

set so bright an example to the nation at large—we must all feel as a grievous national calamity. But whatever be the greatness of the loss to the nation, it is to Your Majesty that this must, in every relation, as Queen, wife, and mother, be felt to be the great and lasting affliction of your life. We wish, therefore, to assure Your Majesty of our true and most respectful affection for yourself and your royal children, and of our deep sympathy with you in this your hour of trial, and we earnestly pray that the same Heavenly Father who, in his wisdom, has thus visited you, will now and ever mercifully support you by His grace, that the faith which supported and cheered Your Majesty's royal consort in his last trying hour may ever be imparted to you in large measure, and that the "Rock of Ages" in which he trusted may be your strength in life, and the sure foundation of all your hopes in the hour of death, until at last, when your work on earth is ended, you may exchange an earthly for a heavenly crown, in the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

CHURCH SOCIETY FUNDS.

The secretary read a detailed account of the different funds of the society, and of those which are held in trust. The interest of the commutation fund will be short by a sum of over seven hundred dollars in May, owing to several municipalities being dilatory in paying the coupons. The City of Hamilton and the Town of St. Thomas, being the chief places in arrears. The secretary stated that there was a balance against the general purposes fund, so that grants for the erection of churches cannot now be made. Parochial collections are expected to come in shortly, when the fund, it is hoped, will be able to give grants to congregations requiring aid.

THE EPISCOPAL FUND.

With regard to the Episcopal Fund, there will be a deficiency in it in May next of seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars, from the fact that several gentlemen have not paid the interest on their donations. The present state of the fund leaves the interest, or salary annually to the Bishop, only eighteen hundred and twenty-one dollars and four cents per year. The secretary here requested any gentleman present who had any questions to ask, or remarks to make upon the several reports of the society, to do so now, and he would be prepared to give any explanation required.

Rev. Mr. FLOOD, of Delaware, read a resolution, referring to Mr. Hogg, the school-master to the Indians, and made some pleasing allusions to his (the reverend gentleman's) early career as a missionary to the aborigines, when he first arrived in Delaware. He hoped that the school-master's services would be retained, and his salary remain as formerly, as the Indians of Munceytown were very much attached to him.

The resolution was put and carried without one dissentient voice.

The secretary read a letter from the Rev. Mr. Stimson, of Berlin, addressed to that gentleman, wherein he reflected upon the character and standing of the secretary, and which letter was the last of a correspondence between both parties. It excited the risible faculties of almost all present, being a very singular and unique production. Such correspondence having reference to the appropriation of certain moneys, the property of the Church Society, which Rev. Mr. Stimson said he could prove the secretary had applied to the salary of the Bishop of the diocese.

The Rev. Mr. MANSIE said that the charge preferred in the letter just read, although its contents were specially directed against him, by "cloak-

ing the affairs of the Society," as the letter stated, yet it had a chief allusion to the latter, and would have a very injurious effect, as the letter had been published throughout the length and breadth of the diocese.

The Rev. Mr. STIMSON said if the Episcopal Fund were deficient, let the society appeal to the country. He had a notion that the funds of the society were not properly applied, and hence he made use of strong language; and it required such language to pierce the moral skin of the secretary. He was quite willing to take up the matter in detail; or, if it were thought necessary to let it drop, he was equally willing to do so.

Rev. Mr. SMITH said that private matters should not be taken up by this society, but when it was said that the secretary "had attempted to cloak the affairs of the society," that was a subject that should not be allowed to drop, as it seriously interfered with the society itself, besides it was well known to all present that the secretary never did any thing without the sanction of the society.

Rev. Mr. MANSIE said that, as the committee of the Episcopal Fund had given a very copious report, a fair and candid statement of its affairs, which he (the secretary) had read at an early stage of this meeting, they would be able to judge of his conduct in the case, if he had in any wise done any thing to merit the remarks contained in the letter of the Rev. Mr. Stimson. The fact is, that a large amount of the Bishop's salary was in arrears in July, 1860, to the extent of £760, and a grant of £240 was appropriated to his Lordship for an outfit on the occasion of his going to England for consecration, both sums making, in the aggregate, \$4,000. Now, the Bishop owes the fund for his subscription, (\$2,000,) together with money loaned to him on security, over \$7,000, on which he pays interest to the fund; and this \$4,000 is allowed to the Bishop on his account, thus: his Lordship is paid by reducing his liability to the fund by that amount.

