

Another principle was, that organized effort is needful; there has been too much acting independently. The scheme would not interfere with giving for other objects. He held that by the scheme submitted, the financial report of the missions of the Church would be largely increased. Every part of the field would be represented on the executive; every parish would, if possible, be visited; and grants would be made to every field according to the money in hand. It was proposed that a secretary should be appointed to keep the scheme actively working.

Archdeacon Fortin seconded the motion.

The report began with a long preamble; the scheme proper was as follows:

1. The general missionary work of the Church of England in Canada shall be under the charge of a board of domestic and foreign missions.

2. The board shall consist of all the members of the House of Bishops and of all members of the Lower House, with power to add to their number. The Primate shall be ex-officio chairman, and in his absence the senior Bishop present shall preside.

3. The Board shall form itself into three divisions, to be known respectively as the Eastern, Northwestern and Pacific Divisions. The Eastern Division shall have as its sphere, the ecclesiastical province of Canada; the Northwestern, the ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land; and the Pacific, the Diocese of British Columbia. Each division may elect a secretary.

4. The Board shall have an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Bishop and one priest and one layman from each Diocese of the Eastern Division, and the Bishop (or, in his absence, one priest to represent him), and one layman from each Diocese of the other divisions. It shall suffice if the priest appointed to represent the Bishop of the Dioceses of Moosonee, Selkirk, Mackenzie River and Athabasca, be a resident in the ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land. The Primate shall be ex-officio chairman. The committee shall be appointed by the Board, on the nomination of each Diocesan Synod, which nomination shall be made by each Diocesan Synod at the meeting thereof next preceding the session of the General Synod; or, where there is no Diocesan Synod, then on the nomination of the Bishop of the Diocese. In the case of the Diocese of Algoma, the nomination shall be made by the council.

5. All funds raised in any diocese for mission work beyond its own borders, shall be contributed to, and distributed by the executive committee; and particulars of all grants and gifts, which any diocese may receive from outside the Dominion, shall be communicated to the executive committee. This, however, shall not prevent the appropriation of funds to particular objects by the donors.

6. The executive committee shall publish annually a statement of the missionary needs, and resources of each diocese in Canada, indicating in particular the definite sums required to meet the needs of each diocese, for (first,) home missions, or missions among the settlers in the rural districts; (second,) Indian and heathen missions in the Dominion, and third, foreign missions, in addition to the grant of English societies, and revenue from diocesan endowments, and showing what per cent. of such sums, each diocese and work received, during the previous year.

In order to secure a clear statement of the church's needs, the Bishop, or secretary of the executive committee of each diocese, shall on or before the 31st day

of January of each year, submit to his division a description of the existing missions, and fields needing to be occupied, in his diocese, giving details of the extent, population and prospects of each.

There shall also be furnished a full and detailed statement of all monies received from missionary societies, private benefactions, or government grants, for the work being carried on; and further, a detailed statement of the expenditure of all funds so received.

Each division shall also forward a copy of these reports to the executive committee of the board of missions, who shall use the information therein contained in preparing their appeal to the Church.

The executive committee shall also issue an annual appeal on behalf of foreign missions.

Both of these appeals shall have appended thereto the signatures of the Bishops.

8. That a deputation, as arranged by the executive committee, shall be sent under the authority of the Bishop of each diocese, to every parish or mission annually, to give missionary information, and procure help for the work of the board, and each clergyman shall, in addition to reading the appeal or appeals, annually preach, or have preached by a clergyman representing the executive committee, to each congregation under his charge, a missionary sermon; when subscriptions and donations shall be solicited for the general missionary work of the Church. The executive committee shall make arrangements for the exchange of deputations between the east and west, when found desirable.

9. In answer to these appeals funds will be raised by collections in Churches, and at meetings, and by soliciting subscriptions and donations, and an appointment shall be made to each diocese, or, if found practicable to each parish, for a minimum sum.

10. Six months previous to the beginning of each year, the executive committee shall inform each diocese of the sum which it is expected, from the receipts of the previous year, will be granted to the diocese for the coming year; but such grant shall be subject to reduction by the executive committee, if found necessary.

11. The appropriation of all funds shall be made by the executive committee.

12. A secretary shall be appointed, who, when required to devote his whole time to the work of the board, may be paid a salary of not more than \$1,000 per annum and his travelling expenses, until the free income of the board amounts to not less than \$10,000 per annum.

Dr. Davidson and Mr. M. Wilson moved the acceptance of the Preamble, and the consideration of the scheme, clause by clause.

Col. Matheson favored bringing the scheme immediately into operation.

Canon Von Island advocated postponement.

Mr. Matthew Wilson said they had moved the amendment as the most practical way of dealing with the question immediately.

Mr. Thos. Gilroy referred to the gifts of one English society, the C. M. S., as having given for missionary work in the Province of Rupert's Land and in British Columbia \$94,100, \$65,000 in the former and the balance in British Columbia. The people themselves would have to supplement this.

Chancellor Heneker asked for a statement by the committee of the financial condition of the Church in Canada.