

TESTIMONIAL TO THE VENERABLE A. N. BETHUNE,  
D. D., ARCHDEACON OF YORK.

At a meeting of the members of the Diocesan College, Cobourg, which was held at "Students' Hall," on Friday, the 7th instant, it was moved by G. A. Bull, Esq., seconded by J. C. Gibson, Esq., that J. Harris, Esq., do take the chair. It was also moved, by J. G. Armstrong, Esq., seconded by F. Tremaine, Esq., that W. A. Johnson, Esq., do act as Secretary and Treasurer. — Adopted.

The Chairman opened the meeting by stating the desirable object for which they were assembled; viz., to take into consideration the propriety of presenting to their Venerable Principal some suitable testimonial of their gratitude and esteem; and added, that as all present felt so deeply interested in the undertaking, he deemed it unnecessary for him to enlarge upon it.

It was moved by J. W. Beck, Esq., seconded by G. A. Bull, Esq.,

"That the members of the Diocesan College, Cobourg, are desirous to present to the Venerable A. N. BETHUNE, D. D., Archdeacon of York, some appropriate mark of their respect and esteem, in which the ex-students may join, for the invaluable services and indefatigable exertions which he has bestowed upon them as students in theology.

J. W. Beck, Esq., urged the necessity of some appropriate testimonial, and such a one as those who were absent might join in. He had often spoken of this before; and, in fact, might say that he was one of the first who mentioned it. He had heard it suggested that a portrait had better be obtained; for his part he thought a piece of plate would be preferable, but would gladly concur in whatever the meeting should decide upon.

G. A. Bull, Esq., in seconding this resolution, said, that as one of those who had derived much benefit from the institution, he felt it his duty heartily to concur in this motion; and concluded, by saying, that the nature of the testimonial would be brought before the meeting in the next resolution, and he would therefore refrain from any further comment. — Carried.

It was moved by C. B. Pettit, Esq., B.A., seconded by J. C. Gibson, Esq.,

"That, to carry our design into effect, a Portrait of the Reverend Doctor shall be presented to his Lady and Family, as a lasting testimony of our gratitude."

In moving this resolution, Mr. Pettit observed, that, although some difference of opinion might exist as to the fitness of the testimonial which his resolution proposed, he felt satisfied the meeting would see the propriety of it. Plate was more usually obtained on these occasions: he admitted it. But where was it to be obtained? Were we to go to a distant land for the purpose of procuring an appropriate offering, and leave our own aspirants in arts and sciences untried? No. He for one highly recommended applying to Canadian artists. Though this was a new country, it had already made many efforts to obtain a standing in arts and sciences, and he strongly urged it as a duty upon Churchmen to encourage the fine arts in our own Province. Although so richly wrought a piece of plate, or so highly finished a painting, might possibly not be obtained here as in the mother country, he did not see that that was any valid reason for rejecting the efforts of our own artists. On the contrary, connected as the Church is, and ought to be, with our provincial welfare and refinement, this would rather afford a further plea for employing native talent instead of rejecting it.

J. C. Gibson, Esq., in seconding this resolution, said, he fully approved of the proposed testimonial mentioned in it, and also of the sentiments expressed by Mr. Pettit, as to the encouragement of native talent. As portrait painting was an art which had attained to a very laudable eminence in this Province, he therefore thought that a portrait would be the most desirable testimonial. — Carried unanimously.

It was moved by F. Tremaine, Esq., seconded by C. C. Johnson, Esq.,

"That a Committee be appointed to wait on the Archdeacon, and request on our behalf that he will sit for this purpose."

C. C. Johnson, Esq., remarked, that he thought it would be advisable, and in fact necessary, for the Committee to wait on the Rev. Doctor immediately, in order that as much time as possible might be afforded for the accomplishment of so desirable an object. — Carried.

It was moved by G. A. Barber, Esq., B.A., seconded by C. C. Johnson, Esq.,

"That the Committee be composed of the Chairman, the Secretary, H. Heyward, Esq., and J. C. Gibson Esq." — Carried.

It was moved by J. G. Armstrong, Esq., seconded by H. Heyward, Esq.,

"That this meeting pledge themselves to contribute according to their means towards the object in view."

