

which this society took of the same at its last quarterly meeting, made its appearance in the weekly *Prototype*, of the 20th March last. Lost 9 to 38.

At one o'clock the society adjourned until three o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The society met again at three in the afternoon, when a petition was read from John Wampum, requesting certain privileges which the Standing Committee could not recommend to be acceded to.

The meeting adopted the recommendation of the committee.

A school report was read of an Indian school. Several accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

Moved by the VENERABLE ARCHDEACON BROUGH—

"That all Indian schoolmasters be requested to keep regularly a register of the number of scholars who attend regularly at the schools, and that a statement be sent quarterly to the society, with remarks as to the state of the school."—Carried.

Moved by ARCHDEACON BROUGH, seconded by Rev. Mr. FLOOD—

"That the Lord Bishop be requested to furnish to the society a copy of his charge, delivered to the clergy at his recent visitation, and that it be the rule of the society that the charges of the Bishop's pastorals, &c., addressed by the Bishop to the diocese, be always published by the society for the information of the members of the church in the diocese."—Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The report of the committee appointed to examine the securities belonging to this diocese, was read and adopted.

Then followed the following

REPORT.—COMMUTATION FUND.

The committee appointed at the last quarterly meeting of the Church Society, to consider the method of carrying out the details of the Rev. F. D. Fauquier's resolutions for the management of the surplus commutation fund, beg to report:—that feeling the subject of the said resolutions to be one of the gravest importance, they have given it their most serious and deliberate attention. Your committee believe that it is essential to the well being of the church in this diocese, that some better provision than at present exists should be made for permanently securing some certain incomes, to the senior portion especially, of the non-commuted clergy: whilst in the opinion of your committee, it is not desirable that the clergy should be altogether independent of their Congregations, in a pecuniary point of view, neither is it proper that they should have to depend entirely upon voluntaryism for their maintenance and support. Your committee therefore recommend, that the surplus of the commutation fund, as it accrues, after the claims of the commuted clergy have been paid, shall be applied towards the payment in part of the salaries of the non-commuted settled clergy in this diocese, according to the plan hereinafter laid down, instead of being appropriated as at present provided for under the mission fund by-law. In recommending that one uniform sum of \$400 shall, so far as the fund will admit, be paid annually to each settled clergyman, instead of dividing the fund into smaller amounts, whereby a large number of the clergy might be more immediately, though in a less degree, benefitted, your committee feel they are adopting the wiser and better course, and this because the sum named, even when added to all that most unendowed parishes can be expected to raise for the payment of the officiating clergyman, will not certainly be more than sufficient to enable him

to maintain his social position respectably, whilst any sum would be found to be quite inadequate for the purpose. Further, your committee believe that the prospect of an assured moderate income, to which the junior clergy can look forward as a matter of right, will encourage them to struggle on for a few years (whilst young, and with fewer claims upon them than they must expect to have as they advance in life) far more cheerfully than they otherwise would, and also tend to remove that not unreasonable dread of penury and want which, it is to be feared, deters many pious and seriously disposed young men from entering into the Ministry of Christ's Church. Be it therefore resolved—

"First—That clause No. 1 of the mission fund by-law be repealed.

"Second—That the surplus interest of the commutation fund, as it falls in, be applied towards securing to the clergy of this diocese (having cure of souls and not being under ecclesiastical censure) the sum of \$400 each per annum, to be paid quarterly, such surplus fund income to be altogether irrespective of any salary which such annuitant may receive from the pew rents, or any other voluntary payments of the parish, provided always that this resolution shall give no claim to the incumbent of any endowed parish or rectory, or to any of the legally commuted clergy, save only in so far as may be necessary to bring such endowment or commutation up to the afore-mentioned sum of \$400, to which their standing in the diocese would, according to this arrangement, entitle them—length of service in the diocese to give priority of claim in all cases.

"Thirdly—That every clergyman receiving from this fund shall, if necessitated by sickness, infirmity or old age to resign his cure, be entitled to the same amount during the term of his natural life. Provided always that this inability to discharge active duty shall be attested by a physician annually (if required) by the Church Society.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. D. FAUQUIER,

Chairman.

