

A well-attended missionary meeting was held in St. John's Hall in the evening; The Lord Bishop of Toronto in the chair. Good, practical speeches were made by the Lord Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary, Nova Scotia, and Huron. The collection amounted to \$45.14.

The Board reassembled on Thursday morning, April 5th, when it was resolved:—

[10] That the unappropriated funds for Domestic Missions be divided as last year.

Regarding the application of St. James' Cathedral W. A., it was resolved:—

[11] That, in the opinion of the Board, the application should, more properly be made to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Toronto.

By resolution:—

[12] A grant of \$480 was made to the Bishop of New Westminster for Chinese work in his diocese.

In order to remove misunderstanding as to the distribution of the funds for Foreign Missions, it was resolved:—

[13] That the secretary-treasurer be requested to publish in *The Canadian Church Magazine and Mission News*, and elsewhere, a statement of such distribution, showing clearly the substantial reasons for the apparent inequality of grants to the various English societies.

It was resolved:—

[14] That the secretary-treasurer, in conjunction with the Bishop of Toronto and Dr. Walkem, be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to get the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada incorporated in the various provinces.

[15] The application of Rev. F. W. Kennedy to be sent as a missionary to Japan was considered and accepted, subject to the usual conditions.

The secretary-treasurer introduced the question of the free distribution of pyramid mite boxes among the children of the church. It was resolved:—

[16] That the secretary-treasurer be authorized to procure and distribute, gratuitously, boxes, similar in character to the pyramid mite box, to the children for their Lenten offerings.

The letter of Rev. W. A. Burman, secretary of the Missionary Committee of the General Synod, was discussed. It was resolved:—

[17] That a committee, consisting of the Bishop of Toronto, the secretary-treasurer, Rev. A. J. Broughall, and R. T. Walkem, Esq., Q. C., be appointed to draw up suggestions asked for by the joint committee on the missionary work of the Church, and submit them to the next meeting of this Board.

Captain Carter introduced the question (of which he had given notice) to reconsider the whole matter of the appointment of a secretary-treasurer, but withdrew it.

Certain necessary alterations were made in the order of business for the proceedings of the Board, and the following resolutions were adopted:—

[18] That Messrs L. H. Baldwin and Geo. B. Kirkpatrick, members of the Board, from the Diocese of Toronto, be the auditors of this Board for the ensuing year, and that they have authority to employ a professional accountant for the purpose of assisting in the auditing of the accounts of the secretary-treasurer.

[19] That in view of the statement of the secretary-treasurer to this Board that it is impossible for him to retain his position on the salary of \$1,800 per annum, he having been obliged to give up all parochial duty and give his whole time to the service of the Board, he be allowed the sum of \$2,000 for the ensuing year.

[20] That the secretary-treasurer be instructed to forward, annually, to each of the bishops whose diocese is receiving aid from this Board the form adopted at the meeting in 1886, and

to request that the same be returned to him before—, and to inform the bishops that the Board cannot consider the apportionment of their unappropriated funds in the case of any particular diocese until the statement asked for is before the Board.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.

ST. JOHN'S CLERICAL ASSOCIATION.—A regular meeting of the Association was held on the 3rd inst., at St. John's schoolhouse, St. John. There were present: Archdeacon Brigstocke, chairman; Rev. J. deSoyres, J. M. Davenport, G. E. Lloyd, W. H. Sampson, W. Eatough, II. M. Spike, J. S. Parkinson, L. Hoyt and A. G. H. Dicker. A very able and practical paper was read by Mr. Dicker upon Religious Education, in which he advocated a combined effort on the part of the Protestant churches to obtain a larger and more efficient measure of religious teaching in the public schools. After considerable discussion the meeting was adjourned until May 15th.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE.—An immense congregation thronged Trinity church on the 3rd April, when sixty-five candidates were confirmed by his Lordship Bishop Kingdon. The candidates were from the following churches: Trinity church, 8 males and 16 females; St. John the Baptist church, 6 males and seventeen females; St. Mary's church, 6 males and twelve females. His Lordship preached an admirable sermon previous to the Laying on of hands, and delivered a short address to the newly confirmed. The music by the choir of the church was excellent. In addition to the Rectors of the three churches named there were present the Revs. Mr. McKiel, the rector-elect of Fairville; Parkinson, of St. Mary's; McCully, of Fredericton, and Spike, of Musquash.

