

The motion was then put and carried as follows :—

“ That this Meeting is grateful to His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, for the countenance that he has afforded to the Society’s operations within this Diocese.”

His Lordship said, he felt he could hardly put the Resolution with propriety, but he was very grateful for the kind expressions contained in it.

The Resolution was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. Mr. BANCROFT, in rising to move the next Resolution, said that he was not surprised that some of the speeches had been somewhat long that evening, and that the speakers should feel on such an occasion, (the first Annual Meeting of the Society in the Diocese,) that they did not know when they had said enough, there being so much to say. To show the value of early training, he would relate an incident which had recently happened to him. A few days ago, he was sent for to visit a young man whom he found sick with pleurisy, and, as it seemed to him, so far gone, that he feared he had been sent for too late, (as is too often done), and that all that remained for him to do was to kneel down and commend the passing spirit to the mercy of his God. He prayed with him then, and afterwards visited him again, and found him better, and held some conversation with him. He found that he had spent several years upon a canal boat, and was satisfied that he had been exposed to all manner of vice, and he feared that he was quite unfit to die. But the young man told him, that when ten years old, it was his privilege to attend a Sunday School in Montreal, when he frequently learned to recite four chapters of the Bible in a week,—and in the midst of the temptations which beset him, the teachings he had there received, had kept him from giving way to sin. What an illustration of the text, “ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.” For years, the instruction then given had been retained in his heart to guard him from evil and bless him; and if he had then died penitent and believing, his salvation might have been traced back to the blessed efforts of those who then taught him. Now the Resolution which he held in his hand, and which he had been requested to move, was to this effect :—

“ That the Training and Model School established by the Colonial Church and School Society in this city, is an institution much needed, and calculated to be of great benefit to the cause of sound Scriptural education throughout the Diocese.”

They could in imagination look along the long vista of years to come, when they should be slumbering in the dust, and see the poor country all supplied with well-trained teachers,—teaching not only what is profitable for this world, but also for the