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CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE, MONTREAL,
3rd May, 1851.

A general meeting of the Church Society was held this day, in accordance with the resolution passed at the annual meeting held on the 17th January, 1851.

The Lord Bishop in the chair.

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

It was moved by the Rev. J. Scott, seconded by the Rev. G. D. C. O'Grady, and

Resolved, That the following subscribers to the Church Society, who were not members of the original Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec, and, as such, members of this Society, under the act of incorporation, be now elected incorporated members:—Baker, A. L.; Barnston, Dr.; Bedwell, C. R.; Blackwood, Miss M. J.; Bethune, S.; Comeau, A.; Clarke, Mrs. E. A.; Cuthbert Miss; Fulford, Mrs.; Glenn, Miss; Gibb, Mrs. J. J.; Hatt, T. C.; Hatt, Mrs. R. B.; Holmes, Mrs.; Jones, Dr.; Keefer, Saml.; Lindsay, W.; Longueuil, Baroness de; Moffatt, Mrs.; Molson, Mrs. J.; MacNab, Mrs.; Mott, Nelson; Montzambert, E. L.; Prentice, Mrs.; Robinson, W. H.; Reid, Mrs.; Ross, Mrs.; Ryan, Capt.; Robinson, Mrs.; Simpson, Mrs. Alexr.; Sanborn, H. H.; Wilson, Lady; Walton, Mrs.; Vaughan, Samuel; Yule, Mrs.; Yule, Miss; Yule, Miss A.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. Anderson respecting the proposed alterations in the Widows and Orphans' By-Law.

It was moved by Col. Wilgress, seconded by the Hon. Joseph McCord, and

Resolved, That in Section III. of the Widows' and Orphans' By-Law, after the words in inc tenth, "or station served by him," all be expunged, and the following substituted in its place: "but it is essential to the stability and prosperity of this fund, so as to meet the demands that may hereafter be made upon it, that every clergyman in the diocese should contribute towards its maintenance. It is hereby declared that any clergyman refusing to become a subscriber, or neglecting to make the annual collections in his parish or mission (except as above exempted), shall not be entitled to any benefits of the fund for his widow or orphans. Should, however, any clergyman fail to become a member, and afterwards desire to join it, he shall make application to the Central Board, through the committee of management; and if the Board should favorably receive his application, it can only be on payment of all back subscriptions."

It was moved by the Hon. Judge McCord, seconded by the Rev. J. Bethune, and

Resolved, That in Section VI. the words "by the managing committee" in the fourteenth line be omitted, and also that the remainder of the section after the words "as above provided" in the twenty-second line be omitted."

It was moved by Col. Wilgress, and seconded by the Hon. Judge McCord,

That at the end of Section VI. the following be added: "But as circumstances may occur to

cause this fund to fluctuate in its amount, the Central Board may, on receiving a special report from the managing committee respecting the funds of the Society, increase or diminish the annuity to the widows or orphans, should it appear advisable or necessary so to do."

It was moved in amendment by the Rev. C. Morice, and seconded by the Rev. R. Lonsdale,

"That in the event of the funds being insufficient at any time to pay to all the widows and orphans on the list the annuity of £10 per annum, the deficiency shall be made up by an equal assessment on all the clergy entitled to participate in the benefit of the fund."

The amendment was lost, and the original motion was put and carried.

It was moved by the Rev. C. Morice, and seconded by Dr. Bethune.

That the following be added to the 7th section: "Provided that in certain cases, on the recommendation of the managing committee, the Central Board may reduce the amount of the fine."—Negatived.

It was moved by Dr. Bethune, seconded by the Rev. J. P. White, and

Resolved, That the following clauses be expunged: In the 9th section, from the words "as the case may be" to the end of the section; in the declaration to be made by a widow, from the words "a widow" to the end of the clause; in the declaration to be made by the guardian of children, from the word "Montreal" to the end.

The Rev. J. Flanagan withdrew his motion, of which he had given notice at the last meeting.

It was moved by the Rev. C. Morice, seconded by the Rev. G. D. C. O'Grady:

That this meeting be adjourned to the first Wednesday in July, for the further consideration of the Widows and Orphans' By Law.—Negatived.

The following Report of the Committee, appointed at the last meeting of the Central Meeting to devise means of increasing the funds of the Church Society, was then read:

The Committee beg to report that they are of opinion that the above object would be most effectually carried out by the appointment, in every parish or mission, of a committee of ladies or gentlemen, to be named by the clergyman or parochial association, to call on each member of the Church of England within the parish or mission for a subscription, however small, to the funds of the Church Society, the said collectors to be furnished with printed subscription papers. The Committee beg to recommend that deputations should be appointed, who may make arrangements with the different clergy, under the sanction of the Lord Bishop, to visit once a year the several parishes and missions to advocate the claims of the Society. The Committee are also of opinion that it would be highly desirable that all monies collected in the name of the Church Society should be forwarded to the Treasurer at Montreal.

Signed, A. F. Holmes, *Chairman*.

The above report was received, and notice was given by Dr. Holmes that at the next annual meeting he will move that in the first sec-

tion of By-Law No. 7, the last clause, commencing with the words, "one half of all monies," be struck out.

The Hon. Judge McCord gave notice that at the next general meeting of the Society he will move that in future the Lay Committee shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society, and not at the Central Board, as at present.

It was Resolved, on the motion of the Secretary (notice of which had been given at the annual meeting), seconded by the Rev. R. Lonsdale:

That, in By-Law No. 9, the words "at the first meeting of the Central Board," be struck out, and that the words, "at the annual meeting of the Society," be inserted instead thereof.

May 3rd, 1851.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day, in accordance with the constitution, the Lord Bishop in the Chair.—The following Report of the Lay Committee was read:—

"An application was received from the Rev. W. Lockhart, asking for £60 towards the purchase of a glebe at New Glasgow. The proposed purchase consists of 80 acres, one-half clear and in a good state of cultivation, with a good house, barn and stable thereon, price £200; towards this the Inhabitants have raised,.....£40 0 0

Contributed by the Lord Bishop from funds at his disposal,..... 25 0 0
Payable next year, 10 0 0
The Rev. Mr. Lockhart, 15 0 0

90 0 0
If the Society grants, 60 0 0

There will be a total of150 0 0

Leaving a balance of £60 to be raised within the mission or otherwise before the same may be due, or that amount may be borrowed on mortgage, the Incumbent paying the interest till the amount required be procured. The Central Board is respectfully recommended to vote that £30 be granted, payable immediately, and another £30 at this period next year, or so soon as the inhabitants shall have raised the balance required to complete the purchase, say £50, either in cash or by loan *with mortgage* on the glebe itself.

A letter was also received from the Rev. W. Morris, explaining why the Church at Petite Nation was built of wood, and furnishing other particulars relative to the cost of erection and memorandum for title deed of land, which it appears has not been executed. As to the application for means to finish the Church at Petite Nation, to wit,—windows, £40; doors £5 12s.; floor, £11 8s.; lathe and plastering, £16 16s.; forms, £3 12s.; total, £77 8s., the Central Board is respectfully recommended to vote a grant of £25, to be paid so soon as the deed of the same be executed and the Lay Committee shall be satisfied that those concerned have the means in hand to complete the work; and that this shall not be considered a precedent to justify the erection of wooden buildings. The Committee also recommend that the above sum shall