

ship meetings, local committees should be named to visit every family within the same.

A map of each township within the proposed Diocese ought to be procured by the Committee of General Management, and from the Assessors' return the names of all the Church people of the township should be inserted on their respective lots and concessions—their circumstances and ability to assist, in as far as such information can be obtained. Each township to be divided into such a number of sections (in this, perhaps, aid may be derived from adopting the school divisions or sections), so as to make it easy for two active collectors to visit each family in a reasonable time, and ascertain what they are disposed to contribute, after explaining the great object sought to be attained. I have already said that to some this may appear very troublesome work; but it is wisely ordered that nothing truly valuable can be effected in this world without much and continued exertion.

Such a thorough canvas of every township of the Diocese, if conducted in the spirit of prayer, and in humble dependence on Divine assistance, can scarcely fail of being eminently successful; but, should we come somewhat short of our object, still our progress will be sufficient to encourage us, after a little time, to renewed exertions for its full attainment. It is the work of God, and to try our faith He may permit impediments and causes of delay, but we firmly believe that the issue will in due time be prosperous.

Such is the general outline which I now submit to your consideration, for the division of Western Canada into four

Bishoprics. It is surely an enterprise of deep interest and surpassing usefulness, and will be highly creditable to the Diocese of Toronto, so recently established, and yet struggling with many serious difficulties. The boldness of the conception, which has few equals in the history of the church of God, will, I trust, be sustained by the vigor which we shall employ in its realization, nor can it fail to attract the good will and sympathy of the whole of our own communion, for it is indeed worthy of the blessings and prayers of all who desire the extension of our Lord's kingdom.

In conclusion, my brethren, let us remember that this Diocese has spoken through her Synod for the first time, and requires of us certain services, which all admit are essential to the well being and progress of the Church; we are, therefore, on our trial; and on our obedient and vigorous action her rise or decline in a great measure depends. If we labor with hearty good will, then will she flourish and extend on every side, but if we become lukewarm and remiss, and if we remain apathetic instead of being active, our Church will be thrown from the high position which she now occupies. Our responsibility is fearfully great; but make it a labor of love, springing from true faith in our Saviour, and we have nothing to fear.

I remain,

My dear brethren,

Your affectionate Diocesan,

JOHN TORONTO.

Toronto, 16th January, 1854.

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MONTREAL DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

We have met with the following summary of the Report and proceedings of the late annual meeting.

The annual meeting of the Society was held in Montreal, on the 17th inst., the Lord Bishop presiding.

The Rev. J. Roger read the Report of the operations of the Central Board for the past year. It commenced by stating that a review of their operations shewed that the present organization of the central Board was well calculated to carry out the objects for which it was first constituted. It has during the past year consisted of 43 representatives of the different congregations, the average attendance at its meetings having been 16. They regretted that the amount of funds placed at their disposal had not been proportionate to the demands upon them. The total general revenue from ordinary sources, amounted to..... £ 477
Balance from last year..... 30
Proceeds of sale of Bank Stock..... 382

Total..... £ 889
The total expenditure had been..... 826
Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hand of..... 63

The income of the Widows and Orphans' Fund from ordinary sources, amounted to..... £ 258
The balance in hand last year, was..... 233

Total..... £ 491
of which £300 had been invested during the year. The total amount not invested on account of this fund amounted to £1,425.

The Board were sorry to remark that the general income this year was less than that of last by £89 19s. 2d., but the local subscriptions expended in the various localities where subscribed, amounted this year to £8,161 18s. 9d., being an increase of £1,639 2s. 1d., upon last year, and this did not include a sum of £116 subscribed for like purposes which had not passed through the Treasurer's hands. The grants by the Board have been, for Missionary purposes, £200; for Diocesan Female School, £50; for Book and Tract Committee, £50; for building Church at Stukely, £50; aid in procuring endowment at St. John's, £100; aid towards parsonage at Granby, £25; repairs of church at Longueuil, £3; to complete the purchase of parsonage at Laprairie, £20; making a total of £508.

£205, part of the proceeds from the disposal of their funded capital, had been given to build churches, and £200 more remains to be disposed of for a like purpose, after which the society must depend entirely upon its annual revenue from contributions to meet the claims for these purposes. The venerable Society for the propagation of the Gospel had placed the sum of £100 per annum at the disposal of his Lordship the Bishop, to aid in building churches, for which the churchmen in the diocese had great reason to be thankful.

MISSIONARIES.—The sums collected after sermons preached in behalf of the Missionary labors of the Society only amounted to £93, leaving over £100 to be otherwise provided for.—Allowances were made to eight Missionaries, amounting in all to £172 10.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.—There was now a sum of £1,566 at the credit of this fund. The arrangements for its appointment contemplated in the previous year had not yet been carried into effect.

DEPOSITORY.—76 Bibles, 565 Prayer Books, 72 Miscellaneous Books, and 3,000 Tracts have been issued, making a total of £3,713.

The adoption of the Report was moved by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Vermont.

REV. A. C. COXE.—We presume that it is in consequence of the following change that the "Impressions of England" which formed so interesting a feature in the columns of the *Church Journal*, have been discontinued for a time. We sincerely trust that their publication may soon be resumed again, for we candidly confess that we are not acquainted with any living author who surpasses Mr. Coxe in descriptive powers and genial elegance of style, while a sound hearty churchmanship pervades everything from his pen:—

"We regret that the Rev. A. C. Coxe, Rector of St. John's, Hartford, has concluded to accept the invitation to take charge of the parish, Grace Church, Baltimore. He is the first Rector of St. John's, which has grown and become stronger by the blessing of God on his faithful, skilful and zealous labors of twelve years. He will remove at Easter, and will leave behind many sorrowing friends, while he takes with him the good wishes and sincere prayers of all, for his prosperity and happiness in his new field of effort in Baltimore."—*Calendar*.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London have both sent letters of thanks to the Presiding Bishop of the House of Bishops in the United States, in acknowledgment of the kind reception of the English Deputation. The Bishop of London attaches to his letter the following P.S.:

"Allow me to add, that in case any of your Right Reverend Brethren, on his way to any diocese on the shores of the Pacific, Oregon for instance, or California, should be able conveniently to visit Pitcairn's Island, I should esteem it a great kindness, if he would act as my com-