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DIOCESE OF QUEBEC. CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the St. Francis District Association was held on the 29th January, in the town of Sherbrooke, and was attended by most of the Clergy of the District, as well as a large number of the members of the Society resident in Sherbrooke and vicinity. The chair was taken by the Rev. L. Doolittle, chairman (*ex officio*) of the District.

The business of the Meeting having been opened with the prayers appointed to be used at all meetings of the Society and of its several Associations, the Rev. Chairman delivered an appropriate address, and the Secretary of the Association read the Committee's Report of the past year's proceedings, from which it appeared that the sums contributed within the District towards objects contemplated by the Society amounted to about £890—including, however, about £200 previously reported—making for the year 1850 an amount of about £690, that of the preceding year having been £534 3s. 9d.—The Report touched briefly on the recent division of the old Diocese of Quebec and on some other matters of general interest—but was chiefly occupied with details of information and returns from the missions of Staunton, Hatley, Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, Bury, Eaton, and Dudswell—the other missions of the District having failed to transmit their local reports.

The reading of the Report was followed by the passing of a series of Resolutions, which are given below, introduced by their movers or seconders with appropriate remarks and explanations.

In the course of the evening the Rev. Secretary of the Parent Society, who had preached the sermon in the morning, at Lennoxville, where Divine Service was held preparatory to the Annual Meeting at Sherbrooke in the evening, addressed the meeting eloquently on the subject of the principles, objects, and past proceedings of the Society, advocating in a very effective manner its claims upon the clergy and laity of the Diocese for confidence, support, and hearty co-operation.

Office-bearers for the year 1851 having been appointed, the business of the meeting was closed with the benediction by the Chairman.

1. Moved by Wm. Ritchie, Esq., seconded by Dr. Johnstone;

"That the Report just read be adopted, and that the Secretary of the Association be requested to transmit an abstract of it to the Secretary of the Parent Society."

2. Moved by S. Gzowski, Esq., seconded by G. F. Bowen, Esq.;

"That this Meeting humbly desires to record its gratitude to the Giver of all good for the measure of success vouchsafed during the past year to the Parent Society and to this Association."

3. Moved by Rev. J. Kemp, seconded by A. Woodward, Esq.;

"That the Members of this Association are deeply sensible of the necessity of increased exertion in behalf of the objects of our Church Society, owing to the recent division of the Diocese and the formation of a distinct Society in

the new See of Montreal, comprehending, as the latter does, the more populous and wealthier portion of the old Diocese."

4. Moved by the Rev. G. Ross, seconded by Professor Chapman;

"That this Meeting hail with satisfaction and with confident hopes of increased stability and usefulness of the Church in Canada the recent division of the old Diocese of Quebec, and its erection into the two Sees of Quebec and Montreal—and desires to tender its cordial and devout wishes for the success of the new Church Society in the latter Diocese."

5. Moved by Rev. C. P. Reid, seconded by Rev. J. Dalziel;

"That this Association feels bound to reiterate its grateful recognition of the claims of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, as well upon the gratitude of all churchmen in this Province, as upon their active co-operation in preparing for the period when of necessity they will have to depend upon themselves for the means of sustaining the Church in Canada."

6. Moved by Rev. W. Wickes, seconded by Rev. H. Burrage;

"That an Incorporated Association formed on the principles of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec, affords the most efficient means accessible to churchmen in the Diocese of furthering the permanent interests of our Church—and that it is the duty of all churchmen in the Diocese heartily to assist in carrying out its important objects."

7. Moved by Professor Miles, seconded by Hy. Elkins;

"That a Committee be appointed to revise the Rules and Bye-Laws of this Association—consisting of Rev. J. H. Nicolls, Chairman; Rev. C. P. Reid, G. F. Bowen, Esq., Hollis Smith, Esq., and the Secretary of the Association; and that the Secretary of the Parent Society be invited to co-operate: the Committee to report to a meeting of the Association to be held on the last Wednesday in May."

8. Moved by the Rev. Principal Nicolls, seconded by Rev. T. S. Chapman;

"That this Meeting, while it disclaims all sympathy with the more violent expressions of feeling which have been exhibited in many parts of the mother country, feels itself called upon to respond to the feelings of indignation expressed by all members of the Church in England, at the late act of aggression on the part of Papal Rome, whereby the Royal supremacy has been assailed, and the existence of our Church, as a branch of the Church Universal, virtually denied."

9. Moved by W. C. Willis, Esq., seconded by J. Paddon, Esq.;

"That the thanks of this Meeting be tendered to the office-bearers of the Association, for their services during the past year."

10. Moved by Rev. C. P. Reid, seconded by Rev. H. Burrage;

"That the following gentlemen be requested to act as office bearers, during the ensuing year:—

H. Miles, Esq.—Secretary.

G. F. Bowen, Esq.—Treasurer.

Rev. L. Doolittle, and Honble. E. Hale—Auditors.