

The Report of the Finance Committee having been read, it was moved by the Rev. J. Torrance, seconded by J. Maclaren, Esq., and resolved, that the said report be received, and considered clause by clause.

With reference to the application of the Rev. W. Binet, it was moved by H. S. Scott, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Mackie, and resolved, that the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted to aid him in completing the out-buildings upon the church property at Bourg Louis.

The application of the Rev. Felix Boyle having been considered, it was moved by J. Maclaren, Esq., seconded by C. N. Montizambert, Esq., and resolved, that the sum of Twenty-three Pounds be granted to him for the purchase of a Mission Boat.

With reference to the application of the Rev. J. H. Nicolls, it was moved by J. Maclaren, Esq., seconded by C. N. Montizambert, Esq., and resolved, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be acceded to, and that one hundred and six pounds and five shillings be granted for the purchase of a lot of land contiguous to the Church at Waterville, as an investment for the Church Society, and that on the completion of the transfer, accompanied by satisfactory evidence of title, Mr. Nicholls be authorized to draw upon the treasurer for the first and second instalments.

The Treasurer reported that the sums at present in his hands are, on account of

The General Fund .....	£138 8 1
Widows and Orphans.....	36 16 3

The cases of the Rev. A. A. Allen, and the Rev. T. Pennefather, having been brought under the notice of the Board, it was resolved that they be placed on the list of missionaries receiving a gratuity of twelve pounds and ten shillings for the present year.

The Treasurer reported that debentures to the amount of £200 had been paid off to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and that no better investment offering, he had purchased for that fund £250 in Consolidated Municipal Debentures at par.

The meeting was then closed with the benediction.

(Signed) G. J. QUEBEC.  
Chairman.

The Lord Bishop of Quebec has issued the following Circular to the Clergy of the Diocese of St. Francis, having the intention of visiting that portion of his Diocese in the latter part of January and the former part of February:

QUEBEC, 8th Nov., 1854.

REVEREND SIR,—I beg to inform you that it is my intention with the divine permission, to hold a confirmation at — on —, and you will be pleased therefore to use your faithful and sedulous endeavours in assisting the young persons and others who are candidates for the rite, under your spiritual charge, to prepare themselves in earnest for so solemn an occasion of their lives.

I trust that there is no necessity for my guarding you against accepting the simple repetition of the Catechism (although a competent knowledge of this formulary, and especially of its substance and meaning, must be required) as the qualification which will enable the candidates to pass: nor yet against any undue meanness in admitting them for the mere sake of making up a respectable number. A medium, however, is certainly to be observed between the discreditable laxity which reduces the rite to little more than a formal compliance with an ecclesiastical custom, and the unwise and hurtful rigor which exacts as the condition of admission, certain evidences, real or supposed, of a spiritual process within the soul, in baptised subjects who are as

yet in an early stage of their christian course, and to whose ulterior development in faith and love, this very rite is to be regarded as subsidiary — the laying on of hands being comprehended among the the principles of the doctrine of Christ, which are to prepare the way for going on unto perfection. (Heb. vi. 1. 2.)

The following are to be regarded as standing directions for all occasions of the kind:—

1. As a general rule, open, however, to special exceptions, no candidate to be presented who is under the age of 16.

2.—No tickets to be given to persons of questionable deportment—nor to any persons till after a *bona fide* and sufficient personal examination by the clergyman. This rule, however, will be understood with some relaxation in the cases of those whom he has already been satisfied to admit to the communion.

3.—All candidates to give in their names before a limited day, which shall be at least one fortnight before the day of confirmation. Extraordinary circumstances which may seem to call for a dispensation from this rule, to be reported to the Bishop for his decision, upon his arrival.

4.—The candidates to be carefully instructed to answer, distinctly and audibly, at the time of confirmation, to the questions addressed personally to themselves and to make the responses in the confirmation-service in the same manner, including the repetition of the Lord's prayer.

5.—Chairs to be provided within the rails for the Bishop and Chaplain.

6.—The tickets to be delivered to the Chaplain, in cases where the candidates are numerous, not when they first come up to the communion-rails, but separately by each successive row, immediately before kneeling for the actual imposition of hands.