J. G. Armstrong, Esq., in moving this resolution, said, he felt no ordinary gratification in having the privilege of bringing forward a motion of so much importance, and one which he was assured would meet with the cordial support of every student of the Diocesan College. He spoke with confidence, because he knew their sentiments on this subject; and he would also state, that, being aware of the very high opinion in which the Archdeacon was held by that portion of the Clergy whose privilege it had been to avail themselves of his able and efficient lectures, it was only necessary for us to mention our object to them, to ensure their hearty co-operation; and that with their assistance we should be enabled to transmit to posterity an attestation of the feelings of gratitude and respect which this institution entertained for the public as well as private character of its Venerable Principal. — Carried.

It was moved by G. A. Barber, Esq., B.A. seconded by J. Franklin, Esq.,

"That the Secretary be requested to furnish a report of this meeting to the Editor of 'The Church' and of the 'Star,' for insertion, in order that our proceedings may be fully known to our absent friends." — Adopted.

It was then moved by J. G. Armstrong, Esquire, seconded by J. W. Beck, Esquire,

"That the Chairman do leave the chair, and that C. B. Pettit, Esq., B.A., be requested to take it;" when it was,

Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting be cordially given to the Chairman and Secretary, for their efficient services.

## GALT PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Church Society held its anniversary in Trinity Church, Calt, on Monday evening. Notwithstanding the tempestuous night, and the almost impassable state

of the roads, a considerable audience was present. The Rev. M. Boomer read the report, and Rev. Messrs. Palmer and Ruttan, addressed the meeting at some length, as well as Messrs. Shade and Craig.

## The Report observed,

"Your Committee beg leave to state that the several amounts received from the out stations exceed in each, the amount subscribed in the year preceding, and is as follows:—From Doon Mills, £1 18s. 1½d.; from Preston, £2 13s. 9d.; from Beverly, £4 14s. 4½d. and this does not include the amount of one of the principal collectors. In reporting that from Galt your Committee have to state that with the exception of £5 of a donation which has been received in preceding years, but which has not been contributed this year, the amount is equal to that of last year."

The progress of this branch of the Society is encouraging. The meeting at Paris on Tuesday was greatly diminished in numbers by the state of the weather. We believe the subscriptions are satisfactory. Galt Reporter.

The new Church of St. Mary, three miles east of Brantford, was opened on Sunday last.

The following is the financial statement of the Church Society of the Midland Branch of the Church Society:—

RECEIPTS.	
Balance with Treasurer.....	£69 16 5
Subscriptions in Kingston, P.A.....	104 3 11
Don. do., Widows and Orphans.....	2 0 0
For Travelling Missionary, per Rev. T. W. Allen.....	5 18 9
For the same, per Rev. H. Brent.....	3 15 0
For the same—sale of Needlework.....	0 18 0
For Toronto, from Rev. P. Shirley.....	2 17 6
“ “ “ Rev. H. Brent.....	6 7 10
“ “ “ Rev. T. W. Allen.....	2 3 0
By sales at Depository.....	11 6 5
	£209 6 10

PAYMENTS.	
Rev. T. W. Allen, Travelling Missionary.....	£60 0 0
Rev. H. Brent, Missionary to Pittsburgh &c.....	50 0 0
Rev. W. Greig, travelling expenses to Waterloo, for Sunday Service.....	4 16 0
From Associations in District to Toronto.....	11 8 4
From Kingston P. A. to Toronto.....	19 4 9
From do. for Widows and Orphans.....	2 0 0
	£147 9 1
Balance with Treas'r., Jan. 17, 1851.....	£61 16 9

Resolutions passed at the General Annual Meeting of the Midland Branch.

Moved by Thomas Askew, Esq., seconded by Rev. H. Brent.

1st. That the Report now read, be received and published.

Moved by J. R. Forsyth, seconded by the Rev. W. Greig.

2nd. That the appointment of the Rev. E. F. Patterson, to Portsmouth and Wolfe Island, is recognised by this meeting as an occasion calling for renewed efforts to increase the funds of this Branch of the Church Society.

Moved by Mr. Goodeve, seconded by the Rev. E. Patterson.

3rd. That Thomas Askew, Esq., be Treasurer, and the Rev. W. M. Herchmer and H. Brent, Secretaries, of the Midland District Branch of the Church Society, for the year now begun.

Moved by Colin Miller, Esq., seconded by Rev. W. B. Lander.

4th. That it has become necessary for the country Parochial associations of this district, to relieve the Kingston Parochial association of a part of its expenditure in support of the District Travelling Missionary.

