

a safeguard against any careless or fraudulent dealing with the same, such provisional committee to report on the same at the next meeting of synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Rev. Dr. FULLER presented the report of the committee on the endowment of the see, and moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. COOPER, that it be adopted.—Carried.

The committee on the endowment of the see beg leave to

#### REPORT.

That they made arrangements, in the month of October last, for a deputation to visit the parishes in the Niagara Rural Deanery, on behalf of the fund for the endowment of the see; and several meetings were held with a good prospect of success, but owing to pressing parochial duty, the deputation were obliged to return to their parishes.

The result of the mode adopted on this occasion convinced the committee that it was not advisable to pursue this course any further; inasmuch, as the meetings, being held on consecutive evenings, it was impossible to follow up the impression produced at the meetings, so as to secure the desired result.

Being thus convinced that this was not the best course, they came to the conclusion, to recommend to the Lord Bishop to appoint an agent, who should be able to give his whole time to the duty, and his Lordship was pleased to appoint the Rev. Dr. Read, in December last, as such an agent.

Since his appointment Dr. Read has visited the parishes of Stamford, Chippawa, Fort Erie, Welland, Drummondville, Cayuga, Walpole, in the Niagara Rural Deanery, on behalf of the fund. Most of this duty he discharged whilst continuing to discharge his duty as Rector of Thorold.

Since the 1st of March last, he has been enabled to devote himself exclusively to this important duty; and has removed temporarily to this city, as a more convenient centre of operation. Since his arrival here he has held meetings on behalf of his mission, in the parishes of St. James, St. George, and St. Stephen.

He has to report, as received in the Rural Deanery of Niagara, in promises, which he considers as perfectly good \$170.00; in notes of hand, bearing interest, \$663 00; in cash \$1346 00; making a total from that Rural Deanery \$2188 00: as received in Toronto, in promises considered by him perfectly good, \$1,395.00 in notes of hand bearing interest \$1405.00; in cash \$800.00, making a total for this city of \$3,600, being the contributions in part of the three above named parishes, and a total reported by Dr. Read, of \$5788 00.

This report is intended only to give the result of Dr. Read's work, so far as carried out, and not to show what is to be expected from any one of the places visited, as in no case had the work been completed.

T. B. FULLER,

*Chairman.*

Toronto, 9th June, 1864.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. FULLER, seconded by Mr. GAVILLER, that this Synod views with alarm the late decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the case of the Rev. Dr. Williams, and the Rev. H. B. Wilson, as tending (if not regarded with all the guards and limitations thrown around it by the court) to shake the faith of many members of our Holy Communion. That this Synod representing that form of the United Church of England and Ireland, planted by God's providence in this Diocese, avails itself of this opportunity to declare before the world its firm and undoubting conviction that the Church to which this Synod have the high privilege of belonging, maintains without reservation on equivocation the inspiration, and the Divine authority of the whole canonical Scriptures, as not only containing, but being the word of God, and that she further teaches in the words of our blessed Lord that the punishment of the cursed equally with the life of the righteous is everlasting.—Carried.

The Rev. Dr. O'Meara presented the following report of the Committee on assessment and Finance:—The Treasurer's accounts to the Synod show a balance in hand of \$432 50, after the payment of all expenses up to the opening of the present session, independently of amounts handed in since the balance sheet was struck: the com-