

That they have had several meetings, and being desirous of procuring as much information as possible on the important subject submitted to their consideration, they commenced their labors by soliciting information and inviting suggestions from the Clergy, through the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, feeling assured, from the interest expressed by many of them, that they would willingly aid in forwarding the views of the Society.

To these solicitations and invitations no replies have as yet been received, and your Committee are, in consequence, without information on the following points:

1st. The number of Schools that would probably be required.

2ndly. The disposition and ability existing among the settlers in the different localities to contribute to their support.

3rdly. The amount of Government aid that could be secured to them under the School Act.

Your Committee trust that some information on these points may be communicated by the Clergy at the approaching meeting of the Central Board, and beg to recommend that any aid towards the establishment or support of Schools be confined to such localities as have shewn that they appreciate the advantages of Education, either by the erection of School-houses, or have in some other manner contributed to promote that important end.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE MACKIE, Chairman.

Committee Room, 17th May, 1853.

PAYMENTS MADE TO THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

GENERAL FUND.

Life Subscriptions—W. Spragge, Mrs. W. Spragge, C. E. Levey, £12 10s. each.....	£37 10 0
Quinquagesima Collections—Upper Ireland, 10s., first Inverness Church, 13s. 3d., second do. 13s. 10d., Dublin Range, 6s. 7d., Rickaby's, 1s. 9d., Bennett settlement, 8s. 7d., Bourg Louis, 11s. 4d., Gaspé Basin, £2 5s., Richmond, £3 18s. 9d., Rivière du Loup en haut, 10s. 3d., Nicolet, £1 11s. 7d., Rivière du Loup en bas, 5s. 3d., Sandy Beach, £2 5s.,	14 2 2
Annual Subscriptions—Rev. T. Pennesfather, £1 8s. 8d., Rev. F. A. Smith, Miss Scott, 25s. each, Miss Mountain, Miss C. Mountain, Mrs. Broke, Miss Simcoe, £1 stg., each, Miss Gronow, 10s. stg....	9 8 2
Remittance from Rivière du Loup en haut.....	4 0 0
Remittance from St. Sylvester.....	5 4 1
Donations—Mrs. Frobisher, £2 stg., Mrs. Mills, Miss Mills, £1 stg. each.....	4 17 4
	£75 1 9

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Collection at Richmond.....	£4 0 0
Rivière du Loup en haut.....	0 15 0
Sandy Beach.....	1 0 0
	£5 15 0

DEPOSITORY FUND.

Collection after Sermon in the Cathedral on Trinity Sunday	£22 8 2
--	---------

R. SYMES,
Treasurer Church Society.

Quebec, 30th May, 1852.

PARISH OF QUEBEC.—On the evening of Whit Sunday, an interesting ceremony was performed in St. Matthew's Chapel in this Parish. Three fugitive slaves, negro women, who had been for several months under a course of preparation and instruction, were publicly received into the Church by Baptism. A sermon appropriate to the day and occasion was preached by the Rev. Armine Mountain, in the course of which an appeal was made on behalf of the design for the extension of the Epis-

copate to Natal. The collection amounted, together with that made at the Offertory at early Communion, which was devoted to the same purpose, to £6 4s.

Those of our exchanges who have given circulation to rumors, originating with a secular paper in this city, respecting certain changes to be made in the Diocese and Parish of Quebec, are requested to inform their readers that no such arrangements are in contemplation.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL. CHURCH SOCIETY.

At a Meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held on 4th of May, in accordance with the Constitution, there were present:—
Revs. Dr. BERNARD (in the Chair), A. D. Campbell, C. Bancroft, R. Lonsdell, G. De Courcy O'Grady, J. A. Morris, W. B. Bond, E. J. Rogers, Hon. Judge McCord, Col. Wilgress, T. B. Anderson, Esq., S. C. Bagg, Esq., Capt. Maitland, Dr. Holmes, Major Campbell.

After Prayers, the Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The following Report of the Lay Committee was then read, viz:—

"The Committee having taken into consideration the application of the Rev. C. Bancroft and the Vestry of St. James's Church, St. John's, for pecuniary aid towards the acquisition of a certain Lot and School House thereon erected, in that Town, to form part of an endowment for that Parish or Rectory, and having carefully examined into its details, respectfully recommend a Grant towards the desired object, of £100 currency, subject to the following conditions.

"That the property shall be, by the present holders or Trustees, made over to the Rector of the Parish, for the purpose of such endowment.

"That the said sum of £100, so advanced, shall be considered a loan, until such time as from the surplus revenue thereof, or other sources, all the debts or obligations on the said property shall be liquidated, after which such sum shall be a free gift.

"That in the interim a Mortgage shall be given this Society for the said sum, with an assignment of the policy of Fire Insurance thereon, to the extent of said loan, as collateral security.

"An application was received from the Rev. G. De Courcy O'Grady, of Hemmingsford, for a loan of £100 or more, towards the erection of a Parsonage House on the Glebe in that Parish. Your Committee sincerely regret that the means at the disposal of this Society will not justify them in recommending the grant or loan sought for, which, under other circumstances, they would be happy to do, seeing the great exertions made by that Parish in effecting the purchase of their Glebe.

"Received an application from the Reverend Incumbent of Ormstown for the immediate payment of the sum of £50, voted conditionally at a Meeting of the Central Board, held on Nov 2nd, 1852. The consideration of this application was postponed, to obtain more particular details as to the financial affairs of that Church.

"Also an application from the Rev. T. Machin, for aid to the extent of £25 towards the erection of a Parsonage at Granby; recommended to be paid when the building shall be in such a state of progress, in the opinion of the Lay Committee, as will justify it, due regard being always had to freedom from debt, &c."

Moved by the Rev. R. LONSDALL, seconded by the Rev. C. BANCROFT, and Resolved, That the above Report be received and discussed clause by clause.

Moved by the Rev. A. D. CAMPBELL, seconded by the Rev. J. A. MORRIS, and

Resolved, That the first clause be adopted.

Moved by Major CAMPBELL, seconded by S. C. BAGO, Esq., and

Resolved, That the second clause be adopted.

Moved by S. C. BAGO, Esq., seconded by the Rev. J. FLANAGAN, and

Resolved, That the fourth clause be adopted.

Accounts to the amount of £1 5s. 3d. were then passed.

An abstract of the Treasurer's Account was presented.

The Meeting was closed with Prayer.

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Lord Bishop of this Diocese held a Visitation of the Clergy in St. John's Church, Pembroke, Bermuda, on St. Mark's day. The weather proving very unfavorable, the Congregation was, in consequence, much smaller than it would otherwise have been. The proceedings of the day commenced with the Morning Service; the Prayers were read by the Rev. M. K. S. Frith, Rector of Pagets and Warwick; the Visitation Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. F. Lightbourn, and the Holy Communion was administered by His Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Tucker, Ecclesiastical Commissary, to