

Moved by the Reverend J. Carry, and seconded by the Hon. Mr. Shepard:—and

"RESOLVED,—That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to the officers of the Society for their services during the past year."

Moved by the Reverend Mr. Ross, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Carry:—and,

"RESOLVED,—That this Meeting do now adjourn."

REPORT

Of the Central Board of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec, for the HALF year ending the 31st of December, 1853.

Every effort which is made for the propagation of the Gospel by individual members of the Church, by associations connected with her, or by the Church herself, should be undertaken in the spirit of Faith and Hope and Prayer, for in so doing only are we authorized to expect from above the grace of Perseverance which is promised to faithful obedience, and that blessing which shall render our labours instrumental in the salvation of immortal souls, to the glory of our blessed Redeemer.

Holding this truth in remembrance, the Central Board of the Church Society would commence in tendering this its Twelfth Report by faithfully offering humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for the measure of success which has hitherto been vouchsafed to the exertions of the Society, and by humbly praying to the "Father of lights from whom cometh every good and perfect gift," that He may continue to pour down upon us the dew of His blessing, that we may please him both in will and deed, and be enabled, by enlarging the borders and strengthening the stakes of the Church for which his Beloved Son died, to promote the knowledge and practice of religion and virtue.

The period for which your Board has this day to render an account, being a broken one, renders it impossible to compare its receipts with those detailed in former reports, which have hitherto embraced a whole year, but they can very confidently affirm that there is no danger of any diminution of its annual income, and that the increasing interest taken in the objects for which the Society was organized and recent events in the Diocese connected with the government and discipline of the Church, cause them to bless God and take courage for the future, for in proportion as men learn to appreciate their privileges as Churchmen so will they realize their responsibilities as Christians, and remember the duty incumbent upon them, of providing, as far as lies within their power for the temporal wants of "Christ's Church militant here upon earth."

The Society meets this day at an unaccustomed season of the year, but we have not been called together unadvisedly or suddenly. The late zealous and efficient Treasurer of the Society—than whom, no man had its interests more at heart—finding that difficulties were daily arising and inaccuracies constantly occurring in keeping the accounts, in consequence of some of the Members of the Corporation having been in the habit of paying their subscriptions in the month of July, and some in the month of January, gave notice at the general meeting held on the 12th day of January, 1853—the proceedings of which were published in the Ecclesiastical Gazette—that he would move at the next General Meeting "that from and after next July the Annual General Meeting of the Society shall take place in January—that Articles 7 and 9 of the By-Laws be altered to that effect, and that for the future the financial year of the Society be from the 1st of January to the 31st of December."