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Having been applied to often for a copy of the Church Temporalities Act, we have republished it in this number for the convenience of the Clergy and their Vestries at Easter. The Publisher will hereafter keep the Act on hand in pamphlet form.

The Report of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec has been received, and shall appear in our next.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE,
5th March, 1856.

A meeting of the Central Board was held this day, the Lord Bishop in the chair. The following report was presented from the lay committee.

1. An application was received from the Mission of Berthier, by which it appears that the grant made by the Central Board at a former meeting was based, by error, on a settlement of £20 instead of £25, and considering that the mission has already paid to the Society the whole of its collections, it is recommended to the Central Board to grant the additional sum of £5 prayed for.

2. The Rector and Churchwardens of Chambly apply for aid towards the payment of the debt incurred in the repairing of their parsonage, and this committee taking into consideration the sums of money raised by voluntary subscription among the parishioners towards the above object, and also bearing in mind the large annual contributions of that mission to the funds of the Society, cheerfully recommend the grant of the sum required, viz: £15.

3. The Lay Committee, reconsidering their report of the month of August 1853, on the subject of the sale of the lands in the township of Halifax, devoted to the endowment of the Mission of Coteau du Lac, and being now informed of the present state and increased value of the said lands, do recommend the immediate sale thereof, under such terms and conditions of payment as may be deemed necessary by this committee.

4. An application was considered from the Rev. W. Morris, Missionary at Buckingham, praying for aid towards the erection

of a parsonage at that place; and your committee, considering the many wants and peculiar circumstances of this remote mission, and the great exertions made by the very limited number of its parishioners (to the extent of £100 in cash and materials) besides the free grant of a site for burial ground and parsonage, respectfully recommend a grant of £50 payable, one half, when the building shall be roofed in, and the balance when it shall be fit for habitation, the whole under the direction of this committee.

It was moved by the Rev. W. Bond, seconded by the Rev. Canon Bancroft, and resolved—That the Report of the Lay Committee be received, and that the 3rd clause thereof be approved, and that the chairman of that committee be authorized to carry the same into effect.

It was resolved that 15 Prayer Books be granted to the French Training School at St. John's, and 12 do. for the use of the members of the Church of England in the Montreal General Hospital.

The following sums have been received by the Treasurer since the commencement of the year:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Collection at Annual Meeting	23	0	0	Dr. & Mrs. Macdonald	2	10	0
Rev. J. F. White	1	17	6	Rev W Anderson	1	17	6
Rev. J. Braithwaite	1	17	6	Rev J. Constan- tine	1	17	6
Rev. W. Abbott	1	17	6	Phillipsburg	1	13	0
Rev. Mr. Dumford	1	5	0	Sorel	4	10	0
S. G. Bagg	1	5	0	Milton	0	11	1
Mrs. S. C. Bagg	0	5	0	South Norton	0	10	0
R. S. C. Bagg	0	5	0	Clarencoville			
Cath'rn S. Bagg	0	5	0	St George	1	21	4
Amelia J. Bagg	0	5	0	St. Thomas	0	2	8
Mary H. Bagg	0	5	0	Donation	0	5	0

THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society was held on Tuesday evening, January 25th, 1856, at the Mechanics' Hall, which was well filled with a most respectable and attentive audience.

The Lord Bishop took the chair shortly after seven o'clock, and prayer having been offered:—

His Lordship, in opening the proceedings of the meeting, said he would not anticipate what was about to be said by other speakers, but confine himself to a very few remarks. The progress made by the Society during the past year was on the whole satisfactory. Last year it was made matter of congratulation that there had been a considerable increase in the amount of

revenue over that of the previous year, and now they found a farther very satisfactory increase this year. He hoped this indicated the direction which they would proceed in future years. He had stated last year that he hoped to send two more missionaries out in the year into the destitute settlements, but in consequence of what had happened respecting the Clergy Reserves, he had felt that the funds of the Society would be unable to bear the additional burden. In the present year, however, he hoped they might do so. For this was the great work the Society had to do, to bring light to those who sit in darkness. The people of Britain had, during the past year their feelings deeply interested in the war which was being waged in the East. It had been made matter of reproach to England that she had engaged in war in behalf of a Mahometan nation against another Christian nation, but this was urged by those who did not know the kind of Christianity professed and taught in Russia, and did not consider that the arms of Britain were now opening up a way for the spread of Christianity through Turkey. Already, in Constantinople, steps were being taken to build churches and commence more vigorously the missionary work. With regard to the Christianity professed in Russia, he would read them something from the narrative of one who had travelled in that country. His Lordship here read from a book in which was a portion of the Catechism of the Russo-Greek Church, in which was shown that the Czar was held entitled to almost equal worship with the Deity; and another portion of the work shewed how every effort was made to keep the people in ignorance. It was a great merit claimed by the professors of our religion that our Church did not seek to keep the people in ignorance, but sought their enlightenment, and it was our bounden duty to exert ourselves to carry the message transmitted to us from our Lord and Saviour to the rest of the world.

The Bishop then called on the Secretary, the Rev. E. J. Rogers, who read the report.

REPORT.

The suggestions which were offered at the last Annual Meeting of the Society have in part been so successfully carried out, that the Central Board is now at the close of another year's operations, enabled to present a very satisfactory statement of the receipts of the Society. The following amounts have been received for the year ending 6th January, 1856, for:—

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Annual Subscriptions in Montreal	£415	18	11
Amount contained in 150 boxes, received from Montreal Parochial Association	105	19	8