

Montreal, in the Province of Canada, assembled at the General Annual Meeting of the said Society, beg most respectfully at this time to address Your Majesty, in order to give expression to the sincere and deep sorrow with which, in common with all Your Majesty's subjects, we have heard of the severe affliction with which you have been visited, by the death of His Royal Highness the late Prince Consort.

The loss of so wise and excellent a Prince filling so high a position and discharging so faithfully his duties towards God and towards man, we must all deplore as a most grievous national visitation: but it is to Your Majesty that this must, in every relation, as Queen, wife and mother, be felt to be the great lasting affliction of your life. We wish, therefore, to assure Your Majesty of our most true and respectful affection for yourself, and your Royal children, and our deep sympathy with you in this your time of trial. And we earnestly pray that the same Almighty Father, who in His wisdom has thus visited you, will now and ever mercifully support you by His grace; and through suffering sanctified, He will, day by day, bring you into closer communion with himself: and that thus directed by His Spirit, and sustained by His power, you may long be spared to rule over and be a blessing to your faithful people; and at last, when your work on earth is accomplished, may exchange an earthly for a heavenly crown, in the eternal Kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord."

It was resolved that the sum of \$200 be paid to the Rev. J. Irwin as Chaplain to the Montreal Gaol.

The Bishop also gave notice that he had received a communication from His Excellency the Governor General, informing him—"That on the 18th December last, it was ordered by the Lords of Her Majesty's Council that in the Morning and Evening prayers, in the Litany, and in all other parts of the Public Service, as well in the occasional offices as in the Book of Common Prayer, where the Royal Family is appointed to be particularly prayed for, the words "The Prince Consort" be omitted.

And the Bishop therefore had to notify the Clergy of this Diocese that the omission, as ordered, was to be made by them, and the words erased wherever they may occur.

EVENING MEETING.

The usual public anniversary meeting was held at the same place in the evening—the Lord Bishop in the Chair. The attendance was large, and much interest was manifested. After an introductory address from the Bishop, the Secretary, the Rev. E. J. Rogers, read the Report, from which it appeared that during the year there had been a decrease in the amount contributed in Montreal of \$149.73, and in the parishes and missions of the country of \$677.99. The total amount however raised for Church purposes within the Diocese was \$57,000, which was \$12,000 more than last year. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund was also in a satis-