plan of weekly offerings. That report was received with favor. It was unanimously adopted and a large edition ordered to be printed for circulation, and in the last Pastoral of Bishop Fulford, which was published after his decease, he approved of the plan. Some progress towards carrying it into operation was then made, but the Secretary was satisfied it could not be sufficiently carried out unless some one gave his personal attention in connection with the committee. The Executive Committee of Nov. 13, 1868, adopted the following resolution:

"On motion of Dr. Bancroft, seconded by Mr. Curran, it was Resolved that the Secretary be requested to make arrangements, promptly, for holding missionary meetings throughout the Diocese."

And the Secretary agreed to give four months to the work, one to each Deanery, leaving town in May and returning in July, if the daily service at the Cathedral was provided for. The Brethren in the city, present at the meeting, agreed to do the duty, and the Secretary spent January and February in visiting the Deaneries of Bedford and Iberville, with what success the reports of the Rural Deans and Charges will show.

But before the remaining Deaneries could be likewise visited, the brethren in the city, found the duty of the daily service inconvenient, and the Secretary was notified in writing, that his absence from the Cathedral could no longer be supplied. This compelled a relinquishment of the appointed visits in those Deaneries. Having made the report required on behalf of the Committee, perhaps the Secretary may, on his own account, be allowed to say that his three year's experience in the office only confirms the conviction already expressed in many ways, and on many occasions, that small gifts, so as not to be burdensome to the giver, frequently made so as to form the habit of giving, and also to accumulate a larger income—in other words, the scriptural plan of weekly offerings is the only plan which will meet the growing wants of this Diocese and make it both self-supporting and self-extending.

The Secretary, in this, his last official act, may be pardoned if he adds, that he esteems it one of the greatest privileges of his life, besides other modes of working for the mission, to have advocated by public preaching or speaking, on one hundred and six occasions, the holy cause of missions. He has endeavored to be faithful, and in now surrendering his trust, desires to render his grateful acknowledgments for the kindness with which his labors have been regarded, and the many acts and expressions of hospitality and friendship which he has received from his brethren the Clergy and Laity.

The report received applause.

On behalf of the lay committee on Missions, Mr. C. J. Brydges reported as follows:

The Committee appointed by the Executive Committee to enquire into the question of the Missions, throughout the Diocese of Montreal, beg to make the following report:

The grant from the S. P. G. is now £2000 Stg., but it has been intimated from London that this amount will be gradually diminished, and that in a few years it will entirely cease.

This will render necessary increased contributions in the Diocese itself towards the support of the Missions, and forces also attention to the necessity of reducing to the smallest possible sum the payments towards the Missions.

It is obvious that the system which has hitherto been in force has failed. It was a system which was at first mainly dependent upon the grants from the S. P. G., and although these have been steadily decreasing, no systematic effort has, so far, been made to put the Missions, as far as practicable, upon a self-sustaining basis.

A circular was addressed by the Bishop, at the request of the Committee, to the Clergyman in charge of each Mission, requesting certain information. The replies to these questions were tabulated, and by this means tolerably correct statements have been obtained. It seems that whilst in some localities not much improvement has taken place, in many places it is clear that much more can be done to support the Church.

The old arrangement was that the Society paid a fixed sum to the Clergyman on condition that the congregation provided a further amount as agreed upon. As a rule, this arrangement has been only partially carried out, and it is clear that a different system must be at once put in force.

The Committee have had the advantage of the presence of the Metropolitan at their meetings, and they are glad to know that the recommendations, which they have decided to make, meet with his Lordship's full concurrence.

After having carefully considered the whole matter, the Committee have decided to recommend as follows:—

1. That it is essential that as many as possible of the present Missions should be formed into parishes, and be dependent solely upon their own resources for the maintenance of the Church.

2. That it will conduce in every way to the advantage of the Church, if the principle is clearly admitted that each Mission must look forward to becoming at an early date self-supporting, so that the available Mission funds may be employed in establishing new Missions in districts where they are required.

