

On motion of the Ven. Archdeacon of Kingston, Thos. Kirkpatrick, Esq., was called to the chair; and the Rev. W. David opened the meeting with prayer.

There were also present the Rev. H. Mulkins and Rev. F. W. Dobbs, who, together, with the Chairman, addressed the meeting; donations and subscriptions were given in, amounting to £142 12s.

The Deputation received pressing invitations to visit other places in Canada, and deliver addresses, but they were reluctantly compelled to refuse these kind friends for the present, and return to their respective duties.

ST. JOHN'S AND CHRISTIEVILLE.

It must not be omitted in this account to acknowledge with much gratitude the exertions made in St. John's by the ladies connected with St. James' Church: besides a subscription there and at Christieville of upwards of £99, they have given most valuable assistance in furnishing and fitting up the Training Institution.

Thus the question which had been put at the meeting in June: "Shall the work go on? or shall the Mission fall to the ground?" had been satisfactorily solved. The work was to proceed; to God's holy name the glory was given, and the Deputation finished as they had begun and continued, with devout prayer and thanksgiving offered to their Heavenly Father.

It would be quite impossible, in the limited space prescribed to this paper, to pretend to acknowledge the universal kindness and affection with which the Deputation was received, not only cheering them in their arduous labour, but materially relieving the funds of the mission by decreasing their expenses; this opportunity must not, however, be missed, of offering to all heartfelt gratitude for kindness and consideration, the remembrance of which will ever continue to be cherished.

There remains now but to give an account of the examination of the Training Institution on the 22nd of June, which will best be done by an extract from the Sub-committee's Report:

"After the pupils had sung a hymn in French and an appropriate prayer in the same language had been addressed to the throne of Grace, the pupils were examined in the different branches of study pursued since the opening on 14th of November last.

"The boys read with fluency and correctness, and the purity of their accent was very generally remarked. They answered intelligently and satisfactorily, a number of questions in French Grammar, and on the grammatical construction of the sentences they had read; recited with ease and accuracy three of Lafontaine's fables, and portions of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, (the whole of which they had evidently committed to memory); answered questions on the History of Canada and in geography very correctly; translated orally in-

to very fair English a number of French colloquial phrases, and performed a variety of exercises in arithmetic, four of them in the first four rules only, the others as far as the rule-of-three, interest and fractions.

"When it is considered that one of those boys has only been in the school since the 1st May, and two others only since Easter, that, of the six who have been there since the opening in November, one did not even know his letters at that time, and that all are still very young, and have learnt from Mr. Fronteau the greater part of what they do know, it will be admitted that the programme was one of great comparative extent and variety.

Yet the result of the examination was, to produce a conviction in the minds of your Sub-committee, and (if they mistake not, in those of all present,) that the pupils had been carefully instructed, and were thoroughly grounded in each branch of study, as far as they had gone in it. This conviction, and the great satisfaction to which it gave rise, were very happily expressed to Mr. F. in English, and afterwards appropriately explained to the pupils in French by a member of the Corresponding Committee from Montreal, on behalf of all present; and your Sub-committee desire to reiterate the expression thereof on this occasion.

"The exercises were closed by more hymns of praise, sung by the pupils, in their own beautiful language, and after inspecting the whole of the establishment and admiring the exquisite neatness and order, which your Sub-committee can testify, always reigns in every part of it, the visitors departed, to all appearances, highly pleased as they could not fail to be, with all they had seen and heard."

The Church of England French Canadian Mission, is at length in full operation. The foundation, it is believed, is well laid; and if those who take an interest in the work, will patiently and prayerfully wait, the difficulties arising from the want of suitable agents speaking the French language will be overcome through the Training Institutions, and though some time must necessarily elapse, before these young men and women can be made available, yet will the results gradually develop, and the effects be seen; the work cannot stand still.

The Committee feel deeply indebted to those kind friends who have pledged themselves to labour in behalf of the Mission, and are greatly encouraged by the warm response made to their appeal through their Deputation. "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shown towards his name."

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CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Society met at the Board room on the 12th of December, at 3 P. M.

Present—The Hon. and Right Rev. The Lord Bishop in the Chair; The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, Hon. Jas. Gordon; Revs. J. Beaven, D.D., S. Lett, L.L.D., W. McMurray, D.D.,

Robt. Dennison and H. Mortimer, Esqs., and the Secretary.

The usual prayers were read.

The Minutes of the November Meeting, were read by the Secretary—confirmed by the Meeting, and signed by the President.

The statement of the Income and Expenditure during the past months, and the balances of the several accounts, were read by the Secretary—approved of by the Meeting, and laid on the table.

The Secretary communicated the fact that His Excellency the Governor General, had consented to become the patron of the Society, and had forwarded to him a check for £12 10s., being the amount of a Life Member's subscription.

The following accounts, audited by the Standing Committee, and recommended for payment, were then ordered to be paid.

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| H. Rowsell's bill for grants of books at cost and charges, from July last, | £41 10 6 |
| H. Rowsell's account from July last, for printing and stationery, &c, £153 of which was for printing 3750 copies of the Annual Reports. Three-fourths cash, the balance to Cr. of debts assumed by him on account of Diocesan Press, | 163 4 8 |
| The sum received as rent and interest thereon from F. Kerr, of Lot —, Nottawasaga, given by the Rev. A. Towle and Uxor, for the endowment of that Town p., was ordered to be forwarded to the Rev. J. Langtrety, | |
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Total £217 15 0

The Secretary was desired to communicate with the Secretaries of the several District Branches, on the subject of the large amount expended annually by the Parent Society in printing the report.

The Secretary recommended that, after this meeting, no more grants of books should be made during the current year, unless the collection for the General Purpose Fund, to be taken up in January, warranted such an expenditure, as there were several grants to Churches, promised to be paid so soon as the fund can afford it; and also an instalment of £100, guaranteed by the Lord Bishop and three other gentlemen, would have to be repaid to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, on account of the sum advanced to enable the Society to remit to the S. P. G., the amount collected for the Jubilee Fund.

The application of the Churchwardens of St. George's Church, Sydenham, Owen Sound, for permission to sell certain lots, part of the endowment for the Mission, for the purpose of raising a fund for building a parsonage,