Moved by T. Kirkpatrick, Esq., seconded by S. Rowlands, Esq.

5th. That the Managing Committee of the Midland District be constituted as follows:—All the Clergy of the said District duly licensed to officiate therein, with the Hon. J. Macaulay, Drs. Baker and Diehl, and Hayward. Messrs. Forsyth, Hill, Sellars, S. Taylor, Esson, T. Georger, Mackenzie, Peter Davy, P. V. Dorland, J. B. Maiks, G. Baxter, J. Spring and John Waldron.

Moved by Rev. R. V. Rogers, seconded by the Hon. J. Macaulay.

6th. That this meeting desires thankfully to acknowledge the Divine blessing resting on the labors of the Church Society of the Diocese from its origin till the present time.

Moved by F. M. Hill, Esq., seconded by Rev. T. W. Allen.

7th. That this meeting records its cordial sympathy with the Bishop of Toronto in his anxious labors for the establishment of a Church University.

Moved by C. W. Cooper, Esq., seconded by Rev. H. Mulkins.

8th. That this meeting desires to separate on the present occasion, with a full purpose, under the Divine assistance, to be more zealous than before in the cause of the Church Society.

## DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

## MEETING OF CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

A number of the Clergy of the Church from various parts of the Province, have assembled at the Capital, pursuant to a Circular from the Venble. the Archdeacon, requesting their presence to consult upon the important matters contained in the Letter of the Archbishop of Canterbury; and also with a view to their attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society. Lay Delegates also, have been appointed by many of the Country Parishes, to meet with and assist the Clergy in their deliberations; and also to represent the Local Branches of the Diocesan Church Society, at the Annual Meeting.

On Sunday last the Archbishop's Letter, and the Venble. the Archdeacon's Circular to the Clergy, were read in St. Paul's Church, and notice given of a Parish meeting on the following day, to choose delegates for St. Paul's. The same formality was observed, we understand, at the Chapel of Ease. A similar notice was given in the Parish Church of St. George, in this City. Announcement was also made of Divine Service at St. Paul's every morning throughout the week; and the Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, notified to be held on Monday evening, February 3.

On Monday afternoon, there was a meeting of the Parishioners of St. Paul's at the National Schoolroom,

which proved as usual a very slim attendance. Resolutions were passed appointing the Churchwardens as delegates to meet the Clergy; and as opinions seemed to prevail that the proceedings of that assembly should be open, it was understood as the wish of the meeting, that any parishioner who expressed such a desire might be allowed to propose his view to the Convention. In the evening there was a Parish meeting at St. George's, when A. G. Fraser, and Nepean Clarke, Esqrs., were appointed the Lay delegates from that Parish.

On Tuesday, there was a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Church Society, when various matters connected with the Annual General Meeting on Monday, and the future government of the Society, were disposed of. Several Clergymen from the country, were present.

There was Divine Service at St. Paul's on Wednesday, after which, the Clergy met at the residence of the Venble. the Archdeacon. In the afternoon, the Clergy and delegates met at the National School, to organize themselves into a deliberative assembly.

The Venble. the Archdeacon opened the meeting with prayer.

The Rev. E. Gilpin was appointed Secretary to the meeting.

The Ven. the Archdeacon then, in a short address, alluded to the importance of the occasion on which they were assembled—the most important, with reference to the Church in this Diocese which he had ever known—he referred to the Letter of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, as pointing to him the course which he had pursued, of calling the Clergy and Laity together,—and read the letter, to show to those who might not have made themselves acquainted with its contents—the object which they would have to keep in view in their deliberations.

The Rev. E. Gilpin, after expressing his concurrence in the sentiments of the Archdeacon, and his approval of all that he had done, moved the following Resolution, which was seconded by the Rev. Mr. Robertson.

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to draft an answer to the letter of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Rev. F. Uniacke, moved an amendment to this, premising by some observations on the propriety of at once going into the subject for which they had assembled, upon the ground that some in attendance would be obliged to return to their homes, and that delay would thus prevent them from delivering their sentiments.

"That before appointing the Committee we proceed to discuss the matter of the Letter."

A good deal of discussion ensued, which resulted in the withdrawal of both the Resolution and Amendment to give an opportunity to establish a rule for the admission of members of the Church to hear, and if desirous, to take part in the discussion also, but to have no vote upon the decision of any question that might come before the meeting.

