

Rev T. B. Murray, which took place, after a short illness, on Monday, 24th September, 1860, having been reported to the Standing Committee, the Committee had agreed unanimously to propose for the adoption of the Board at this Meeting, the following Resolution:—

"That this Board, having received from the Standing Committee the painful intelligence of the death of their respected Secretary, the Rev. T. B. Murray, record with deep sorrow the loss of one who, for upwards of twenty-five years, served the Society with singular zeal and conscientiousness. They desire to record their sense of his many amiable qualities, and of the uniform kindness and courtesy with which he discharged the various duties devolving upon him as Secretary; and to convey to Mrs. Murray and his bereaved family the expressions of sincere and heartfelt condolence."

It was moved by Philip Cazenove Esq., and seconded by Thomas Edey, Esq.

"That the above Resolution be adopted, and that his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, President of the Society, be respectfully requested to subscribe his name to a copy of it, to be forwarded to the family of the late lamented Secretary."

The motion was carried unanimously. On the motion of John Boodle, Esq., seconded by Philip Cazenove, Esq., it was resolved—

"That it be referred to the Standing Committee to consider and recommend the arrangements and appointments which it may be expedient to adopt, in consequence of the lamented death of the Rev. T. B. Murray."

The Secretaries laid before the Board the Report for 1860, which had been prepared by their late colleague, the Rev. T. B. Murray, and stated that the above resolution, referring to his lamented death, would be added to it.

With respect to the notice given by the Standing Committee at the Meeting of the Board on Tuesday, July 3, viz., that they should recommend on Tuesday, October 2, 1860, that 100*l.* be placed at the disposal of the Bishop of Natal for general purposes in Zulu land, should his Lordship be enabled to carry into effect, in a satisfactory manner, his desire to proceed at the head of the Zulu Mission to Zulu land, being prepared, should it be found necessary, to relinquish the See of Natal, and live in the Zulu country: there being doubt whether the arrangements which were in contemplation would be carried out, the Standing Committee withdrew the recommendation of which they had given notice.

With respect to the resolution of the Board at their last Meeting, on the motion of R. B. Wade, Esq., "That the consideration of the Report upon Ireland be deferred to the first meeting of the Society after the vacation," the Secretaries reported, that a letter had been received from Mr. Wade, stating that, as he should not be able to attend the meeting of this day, as he took much interest in the question, he should be very glad if the consideration could be put off until November.

It was agreed that the consideration of this subject should be deferred accordingly.

With respect to the resolution of the Board at the last Meeting, "That it be referred to the Standing Committee, to consider whether any, and, if any, what further steps should be taken to supply the want of complete copies of the Holy Scriptures in the various languages in which the Gospel is preached among the heathen and in the colonies;" it was stated that, in consequence of the intervening of the vacation, the Standing Committee had not had the opportunity of conferring with the Foreign Translation Committee, and of giving the subject of the resolution the required consideration. They therefore begged

to be allowed to defer their report to the Board.

The Rev. R. W. Whitford, having given the following notice of motion for this day, viz:—

"That the Foreign Translation Committee be, and hereby is, empowered and requested to take active steps as soon as practicable to procure, and so far as may be, to co-operate with other bodies in providing faithful versions, and careful revisions of the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer, until supplied in every tongue wherein the Gospel has been preached.

"Provided always, that all grants in aid be made contingent on approval of the work by competent examiners and referees, and, that no grant made shall become due or payable till after such examination or approval."

And it having been suggested that this motion be deferred until after the Committee had made their report; Mr. Whitford explained in what respects his motion differed from that on which the Standing Committee were to report, and withdrew his motion for the present.

The Lord Bishop of Cape Town, in a letter dated July 13, 1860, asked for aid in building a School-house at Somerset West, where there was no church at present. Service was to be held by a catechist schoolmaster. The population consisted of mechanics and labourers who had raised 100*l.* towards 450*l.*, the sum required. The Dutch and English had joined in requesting the appointment of a catechist, w*h.* will be supported by the people.

The Board granted 30*l.* towards this object.

The Rev. E. R. Glover, with the recommendation of the Lord Bishop of Cape Town, requested a grant to form a Library for the Students of Kaffir College, Cape Town. A very satisfactory account was given of the progress of the College.

