

The payment of sundry accounts recommended by the Standing Committees of the 31st May and 6th July were ordered.

A report was read, signed by Messrs. Goldsmith and Brent, the auditors, in which they certified to the correctness of the Society's books, and made some valuable suggestions as to the best method of carrying on the monetary affairs of the Society. With regard to the present plan of sending certificates, they state: "The certificates of deposit with the agencies of the bank being sent in duplicate, it happens frequently that the vouchers reach the Society's office long before the bank agent makes his report to the parent bank, thus not only causing a discrepancy in the date of the entry by the Society and the Bank, but, as has in some instances been the case, the amount is twice credited and occasionally altogether omitted. We would suggest that parties sending the collection should, when there is a bank agency, procure a draft for the amount and remit direct to the Secretary, who would then credit the proper fund, and deposit the drafts from time to time as cash."

It was moved by the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, seconded by Rev. D. E. Blake:

"That the report of the Auditors recommending certain alterations in the mode of keeping the accounts of this Society having been read, resolved that the thanks of this Society be given to the Auditors for the same, and that they be requested, in conjunction with the Secretary, to carry them into execution as they may deem most advantageous." Carried

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that £10 be granted towards the erection of a stone church on the Richmond road, Beckwith, so soon as the clergyman forwards a certificate that the roof has been put on:

£10 towards the erection of a stone church in Montague, on the same conditions as above:

That the Rev. B. Lewis be authorized to draw for £10 for the repairs of the Church at Franktown:

A grant of £12 10s. towards the erection of a stone parsonage in the township of Emily, provided the application of the Churchwardens be backed by the Clergyman, and the money to be paid so soon as the roof is reported to be on:

A grant of service books for St. Paul's Church, Glanford, on the application of the Rev. G. A. Bull:

A grant of twenty-five cheap prayer books to the Rev. E. Grasett, for distribution in his mission:

A grant of tracts amounting to £2 10s. to the Rev. J. A. Morris, for distribution in his mission at Carleton Place and vicinity:

A grant of £12 10s. on the application of the Rev. J. S. Clarke, towards the erection of a stone Church at Seymour—the money to be paid so soon as he reports that the roof is on. Also a set of Church Service Books for the same Church, and bibles and prayer books amounting to £2 10s. for distribution in the destitute settlements of his mission:

A grant of 100 catechisms, 100 tracts on confirmation, and 3 dozen cheap common prayer books, to the Rev. F. Treumayne, junr, for distribution in his mission.

Resolved, That if approved of by the Finance Committee, a loan be made to the Rev. T. Greene on such security as may be satisfactory to them and approved of by the Solicitor, provided there are sufficient funds to meet any prior claim.

A similar resolution was passed respecting the application made for a loan by the incumbent and Churchwardens of Springfield Church.

Resolved, That the exchange of the lot in Hamilton, applied for by the Rector and Church-

wardens on behalf of the Vestry, be sanctioned by the Society, provided the title is approved of by the Solicitor, and a certificate forwarded from the valuator of the Trust and Loan Company in that town, that the lot taken is of equal value with the one given.

The Secretary gave notice on behalf of H. C. Baker, Esq., of Hamilton, that at the meeting in October he will move that £1 5s. be forwarded to the parent society by the Treasurer of the several District Branches, for every incorporated member within their bounds, and the one-fourth of all other monies collected.

Moved by the Rev. D. E. Blake, seconded by H. Mortimer, Esq.:

That the Secretary be requested to lay on the table at the next Monthly Meeting of the Society, a detailed account of the land held by the Society, showing the various objects for which they are held in trust, the amount belonging to each trust, the probable value of each individual parcel of land as far as can be at present determined, and the annual average amount of taxes paid on said land for the last three years, as far as practicable.

The Secretary read the following note from the Rev. W. T. Bullock, Assistant Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, enclosed in the same envelope with the Treasurer's receipt for £311 7s. sterling:

"Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, 79 Pall Mall, London, 30th May, 1854.

"DEAR SIR—I inclose the Treasurer's receipt for the Jubilee Collection in the Diocese of Toronto. And it is my duty at the same time to express to you our cordial satisfaction at receiving such a token of the kind interest with which the work of the Society is regarded in the Diocese of Toronto.

"I am, dear sir,

"Yours very faithfully,

"W. T. BULLOCK.