Rev. Mr. BETTRIDGE said, to avoid any more discussion of such a disagreeable nature, he would move that the standing committee should take up the matter and report this evening.

Rev. Dr. CALFIELD said that there was a fact in Mr. Stimson's letter respecting the four thousand dollars, which could not be overlooked. He had stated that this sum had been paid away by the Church Society, while that body had not given away a single shilling of that amount! The \$4,000 had been transferred from one side of the Episcopal Fund to the other, while it had gone abroad that the sum referred to had been disbursed from the funds proper of the society. This was the cause of the great mistake in Mr. Stimson's charge against the secretary, and it had a dangerous effect in being sent out to the public.

ARCHDEACON BROUGH asked Mr. Stimson to answer Rev. Dr. Calfield's question, how the four thousand dollars was mis-applied?

Rev. Mr. STIMSON said he did not use the word mis-apply. He laboured under a misapprehension about the four thousand dollars, and he retracted his statement in that respect.

The Bishop said the difficulty arose with the Rev. Mr. Stimson in making up the deficiency in the Episcopal Fund. Some urged that an appeal should be made to the country. Now, the committee, in their report, suggested three plans of meeting the deficiency, and the first of these was, what Mr. Stimson proposes, to canvass the country for further subscriptions, but this the committee all thought would be unadvisable under present circumstances, and moreover it would interfere with the other objects of the society for

which we have to appeal every year. The third proposition made by the committee, which was adopted, was, that the vacant lands should be sold, the proceeds borrowed, and the interest applied to pay the Bishop's salary, until the year 1870, when ample funds will be forthcoming to meet the requirements of the fund. He (the Bishop) thought the Rev. Mr. Stimson's conduct had placed a gulf between the Church Society and the reverend gentleman, which, if not apologised for, would still continue to put him in a very bad position with his brethren. He trusted that the gentleman would withdraw his statement and express his regret.

Rev. Mr. TOWNLEY acquiesced in the Bishop's remarks.

Rev. Mr. FAUQUIER said he thought the Rev. Mr. Stimson had mixed up his own personal feelings against the secretary with the best interests of the society, and if he did not see it judicious to retract what he had said, it would be necessary for the Church Society, before it separated, to take proper steps to give the whole matter as public a notoriety as the Rev. Mr. Stimson had taken care to have done.

Rev. Mr. STIMSON here rose and read the following retraction:—

"To the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron:—

"I beg to withdraw my letter to the secretary of the society, dated December 26th, 1861."

ARCHDEACON BROUGH said he would not be satisfied with the Rev. Mr. Stimson until he not only fully retracted the statement he had made against the Church Society, and also against the Rev. Mr. Marsh. In his cool moments Rev. Mr. Stimson had published to the world statements which tended to materially injure this society and the secretary, it was therefore his duty publicly to publish throughout the land an ample and sufficient apology for the charges he had made.

Rev. JOHN McLEAN said he fully concurred with the views of the last speaker, and unless Rev. Mr. Stimson made the fullest apology to the society, he would enter his protest against the course which appeared to be adopted by the meeting.

Mr. GREEN said he was perfectly satisfied with the suggestions of Archdeacon Brough, and he thought it was only the duty of Rev. Mr. Stimson to make a sufficient and full reparation for the injuries he had inflicted upon such a body as the Church Society, and the efficient secretary of that society. Throughout the whole country the reverend gentleman had thrown out printed statements which had a most injurious effect upon this society, why then should he (Rev. Mr. Stimson) refuse that which he was entitled to do as a clergyman and a gentleman of honour.

Rev. Dr. CALFIELD hoped to see a full and public statement of the whole matter respecting the Rev. Mr. Stimson's charges against the Church Society and the secretary given to the public. It was understood from the tone of the meeting that such should be the case.

Moved by W. WATSON, Esq., seconded by JAMES HAMILTON, Esq., and resolved—

"That this meeting do put upon record a vote of entire confidence in the Rev. Mr. Marsh, as secretary to the Church Society, and at the same time to testify to his uniform courtesy to every one with whom he has business."—Carried.

Mr. HAMILTON, in giving expression to the feeling of the meeting generally, said His Lordship the Bishop never exercised a more judicious judgment than in the selection of the Rev. Mr. Marsh to the office of the secretary to the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron.

The matter then dropped. It is a pity that the