

in time when you are wanted. Retire, then, with the blessing of God." Great was the stupefaction of the friar when he was told that he was under arrest. "What," exclaimed he, "will you dare lay your hands on a Commissary of the holy Inquisition?" "I dare obey orders," replied the undaunted officer, and the Rev. Father Antonio de Sedella was instantly carried on board of a vessel, which sailed the next day for Cadiz.

Rendering an account of this incident to one of the members of the Cabinet of Madrid, Governor Miro said, in a despatch, "the mere name of the Inquisition uttered in New Orleans would be sufficient, not only to check emigration, which is successfully progressing, but would also be capable of driving away those who have recently come, and I even fear that in spite of my having sent out of the country Father Sedella, the most fatal consequences may ensue from the mere suspicion of the cause of his dismissal."

Correspondence.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

The Annual General Meeting of the St. George's (Cape Breton) Committee of the Diocesan Church Society of Nova Scotia, was held in the Temperance Hall, Sydney, on Thursday, 11th Jan'y, 1855 the President in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened by singing the 100th Psalm, and by the prayers of the Society. The President called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting; after this was done, he addressed the meeting at some length, and concluded by calling upon the Secretary to read the following Report:

REPORT.

The Committee of our Branch of the Diocesan Church Society, in meeting us friends and supporters at the commencement of another year, consider it a fit opportunity to record their thankfulness to Almighty God for that immunity from Cholera with which this Island and the whole Province has been so greatly favoured. At the same time they deplore the continuance of a war which, though just and necessary, involves loss of life and fearful suffering to so many of our gallant fellow-countrymen. They have also to regret losses and changes which have occurred among our own number during the past year. They feel that the present is altogether a time of startling changes and occurrences, which only He who sitteth above the water floods can over-rule to His own glory and the good of His creatures.

In the course of the past year the Bishop of the Diocese has called together his Clergy for the first time, to deliver them a Charge exhibiting much earnestness and a high sense of ministerial responsibility. It was delivered before no less than 59 Clergymen, who were much impressed and encouraged by this meeting together for counsel and instruction from their spiritual superior, and brotherly intercourse with each other. A new feature upon the occasion was the election of Lay Delegates, who with the Bishop and other Clergy, sat in deliberation as to the propriety of introducing periodical assemblies or Synods into the Church in this Diocese. The expediency of the step was affirmed by large majorities of both orders, and measures taken to initiate these assemblies in due time. Much is reasonably hoped from the cautious and judicious action of such Synods, which, as the very highest legal authority in the Province stated, are the inalienable birthright and privilege of every British Churchman.

During the past year much has been done for the good of the Church within the bounds of this mission, notwithstanding that the pressure of the times has weighed heavily upon the resources of every class. The sum of £65 has been paid as the Rector's salary; £28 remitted to the Church Society; £23 6 5 collected at the Offertory at St. George's Church and the other Stations; £15 have been raised for lighting St. George's; £150 have been subscribed towards the erection of a parsonage house, payable in three yearly instalments; £6 2 6 was raised towards the expenses of one of the Lay Delegates to Halifax; and £170 was contributed toward that noble sum of £10,000 given by Churchmen (mostly within the Province) for the endowment of King's College at Windsor. Altogether in money paid and liabilities assumed, no less a sum than £430 has been contributed for Church purposes within the past year. A porch containing a vestry is in course of erection to the Church at Cow Bay, where the Churchyard has been well fenced in with a neat gate, making it altogether a very comfortable unpretending House of Prayer, surrounded by its well-kept place of final repose for the congregation who living worship within its walls. This Church it is expected, with that at Maindieu, will be consecrated by the Bishop at his projected visit to the Island next summer. At Cox Heath the frame of a Church has been raised, for which the sum of £15 sterling has been granted by that unwearied friend of the Colonial Church, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; a grant towards this Church is also expected from our own Diocesan Church Society.