3. That, with this view, the payment of Mission salaries be made entirely by the Treasurer of the general Church funds of the Diocese. That each Mission agree to pay, semi-annually, such sum as may from time to time be agreed upon; that a guarantee be given from the district that such agreed sum shall be regularly paid to the Treasurer, and that such amount to be so paid to the Treasurer, shall be subject to revision as circumstances may render advisable.

4. That, to properly carry out the foregoing plan, a Board of Missions shall be appointed in each Deanery, to be composed of four clerical and four lay members, who shall annually report upon each Mission in the Deanery, and their recommendation with regard to it, to the Executive Committee; the Bishop to appoint the members of the Board in each Deanery. It is to be clearly understood that the payments for each Mission are all to be made upon the basis of making the Mission as early as possible self-sustaining, and that this will probably be partly accomplished by gradually increasing the amount which the district will be required to pay to the Treasurer.

5. That, excepting in any special case which may be directly recommended by the bishop, each fresh application for a Mission grant shall emanate from the rural-decanal Board, who shall forward it for consideration to the Mission Board appointed by clause 4.

6. That the salaries to be paid to Clergymen employed as Missionaries shall not be less than the following, viz.:—

For Deacons	$500 per annum
For Priests under 10 years standing.	600 "
For Priests above 10 years standing.	700 "

7. That the sums to be hereafter received from the S. P. G. be paid in full to the Treasurer to be dealt with as herein before recommended, as part of the General Mission Fund, care being taken that the claims of certain older Missions and annuitants are properly respected.

8. That to properly carry out these various arrangements, it is indispensably necessary that a permanent paid Secretary be appointed, who will act under the directions of the Executive Committee, and who will also act, under the advice of the Chancellor, as Registrar for all matters connected with endowments, etc.

The Committee believe that the foregoing rules, if adopted and strictly carried out, will get rid of the difficulties under which the Mission Fund has been administered—will create a desire in the different Districts to make each Mission as fast as possible self-sustaining—and thus permit of the available funds being made use of in opening new fields of labour and usefulness in the Diocese.

Canon Bancroft moved, seconded by Mr. G. Moffatt, "That the foregoing reports be received and considered to-morrow."—Agreed.

The Treasurer's report, read by Mr. J. Hutton, stated that the balance in the hand of the Treasurer, on June 3rd, 1868, was $2.83; since received $240.12; expenditure $197.02.

The Rev. Canon Bond read the following report of the Deanery of Hochelaga:

My Lord,—On Tuesday, the 9th November, at four o'clock, the members of this deanery met, after due notice, in the school-room of St. George's Church, and adopted this report. There were present thirteen clergymen and ten laymen, who represented eleven incumbents; the deanery comprises twenty incumbencies; Divine service was held at 7 p.m., in St. George's church, and the sermon was preached by the Most Reverend the Metropolitan. The routine business appertaining to the deanery was transacted, and I have to report the recommendation of the following grants, provided the conditions stipulated are fulfilled:

New Glasgow, with Kilkenny (provided $150 be contributed by the mission..	$300
Mascouche ($400 to be contributed by the mission)	200
Kildare ($200)	400
Rawdon (200)	400
Rev. A. Fortin (no condition)	200
Laprairie ($100)	100