Moved by the Rev. F. D. FAUQUIER, seconded by Mr. W. WATSON—

"That the report now read be received." The Revs. Messrs. Stearne, Tighe, B.A., and Bettridge spoke very eloquently in favour of the adoption of the report.

The society adjourned at six o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Society met at seven o'clock.

Moved by Rev. F. FAUQUIER, seconded by WALTER WATSON, Esq.,

That the report of the committee appointed to consider the best method of carrying out the details of the Rev. F. D. Fauquier's resolutions for the management of the surplus commutation fund be adopted."

Moved in amendment by the Rev. J. W. MANSIE, seconded by Rev. J. SMITH—

"That the surplus interest of the commutation fund as it falls in be appropriated as follows:—
1. "That \$300 be paid to every clergyman (not having an endowment of at least \$300) until \$12,000 be expended.

2. "That the balance be appropriated, together with whatever amount may be received for the Mission Fund of the diocese in paying \$200 to every clergyman so far as it may reach.

3. "That any clergyman receiving stipend as above, shall not receive any sum for stipend from any other branch of the society's funds, nor from any grant which may be made to the society by any society in England for the support of the clergy."

4. "Length of service in the diocese to give a priority of claim on this fund.

5. "Should any clergyman be incapacitated by sickness, infirmity, or old age, and obliged to resign or cease from active duty, he shall be entitled to receive a pension according to the above scale.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. BROUGH, seconded by the Rev. J. W. BROOKMAN, and

Resolved—"That the proposition of the Rev. J. W. Mansie, concerning the appropriation of the surplus of the Commutation Fund be referred to a committee to be named by the Lord Bishop, and that members of the Church Society be requested to communicate any proposition to that committee which they may entertain upon the subject, so that from the various opinions some definite plan may be drawn up—Carried

The Church Society met on Saturday morning, at nine o'clock.

The Lord Bishop of Huron in the chair After prayers, conducted by the Lord Bishop, the following committees were appointed—

STANDING COMMITTEE.

CLERGY.—Rev. Messrs J. Smyth, A. Nelles, F. D. Fauquier, J. Carmichael, Dr. Townley, T. Sullivan, J. McLean, S. Tighe, and J. Vicars.

LAY.—H. C. R. Becher, C. Monsarratt, J. Hamilton, Dr. Phillips, W. Watson, P. Roe, A. Greer, Dartnell, and Lually.

INVESTMENT AND LAND COMMITTEE.

The Bishop and the secretary, (*ex-officio*.) J. Hamilton, W. Watson, H. C. R. Becher, Hon. G. J. Goodhue, L. Lawason, John Wilson, C. Monsarratt, and A. Greer.

EPISCOPAL FUND COMMITTEE.

C. Monsarratt, W. Watson, A. Greer, the secretary.

AUDITORS.

T. H. Backley, A. G. Smyth.

SOLICITOR.

V. Cronyn.

TREASURER

The Gore Bank.

SECRETARY.

Rev. J. Walker Marsh, M.A.

Moved by Dr. BETTRIDGE, seconded by Rev. J. SMITH—

That the names placed on the several committee lists be adopted. Carried.

Several applications for grants to salaries, and building and repairing churches, were read and approved.

Moved by Mr. BETTRIDGE, seconded by Mr. McLEAN—

That the money grants recommended by the committee be granted.

The committee complained that when applications are made for books, &c., oftentimes the style and quantity are not mentioned.

The Lord Bishop to decide what are really necessary for each application.

The secretary complained that he was unable to attend to the selling, and packing, and unpacking of the books of the society.

This matter to be referred to the Standing Committee which will meet three months hence, and that in the meantime the Lord Bishop appoint persons to attend to this, so as to relieve the secretary.

The Lord Bishop read a statement of the rectories in the diocese, shewing that a sum of over \$1,000 is due for taxes.

His Lordship explained that it was generally thought that he derived a considerable revenue from this source, but he assured the society that so far from that there was a great outlay attending them.

The Lord Bishop expressed his pleasure at the very excellent meeting, and the conduct of all the delegates.