

If we may take these reductions, consequent on incidental changes, as an average for the next five-years, we must calculate on losing, in that space of time, *thirty eight per cent.* of our present grant, instead of the amount of loss, which is *less than ten per cent.*, attaching to the proposal of the Society.

"Of the 'en Missions to which reference is here made, the grant to one is terminable in August next—to three others a year later—to one in October, 1861—to one in July, and three in October, 1862, and to one in October, 1863, and though the present grants would probably not be wholly withdrawn, they would certainly be considerably diminished, at these dates.

"I am far from being of opinion, as is well known, that the system of even gradual withdrawal of aid from a portion of the Church, so poor as our own, is wise or just; and while I am favourable to the adoption of what appears to me to be an improvement on the present state of things, I shall heartily concur in any course which the Synod may see fit to take for setting strongly before the Society the peculiar claims of this Diocese.

"The advantages, then, of the Society's proposal over the existing arrangements are mainly these:—

"1. The wisdom of committing the distribution of its funds to the hands of local authorities, instead of leaving it in those of persons at a distance, whatever may be their claims both upon our respect and our gratitude, who are in a less advantageous position for forming a judgment on the merits of isolated cases, as they arise.

"2. The certainty of being able to depend, for a fixed time, upon a fixed sum, and the exact knowledge of what it will be necessary to do ourselves, in order to maintain the existing number of Missions on their present footing.

"3. Prevention of further change or reduction in poor localities;

"4. The throwing of the burden, caused by reductions in future, on the Diocese at large, by its contributing generally to make up the deficiency in the general grant, instead of the present plan of pressing unequally on some places, and leaving others untouched;

"5. The re-distribution, in some instances, (while due regard shall be had, as is expressly provided for in the first clause of the Society's proposal, to *personal claims*.) of the present grants, so that what may be saved in one case by the removal, at his own desire, of a Missionary, may be gained to a poorer locality;

"6. The advantage to the Church, and to the Missionaries themselves, of transferring Clergymen from one field to another, without entailing a pecuniary sacrifice upon them."

THE FOLLOWING IS THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL OF THE S.F.G:—

"At a Meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, held Friday, Nov. 18th, 1860, it was resolved, that the following scheme for the payment of the Missionary salaries for which the Society is liable, in the Diocese of Quebec, be sanctioned, subject to the conditions which form part of it:—

"1. That the Grant of £2057 10s be placed at the disposal of the Bishop, acting in concert with the Synod of the Diocese, up to Dec. 31st, 1862, on the understanding that strict regard be had to the Society's existing obligations;

"2. That a grant, less by £100 per annum, be given from that time to 31st Dec., 1865, after which period the grant shall be reduced by such sum (being not less than £100) as the Society shall think fit;

"3. That the Bills be signed by the Bishop and a Treasurer appointed by the Committee of Synod;

"4. That full information be given to the Society of the relation of the Committee to the Synod, and of constitution and rules and names of officers and members of the Committee, and of any changes which may be made from time to time in any of those particulars,

"5. That a copy of all proceedings or minutes of the Committee, so far as they relate to the management or disposal of the Society's fund, be sent to the Society immediately after each meeting of such Committee;

"6. That in managing general or unappropriated funds, the Bishop and Committee confine the application of them to aiding, within the Diocese of Quebec, in the maintenance of Clergymen in districts which, from the greater poverty of the people and their more recent settlement, have a superior claim for aid. That every Clergyman so assisted be considered as a Missionary of the Society, and especially be bound to comply with bye laws 20 and 23—to supply the Society with Reports, and to report his arrival in England, as therein specified, and that the Bishop and Committee be responsible for each Missionary's fulfilment of his obligations to the Society while he is in the Diocese of Quebec."

It was then moved by Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by Rev. W. King, That the proposal of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel made to the Synod last year, be now adopted with the explanations received by the Committee from that body.—Carried.