There has been no new work entered upon since last report, within the deanery. It still consists of one parish, ten missions, and nine incumbencies, wherein are twenty-three clergymen and two catechists, a decrease of one clergy[illegible] the Rev. A. Shand, of New Glasgow, ha[illegible]ased to belong to the deanery. The Rev. O. Fortin has been appointed to the charge of the Mission Church of St. George in this city, with a view also of initiating a French service with sermon, resigning St. Ours, Ste. Victoire, and St. Robert. The Rev. A. L. Fortin has been appointed to the mission of St. Ours and places adjacent. Mr. De Gruchy has left Lake Brandon and has taken charge of the Academy of Berthier, where he also acts as catechist. Mr. J. Allen, sometime student at Lennoxville, has been appointed catechist at New Glasgow with Kilkenny. There is no mission vacant within the deanery. In consequence of the decrease, chiefly by emigration, of the members of the church at Brandon, the missionary schoolmaster has been removed, and the mission is served at certain intervals by the Rev. J. Merrick. The school is taught by a female teacher. There are now two abandoned missions with excellent churches in them within the deanery, and Brandon, it is to be feared, will soon be a third mission so given up. There is little doubt that if these missions had been filled by clergymen able to officiate in the French tongue this sad result would not have existed, seeing that, in years gone by, in one part of the deanery, 100 souls have left the various Protestant denominations for the church of Rome, because of having first lost their own language and been deprived of opportunities for schooling. The confirmations within the deanery have been: Trinity church, 67; St. James', 15; St. Luke's, 20; St. George's, 65. It is respectfully submitted to the Bishop that the month of July would be suitable for confirmation in the country parts of this deanery. In some of the missions there has been no confirmation since 1864. A new church is being erected for the congregation of St. George's, Montreal, which it is hoped, will be ready for divine service in September next. It is built to seat 1250 persons. The new church at Chertsey mission of Rawdon is now used for divine service. In the last report of this deanery, two things were specially mentioned as requiring attention, and which are beyond the province of the Rural Dean:—1st. The amount of property belonging to the church uninsured, causing, in some parts of the diocese, great fear of serious loss; and 2nd. the condition of the parsonage and church property at New Glasgow, where the property is being destroyed for want of care. The church at Brandon is also in a decaying state, but Prof. Hicks is endeavouring to obtain money so as to prevent its going altogether to ruin. The attention of the Bishop is respectfully drawn to the fact that two churches are unoccupied within the deanery, and that the [illegible] necessarily soon be in ruins. There a[illegible] memorial dues accumulating on two of the a[illegible]ties of the church, and if not settled m[illegible] issue in unpleasant legal proceedings.—Endowments: There has been no material addition to the amounts given in former statements. It seems advisable that a clear record of these endowments, and of all church property, should be kept by some central authority, where all changes might be noted, and by reference to which the tenure, incumbrances and object of the endowment, etc., could easily be discovered. There is, at present, a perplexing question concerning the church property at Kildare, held as part endowment, which ought speedily to be set at rest. It was intended to furnish a schedule of the property of the church in the deanery with this report, but it is not yet completed. It is, however, strongly recommended that such a statement should be prepared for the next Synod in June, 1870. The statement of the property at Berthier, by the Rev. W. C. Merrick, is attached to this report, and is complete. The property consists of site of church, parsonage and glebe, mortgages, cemetery, and site of school-house, with addition to glebe. There is a rent of 2s. 6d. per annum on an addition of land to the site of the church.—New Glasgow: Site of church; parsonage house; about 70 acres of land; house and land, worth about $600. There is an annual rent on the property.—Kilkenny: Site of church.—Rawdon: Site of church and burial ground; parsonage and glebe, value about $600.—Chertsey: Site of church—Kildare: Site of church; parsonage and glebe, value about $1,400. Portion of glebe sold, $1,400 secured by mortgage; money funded, $300.—Coteau du Lac: Site of church; parsonage and land attached, value about $2,800.—Laprairie: Site of church; parsonage and garden.—Lachine; site of church.—Longueil: site of church. It would be well that the record should be as complete as possible, stating the notary or notaries before whom deeds were passed. It is suggested that some laymen should be appointed to settle the question at Kildare. Deputations: The Lord Bishop was requested to make the necessary arrangements. Division of Parishes: A very efficient committee, on motion of the Rev. Canon Bancroft, D.D., was appointed at the last meeting of Synod to report at next meeting of Synod as to what steps are necessary to secure the division of the parishes erected by letters patent from the Crown. It is to be hoped that this question, which has been before the Deanery and Synod for several years, will be settled by the report of this committee and the action of the next meeting of Synod. The aspect of the Deanery during the past year indicates spiritual progress on the whole, though in one quarter the cause of the church has been sadly neglected. The two things desired in the last report of the Deanery, viz., the better provision for the payment of the clergy in this country of the portion of their stipend derived from the missions—and a parochial school in every mission—the former is before the Synod by notice of motion; little has been done yet to secure the latter.

