

weak state, when each parish is struggling hard to raise funds for the church, the school, and support of its minister, may be depended upon for £200. a year; and I shall be greatly mistaken if the mother Church will not help us through our difficulties. Of course, the plan I have sketched out can only be regarded as the commencement of our work. Should it please God to bless our feeble endeavours with success, I shall be prepared to attempt a work, both in Kaffraira Proper, and at Natal, upon a much larger scale. It would be better, I think, that the clergy who first come should be unmarried. But this is not absolutely necessary. Should you be able to do any thing in this matter, be good enough to communicate with my Commissary, Dr. Williamson, as I am also writing to him, and I shall feel obliged by your forwarding this letter to him for his perusal when you have read it."

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

Tuesday, May 7th, 1850.

The LORD BISHOP OF ST. ASAPH in the Chair.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto was present

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Toronto, dated Toronto, Canada, 25th March, 1850, sending three memorials for assistance towards the building of three new churches.

It was agreed, on his Lordship's recommendation, to make grants as follow:—Trinity Church, Whitechurch, Canada West, on the application of the Rev. S. Ramsey, books for the performance of Divine Service.

St. Paul's Church, Newmarket, Canada West, towards its completion, on Mr. Ramsey's application, £25.

Towards the completion of a church at Consecon, Canada West, on the application of the Rev. J. McIntyre, £25.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal, in a letter dated Quebec, 12th April, 1850, stated his intention of laying before the Society shortly an account of the manner in which he had assigned the last grant placed at his disposal by the Board for church-building in his diocese. He added, that several churches remain unfinished, owing to the want of funds: others, though used for Divine Service, are not consecrated; a certain outlay being still necessary for these structures: while several churches, which are projected, in destitute districts, would be commenced, should encouragement be afforded. His Lordship adverted to the financial difficulties of the province, and the successive calamities which have fallen upon it during the last few years, and requested an additional money grant towards the erection and completion of churches in Canada East.

The Standing Committee gave notice of their intention to propose at the General Meeting on the 4th of June, that £500 be then granted for this object.

The Secretaries reported that the Standing Committee had taken into consideration an application for a grant towards a new diocese in Canada East.

It appeared that the present Bishop of Montreal was very desirous of a subdivision of his diocese, the two extreme points of which are distant from each other about 850 miles, and that the endowment of a new See must be looked for from other sources than the Imperial Treasury.

The Special Report of the Council for Colonial Bishops, dated 12th March, 1850, having been laid before the Meeting, the Standing Committee gave the following notice:—

"That, considering the vast extent of the present diocese of Montreal, and the great importance of its subdivision, it be recommended to the Board to grant, on Thursday, the 4th of June, the sum of £4000 towards the endowment of two additional Bishops in Canada East; the interest of the said sum of £4000 to be assigned, under the direction of the Council for Colonial Bishops, towards the income of the proposed new bishopric of Montreal until the establishment of a second additional bishopric in Canada East, when the sum of £2000 of the above amount of £4000 shall be appropriated towards the endowment of the said second additional Bishopric. And that it be recommended to empower the Treasurers to pay the sum of £4000 as soon as

funds shall be raised for the accomplishment of the object of one additional bishopric."

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Adelaide, dated Kensington, Adelaide, December 10, 1849, giving an account of the progress of the Church in his diocese, and requesting a further grant towards the erection of churches and schools, at places which he specified. His Lordship subjoined a list of appropriations made from the grant of the Society (viz. £500) in 1847.

It appeared from this list that grants, averaging £30 towards each church, had been afforded to St. George's Church, Gawler; St. James's, Blakiston; St. George's, Macgell; St. Andrew's, Walkerville; St. Stephen's Willuga; St. Matthew's Kensington; Christ Church, O'Halloran Hill; Christ Church, near Adelaide; St. Thomas's, Port Lincoln; St. Paul's, Port Adelaide; and that several schools, as well as three parsonages, had been assisted.

The Bishop added, "I hope this account of my stewardship will be satisfactory to the Committee, and induce the Society again to make me its almoner. I expect (D. V.) to ordain two more deacons on the 23rd of this month, when the number of clergy under my charge will amount to fifteen.

"May the great Head of the Church bless our endeavours, and own our labours by giving an abundant increase. To Him be glory, world without end."

It was agreed that £350 be granted, viz. for churches, £150; for schools, £200. Six sets of 4to books for the performance of Divine Service, and eighteen 8vo books of offices were also granted.

The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland, in a letter, dated St. John's, Newfoundland, March 23rd, 1850, gave a full and most interesting account of his voyages of visitation, and of his labours in providing and settling clergymen and schoolmasters throughout his diocese.

His Lordship said, "I have made arrangements to build this summer (God willing) the first chapel—the first place of Christian worship in connexion with our holy Church on the Labrador—at St. Francis Harbour. You will agree, I think, that I desire to begin modestly and carefully, when I tell you that the whole, chapel, with its furniture, is not intended to cost more than £125.

"If God be pleased still graciously to prosper the work of our hands, we hope and expect to dedicate the building by the usual solemn service in the middle of September next, and the presence of any members of the Committee on that holy and happy occasion will add much to our satisfaction and thankfulness.

"In conclusion, it will not, I hope, be deemed impertinent or premature if I now mention that, should God graciously spare my life another year, I purpose, in dependence on his blessing, to commence our long-ago-projected collegiate buildings. May I be permitted to hope that my poor diocese may in that work also share the Society's bountiful aid to the same extent as at least other colonial dioceses, which, whatever other superior claims they may advance, can hardly, I think, plead greater need of your sympathy and succour. I have no right or reason to fear that any of the Society's streams of charity will be dried up,—that charity which ever has been, and is, and will be 'twice blessed.'"

The Lord Bishop of Toronto addressed the Meeting on the subject of King's College, Toronto. It having been requested by the Board, that he would make his statement in writing, for publication in the Monthly Report, his Lordship communicated his observations in the following letter to the Secretary:—

London, 19, Bury-street, St. James's, May 9, 1850.

"Rev. and dear Sir,—Permit me to approach, through you, the venerable Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, under circumstances of no ordinary character, and to entreat their sympathy and assistance in shielding the Church in Upper Canada from the consequences of an injury inflicted upon her by the Legislature of that province.

"The Society is aware, that the University of King's College was opened at Toronto for the business of instruction on the 8th of June, 1827, and notwithstanding the attempts of its enemies, year after year, to bring about its destruction, it proceeded with great vigour and success during the six years and a half of its existence, and was obtaining, through its scholars, an influence which was rapidly increasing throughout the diocese. Parents