

CHURCH IN NEW BRUNSWICK.—In our paper of 6th Oct. last, there appeared a sketch of the clerical Meeting then recently held at Fredericton, with some remarks connected with the objects of that meeting. We are now enabled to publish the constitution then adopted, and since sanctioned by the Bishop, of the "Church Society," for that Province, of which the first meeting is to be held on the 9th February next. We also subjoin the Resolutions adopted by the clergy, and the address of Archdeacon Coster. We hope the day is not far distant when such a Society will be formed in this Province, embracing the additional and most interesting object of a fund for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen—a subject on which we shall hereafter submit some observations.

ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Church of England throughout the Province of New Brunswick,

The favourable attention of all those to whom the above description applies, is earnestly requested to the following extract from the Minutes of the proceedings at a recent meeting of the Clergy of this Archdeaconry, convened by authority, and directed by the Diocesan to consider of the formation of a Church Society, which may combine the efforts of all the Members of the Provincial Church to promote and extend its usefulness, and may embrace all the valuable objects of several smaller Societies which now exist among us.

This was the most numerous Clerical meeting that was ever holden in New Brunswick. It was attended by eighteen Clergymen, who all unanimously agreed to recommend to their lay brethren the adoption of the following plan for such a Society, provided that it should receive the necessary sanction of the Bishop.

That sanction has been given. I am therefore now at liberty to propose it in their names. Some additions which His Lordship has suggested will be brought forward, and I think readily agreed to, at the first general meeting of the Society; when it is hoped the Constitution will be made—what it does not now profess to be—complete.

I can anticipate no serious objection, on the part of the lay members of the Church, to a plan, in the formation of which their supposed wishes have been most studiously consulted; and therefore confidently trust that the appeal now made to their feelings of attachment to our venerable Establishment will not be unsuccessful, and that the foundation is laid of a powerful Association, which, by God's blessing, (which I humbly and earnestly invoke,) will prove the source of inestimable benefits to the Community.

GEORGE COSTER, Archdeacon.

Fredericton, 21st Nov. 1836.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Clergy of this Archdeaconry are desirous to afford His Lordship (the Bishop) all the aid in their power to carry into effect his plan for a Great Church Society in each of the Archdeaconries, and ready to exert their best endeavours to procure contributions from their people to the several objects which his Lordship proposes to include in the plan of that Society.

2. That they consider it as of the greatest importance that the proposed Society should have the benefit of his Lordship's able superintendence; and they are fully sensible of the advantage to be derived from acting in perfect harmony with the two great Church Societies in England, and limiting themselves to such objects as they have sanctioned by their practice, or at least shall honor with their entire approbation.

3. That they trust the lay members of the Church will readily join themselves to the proposed Society, and liberally support it: and respectfully recommend that the Society be instituted on that liberal foundation which will allow the Laity a due share in the management of the funds to be subscribed.

4. That the Archdeacon be requested to forward a paper in the form following, with any emendations the Bishop may deem necessary, to the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of each Parish in the Archdeaconry; and that each Corporation be requested to lend all their influence in obtaining subscriptions, to it, so that the Society may embrace, if possible, all the

Churchmen in the Province; and that it is expedient that no time should be lost in putting into effectual operation a plan which promises so much utility.

The Constitution of the Church Society of New Brunswick.

I. In conformity with the suggestions contained in the extract from the Letter of the Lord Bishop, a Society be, and the same is hereby formed, to be called 'The Church Society of the Archdeaconry of New Brunswick.'

II. The payment at any one time of a sum not less than ten pounds do constitute a Life Member, and the payment annually of any sum, however small, do constitute the person paying the same a Member of the Society.

III. The Society shall have a President, who shall be the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; two or more Vice Presidents, of whom the Archdeacon shall be the first; one Treasurer; two Secretaries; and a Standing Committee of twelve lay members of the Society, being Life Members, or subscribers of at least one pound to the funds of the Society; who, with the exception of the President and Vice Presidents, shall be annually elected at the anniversary meeting.

IV. The Officers of the Society and the Clergy of the Archdeaconry shall be *ex officio* Members of the Committee.

V. That the Society shall embrace the following objects, and none other, viz:—

Missionary visits to neglected places;

The establishment of Divinity Scholarships at King's College, Fredericton;

Aid to Sunday and other Schools in which Church principles are taught, and the training and encouragement of Schoolmasters and Catechists;

The supply of Books and Tracts in strict conformity with the principles of the Established Church; and

Aid to the building and enlarging of Churches and Chapels.

VI. It shall be competent to any member of the Society to limit his Subscription to any one or more of the objects above recited, which he may be most anxious to promote.

