

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.
The annual meeting of the Church Society was held on Wednesday afternoon, the 2nd of February, the Lord Bishop, President, in the chair. There were also present: Revds. G. V. Housman, M. M. Fothergill, F. J. B. Allnatt, D.D., A. A. Von Iffland, T. Richardson, L. W. Williams, H. J. Peiry, M. G. Thompson, and Dr. Montizambert, Com. Gen. Irvine, R. B. Dobell, W. G. Wurttele, Jno. Hamilton, C. Judge, Geo. Lampson, A. Pope, T. H. Jones, E. Pope, Geo. Veasy, W. C. Scott, E. J. Hale, R. J. Fothergill, Jas. Patton, jr., Capt. Carter, J. B. Forsyth, etc., etc., etc.

The Rev. M. M. Fothergill, Secretary of the Society, read the report of the Central Board, which gave a detailed statement of the various branches of the Society's work.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

The Rev. A. A. Von Iffland, Secretary of the Diocesan Board, read the report of the Board, which showed a very gratifying account of the missionary work of the Society, and this report too was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The Secretary, Rev. M. M. Fothergill, read the report of the Clergy Trust Committee, from which it appeared that the local endowments of the diocese are steadily increasing; that eight missions have during the past year raised the required amount to secure the generous grant from Robert Hamilton, Esq.

The Secretary read the report of St. Francis District Association, which was replete with interest and gives a full and clear statement of Church work in that important portion of the diocese. Both parties were received and ordered to be printed.

Com. Gen. M. B. Irvine, C.B., C.M.G., Hon. Treasurer, submitted the accounts of the Society, which were approved, and ordered to be printed.

John Hamilton, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, submitted the accounts of the Diocesan Board.

On motion of M. Pope, Esq., seconded by Rev. Lennox Williams, the accounts were adopted and ordered to be printed.

George Veasy, Esq., read the accounts of the Clergy Trust Committee, when, on motion of W. C. Scott, seconded by T. H. Jones, were adopted and ordered to be printed.

Moved by Com. Gen. M. B. Irvine, seconded by J. Hamilton, —That the Church Society have learned with great regret that Mr. Veasy finds it necessary to resign the Treasurership of the Clergy Trust Fund, and desire to express to Mr. Veasy their high appreciation of the faithful and valuable services he has rendered during the last nine years with so much assiduous labour and watchful care.

The following were elected members of the corporation, viz., Revds. W. Bernard, W. F. Forsyth, J. James, W. G. Faulconer, M. G. Thompson; Messrs. W. C. H. Wood, W. H. Davies, E. Elliot Webb, W. H. Naylor, R. J. Fothergill, K. G. Fraser, T. H. Norris, A. F. Hunt, J. J. Codville, Lorenzo Evans, and Lady Meredith, Mrs. Wm. M. Macpherson, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Rexford, Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. E. J. Hale, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. J. Shaw, and Mrs. Eno.

J. Hamilton, Esq., and G. G. Lowndes, Esq., were elected life members.

The Vice-Presidents were re-elected.

The Hon. Council were re-elected, and the thanks of the Society were tendered to them for their valuable service during the past year.

The following were elected to serve on the Central Board:

The President, the Vice-Presidents, and all other officers of the Society, all Clergymen licensed within the Diocese, and the Wardens of every Church or Chapel, being members of the Corporation, and C. Judge, F. Montizambert, M.D., W. H. Carter, J. H. Richardson, H. J. Prutton, Robert Campbell, Walton Smith, Herbert M. Price, E. Pope, John Hamilton,

W. H. Tapp, George Lampson, C. Parker, M.D., E. J. Hale, T. H. Jones, R. B. Dobell, W. C. H. Wood, R. J. Fothergill.

The members of the Diocesan Board were re-elected.

The following were elected members of the Clergy Trust Committee:

The Lord Bishop, Chairman, Revd. Messrs. Housman, Fothergill, Smith, Von Iffland, Boyle and Messrs. R. Hamilton, W. G. Wurttele, C. Judge, Geo. Veasy, and R. H. Smith.

The following amendments to Art XII, were read for the first time:—

That the word ten in line 3 clause 2 be struck out and fourteen substituted, and the word five in line forty-six be struck out, and seven substituted.

Also that Art XII be amended by inserting in the first line of clause 3 after word committee: "With the advice and consent of the Investment Committee appointed by the Central Board."

A petition from the Cathedral asking for an alteration in the patronage of the Cathedral Church was submitted and the by-law thereon read for the first time.

Moved by Rev. F. J. B. Allnatt, D.D., seconded by Capt. Carter, —That the thanks of the Society are due and are hereby tendered to the Auditors for the able manner in which they have again performed their important duties.