7.—The candidates to remain in front of the rails, after receiving imposition of hands, till the whole ceremony is gone through, and the episcopal address delivered; and all to kneel down during the several prayers, and the blessing with which they are closed.

8.—If any of the metrical psalms be sung upon the occasion, the first four verses of the second part of the 119th psalm may be chosen.

9.—The candidates to be instructed that the rite of confirmation is introductory to the privilege of admission to the holy communion: and an exact record to be kept by the clergyman, of the names of the persons confirmed, in which it shall be noted when they become communicants, a report of all which shall be made to the Bishop at the ensuing confirmation.

I am, Reverend Sir,  
Your affectionate Brother,  
G. J. QUEBEC.

The Rev. \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH SOCIETY.—RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER.

General Fund.

Subscriptions for St. George's and St. Joseph's, per Rev. W. King .....	£1 2 6
Quinquagesima Collection, Eaton, per Rev. J. Dalzeil .....	1 15 0
Collecting Card, Miss Phillips.....	1 7 6
do. do. Miss B. Phillips ....	0 16 3
Rev. A. W. Mountain, Subscription 1854.....	5 0 0
Mrs. Stott, Subscription 1854.....	5 0 0
Miss Mountain, Havant, England, 1854.....	1 5 0
Missionary Boxes, National School Boys.....	1 2 2½
do. do. do. Girls...	0 7 9½
	£17 16 3

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Amount of Collection, St. George's Church, Lennoxville .....	0 11 1
do. do. per Rev. W. King, as under:	
St. Mary's.....	0 5 0
St. George's .....	0 14 6
Kennebec Road .....	0 11 5
Cumberland Mills .....	0 15 0
St. Giles' .....	0 15 8½
St. Joseph's.....	0 6 3
Broughton .....	0 17 6½
St. Margaret's.....	0 16 10½
St. Catherines .....	0 6 2
St. Sylvester .....	1 16 5½
St. Patrick's .....	0 2 6
	8 5 1
Annual Collection, Point Levi, per Rev. Mr. Reynolds.....	3 15 0
Do. do., New Liverpool, by do.....	8 0 10
Addition to Cathedral Collection, E. Burstall, Esq.....	1 5 0
Annual Collection, Eaton, per Rev. T. L. Dalzeil .....	1 12 6
Do. do. per Rev. H. Roc, as under, viz.:—	
Upper Ireland, 11s 6d; Bennet's, 9d; Inverness, 6s.....	0 17 11
Annual Collection, Melbourne, per Rev. Dr. Faloon.....	8 0 0
Miss Phillips' Collecting Card, portion for this fund .....	1 7 6
Miss B. Phillips' do. do. ....	0 2 6
Mrs. Spragge's Collecting Card .....	1 6 3
Mrs. Grieve's do. do.....	3 1 10
Mrs. Adamson's do. do .....	10 0 4
Annual Collection, St. Matthew's Chapel, Quebec.....	6 10 6
Do. do. Nicolet, per T. Trigge, Esq...	2 7 4
	£66 4 5

Nicolet Endowment Fund.

Annual Subscription, 1854, T. Trigge, Esquire .....	1 5 0
Do. do. H. W. Trigge, Esq.....	1 5 0
Do. do. Alfred Trigge, Esq.....	1 5 0
	£3 15 0

HENRY S. SCOTT, Treasurer.

Quebec, 1st Dec., 1854.

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At a special meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held pursuant to notice in the National School-house, there were present—The Lord Bishop of Quebec in the chair, the Revs. A. W. Mountain, J. Carry, E. W. Sewell, R. A. Carden, G. Percy and R. G. Plees; Lieut. Ashe, R.N., and F. Taylor, Esq.

PRAYERS.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The Treasurer reported the following balances in his hands:—

On account of the General Fund £35 11 8
do. W. and O. do. 106 13 2

And that a dividend of bank stock to the amount of £49 17s. 6d. was due this day to the General Fund, and that there was also a dividend due to the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

On application of the Rev. J. Torrance, it was ordered that his name be placed on the list of missionaries receiving the gratuity of £12 10s.

In reference to the application of the Rev. S. Jones, it was moved by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by the Rev. R. A. Carden, That said application be referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved,—That the President, the Treasurer, the Rev. Dr. Mackie, and F. Taylor be a Com-