

that occasion, and to such of the laity as may be desirous of joining with them. The Bishop proposes that the Clergy, and such Representatives of the Laity as may be present on behalf of the different Missions, shall meet at the National School-room, at seven o'clock the same evening, to receive the names of the different laymen so deputed, and to arrange the necessary business for holding a Conference Meeting on the following day, at the same place, at noon; when Resolutions will be proposed for the adoption of the meeting, on the subject of Synods, Church Temporalities, and the Jubilee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, &c.

The Lord Bishop of Montreal proposes to hold his next General Ordination in the Cathedral, Montreal, on the second Sunday in Lent, March 7th, 1852. Candidates, whether for Deacons' or Priests' Orders, must be furnished with the usual testimonials, and certified *Si Quis*.

DIocese OF FREDERICTON.

THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE CHIPMAN.—We have been informed that, among other bequests of a public character, His Honor has munificently directed the interest of £10,000 to be paid annually to the Diocesan Church Society of this Province, and has appropriated a very liberal amount towards the permanent maintenance of the Madras School. We learn, also, that he has left a considerable sum towards the endowment of Saint John's Church in this City. The bequests of a private nature among his relatives, friends and dependants, equally manifest the generosity of the disposition of the deceased.—*Observer, Dec. 2.*

DIocese OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The annual general meeting of the *Newfoundland Church Society* took place at the Central School (kindly lent for the occasion by the Superintendent) on November 12th. The Lord Bishop presided, and in opening the business of the evening gave an interesting account of matters that had come under his Lordship's notice in the Dioceses of British North America and the United States, traversed during his recent visit to Canada. The information given had special reference to the interests of the Church in this Diocese. His Lordship informed the meeting that one subject that engaged much the deliberations of the Bishops assembled at the late conference at Quebec, was the means by which each Bishop in his separate Diocese might best obtain the benefit of the co-operation and counsel of laity as well as Clergy, in matters connected with the temporal welfare of the Church.

The several resolutions subjoined having been recommended by very able and appropriate speeches by their movers and seconders, were put and carried unanimously:—

Moved by H. W. Hoyles, Esq., and seconded by G. H. Wilson, Esq.;

That the Report now read, with the Treasurer's accounts, be received and printed for distribution amongst the members of the Society, under the direction of the Secretary.

Moved by the Hon. the Attorney General, and seconded by C. D. Newman, Esq.;

That this meeting, in acknowledging the blessing which it has pleased God to vouchsafe to its efforts during the past year, would especially notice the establishment of a new Mission at Channel, and the successful progress of the Missions on the coast of Labrador.

Moved by G. T. Brooking, Esq., and seconded by J. S. Clift, Esq.;

That the Church Society congratulates the Lord Bishop of the Diocese upon his preservation during his summer's voyage of visitation, and his recent visit to Canada; and trusts that the result both of his inspection of the various missions on the Southern and Western shores of the island, and of his conference with the other Prelates of the Church in British North America, may tend to the glory of God, and the edification of His people.

Moved by T. Row, Esq., and seconded by J. Tunbridge, Esq.;

That this Society desires to express its undiminished interest in and sympathy with the sister Societies of the several North American Dioceses.

Moved by F. B. T. Carter, Esq., and seconded by P. G. Tessier, Esq.;

That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Officers and Committee for the year just closed; that the Rev. G. M. Johnson be requested to continue to act as Secretary, and G. T. Brooking, Esq., as Treasurer: and that J. Tunbridge Esq., H. W. Hoyles, Esq., G. H. Wilson, Esq., and W. Rendell, Jun., Esq., be requested to act on the Committee, in the place of the four retiring members.

Moved by the Rev. C. Blackman, and seconded by B. Robinson, Esq.;

That this meeting hail with thankfulness the completion of the 150th year of the existence and labours of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; and whilst it records its readiness to co-operate with that venerable body in its noble and Christian work, would press upon the members of the Church throughout this colony the duty of contributing for that object to the Church Society of Newfoundland.

Moved by the Ven. the Archdeacon, and seconded by T. Bennet, Esq.;

That this meeting desires to offer its special thanks to those Clergymen who have held meetings in their respective missions in aid of this Society, and to those gentlemen who have kindly assisted them.—*Times.*

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

BAPTISM OF A BRAHMIN.

(Continued from No. 4, p. 30.)

MY DEAR SIR,—In my last letter I brought the account of Streenavasa's conversion to Christianity up to the evening of his entering my house for the purpose of placing himself under instruction for Baptism. That evening was an eventful one to him, and to us, and which I trust we shall ever have reason to look back on with joy, and with gratitude to the Great Disposer of the hearts of the children of men. On entering the house I first introduced Streenavasa to my wife, the students, and to Mr. H. Pope and Mr. Sellar, who at the time were staying with us. After a little conversation, supper was served, and Streenavasa sat down to eat with us. Simple as the act seemed of taking a little rice and curry, and drinking some water, it was an act that severed him from his caste, his relatives, his friends, and till the recent law was passed, from his rights and property. Up to that moment he was a Chariv Brahmin, high in the estimation of his people, pure and unblemished; but no sooner had our food passed his lips than he became, as to his former associates and connexions and people, an outcast, a polluted and a fallen being. The stain is irremediable; for though, if the deviation from caste has not been very decided, a certain restoration may be obtained at great expense and by submitting to certain rites of a revolting and painful character, yet the former position and consideration is never so regained as to amount to an actual restoration. Such being the case, I was prepared to see indications in Streenavasa of a struggle between old feelings and the new principles he had adopted. More than once the tear started from his eye, and the lip quivered, and other signs of mental conflict and agitation shewed themselves. His demeanour, however, was upon the whole very calm and composed. This, indeed, has all along been a marked feature in his case. There has been an absence of excitement and ostentation. Gradually arriving at the truth, he has well counted the cost, and taken each step deliberately and quietly. This has been far more satisfactory to my mind than if he had exhibited much greater fervour: it has given me assurance of his steadfastness and perseverance.

* The *Lex Loci* Act, by which a Hindoo is entitled to retain after becoming a Christian all the rights which he possessed before.