The reports from the other rural dea[illegible] not forthcoming.

Rev. Canon Bancroft was called on [illegible] report of the committee appointed [illegible] the question of the division of pa[illegible] stated that the committee had not [illegible] vened.

Rev. Canon Balch reported [illegible] mittee on Education as follows:—

By reference to the report of th[illegible] made to the tenth Synod, which [illegible] 1868, the proceedings of the comm[illegible] suggestions to the Synod may be kn[illegible] by reference to pp. 58 and 59 of the r[illegible] Synod, the legislation of the Synod m[illegible] be known. The first meeting of the comi[illegible] on education, under the said legislation of the Synod, was held 12th August, 1868, the most Rev. Bishop Fulford present and presiding. The committee, at that meeting, resolved to confine their efforts, for a time, to the specific duty of founding in or near Montreal a girl's school of the highest order; and a sub-committee was appointed to inquire and report a suitable building or site for the proposed school, and also to draw out and publish a statement of facts which might represent the necessity and recommend the object. Both of these duties were discharged by the committee; but before any of the measures proposed and adopted by the committee could be carried into execution, the diocese was deprived of its deeply-lamented bishop. Bishop Fulford's work was done; the Master called him to receive his reward. The labours of the committee were, of necessity, suspended until Bishop Fulford's successor could put himself at the head of the great work. The first meeting of the committee, Bishop Oxenden present and presiding, was held Oct. 8th, 1869, and, at an adjourned meeting, held Oct. 18th, 1869, it was resolved to purchase the property known as 108 Mansfield Street, for the proposed girls' school. To prevent pecuniary embarrassment, it was also resolved to raise the sum of $30,000; and a committee, consisting of his Lordship the Metropolitan and four lay members of the committee, were appointed to obtain the money. At a subsequent meeting, held Nov. 10, 1869, some of the members of the committee appointed to raise the endowment fund declined to act. Another sub-committee was appointed, which framed and issued a circular to the diocese, modifying the plan previously adopted, and naming $10,000 as the sum necessary to found the proposed school. No satisfactory replies were made to that circular. The last meeting of the committee was held May 11th, 1870, when it was resolved that the secretary of the Synod should make a report to the Synod, setting forth briefly the work done by the committee, and asking leave to continue their labours. The committee would have been gratified to be able to report more satisfactory results; but it must be remembered that in works of this kind patience is required, and sometimes repeated disappointment must be encountered before success crowns the effort. The necessity for such a school is just as great, and even more urgent now than when its creation was determined by the Synod. The ability of the diocese to found such a school is unquestionably as great, if not greater; therefore, the committee do not propose to abandon the effort, but ask leave to continue their labours.

The Ven. Archdeacon, on behalf of the committee appointed to consider the necessity of a division of the diocese, reported against it. (Cheers.)

The Synod confirmed Mr. Bethune's motion, with Mr Mackenzie's addition, relative to the secretary performing the duties and receiving the fees authorized to be performed and received by the registrar of the diocese.

Mr. S. Bethune moved, seconded by Rev. Canon Bond, that the report of the committee on canons be read and considered next day.

The following notices of motion were given:

By Rev. J. Fulton—"That the constitution of the executive committee be so altered as to allow all subscribers of $5 and upwards the privilege of proposing and discussing any motion at the meetings of the former, but without the privilege of vote."