As regards what is more strictly the duty and work of the Clergy attached to this Committee, viz., the preaching of the Gospel, public prayer and sacraments, they desire thankfully to acknowledge by the goodness of God, a continuance of the health and strength necessary to their arduous vocation. In obedience to the Bishop's citation they left their sphere of duty for a season, and preceded to Halifax, to be present at the Visitation held there in October last. With this exception they have been at their posts, engaged in attending to their sacred calling. Except during the above mentioned period, divine service has been held regularly in the Parish Church, and as frequently as possible at every accustomed station. In addition to the Sunday services, many week-days have been appropriated to prayer and preaching, always with this one conscientious desire—to set forth divine truth, agreeably to the Word of God, and the formularies of the Church, to all who are willing to receive the ministrations of religion in her appointed way. There have been in the past year 66 baptisms, 7 marriages, 13 funerals, and 100 communicants.

Thus then, our Society comes before its friends met here this evening, to plead for (if possible) increased support and favour, relying (under God) upon its usefulness and adaptation to the wants of our Church. Its funds are entirely spent within the Diocese, and much of what is subscribed here is returned again to us, to aid in the various objects of usefulness which arise. An endowment fund for the Parish has been commenced in connection with the Church Society, which though necessarily small at first, may ultimately if persevered in, produce very useful results. And from the funds of our Society not only is this portion of the vineyard fostered and encouraged, but also many other desolate and struggling parts of the Province are assisted to sustain the ministrations of religion among them. Thus unity and a common bond of Christian charity and love are produced by the reflection that each parish is not selfishly isolated, and disposing wholly its own funds within its own bosom, but that every Clergyman and congregation, acting in concert, are raising a common amount for the joint benefit of all. So we, being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

The Committee, therefore, earnestly bespeak your favourable attention to the claims of this Society. The Bishop stated in St. Paul's Cathedral, that when he considered the amount subscribed in the Diocese for the last three years for church purposes, he did indeed (in a pecuniary point of view) thank God, and take courage. This was next day noticed at the National School House, by a very intelligent Lay Delegate, who expressed his belief that the more the Clergy and Laity were led to understand each other and work together, the greater would be the cause of rejoicing in this behalf. You are called upon for mutual harmonious co-operation in this Society, and in every other good work upholding and advancing our holy cause. Except that one minister and the other is ministered to, there is no difference between Clergy and Laity, Pastor and People. The Committee, therefore, earnestly invite all to join in working this Society, making it their only strife and emulation who best can forward the knowledge of God and the cause of religion, by his prayers, exertions and self-denying liberality.

By order of the Committee

W. Y. PORTER, Sec'y.

It was then moved by Geo. M. Haliburton Esq.; seconded by E. P. Archbold Esq.:

Resolved 1st. That the Report now read be adopted, and forwarded to the Parent Society in Halifax, by the Secretary of this Committee.

Moved by Jno. L. Hill Esq.; seconded by P. H. Clarke Esq.:

Resolved 2nd. That this Meeting desires to return thanks to Almighty God for the measure of success vouchsafed to the Society during the past year.

Moved by Capt. Ouseley, seconded by C. C. Reade Esq.:

Resolved 3rd. That the following be the Officers of this Committee for the ensuing year—Patron—The Bishop; President—The Rector; ex officio. Vice Presidents—Judge David, Henry Davenport Esq. Secretary—Rev. W. Y. Porter, Treasurer—Capt. Ouseley. Standing Committee—E. E. Leonard, H. V. Bown, C. C. Reade, J. P. Ward, F. Oliver, Senr., Jno. Bourinot, E. P. Archbold, P. H. Clarke, H. Ingles, G. M. Haliburton, Jno. L. Hill.

Moved by John Bourinot Esq.; seconded by G. M. Haliburton Esq.:

Resolved 4th.—That the amount of funds realized by 14th Feb. next, be then remitted to the Parent Society by the Treasurer.

Moved by Rev. W. Y. Porter; seconded by Capt. Ouseley:

Resolved 5th. That this Committee regard with much approbation the meeting held in Halifax last October, for the purpose of establishing a Synod of the Diocese.

Moved by Rev. Robt. Arnold; seconded by the Rev. W. Y. Porter:

Resolved 6th. That it is the duty of all to contribute according to their ability for spreading a knowledge of Christ and his gospel throughout the world.

Bishop Haber's Missionary hymn was then sung. A collection was then made amounting to £3 9s 7d.

The President again addressed the Meeting, and invited any one else who wished, to do so.

No further business offering, the meeting was concluded by singing the Doxology, and the minor blessing.

