

The principle was accepted and has since been acted upon, and the people have in real earnest set about collecting funds for the present maintenance and future endowment of their ministers. One man certainly did get up and say broadly that he objected to all endowments, and wished his Clergyman to be "entirely dependent on him;" but either the shame of having so nakedly avowed such a demoralizing sentiment, or the tacit rebuke administered by his fellow-townsmen, has so far taken effect that he has quite withdrawn all objection and is among the most willing contributors and collectors. You will of course be duly informed of these matters by the Bishop in person, as he hopes (D.V.) to be with you by Easter, or May. The great difficulty that he has to get over is this,—he wants to prevent large livings like Stanhope ever infesting our system, and he wants to keep every large town at much the same rate of endowment,—every country village or hamlet at its proportionate rate. But the people want to get their endowment money invested in such a way, that, some day or other, it may return cent. per cent. for their present investment. The Bishop says, "No! you shall always have the Colonial rate of interest on it, and no more, and the rest shall go to establish the Church in other and poorer districts." All this you will see duly set forth in his Pastoral Letter of this current month.

Well, the next meeting he called was not so successful. It was at a Pensioners' settlement, called Howick. After having stated his plans, and one or two persons having commented on them, up got what on board a ship would be called "a Sea-Lawyer," and asked if he might address the meeting. He was a Pensioner;—a serjeant, who was once of our communion, but has lately fallen away; and you will hear why, as the story goes on. His speech is a grand instance of the form the grammarians call "bathos." He began—"My Lord Gentlemen,—Nurtured as I have been in the British Constitution, proud as I am of my Church and State, I want to know what has become of the 40*l.* we Pensioners subscribed for a School room five years ago."

The Bishop had not come prepared for this "mare's nest," of course, and he said he would send the account if he or his Clergy had had anything to do with it. Taking courage from this discovery that the Bishop had not got this matter at his fingers' ends, up jumped another Pensioner, and said that the sum was 120*l.* The Bishop begged them to nominate two of their body to come to the College and inspect the accounts. This they of course, were shrewd enough to refuse; and my friend the serjeant having said that this was the point that made him a Dissenter, and militated against the Church, got up, and, with all his colleagues, left the room. Next day, I inspected the books, and sent them a Report, which showed that the School-house which the Bishop had put up, and the payments for Master and books, &c., amounted to 50*l.* instead of 40*l.*, and so left the School in debt to the Bishop 10*l.* The accounts had all the names of the Subscribers and the sums affixed to their names. Besides this, I sent them the whole Howick Account for Church matters, and brought them in debtors to the Bishop's Church Account 400*l.*

I mention these facts in detail to give you some notion of Colonial Church life in its less interesting and romantic features. There are, you will observe, some hard coarse rough scenes to be gone through;—such as would astonish an English Bishop if he were to come across them. It is just as well that people at home should know that the trials of Colonial Bishops do not so much consist in the pleasant excitement of walking through the glorious forests,

and swimming the rivers of New Zealand, or the like: nor in the novelty and reporting of Missionary work among a simple or savage people,—but in being brought into contact day by day with the rudest and coarsest spirits of unrestrained Colonialism, which vaunts itself and prides itself most especially in saying and doing the most offensive things in the most offensive way. Our Bishop has practically exemplified an old saying we used to have at Eton, and which I dare say belongs to all parts of our mother country—"You must go on never minding." At two other Pensioner Settlements, Onēhūngā and Otāhūhū, I am happy to say the quiet and pleasant conduct of the men made up for the rudeness of their comrades at Howick. At both of these places the principle of supporting their own Clergymen was heartily and practically accepted.

Besides these English Meetings, we had a Maori "kōrōrō;" and I am happy to say that the natives of our neighborhood are coming round to much more sensible and hopeful plans in accordance with the Bishop's and Governor's wishes; and have given land for Church purposes. They propose to come and live in a more civilized way, and to adopt the good part of English habits;—having hitherto learnt and adopted the bad habits they saw in the Town. The old Chief promised the Bishop to abandon his heathen course, and to prepare for Christianity. His name is Kawau, and he is a most pleasant old gentleman.—I have exhausted my time and your patience, and must end. With all kind words and earnest prayers for the Society,

I remain, my dear Sir,
yours most faithfully,
C. J. ABRHAM.

Rev. Ernest Hawkins.

DIocese of MONTREAL.