The following Resolution, moved by the Rev. R. F. Uniacke, seconded by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, was then passed—

Resolved,—That the members of the Church have liberty to attend the deliberations of the Convocation, and if desirous of expressing their opinions be invited to do so.

It was then moved by the Rev. J. Robertson, seconded by Rev. J. C. Cochran, and passed:—

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to frame Resolutions based upon the matter more particularly before the meeting, as contained in the letter of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It was also

Resolved,—That the Rev. J. Robertson, the Rev. J. Cochran, the Rev. C. Elliot, the Rev. T. C. Leaver, J. Ritchie, Esq., E. H. Culter, Esq., S. P. Freeman, Esq., do form a Committee for that purpose.

The meeting then adjourned until 12, noon, on Thursday, and was dismissed by the Archdeacon, pronouncing the blessing.

The meeting assembled yesterday, at the National School, pursuant to adjournment. The Chief Justice, Judge Bliss, Hon. H. H. Cogswell, Hon. Mather B. Almon, A. B. Uniacke, Esq., H. Pryor, Esq., and other influential members of the Church, were present. After prayers the meeting proceeded to business.

The Committee appointed on Wednesday reported a series of Resolutions, which formed subjects of discussion, and were passed as follows:—

Moved by the Rev. R. F. Uniacke, seconded by Mr. C. Lordly.

1. Resolved,—That whilst we deeply lament the demise of our late reverend and beloved Diocesan, which has called forth the communication of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury; the grateful thanks of the members of our Church, both Lay and Clerical, are due to His Grace, for his care and anxious attention to our spiritual interest, as manifest in his late Letter to the Archdeacon and Clergy of the Diocese.

Moved by the Rev. J. Stairs, seconded by the Rev. J. Stannago.

2. Resolved,—That practical measures be adopted for carrying out in the most efficient manner, our Metropolitan's suggestion and recommendations.

3. Resolved,—That these practical measures consist of the following.

[The various clauses were passed as follows:—]

Moved by the Rev. H. L. Owen, seconded by the Rev. R. Uniacke.

1st. Energetic and zealous advocacy by the Clergy and Laity, in every Parish throughout the Diocese, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions and donations to the Nova Scotia Bishopric Endowment Fund, and that no delay may take place, a subscription for that purpose be forthwith opened in Halifax.

Moved by the Rev. F. Uniacke, seconded by the Rev. H. L. Owen.

2nd. That the Clergy and Laity of P. E. Island be invited to adopt measures to co-operate with us to carry out the object we have in hand.

Moved by the Rev. G. Morris, seconded by the Rev. W. Godfrey.

3rd. The services of a Committee of general superintendence and correspondence in Halifax, for the purpose of giving and receiving information.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Shreve, seconded by Wm. Tupper, Esq.

4th. Instruction to such Committee to find out the titles of any Episcopal property that may be available within the Diocese for the purpose of an Episcopal residence; and to consult with the Committee of the Colonial Bishop's Fund in England, or to the best mode of investment.

Moved by the Rev. G. Morris, and seconded by—

5th. That a Committee be appointed to draft a reply to the Archbishop's Letter embodying the substance of these Resolutions.

Moved by the Rev. J. Snyder, and seconded by H. S. Jost, Esq.

4th. Resolved.—That this Committee express its opinion that the salary of the future Bishop of Nova Scotia, be fixed at about £800 sterling, with a residence.

It was then

Resolved.—That the following gentlemen be the Committee of general superintendence and correspondence:—

The Venble. the Archdeacon, Chairman; Honble. The Chief Justice; Hon. Mr. Justice Bliss; Rev. F. Uniacke; Rev. G. Morris; Rev. W. Bullock; Hon. M. B. Almon; Hon. H. H. Cogswell; J. W. Ritchie, Esq.,

Moved by the Rev. J. Robertson, seconded by the Rev. W. Bullock.

Resolved.—That it be an instruction to the Committee of Correspondence to mention to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, a feeling among Churchmen in this Diocese, that some measures be adopted for securing to them some voice in the nomination of their Chief Pastor, after the present vacancy shall have been filled up, and to solicit his counsel with regard to the best means of regulating generally the Ecclesiastical and temporal interests of the Church.

It was moved and seconded and passed, that the Rev. J. Robertson, Rev. J. C. Cochran, Rev. T. C. Leaver, and J. Ritchie, Esq., be a Committee for drafting a reply to the Archbishop of Canterbury's Letter.