The Lord Bishop pronounced the benediction and the meeting closed shortly before six o'clock.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL.—Meeting of the Executive Committee.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at which there were present the Lord Bishop, Archdeacon Lindsay, Dean Carmichael, Canons Ellegood, Mussen, and Mills, Rural Dean Naylor, Rollit, Longhurst, Renand, R. Lindsay, Revs. J. G. Norton, Dr. Henderson, Rev. J. H. Dixon, Messrs. J. Hutton, treasurer; Chancellor Bethune, Dr. T. P. Butler, C. Garth, Alex. Gowdey. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. B. Longhurst. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary read the report of the treasurer on the several funds in his charge. The Widows' and Orphans' fund showed a balance in hand of \$2,727.44. The Sustentation fund, capital account, showed a balance in hand of \$833. The Clergy Trust fund, capital account, a balance of \$3,300. The Superannuation fund a balance of \$3,362.94. The Episcopal Endowment fund showed the capital all invested and the interest on the investments to 31st January all paid to the Bishop. The Diocesan Mission fund account is overdrawn by \$3,292.19.

A report was received from the committee on grants, in reference to certain matters referred to it for its consideration. 1. It recommended that the Executive Committee should make a grant of \$300 towards the payment of the salary of a clergyman to be appointed to Arundel, at present part of the parish of Lapchute and Arundel. 2. An application for a grant to Aylmer was not recommended. On motion the report was adopted.

The secretary read a resolution adopted at the Rural Deanery of Brome and transmitted to the Executive Committee, recommending an addition of \$100 to the grant made to the mission of Brome Corner. Referred to the committee on grants.

A circular was received from Rev. Probenary Tucker, Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, stating that "the standing committee regret that the number of persons who express their readiness to subscribe for a copy of the Society's journals from 1701 to 1800 is considerably smaller than was expected, and the publication of the journals in

question would involve an expenditure which the Society is not justified in incurring; the standing committee, therefore, while thanking the subscribers for their co-operation, beg leave to inform them that they will not be called upon for their promised subscriptions.

An application from a clergyman for superannuation was referred to the committee on superannuation.

An application from the widow of a clergyman lately deceased, to be placed as an annuitant on the widows' and orphans' fund, was referred to the committee on that fund.

A sub-committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. R. Lindsay and J. F. Renand, Rural Deans, and the Secretary of the committee, to enquire as to the additional cost of printing a report for general circulation, much on the plan of the Church Society report, with short accounts from each mission. The committee to report to next meeting of the executive.

The committee on registrations was authorized to get forms printed, the expense not to exceed ten dollars.

The Bishop then pronounced the benediction, and the meeting came to a close.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON.—Girls' Friendly Society.—On the evening of the 7th instant the associates and members of St. George's Cathedral Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society celebrated their second anniversary in St. George's Hall. Over three hundred persons were present. An excellent programme was provided and a plentiful supply of tea, coffee and cake was distributed by the girls. During the two years that this branch has been in existence it has been wonderfully successful; it now numbers eighty members, besides thirty associates; almost every week there are accessions to its numbers.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MIDHURST.—A new branch of the C. E. T. S. was opened here on Thursday, January 27th. The Rev. Allan Daniel, Incumbent of the parish, presided. After opening services, and a few remarks by the chairman, addresses were given by the Revs. A. C. Miles, B.A., C. H. Marsh and G. E. Lloyd, and Mr. William Drury. Forty-four persons united with the new branch, and both pastor and people are to be congratulated on the good beginning made.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

The following Pastoral was read in all the Churches on Sunday, the 6th February:

THE CHAPTER HOUSE,
London, February 1, 1887.

To the Reverend Brethren, and Brethren of the Laity, in the Diocese of Huron:

In the Name of our Lord, Greeting.—Inasmuch as serious injury has for some time past been inflicted on the cause of Christ in this our Diocese, by the use of unscriptural and utterly fallacious methods of raising money for Church purposes; and seeing, moreover, that the principles which should regulate our giving, advocated by us in our primary charge in 1884, have in some instances been neglected, forgotten, or ignored, we deem it best for the interests of our Redeemer's Kingdom, and the furtherance of His truth among us, clearly and unreservedly to state what are the practices to which we refer, and to take such action as the welfare of our sacred religion demands.

While allowing to congregations all reasonable liberty in the conduct of their own affairs, we yet feel that certain abuses in connection with the raising of money for Church purposes have crept in among us, of so secular and unholy a character, that to leave them unchecked would be not only to impair the spirituality of the church at large, but also, by implication, to make us partaker of other men's sins.