On Sunday, the 12th day of March, being the second Sunday in Lent, the Lord Bishop of Montreal held a general ordination for the Diocese, in Christ Church Cathedral, upon which occasion one candidate was presented for the holy order of priesthood, and three for the order of deacon, viz.:

Priest—The Rev. James Alexander McLeod, Incumbent of Christieville.

Deacons—Mr. John C. Davidson; and Mr. Charles Augustus Wetherall and Mr. Septimus Jones, Alumni Emeriti of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

The services commenced at 10 o'clock, a. m., and were attended by a very large congregation. The morning prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Bethune, Rector, who also presented the candidates to the Bishop. The excellent choir gave an anthem from the 26th Psalm with great effect, "I will wash my hands in innocency," &c. The Rev. R. Bartholomew, B. A., preached an exceedingly able and suitable sermon, taking his text from 1 Thess. v. 25, "Brethren, pray for us," appealing most earnestly both to the congregation and the candidates.

The Rev. J. C. Davidson has been officiating for some years as a minister amongst the Wesleyans; and was much respected by the members of that body. He has been licensed by the Bishop to the charge of a new mission just opened, in connection with the Church of England, at Cowansville and Churchville, hitherto forming part of the rectory of Dunham, where there is a prospect of great usefulness for his ministerial labors. The Rev. C. A. Wetherall is also licensed to a new mission at Stukely, with parts adjacent of Bolton. In both those localities, great liberality and zeal are manifested by the people in support of the church.

The Rev. S. Jones has been for some time acting as assistant to the Rev. J. Judd, in his school at St. Johns.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE,
April 6, 1854.

At a meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held this day, in accordance with the constitution, there were present—

The Lord Bishop in the chair; Revs. J. Bethune, D.D.; J. P. White, R. Lonsdell, J. Ellegood, J. Fulton, C. Bancroft, J. Flanagan, E. J. Rogers, G. De C. O'Grady, A. D. Campbell, R. Bartholomew, Capt. Maitland, J. D. Gibb, Esq., Dr. Holmes, Col. Wilgress, Dr. Barnston, F. D. Fulford, Esq.

After prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following report of the lay committee was then read:

"An application was received from the Rev. James Fulton, for aid towards the building of a church now in course of erection at Mannich's Corners, in the mission of Russeltown, a stone building 54 ft. by 27½ ft.

Estimated cost of the church is.....£374 7 6
Towards this the mission has raised
and paid up in money and materials raised 270 0 1

£104 7 6

The rev. applicant asks for £50, under the conviction that, if thus aided, the difference will be cheerfully raised by the inhabitants of the mission.

The Central Board is respectfully recommended to vote the sum demanded, payable one half at present and the other next year, subject always to the usual conditions attached to such grants.

A letter was received from Mr. Baker, the lessee of the Church Society's lands on Wolfe Island, offering to purchase the property; which was submitted to the legal adviser of the society, to ascertain whether the title by which the land is held would authorize such alienation (in the event of this offer being sufficient). The report of counsel being unfavorable, the Central Board are advised to decline the offer.

An application for aid to complete the churches at Buckingham and Petite Nation was received from the Rev. W. Morris, the incumbent. With respect to Buckingham, the lay committee find that, previous to the incumbency of the Rev. W. Morris, his predecessors had received from the Central Board the full proportion of pecuniary aid granted in like cases, and they therefore cannot in justice to others recommend the aid sought. As regards the church at Petite Nation, the lay committee require some further information, which will be applied for. The instructions of the Central Board, at the last meeting, directing the investment of the balance on hand of the widows and orphans' fund, have been complied with, and the money invested, viz., £209 13s. 7d.

The whole respectfully submitted.
J. M. McCORR, C^o. Lay Com.

On the motion of the Rev. J. Bethune, D. D., seconded by the Rev. C. Bancroft, the above report was adopted.

The Rev. J. Bethune, D.D., reported that the sum of £47 2s. 6d. had been collected and paid to the treasurer. The Rev. J. Ellegood also reported that he had collected £2 8s. 3d.

On the motion of Col. Wilgress, seconded by the Rev. J. Flanagan, a bible and prayer book was granted to the Rev. J. Ellegood, for the performance of divine service at Point St. Charles.

A letter was read from the Rev. C. Bancroft, stating that Messrs. W. Macrae, C. Pierce, & L.