

Lordship to bring the matter before your Diocese, and ask the Clergy to give their people an opportunity of joining in such a Service either on Tuesday, March 8th, 1898, or on the Sunday following? May we hope that at the Cathedral or chief Church of your Diocese such a Service may be held, and that, if your other engagements allow, your Lordship would preach for us! If in the afternoon a Public Meeting could be arranged for, with some prominent Churchman in the chair, where testimony could be borne to the help given to the Diocese by our Society, much interest would be aroused, and fresh support elicited. We greatly need such increased support, as subscriptions have been declining. We would therefore earnestly beg for the prayers and alms of all, so that, by the supplications and help of many, the Society may be enabled to do still more work in the future than it has done in the past.

Your obedient Servants,
 W. OSBORN B. ALLEN,
 EDMUND McCLURE,
 Secretaries.

In accordance with the request contained in this letter, our Bishop is writing to all the Clergy asking them to make arrangements for helping their people to take part in the Celebration of this Bicentenary. For, when we remember how much help and benefit we have received and are continually receiving from the generous grants and loving labours of the S. P. C. K., it is surely the very least we can do to unite either on Sunday, March 6th or 13th, or on Tuesday, March 8th, the very day upon which this great Society was founded two hundred years ago, to praise the great God for His abundant blessing upon its noble endeavours, and to make a thank-offering towards the Society's Funds. If this is done in every Diocese all over the world, the result will be one that will be felt to the very ends of the earth.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

A special General Meeting of the Church Society was held in the Cathedral Church Hall on December 16th, for the purpose of considering the By-Laws of the Society, as revised by a Committee appointed by the Central Board for this purpose. The Lord Bishop presided. A memorial was read from the Deanery Board of the District of S. Francis, requesting that the consideration of the subject in hand be postponed for eighteen months--until the time of Synod in 1899. Letters were also read from fourteen Clergymen within the same Deanery, the majority approving of the changes proposed in the revised Draft. The Society, by a majority vote, decided not to proceed with the consideration of the submitted revision, but to refer its By-Laws and the proposed changes to a committee of its own appointment, to report at the Annual Meeting in February next. A committee was named and the meeting adjourned.

CENTRAL BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held on December 21st, the Lord Bishop in the chair. Letters from three Clergymen were read, expressive of thanks for grants received from the Society. In response to an application made to Government for a grant of one acre of ground in Harrington Harbour, Labrador, to be used for religious purposes, a letter was received from the Honorable Commissioner of Lands, Forests and Fisheries, kindly expressing a readiness to lease the ground asked for at a nominal cost of \$1, for a period of ten years; by which time it was hoped that the territory would be properly surveyed, and the ground would then be made a free grant of. The offer was accepted with thanks. A memorial from the Clergy of the Deanery of Quebec was read, expressing a hope that the names of *all* subscribers to the Society's