The meeting was then adjourned (after the blessing from the Chairman,) until twelve noon, on Friday.

During the proceedings The Honble. the Chief Justice was invited to deliver his views with reference to the subject of the church's control over the appointment of the Bishop; as also was Judge Bliss; the Hon. H. H. Cogswell, the Hon. M. B. Almon, and A. M. Uniacke, Esq. Generally these Gentlemen approached the subject with a consciousness of its importance; but with minds nowise decided. The Chief Justice considered the proposition premature. Judge Bliss had not come prepared to consider the proposition, and would rather hear than venture to express any decided views upon it. The Hon. H. H. Cogswell, likewise, thought the subject was in the best hands, those of the Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled. Hon. Mr. Almon declined to express a decided opinion upon the present occasion. A. M. Uniacke, Esq., without giving a very positive opinion, expressed himself in favour of a Lay control, in the affairs of the Church, with reference to all questions connected with its government, in the Diocese.

The Meeting was also ably addressed by several of the Rev. Gentlemen present; and also among the Lay Delegates, by J. J. Marshall, Esq., S. P. Fairbanks, Esq., J. W. Ritchie, Esq., S. P. Freeman, Esq.,—Reading, Esq., W. Tupper, Esq., on the subject matter of the various Resolutions, and generally with reference to the welfare of the Church.

The proceedings have been conducted with the greatest harmony and good will, and considerable information has been elicited with reference to the present condition of the Church in this Diocese, and its future prospects. The only subject upon which any diversity of opinion may be said to prevail extensively is that with reference to the future control in the appointment of the Bishop; and that has been harmonized by the Resolutions which have been passed. We may hope, and in this hope we feel that we shall be joined by every member of the Church, that when the present vacancy is supplied, it will be long ere the necessity again arises to consider the question; and when it does arise, that we shall be in a condition to incur the full responsibility of the endowment of the See, when we will be entitled to all the consideration, as well with reference to the constitution of the Church, as to the appointment of a Bishop, which ought to follow these altered circumstances. — Halifax Church Times.

## UNITED STATES.

## THE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Among the striking events of this period the growth of our American Church holds a conspicuous place. It is a cause for gratitude on our part, as well as a strong incentive to future effort. How little has man done to accomplish this result! Had we been more faithful, more earnest, more liberal of our efforts and means, how much greater might have been our cause for congratulation upon the issue. Let us remember this in the future.

The Editor of the "New York Churchman," in an article on the year 1851, thus speaks of the Church's increase in the last half century.

"But we turn our thoughts from worldly power and prosperity to the advance of our own Church in that period. By the list appended to the Journal of the General Convention of June 1799, there were but seven Bishops—White, Provost, Madison, Cloggett, Bass, Jarvis, and Smith of South Carolina. There are now thirty-two, twenty-nine of whom are Diocesan, and two Missionary Bishops. Another Bishop for Africa has been elected, but not yet consecrated. There were then but eleven Dioceses, now there are thirty. The whole number of Clergy as then given, is 220, and many of those in Maryland and Virginia, and some in South Carolina, appear to have held no pastoral cure, and probably were not engaged in the duties of their profession. The number of clergy in Virginia in 1812, was much smaller than that in the above list, which is the Alphabetical list in the 'Church Almanac,' there is a net increase of 1369, while the number of congregations, and the wealth and influence of its members have increased it is confidently believed, in a still greater proportion. In this connexion, however, we would refer to the extract on our first page from the 'Spirit of Missions,' showing the great responsibilities resting on the Church in this country, the small amount raised for General Missionary operations, in comparison with her numbers and resources, and the inadequate provision she makes for the necessitous members of her own household in sending them authorized Ministers of the Gospel.

In this Diocese the increase is very remarkable.—The whole number given in 1799, is 21; the present number on the Convention list is 264; and the number of organized Parishes, Churches, and Chapels is 213. The number of the latter at that time probably did not exceed 30."

And a Correspondent of the "Gospel Messenger," furnishes the following Statistics for the last 30 years. "On this day, Holy Innocents' Day, Dec. 28th, 1819, thirty-one years ago, I was admitted to the order of Deacons in the Diocese of New York. About thirty years you know, is regarded as the term of a generation. I have examined Swords' Almanac for the year of my ordination and compared it with the Church Almanac of 1851, just received—I am much struck with the increase which the gracious Providence of our Divine Lord has vouchsafed to his Church in