Moved by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by Rev. E. C. Parkin;

That the management of the funds to be entrusted by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to the Synod, be committed to the Church Society on such conditions and under such regulations as may be agreed upon between the Synod and the Church Society.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. C. N. Montizambert, seconded by Rev. A. A. Allen:

That a Committee be now appointed with full powers finally to arrange the details of the agreement to be made with the Church Society, and that such Committee consist of the same gentlemen as composed the Committee to negotiate with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

Moved in amendment by Rev. Henry Roo, seconded by Mr. Geo. Irvine:

That the words "with full powers finally" be omitted, and the following words added, "and to report such arrangements to the next meeting of Synod for final adoption," and that the Synod hereby authorizes the Lord Bishop to continue the present payments from that fund for one year.—Carried.—Main motion as amended.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by Mr. C. N. Montizambert:

That a general sustentation fund be at once opened through the Diocese, under the authority of the Synod, for the purpose of providing for the reduction to be made in the grants of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel at the expiration of three years from this date.

After discussion the Rev. A. W. Mountain, asked and obtained leave to withdraw this motion for a time.

Moved by Rev. A. W. Mountain, seconded by Rev. M. M. Fothergill:

That this Synod do now adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow, to continue in Session till one P. M., to resume business at two P. M. till six P. M., to resume again at seven P. M.—Carried.

His Lordship the Bishop then pronounced the benediction, and the Synod adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Thursday, 6th June, 1861.

The Synod met at 10 o'clock, morning prayer

having been previously said in All Saints Chapel. The Lord Bishop opened the proceedings with prayer.

The names of the Clergy being called, twenty-eight answered.

The names of the Lay Delegates being called twenty-eight answered.

Mr. C. Wurtele having obtained leave presented a petition from six members of the United Church of England and Ireland.

Dr. Hellmuth presented and read the "Report" of Committee on the Incomes of the Clergy.

#### REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the Synod "to take into consideration the necessity of making some better provision for the remuneration of the Clergy in the rural districts within the Diocese of Quebec," beg to report, that they have ascertained from the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, that an annual revenue of £450 cy., in addition to the present resources, would be required, to make the salary of each of the present number of the clergy within the Diocese up to £150 cy. per annum.

The Committee would venture to express their opinion that £200 cy. per annum ought to be the stipend of a clergyman in full orders, of five years standing; to accomplish this desirable end, an annual revenue, in addition to the present resources, of about £1500 cy. would be required.

Since the appointment of this Committee, preliminary measures have already been adopted by the Central Board of the Diocesan Church Society, to raise funds for the above purpose, and a Secretary appointed, whose whole time is to be devoted to the business of the Church Society, in order to increase its income. Under these circumstances the Committee deem it unnecessary to make elaborate suggestions how to raise the means for the better "remuneration of the Clergy in the rural districts."

They would, however, humbly urge the necessity of creating without loss of time a sustentation fund:—

Firstly, by local efforts in each Mission, and Secondly, by the Lord Bishop directing that an annual sermon be preached in aid of that fund in each Church and Chapel within the Diocese.

But as from the poverty of this Diocese, in the midst of the richly endowed Church of Rome, and from the scattered nature of the Church population over a vast area, all these efforts combined would not produce the required and necessary means, they would further urge that a deputation be sent to England for the purpose of laying before the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, and before the Church at home, a full statement of the peculiar difficulties and claims of a Diocese, where the Church must, for some years yet to come, remain Missionary in her efforts to evangelise her own long neglected children, and keep the ground she has gained, and that without timely aid from the mother country this Diocese will inevitably suffer. All which is respectfully submitted.

J. HELLMUTH,  
Secretary.

Moved by Rev. W. S. VIAL, seconded by Rev. Dr. FALLON.—That the Report of the Committee on the Incomes of the Clergy be received.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. A. J. WOOLNOR, seconded by Rev. C. P. REID.—That the Report presented by Dr. HELLMUTH be considered clause by clause.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. JOHN KEMP, seconded by Rev. W. S. VIAL.—That the first clause of the Report on the Incomes of the Clergy be received and adopted.—Lost.

Moved in amendment by H. S. SCOTT, Esq.,