

Church of England, in Canada upon more advantageous, and more respectable ground than it had hitherto obtained." But from whatever cause, or from whatever quarter emanating, a delay of 26 years intervened before the issue of the Letters Patent, creating the parish and rectory of Sorel, and constituting the rector a corporation sole.

In 1834, the church and burial ground, then in use, were consecrated by the late Hon. Right Rev. Bishop Stewart of Quebec. The simple piety, and unostentatious character of this excellent prelate, are held in affectionate remembrance in this parish, as elsewhere throughout the Diocese. In his episcopal visits to Sorel, sometimes sojourning at the village inn, and as his custom was, gathering all who would assemble with him for family prayer; sometimes an honoured guest at Government Cottage, with the representative of royalty, yet everywhere, and at all times, was he known, and is he remembered among all classes, as the same humble, holy man of God, and man of prayer; as emphatically "a living epistle of Christ, known and read of all men."

(To be continued.)

MEETING AT STAFFORD. (ENGLAND).

A public meeting in behalf of the Incorporated Society for Promoting the Enlargement, Building, and Repairing of Churches and Chapels was recently held in the Shire Hall, Stafford, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield presiding. The company was influential but not numerous. Among those present were the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot. Captain Salt, M.P., Major Fulford, E. Mayne, Esq., Archdeacon Moore, the Rev. Prebendary Royds and the Revds. G. W. Murray, W. Webb, E. J. J. G. Edwards, S. Plant, F. S. Bolton, T. Harrison, C. P. Good, W. S. Eastman, F. K. Clarke, and W. Field, the Society's organising secretary.

The Rev. G. W. MURRAY having opened the meeting with prayer.

The BISHOP of LICHFIELD rose, and said he knew they would expect him to say a few words to them before the resolutions were moved. With regard to this incorporated society, if he were not on general and public grounds doubly interested in its success, he should have had a personal and private interest in it, from his early connection with it. He had mentioned at Wolverhampton that he could say what could be said by very few people, that he had been present at a meeting held in 1818 for the establishment of this society. He thought it deserved to be mentioned that this, like other great societies of their church, owed its existence to the zeal of one of the best laymen that ever adorned the Church—he referred to the late Mr. Bowdler. He it was who first organised the society, and invited the then archbishop to take it up, and called a meeting for its establishment; and it was a great source of pleasure for them to recollect that until very lately the son of that excellent man had acted as the society's secretary. This fact could not but give his lordship a great interest in the society; but besides that, when he was in London he had constantly taken an active part in its concerns, as he