VII. The members of the Society in each Mission, or in each Parish of each Mission, at the discretion of the Missionary do constitute a Local Committee.

VIII. It shall be competent to each Committee to recommend any of the above recited objects to the Special consideration of the Society in the appropriation of its funds.

IX. The Society shall hold its Anniversary Meeting at Fredericton, on the second Friday in February in each year.

X. The Committee of each Parish or Mission shall hold an annual Meeting on some convenient day, previous to the Anniversary Meeting at Fredericton, when the recommendation to the Society of special objects shall be determined.

XI. Each Parochial Committee shall be empowered to depute two of its lay Members, to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Committee, to assist the Missionary, in submitting the recommendation of the Committee to the Society's consideration.

XII. For this purpose the Missionaries and the lay Deputies shall meet in general Committee on the two days, or more if need be, previous to the Anniversary Meeting, to form an aggregate to be recommended to the Society.

XIII. The first Meeting of the Society shall be held on Thursday, February 9th, 1837, when the constitution of the Society shall be ratified and confirmed, and its Officers elected.

XIV. The Clergy shall bring the subject under the consideration of their respective flocks, and invite them to depute one or more persons, to be nominated by the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of their respective Parishes, to attend in their behalf at the said Meeting.

CHURCH IN CANADA.—We are indebted to the New York Churchman for the following account of a clerical Meeting held in Toronto, U. C. in October last, and of the proceedings which then took place:—

Kingston, October 22.—A meeting of the clergy of the Established Church, in Upper Canada, was held

in St. James' Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, the 5th instant, and continued, by adjournment, until late on Friday afternoon. The Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston presiding. After the usual morning service, a learned and eloquent discourse was delivered by the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, upon the important subjects of church government and discipline. About thirty clergymen were present, who received the holy communion, the Venerable the Archdeacons officiating at the altar.

Several matters were discussed at this meeting, all highly important toward promoting the interests of religion and the increased efficiency of the Established Church. Among others, the following:—

1st. The division of the Diocese of Quebec, and the necessity of a bishop for Upper Canada. There appeared, on this point, to be an unanimous opinion among the clergy present; and the recent subdivision of the See of Calcutta into the four bishoprics of Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, and Australia, seemed to encourage them in the expectation, that some such arrangement might (if properly represented to his majesty) be effected in this Diocese, where the number of the clergy exceeds one hundred.

A memorial to the king was drafted and adopted.

2d. The propriety of an annual convention. The consideration of this important subject was introduced with the following resolution:

Whereas the ecclesiastical law of the United Church of England and Ireland has never been introduced in this province, by reason of which much inconvenience has arisen in matters of order and discipline; and whereas, from the increasing number of the clergy, and the great distance which commonly separates them from one another, there is great want of mutual communication and unity of action in the regulation of church affairs, and much hindrance is experienced by the Bishop in the exercise of his holy and important functions, it is deemed expedient that diocesan convocations be held in this province, from time to time, for the purpose of adopting such rules and regulations of discipline, and taking such measures for the good of the Church, as her peculiar situation in this Diocese may require, provided the same be not repugnant to the constitution of the United Church of England and Ireland, the laws of this province, and the prerogative of the crown.

The draft of a constitution for the convocation was prepared by a committee of six, appointed for that purpose, and after some alteration, it was resolved:—

That the same be submitted to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, with an address from the archdeacons and clergy, requesting his approval thereof.

Beside the above, the following were also brought under the notice of the meeting, viz.

The education of young men for the ministry.

The encouragement and support of missions.

The formation of a fund for the benefit of widows of clergymen.

The establishment of a paper or miscellany of religious intelligence in connection with the Church of England.

Standing committees were named on the three last-mentioned subjects, to consider and report on the best means of promoting their speedy accomplishment.

An address to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was agreed to, and a committee appointed to wait on his Excellency to know when he would be pleased to receive the same.

The following resolutions were likewise agreed to:

That the Archdeacons be respectfully requested to petition the Lieutenant-Governor, Legislative Council, and House of Assembly, in the name and on behalf of the clergy, to authorize the introduction of an additional column in the rolls for the next census, in order that the religious persuasion of the inhabitants may be inserted therein.

That the thanks of this meeting are justly due to the Venerable the Archdeacons for the interest they have evinced upon the present occasion in the welfare of the Church, by calling the clergy together, and consulting with them on measures calculated to promote her advancement.

That the Venerable the Archdeacon of York be requested to allow the publication of his sermon preached before the clergy on the 5th instant.

Thanks were voted to the Archdeacon of Kingston, for his kind and courteous conduct as chairman; and the meeting adjourned.