his own, but thought that some decision should be come to. The simpler the machinery the better; first let the division be made, and then the collections should go forward. He felt assured the Western diocese would be able to provide funds for its own The clergymen and certain laymen should form committees in each Parish; first put down their own names, and then call upon thers. It would be difficult to get large committees together, and something should be donwithout delay. Once agree upon some principle of operation, and then go seriously to work, and he felt assured of success.

After a good deal of desultory conversation about the proposed bounds, in which several gent emen took part, and in which the Grand River line and the one proposed by Mr. Shade Hugh C. Baker, Esq., said that he had come

prepared with a proposition on the proposed division. He did not think we should confine our deliberations to the present state of the country. He thought the arguments made use of for four Bishops would hold good also for more. There could be no doubt that the time would come when a large number would be required, and as the parishes constituting the Gore Deanery had held well together he could not consent that any of them should be lost to buted by the Gore Deanery should be held for Bishopric, in which the Parishes included in the present Deanery should be situated. The Niagara trict and some other places, perhaps, migh be joined with them to constitute a new diocese -Whether the seat of such a diocese should be

placed in Hamilton or otherwise, he did not say but the probability of a future division should be borne in mind in any plan now proposed He thought that Toronto and Hamilton coulnot long continue in one diocese. The opposi-tion of interests, as well as other causes, would prevent this; and he thought if this were un erstood, it would have a great effect upon the collections. He was glad that in respect to the scopate we were about to depart from the English method. Seven bishops, he learned, had only been added in England since Saxon times, but he was convinced that great good would arise from the increase in the number our Bishops. Let it be borne in mind that the nd now raised could be hereafter employed in the support of a bishop of our own, and he felt satisfied collections could be much more easily

Here a discussion arose on this proposition some contending that our subscriptions should not be confined to any particular locality; while Mr. Baker explained that he only desired the fund to be so placed that it might be available whenever required.

The third resolution was then proposed by the Rev. Mr. Ruttan, and seconded by H. C. Baker, Esq., as follows:—

Resolved,—That the committee of general

management shall meet from time to time, as they shall deem necessary; their first meeting to be held on Wednesday of Easter week, on

is admitted by the authorities at home, and | which day they shall appoint their Treasurer therefore on that point there is no difficulty, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in a letter of the 10th January, 1854, says:—"I can assure your lordship that the measure of dividing your extensive adopt such other means as they shall deem best

A few remarks were made by the mover of the resolution, urging the necessity of a vigorous respecting the division of the diocese:—'I beginner that her Majestr's make them acquainted with the question. He respecting the division of the diocese:—'I beg to assure your lordship that her Majesty's government will be prepared to countenance whatever plan may be resolved on by the members of the church of England in Canada itself for the division of the diocese of Toronto."

Third—From private communications on which I am accustomed to rely, I am firmly of opinion that were the endowments ready and offered expressly on condition that the clergy and lay delegates of each of the proposed dioceses respectively should be permitted to elect their own bishop, it would at once be granted.

dresses amongst the church families in order to make them acquainted with the question. He dwelt upon the change which had been produced in the affairs of the Church, showing how much more alive her members were at the present than in former times. He alluded to the plan adopted by the Johnstown District, and hoped that something equally good would be devised by ourselves.

Several remarks were then made by gentlemen present, during which some valuable statistical information was imparted by the Rev. Mr. Evans, relative to the proposed new dioceses;

"The selection, as the hon. J. G. Goodhue ggests, ought not to be confined to our own Bishop (then in Hamilton) to obtain information on certain points connected with the subject

Resolved,-That the clergymen and church-

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GORE AND WELLINGTON BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY. (From the Hamilton Gazette.)

On Wednesday evening last, this Branch of the Church Society held its Annual Meeting in the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute. The meeting was perhaps the largest Branch Society ever held in Canada, those present being esti-mated at over 1500. It gave us the utmost pleasure on entering the hall to see on the plat-form, seated side by side, the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and the Bishop of Michigan, two men renowned throughout the world, not only for their talent and ability, but for their sterling worth and their devotion to that Church in which they hold such prominent positions. There was also present a large number of clergy from

various parts of the Province. The meeting was opened by the Rev. Arthur Palmer, Rector of Guelph, moving that his lord-ship the Bishop of Toronto do take the chair, after which the proceedings commenced by prayer. We give an outline of the remarks of

the speakers, which will be found interesting. The chairman said that it gave him great pleasure to be present on the occasion, and to witness the large assemblage before him.—When he first visited Hamilton, many years since, there were but few persons in it; the place had rapidly improved, and he trusted that the spiritual condition of its inhabitants would keep at least equal pace with its rapid growth. He would not detain them with any lengthy remarks, but would say that, on the laity mainly depended the future welfare and prosperity of their Holy Catholic Church. He was sure that the members of that Branch of the Church Society would set an example to other parts of the thereby encouraging them to prosecute the good

Report, which shewed a large increase not only in the number of members but in the amount of contributions. Altogether it was a most enouraging document, but from its length we are unable to give it.

The Rev. A. Palmer, B.A., seconded by the Rev. C. Ruttan, moved the first resolution:—

Resolved,—That the Report just read be dopted; and that the meeting de ts thankfulness to Almighty God for the success which He has been pleased to vouchsafe to this Society during the past year.

The mover said he regretted that the person who it was intended should move the resolution, Sir A. N. McNab—was not present on account of illness, and, in consequence, it had fallen on him to do so. On former occasions he had spoken in approval of the Church Society, and n its adaptation to the wants of the Church in this Province, and he still maintained the same high opinion of it. The machinery of the Church Society provided for the wants of every Parish and every object worthy of support it was true the Board of Directors was stationed in Toronto; but then three-fourths of the subscriptions were returned to the Parishes, and it was a cause of great congratulation the large increase during the year, as shewn by the able Report read by the Secretary. It was encourag-ing to all present, he had no doubt, to hear of the large increase; but had it been otherwise, it would be no reason why they should be discouraged in the noble undertaking:-the prinsiple and objects of the Society were the same, nether success or non-success attended their efforts, but they had a right in the present instance to thank God and take heart for the lessings vouch afed to them.

The Rev. B. Cronyn, M.A., moved the second Resolved,-That the objects for the promotion

of which the Church Society is incorporated are such as must commend themselves to the cordial approval of every member of the Church, seeing that they may all be comprehended under the one head—the diffusion and establishment in this province of pure and undefiled religion, as taught by our reformed Church-and therefore that it is the duty of all the members of our communion to give the Society their zealous cooperation and support.

He said, that in presenting the resolution to

the meeting, it was not his intention to enter in detail into the objects of the Society, as they under five different heads, and comprised every thing that was desirable for the dissemination of pure and undefiled religion throughout the length and breadth of the land. Did some think that missionaries should be sent out to preach the word of God to those at a distance, that Society would do so, it was a missionary society; did some deem it desirable to send the Holy Bible, that Society would do so, it was a bible society. In fact every object, that was at all desirable, was embraced under one of the five heads; and all that was wanting to carry them out was the means to do so. Some of them had been put in operation, but yet some remained; the field was opened, and he prayed that there might be abundant means to carry on the noble works which had been begun.—They might look on the Society as the forerunner of brighter days for the Church in this Province, and that it would be better able to do battle against the wide spread errors which were on every hand. From the foundation of Christianity it was not without error, and they must still expect to contend ead, errors crept in, and for 800 years darkness overed the face of the earth, until the glorious eformers of the Church rose up a barrier, and emancipated the mind of the people from the spiritual slavery in which they had been so long enthralled, and reformed the Holy Church from the errors into which it had fallen.

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