Diocese of Quebec.

QUEBEC.

CHURCH SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Church Society on the 6th inst. in Victoria Hall, in the city of Quebec, was a gratifying success in every particular. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese occupied the chair, and there were with him upon the platform the Bishop of Vermont, the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec, the Revs. Principal Adams, Canon Thornloe, Canon Foster, Canon Von Iffland, Canon Richardson, A. J. Balfour, J. B. Dobbage, Norrie and Parroch, and the Hon. George Irvine, Hon. H. G. Joly and John Hamilton, Esq. The Bishop expressed his regret at the absence of the Ven. Archdeacon Roe, who was too indisposed to attend the meeting; and also at the absence of Chancellor Henneker, who was to have been one of the speakers of the evening, but had been ordered to Bermuda on account of his health. His place was most ably filled by John Hamilton, Esq., who delivered an excellent and practical speech explanatory of the position and aims of the Church Society. It was established some fifty years ago, and had now about one-half million dollars invested, the interest of which they were using for various purposes, having paid stipends last year amounting to \$25,592, besides \$2,500 to infirm clergymen and \$3,087 to the widows and orphans of clergymen. Aid was also given to sixteen schools in poor districts, and \$740 had been contributed towards the education of the children of the clergy. Outfits of \$100 had been given to four young men, and the building of

three churches and two parsonages had been aided. The Society also had circulated many hundreds of Bibles, Prayer Books, etc., and a sum of \$40,000 had been raised for the Bishop William's Memorial Fund. All these funds had to be maintained and increased. Though there was an increase in the stipends paid to the clergy, these were still too small, and though the regularity of their payment was cause of satisfaction, it was mainly because the amount was so small. He bespoke not only money, but also active, personal interest in the work of the Society. He referred to the liberal response made in St. Mathew's and the Cathedral to the appeal of a clergyman from Rupert's Land, who had told a number of interesting and pathetic stories of his work, but he knew just as pathetic tales in relation to the Diocese of Quebec. He urged more systematic collection for the funds of the Society, believing that some people could and would give five and ten times more than what they actually did if necessary information were placed before them. He appealed to those present to score out their old subscriptions and begin anew.

Mr. Hamilton was followed by the Rev. Canon Thornloe, M.A., Rector of Sherbrooke, who delivered a very eloquent address, and was greeted with loud and prolonged applause. He spoke of the similarity of the position of the Church in the Eastern Townships and in the neighboring Diocese of Vermont, the See of Bishop Hall, who was present and was to address the meeting. The difficulties to be contended with in both places were much the same. In speaking of these he noted the *sectarian divisions* which led people to become utterly indifferent to religious forms, inducing unsteadiness and lack of constancy, and indiscriminate going to all Churches, and finally coming to believe in none in particular. Another difficulty was the old and unfounded prejudice against the Church of England, which was regarded as formal, exclusive, unspiritual, which prejudice was becoming extinct, and the people were learning to love, appreciate and respect The Church. He referred to a case in the Eastern Townships, where there had been no Church of England, but where there were Adventists, Lutherans, Unitarians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Congregationalists, Roman Catholics, and no religionists at all. In this township active work had been undertaken by the Church, and funds raised largely in Quebec city for the erection of a pretty little Church building and a comfortable parsonage, and a clergyman had been placed in charge, and the work was prospering. At another place, pretty much of the same character, the Bishop had recently been called upon, and a mission had been held, and many had come forward and joined the Church. A prominent resident of the place had himself offered to undertake a very large share of the cost of the building, and there was now a flourishing mission at this point.

Another difficulty was how to get men and means to answer the calls which were made upon the Church. This in the past had been largely obtained through the private munificence of individual laymen and through the noble Church Society in whose interests they were gathered. He spoke of the admirable management of its funds, not one cent of which had been lost through bad investments during the fifty years of the Society's existence. Although this was due largely to the business talent of the able and noble laymen connected with the Society, yet it had also been because the hand of God was upon it.

The third address was delivered by the Bishop of Vermont, whose eloquence is well known. He commenced by referring to the fact that, as neighbors and friends, there was always a certain amount of intercourse between Vermont and Quebec, one Mission in Vermont being actually served by a priest from the Dio