

At an adjourned meeting held on the 11th day of September, applications were read from

The Rector and Churchwardens of St. John's Church, Sandwich, for assistance towards repairing the roof of the said Church;

The Rev. S. B. Ardagh, for grant to repair his Parsonage, which applications were referred to the Standing Committee, for them to report thereon, with instructions that they should report upon all applications for Churches and Parsonages which have not been finally disposed of;

They find that the entire income for general purposes for the past year, was.....£422 16 10; whilst the expenditure, including the grant made to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, was..... 671 10 2½

Leaving a deficiency of.....£248 13 4

A great part of this deficiency the Committee calculate may probably be made up by increased subscriptions from the Parochial Committees, but they cannot estimate that the increase will be sufficient to leave any surplus that may be appropriated towards such objects as those referred to in this report. They therefore recommend that the Society should direct that the proceeds of the sermon, to be preached this year, for "any object embraced in the constitution of the Society", should be applied to the General Purposes' Fund, in order that the grant to the Widows and Orphans' Fund may be continued and that there may be means left to assist in the erection and repair of Churches and the erection or purchase of Parsonage Houses. They further recommend that his Lordship the Bishop be respectfully moved to direct the attention of the Clergy to the importance of maintaining the general purposes fund, as on that source an important part of the income of the Widows and Orphans' Fund depends, as well as being the only means at the disposal of the Society for assisting in the building of Churches and Parsonages.—Agreed.

25th September, 1850.

REPORT from the Committee on obtaining Plans and Estimates for Churches.

The Committee appointed to report upon the best means of obtaining plans and estimates for the Building of Churches beg leave to recommend:

That the Committee be authorized to pay half the cost of a few sets of ground-plans, elevations, working drawings, and specifications, together with estimates according to the prices of labour and materials in Toronto,—of Churches in wood, brick, and stone, to contain not more than three hundred persons; provided that they be approved by the Committee; that the number of such sets be limited to five, and that the plans, &c., be the property of the Society:

That one at least of these ground-plans and elevations be published in *The Church* newspaper:

That such of these ground plans, &c., as may be approved finally by the Committee as most desirable, be lithographed and printed, and left for sale at the Depository, at such a rate as may be requisite to cover the expenses:

That the whole of the plans and specifications be submitted to an experienced builder, in order that he may furnish additional estimates of the expense of carrying them out in Toronto:

That for these purposes the present Committee be continued to the next annual meeting.

The report was adopted. (*Church.*)

DIocese of NOVA SCOTIA.

An Ordination was held in St. Paul's Church, Halifax, on Sunday, the 8th September, by the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, officiating for the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, when the following gentlemen were admitted Deacons,—Messrs. William Stewart, B. A., Foster Hutchinson Almon, B. A., and John Shaw Smith, B. A., all of King's College, Windsor; and the Rev. George Wm. Hill, B. A., King's College, Windsor, Deacon, was admitted to the order of Priesthood.

An admirable sermon was preached by the Bishop, from John 20—verses 19 to 24, and the candidates were presented by Archdeacon Willis.

The solemn services of the day were attended to with deep seriousness by a large and devout congregation; many of whom afterwards joined the Bishop and Clergy in receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

On Monday morning the Bishop left Halifax on his way to Fredericton.—*Church Times.*

The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia has proceeded to England with his family. An address was presented to his Lordship before his embarkation, by the Archdeacon, on behalf of the Clergy. The weak state of his Lordship's health prevented his receiving some other demonstrations of respect which it had been intended to offer.

DIocese of NEWFOUNDLAND.

(*From the Times.*)

The Lord Bishop of this Diocese held his triennial Visitation of the Clergy on the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle. This event, always interesting and important to the ministers and members of his Lordship's flock, was rendered particularly so on this occasion by being held in the new Cathedral, on the very day of its consecration. The consecration of the Cathedral, immediately followed by the Bishop's Installation, was celebrated in the morning, and in the afternoon his Lordship delivered his Charge to the Clergy.

Of the Cathedral itself we do not feel competent to furnish any description in detail. We believe it to be generally admitted that if the design of the architect were carried out and completed, no Ecclesiastical edifice in British North America could rival it. The part now built consists only of the nave and aisles, and in consequence the great height is very much out of proportion. The height is increased on the south side by the sloping ground, but the whole building would be much more imposing from this circumstance. This additional elevation has given occasion for, or rather has made necessary, a fine crypt or undercroft extending the whole length of the aisle, (fully one hundred feet,) which might be available for Schools, or Vestries, or any similar purpose. The unfinished state of the building is proclaimed not only by the disproportionate height, but by a clothing of clapboard on the whole Eastern end, which is necessary for the protection of walls not intended to be exposed. This clapboard dress is of most unecclesiastical character, and betrays unmistakeably the abrupt stop put to the progress of the work through the want of funds. A temporary apse has been erected sufficient for the Holy Table with its furniture. There are two noble porches; one at the West end approached by a very handsome flight of steps; and another on the North side with a beautiful gabled roof; over this is the Parvise.

The doors and hinges are of very beautiful workmanship, and in admirable keeping with the style of the building.

The fittings of the interior were imported ready made from England; they were designed by Mr. G. Gilbert Scott, the architect, and fully sustain his reputation for perfect knowledge of all the details of ecclesiastical art and ornament. All are of English oak: the Holy Table, Pulpit, and Seats for the Clergy enriched with carving: the other seats (which are all open) of the same substantial make and material, but (except the Governor's pew) with plain square ends. Seats are provided for eight hundred persons. The windows were furnished by Mr. Wailes, of Newcastle, and are of that kind of glass called, we believe, Cathedral green, which, being very thick, subdues the light, and gives some of that "dim religious" character, which the poet admires in the "richly-light windows" of our ancient Churches.

Considerable fears were entertained lest the fittings and windows should not be fixed by the Visitation, as the latter arrived little more than a fortnight, and the seats and other furniture not ten days, before the time. It was originally intended that the Consecration should take place on Sunday the 15th instant, and be followed by appropriate services every day till the Visitation; but

* On the same day as the Installation of the Bishop of Quebec