

with which the members of the Church in this Diocese have observed the kindly interchange of Christian sympathy and fellowship between the Church of England and our brethren in the United States during the past year.

The Rev. Mr. BANCROFT seconded this Resolution.

Major CAMPBELL moved the fourth Resolution, which was as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the officers of the Society for their services during the past year.

The Rev. Mr. IRWIN seconded the resolution, which was then put from the chair, and unanimously carried.

His Honor Mr. Justice McCORD then moved that the Lord Bishop should leave the chair, and the Rev. Mr. Townsend should take it, and the Rev. Gentleman having taken the chair accordingly, His Honor proceeded to move the following resolution:

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of the meeting be offered to the Bishop for the deep interest he has manifested in the affairs of the Society, and for his able conduct in the chair.

The Rev. Mr. SCOTT seconded the resolution.

The resolution being put, was carried by acclamation.

The LORD BISHOP said, that it was never very pleasant to sit by and listen to such converse about one's self, as had just taken place, but he was nevertheless deeply grateful for the kind feeling towards him, manifested by the speakers and the meeting. He desired to refer to one or two topics which had been the subject of comment during the evening's proceedings. With reference to the restrictions placed upon the reception of Clergymen ordained in the United States into the Cure of souls in this Province, that was one of the remains of old legislation which ought now to be abolished, and he hoped that it shortly would be. Dr. Holmes had expressed great unwillingness that we should have anything to do with legislation: the only object of seeking legislation, was in order to set us free from old trammels, and enable us to carry on our own affairs. He (Dr. H.) had also desired it to be understood that the Clergy did not constitute the Church. He believed he spoke the opinion of all the Clergy around him when he stated that they heartily concurred, as he did himself, in that desire. (Applause from the Clergy.) He had sought to impress it on the Laity upon all occasions when an opportunity had been afforded him. It had tended, he believed, to produce no little apathy among the Laity, that they did not remember that all persons baptized into the Church were members of it, and formed part of it, as well as its Bishops or Clergy, and no persons would more heartily rejoice to see the feeling diffused abroad that they were all one body, than the Clergy themselves. (Applause.) He could not help reverting to the position of the Church in the United States, because, situated as we are here, while we receive our doctrine from, and owe allegiance to the Church in England, of which we form part, yet in matters of discipline and temporalities, we must follow their example. It was indeed a refutation of the common accusation against the Church at home, that it flourished only because it was a State Church, and supported by State aid, that the same Church was flourishing so vigorously in a country where no government aid was extended to it. He was rejoiced in the depth of his heart to see the fellowship of the different branches of the Church recognized by the world. What reproaches had been offered to Churchmen that she was not Catholic, but was shut up within the four seas of Britain. Now she girdled the world with her Churches, and her Prelates and Clergy flock together to solemn festivals from every quarter of the globe. Regarding the English Church as the great bulwark against Romanism, he did consider the great manifestation witnessed by Mr. Bancroft, as matter of heartfelt congratulation. It afforded to the world a great and convincing proof that the reformed faith of the English Church is a Catholic faith. When he witnessed the flourishing condition of the Church at New York, he experienced feelings of deep thankfulness for this proof of her Catholicity. He was told when he saw the 200 Clergymen present at Dr. Wainwright's consecration, march into Church, that at the time of his ordination to the Ministry, that was about the total number of the Episcopalian Clergy in the United States. So wonderful an

increase had been made during the period of one man's ministry. He only feared for the Church in Canada, that its members would be discouraged at the difficulties of starting. They did not see the results flowing from the small sums raised. As had been happily remarked, the acorn had just been planted here, and it will take years to bring the tree to maturity, but we could see that seed had been planted with life in it, and it was germinating; we must foster and advance its growth. In conclusion, he begged to thank them for the manner in which they had received his name. If they, the laity, would but afford the Clergy their hearty support and co-operation, then they would be able to go on and increase an hundred fold. He trusted that that great meeting was an index of increasing zeal to be displayed in the service of the Church and the Society for the coming year.

A collection having been taken up, His Lordship closed the meeting with the benediction.—*Montreal Gazette*.

January 18th, 1853.

At the General Annual Meeting of the Church Society, held this day in accordance with the Constitution, there were present: The LORD BISHOP, (in the Chair,) Revds. M. Townsend, Dr. Leach, J. Ellegood, C. Morice, E. J. Rogers, E. Du Vernet, J. Mountain, J. Scott, A. D. Lockhart, R. Lindsay, J. Nicolls, A. D. Campbell, J. Pyke, N. Guerout, C. Bancroft, W. Bond, J. Irwin.

Dr. Holmes, Dr. Fraser, Col. Wilgress, H. Bancroft, Esq., C. Pierce, Esq., R. S. Tylec, Esq., E. L. Montizambert, Esq., H. Thomas, Esq., G. Pyke, Esq., J. White, Esq., — Glassford, Esq., J. S. Roles, Esq.

After Prayers the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following Committee of Management for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was then named and elected:—

Hon. Judge McCord, T. B. Anderson, Esq., Col. Wilgress, H. Bancroft, Esq., E. L. Montizambert, Esq.

The following persons were then elected Life Members of the Society, in accordance with the 2nd clause of the 1st article of the Constitution:—

Mr. J. Williams and Mr. O. B. Foster, of Froste Village, having contributed £33 towards building a Church in that mission, and Hon. H. Knowlton, Brome, having contributed £25 towards a Glebe.

The following notices were then laid on the table.

Col. Wilgress gives notice that at the next General Meeting of the Society, he will move that the first By-law of the Society be amended by striking out the whole of the second clause thereof.

Dr. Holmes gives notice that, at the next General Meeting he shall move that the 1st clause of the By-law No. 1 be so amended as to render eligible for membership such persons as shall have subscribed the sum of £12 10s., in one payment, to the Church Society of the Diocese of Montreal.

Mr. J. Scott gives notice that, he will propose at the next General Meeting, to alter the 7th By-Law, so that the last sentence of the first clause shall read "one-half of all monies collected must be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Society: the other half shall be paid to the Treasurer of the District Association, where any such exists; but where there is no District Association, it may be disposed of by the Parochial Association in which it is raised."

Moved by Col. WILGRESS, seconded by Mr. WHITE, and

*Resolved*, That the subject of election of members be postponed for further consideration at a General Meeting to be held on the first Wednesday in March, and that the Secretary be requested to prepare a corrected list of persons eligible as members of the Society, to be presented on that day.

The following names of Representatives to form the Central Board were then read:—

Dr. Alexander, from LaPrairie; W. C. Evans, Esq., Froste Village; John Yule, Esq., and Thos. Austin, Esq., from Chambly; Rev. W. Bond, from the North Gore; Major Jones