By Rev. J. B. Davidson—"That this Synod, subject to the Provincial Synod, accepts the revised lectionary as sanctioned by the convocation of Canterbury; and that the same alterations and changes are hereby authorized in this diocese, when duly promulgated in the mother church, and formally assented to and authorized by the Lord Bishop."

By Dr. Balch—"To submit a report and resolutions respecting expenses incurred at the Provincial Synod."

The Rev. R. Lonsdell moved, seconded by Mr. McCord—"That the election of the executive committee take place to-morrow, at four o'clock, and that the ballot be left open for one hour." Carried.

Dr. Smallwood moved, and the Rev. J. B. Davidson seconded—"That the election of the provincial delegates be proceeded with at three o'clock to-morrow, and that the ballot remain open one hour." Carried.

Mr. L. H. Davidson moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh—"That lists of the clerical and lay delegates, duly elected, be circulated for the use of the house."

Rev. J. B. Davidson moved, and Canon Bond seconded: "That as certain members of the Synod of a neighbouring diocese are present, such members, lay and clerical, be invited to take seats in the body of this house." Carried.

The Synod then adjourned, his lordship pronouncing the benediction.

List of Delegates to the Diocesan Synod of Montreal, 1870.

CLERGY.

The Dean	Wright, Dr W
The Arch-Deacon	Curran, W B
Balch, Canon	McCleod, J N
Baldwin, Canon	Thorneloe, J
Bond, Canon	Wood, E
[illegible]ncroft, Canon	Norman, R W
[illegible]michael, J	Borthwick, J D
[illegible]oulin, J	Bartlett, T H M
[illegible]ood, J	
[illegible]	Lindsay, D
[illegible]	Lindsay, R
[illegible]	Lockhart, A D
[illegible], Canon	Londsdell, R
[illegible] A	Merrick, W C
[illegible]waite, F G	Merrick, J
[illegible]n, W R	Montgomery, H
[illegible], R	Mussen, T W
[illegible]ethour, W	Mills, R D
[illegible]odd, F	Morrison, J D
Constantine, J	Neve, F S
Darnell, H F	Nye, —
Dixon, J H	Pyke, J
Davidson, J C	Robinson, F
Davidson, J B	Robinson, G
Dart, W C	Rollit, J
Duvernet, E	Roy, E
Evans, H S	Smith, J
Empson, J	Smith, J W
Fortin, O	Smith, B B
Fortin, A L	Seaborn, W M
Fyles, T W	Seaman, J
Fulton, J	Slack, J
Godden, J	Sutton, E G
Godden, T	Townsend, Canon
Gruchy de, J P	Whitten, A T
Johnston, J	Wurtele, L C
Jones, W	White, R
Kaapche, C T	Young, T A
Lewis, B P	

List of Lay Delegates (whose certificates of election were handed in to the Scrutineers.)

LAITY.

Christ Church Cathedral—Strachan Bethune, Esq, QC; Thomas Simpson

St John the Evangelist—James A Young; Edward H C Harbeson

Deanery of Hochelaga.

Trinity Church—Charles Garth; C J Brydges

St George's—Geo F C Smith; Geo Moffatt

St George's Mission Church—George Burky; Henry J Mudge

St Stephen's—Chas Smallwood, MD, DCL, LLD; C Healey

St Luke's—Thomas R Johnson; Wm Salter

St James'—J H Winn; Frederiek Kingston

St Thomas'—Henry W Gaw; Samuel B Fish

Hochelaga—James R Bellard; Wm Henry Tapson

Berthier—Cuthbert Forneret; John Bostwick

Coteau du Lac—M W Bailey; Alex Berra

Kildare—Thomas McGarity· Thomas Simpson

Brandon—A F Gault; Principal Hicks

Lachine—Edward Willgress; David S Leach

Laprairie—John Abson; Lieut Col Moore

L'Acadie—John Holden; Francis Dowse

Longueuil—Joseph Rodgers; L H Davidson

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