"REV. T. S. KENNEDY."

The Secretary read the following letter from G. M. Jarvis, Esq.:

"Toronto, 10th June, 1854.

"MY DEAR SIR—In reading your Report at the Annual Meeting of the Church Society on Wednesday last, I observe a suggestion relative to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, which is, that the members of the several congregations should contribute a trifle individually towards a Fund which shall enable the Churchwardens to pay the premium required to assure the lives of Clergymen for such a sum as may relieve their minds from all fear that their wives and children shall, at their decease, have to part with everything in order to pay their funeral expenses and other liabilities. In reply to this suggestion, I beg to send you enclosed one of the prospectuses of the United Service and General Life Assurance and Guarantee Association of London, for which I am the Agent here, and to inform you for the information of the Churchwardens and others interested, that I shall be glad to take all risks of Clergymen's lives at rates less than those prescribed in the Prospectus, to the full amount of my own commission,* which will make the premium considerably less than it would be in any other office in Canada or elsewhere. If my suggestion is not considered worthy of being adopted, I shall be glad to subscribe to the fund in another way.

"I am, my dear sir,

"Yours faithfully,

"G. MURRAY JARVIS."

* 5 per cent.

The Secretary was desired thankfully to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, and to publish it in the Church paper, calling the attention of the several parishes to its contents.

The Secretary gave notice that he had been requested to propose Joseph Browne, Esq., of Kempville, and Mr. Robert Lesslie, as incorporated members.

The following Gentlemen were ballotted for and duly elected incorporated members:—Rev. J. A. Morris, Carleton Place; Dr. Dawson, Sandwich; Mr. Wm. Humphries, of Elizabethtown, North Augusta; Mr. P. Adams of Cornwall, and Robert Armour, Esq., of Darlington.

✓ EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

A meeting of the clergy and laity of the Midland Deanery was held in St. George's school-room, Kingston, on Tuesday, the 11th instant, at 3 o'clock p. m., to make the necessary arrangements for raising the endowment fund for the proposed Diocese of Kingston, in accordance with the bishop's pastoral letter.

Present. The Rev. S. Givens, Rural Dean; Clergy—Rev. W. Herchmer, A. M., Rev. W. David, A. M., Rev. J. Muloch, Rev. H. Mulkins, Rev. W. Greig, A. M., Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, A. M., Rev. E. C. Borer, Rev. J. Bousfield, Rev. C. C. Johnson; Laity—The Hon. J. Macaulay, Thomas Kirkpatrick, Neil McLeod, Wm. Ferguson, John Dunn, J. Menceilly, C. W. Cooper, Esqrs., and Dr. Yates.

The Rural Dean, having taken the chair, opened the meeting with prayer.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Shirley, of Camden, regretting his absence on account of illness, was read.

The chairman explained the object of the meeting, and proceeded to read the bishop's pastoral letter on the subject of the endowment fund, which led to a lengthened discussion on the best means of carrying out this most desirable object as speedily as possible.

With a view to this, the following resolutions were then proposed and adopted—viz.:

1. Moved by Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq., and seconded by the Hon. J. Macaulay, and Resolved, That Dr. Yates be requested to act as secretary.—Carried unanimously.

2. Moved by Rev. H. Mulkins, and seconded by Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq., and

Resolved, That William Ferguson, Esq., the County Treasurer, be requested to act as treasurer.—Carried unanimously.

3. Moved by Rev. Mr. David, and seconded by Rev. J. Muloch, and

Resolved, That for the purpose of efficiently carrying out the object of this meeting, a committee of management be formed, composed of the clergy holding spiritual charge in this deanery, together with one layman from each congregation, to be nominated by such congregation.

4. Moved by the Hon. J. Macaulay, and seconded by Rev. Mr. Bartlett, and

Resolved, That the members of the above-named committee be requested to assemble on the 25th instant in St. George's school-room, Kingston, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of preparing an address to the members of the Church within the deanery on the subject, and devising such other measures as may be deemed necessary for the speedy attainment of the object.

5. Moved by N. McLeod, Esq., seconded by Wm. Ferguson, Esq.,

That this meeting distinctly understands that subscriptions towards the endowment fund may be given conditionally, and in event of the failure of the performance of the condition the monies or other contributions shall be returned to the donor if required.

SALTEN GIVENS, R. D., Chairman.

HORATIO YATES, Secretary.