W. Y. PORTER, Sec'y.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

Sir,—I observe by the Calendar that Feb. 2 is the Anniversary Feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary. Can you inform me through your columns, what the Roman Catholic Church is going to do with this Festival, for as it has decreed that the Virgin Mary was conceived without sin, and brought forth her offspring without sin, I am at a loss to know what need she had of purification. Both doctrines cannot be true together; and as the doctrine of the purification is eighteen hundred years old, and that of her immaculate conception is not quite a year old, I prefer holding to the old truth, and rejecting the other as a new error, and so I should think would every good

Lunenburg.

CATHOLIC.

FOR THE CHURCH TIMES.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, LUNENBURG.

An examination of this long-established School was held in the National School Room, at Lunenburg, on Sunday, Dec. 31st. Though the weather and walking were unpropitious, 114 Scholars were assembled, with the Rector, Superintendent, Librarian, twenty Teachers, and a more than usually large attendance of Visitors. It is hoped that even the enlarged attendance of the latter may be much increased on future similar occasions. The Rector examined the Testament classes, and the Superintendent and Visitors, at his request, examined the rest of the School. It was generally agreed by the Examiners, that the system of teaching adopted reflected much credit on the numerous Teachers engaged, and certainly the Testament classes, both male and female, afforded much satisfaction by the manner in which for two hours they replied to the questions on St. John's Gospel, the Acts, the Apostles, the 39 Articles, as well as the Collects for the Sundays in Advent. The Rector takes this public opportunity of expressing the grateful sense he entertains of the valuable services rendered to him and to the School by H. S. Jost, Esq. the Superintendent; Mr. Stanango Jacobs, Librarian, and the ten male and eleven Female Teachers associated with him in the good work.

The School assembles twice every Lord's Day, throughout the year, and a meeting of Teachers is held at the Rectory every other week. On the first Sunday of each month the Scholars subscribe to a Library Fund, yielding an average of a little more than three pounds a year. This sum is taken up in providing the Teachers and Scholars with Reading Books, Catechisms, Cards Collect and Hymn Books, Question Books, Teacher's Class Books, as well as Superintendent's and Librarian's Roll Books, which in a School of nearly 200 Scholars, are in constant demand. If any able and well disposed stewards of the Lord's goods either in his own or in other congregations of our beloved Church, will bestow some pecuniary aid towards the purchase of a Sunday School Library for the use of the dear lambs in this portion of the Lord's flock, their Pastor in his part engages it shall be gratefully acknowledged and faithfully applied.

The desire on the part of the Congregation to purchase a new Organ, and the weekly gatherings of the ladies to make up a sum of money for the relief of the families of our brave defenders abroad, leave little, in a town by no means rich, to replenish the funds so much needed in sustaining our well-attended Sunday School. Any assistance therefore will be thankfully acknowledged by Henry L. Owen, Rector.

News Department.

From Papers by R. M. S. Africa, Jan. 20.

THE CLEVEDON INQUIRY.

The commission on the case of Archdeacon Denison, resumed its sittings on Wednesday afternoon at Wason's Royal Hotel, Clevedon. Dr. Haggard having stated that the Commissioners were now prepared to declare their opinion, Bishop Carr read the following:—

"The commissioners after due consideration of the depositions taken before them, and of certain printed sermons, numbered 1, 2, and 3, and of the documents annexed, declare their unanimous opinion—

"First—That as respects the preaching and publication, or making known and public, the above sermons by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Taunton, within the diocese of Bath and Wells, there are sufficient *prima facie*, grounds for instituting further proceedings.

"Secondly—The commissioners, having carefully examined the aforesaid sermons, and the charges specified in the commission, declare their unanimous opinion that the proposition of the Venerable the Archdeacon, that to all who come to the Lord's table, to those who eat and drink worthily and to those who eat and drink unworthily, the body and blood of Christ are given, and that by all who come to the Lord's table, by those who eat and drink worthily and by those who eat and drink unworthily, the body and blood of Christ are received, is directly contrary or repugnant to the doctrine of the Church of England and especially to the Articles of Religion; and that the doctrines set forth in the aforesaid sermons, with reference to the real presence, in the Holy Eucharist, are unsupported by the Articles taken in their literal and grammatical sense, are contrary to the doctrine and teaching of the Church of England, and have a very dangerous tendency.