The Board agreed to grant Books towards the proposed Library to the value of 10*l.*

A letter was received from the Lord Bishop of Montreal, dated September 5, 1860. A grant of 50*l.* having been voted in February for a free church at Montreal, to contain 300, and hopes having been held out of the grant being increased to 100*l.* if the church should accommodate 500 persons, the Bishop trusted the Society would increase the grant to 75*l.* in consideration of the church having been constructed to hold 400. He also asked for a grant of 25*l.* towards a School Church in connexion with the Grand Trunk Railway Station. Both buildings are now near completion. The seats in both Churches were to be entirely free. The people, though making great exertions, could do but little.

The Board agreed to make the grant towards the church in Montreal 75*l.* instead of 50*l.* and to grant 25*l.* for the School Church at the Grand Trunk Railway Station.

The Lord Bishop of Colombo, in a letter dated June 22, 1860, gave an account of the laying of the first stone of a new Singhalese Church by Sir. H. Ward, the late Governor whose lamented death occurred shortly after his removal to the government of Madras.

The following are extracts from the Bishop's letter:—

"The farewell levee of our excellent Governor, Sir Henry Ward, whose services are about to be immediately transferred to the Presidency of Madras, having been held on the day of the Queen's Accession, he most kindly undertook on the following day to lay the corner-stone of a new church for the Singhalese people, on a commanding site granted by him, in the heart of Colombo, a position every way best suited for the purpose.

In addition to the site he allotted to them from the treasury a grant of 1650*l.*, equal to the amount of their own contributions. With this amount 3300*l.* they hope to build a church which will be an ornament of their capital, and a bless-

ing to the whole people, and they were particularly desirous that before his departure, having befriended their efforts from the first, he should himself commence the good work. This was done last evening, in the midst of a vast assemblage of all races to witness the ceremony, and in the presence of almost all the influential residents of Colombo.....After the usual solemnities, in a short but pertinent address, his Excellency paid the Singhalese Episcopalians a generous and deserved compliment on the independent and excellent spirit shown in this national effort, to erect a church of their own, and to have in perpetuity services in their own language, and a clergyman of their own race and nation, without looking for resources beyond themselves, and that aid, which in common with all others, they might claim by legislative enactment, from a fostering and parental Government. He accompanied it with a few words expressive of his gratification that one of his latest public acts should connect him so closely in remembrance with the native Church of Ceylon."

Two other letters had been received from the Lord Bishop of Colombo, dated July 22, and August 10, 1860. The Bishop enclosed a report respecting Vernacular Female Education, giving particulars of certain Schools aided by grants from the Society; and expressed his thanks for a grant to the Rev. C. C. M'Arthur.

The Bishop stated his intention of resigning, on account of failing health, his bishopric which he now held for fifteen years. He only waited for the appointment of a successor.

The Lord Bishop of Graham's Town, in a letter dated July 14, 1860, having recommended an application from the Rev. E. P. Green, of Queen's Town, for a grant of Service Books, and having also recommended a grant of Service Books, and of books to supply a loss by fire, to the Rev. P. Syree, of Port Francis, the Board agreed to grant the two sets of Service Books, and 5*l.* worth of books to the Rev. P. Syree.

The Bishop reported that, out of the Society's grant of 400*l.* for his diocese, he had appropriated 30*l.* to a School Chapel at Port Francis. The Bishop also mentioned that the proceedings of the first Diocesan Synod had just been completed in a manner highly encouraging and satisfactory.

The Lord Bishop of Sierra Leone, in a letter dated July 6, 1860, had forwarded an application from the Rev. C. S. Hassels, of Cape Coast, for aid towards a church in course of erection. It was to accommodate 500 persons, 100 to have free seats. The cost would be 2000*l.*, towards which there had been collected 395*l.*, besides 300*l.* promised. Service had been heretofore performed in a room at the castle.

The Board granted 100*l.* towards this church.

The Bishop, who was present, addressed the meeting, and acknowledged the grant.

The Lord Bishop of Huron, in a letter dated June 30, 1860, introduced the Rev. Mr. Stimson, now in England, whose object was to obtain assistance towards erecting a church at Berlin, in the diocese of Huron, of which he is the incumbent. The population were mainly German, and required extraneous help. The Bishop had given 25*l.* out of the Society's grant of 300*l.* voted in July, 1859, thirteen churches in all having been assisted by that means. The grant was now exhausted, and the bishop would have to ask for further aid.

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TO END OF VOL. VII.—Rev. R. L. Prescott; Rev. A. B., Kingsey; Rev. W. G., Prince Albert.