

theless, that it shall at all times be competent for the President to recommend to the Standing Committee any case which in his Lordship's opinion may require special consideration, and, should the Standing Committee report favourably thereon, that then the Society may grant such proportion of an annuity as to them may seem fit. Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to exclude any Clergyman of this diocese, who may have been placed by the Lord Bishop on any superannuated list, from participating in the full benefits of the By-law, provided he conformed to all the requirements of this By-law up to the time at which he was placed in said list. That all the words in the said Clause be omitted and the following inserted in lieu thereof, "That all Clergymen entering the diocese, and desirous of availing themselves of the provision of the By-law be required to pay to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund the sum of £10 within 6 months after said entrance into the diocese in one payment, or, under the sanction of the Bishop, by 8 annual instalments of £1 5s., and in case such Clergyman shall decease before such instalments be paid, that then such instalments as they become due shall be deducted from the annuity payable to his widow or orphans, and that every Clergyman of the diocese remarrying and desirous of availing himself of the provisions of the By-law be required to pay to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund the sum of £10 in one payment, within three months after said remarriage.

4. That in the seventh Clause, first line, the word "Treasurer" be omitted, and the word Secretary be inserted in lieu thereof.

5. That in the eighth Clause, tenth line, and all other places in this By-law where the personal subscription of the Clergyman is alluded to, after the words "one pound five shillings per annum" there be inserted, "or shall have become a life member under the third Article of the Constitution of this Society."

6. That whereas after eleven years working of this Society, it has appeared that the proportion of one fourth of all moneys collected in the Parochial Committees now required to be remitted to the Parent Society, is not sufficient for fully carrying out the object of the Society, Be it therefore resolved, that on and after the General Annual Meeting of the Society, which shall be held in June, 1855, the proportion shall be one-half and that after said meeting the words one-fourth, in the twenty-seventh line of the eighteenth clause of the Constitution thereof be omitted, and the words one-half inserted in lieu thereof.

7. That the following be among the Standing Orders of the Society:

First Standing Order.

That after the adoption of this Report no application for a grant, loan, or other assistance, be entertained from any Rectory, Incumbency or Mission, in which there shall not have been established a "Parochial Committee" of this Society, under the provisions of the articles of the Constitution thereof, reporting to and in communication with the Parent Society, and in which all the requirements of said Constitution shall not have been complied with, unless upon the omission of such requirement a special written dispensation had been granted by his Lordship the President, and forwarded to the Secretary for registration within three months of the date thereof; and further, that accompanying such application there be a distinct and accurate description of the object towards which aid is sought, together with a detailed account of the sums of money collected in the locality or elsewhere towards the same object and how applied: Provided nevertheless, that it shall be at all times competent for the President to recommend to the Standing Committee any case which in his Lordship's opinion may require special consideration; and should the Standing Committee report favourably thereon, that the Society may in such case grant the assistance so sought, or any portion thereof.

Second Standing Order.

That after the adoption of this Report, no application be entertained from the Widow or Orphan or the Guardian of the Orphan of any deceased Clergyman of this diocese who shall not have conformed to the provisions and requirements of a certain By-law intitled, a "By-law for the due administering and improving the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto," and also, of any amendments to the said By-law, which may be enacted from time to time, according to the provisions of the Constitution of the said Society, unless upon the omission of any of the said requirements a special written dispensation had been granted by his Lordship, the President, and forwarded to the Secretary for registration within three months after the date thereof: Provided nevertheless, that it shall be at all times competent for the President to recommend to the Standing Committee, any case which, in his Lordship's opinion, may require special consideration, and should the Standing Committee report favourably thereon, that then the Society may grant such proportion of an annuity as to said Society may seem fit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

67, LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS.

January, 1853.

The LORD BISHOP of Sydney in the Chair.

The Lord Bishop of Antigua and the Lord Bishop of Cape Town were present.

The Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair, in the name of the Meeting, congratulated the Right Rev. Chairman on the improvement in his health, and adverted to his Lordship's energetic labours and self-denying efforts as Bishop of Australia, and subsequently as Bishop of Sydney.

The Bishop of Sydney said he felt most sensibly the kindness of his venerable friend (Archdeacon Sinclair) in welcoming him on his return to the bosom of a Society of which he had been, during so many years, a member. He spoke also with perfect sincerity when he said that he could not find words to express sufficiently all that he owed to this Meeting for their very cordial assent to the terms in which the Archdeacon had been pleased to speak of his services in the distant scene of labour which had been assigned to him. It was not possible for him to discharge the office of offering up that form of Prayer with which the proceedings of all the Society's Meetings were opened, without an affecting recollection of the constant employment of the same when he presided in the Meetings of his own Diocesan Committee. This use of the same sacred forms afforded assurance of the uniformity and unity prevailing between the Mother Church and her numerous and widely-separated offspring in the Colonies. At the same time, the remembrance uppermost in his mind was, that when he attended eighteen years ago a meeting similar to the present, the chair which he now occupied was filled by a prelate whose memory was affectionately cherished by all who had known him,—he meant the late Archbishop of Canterbury; the friend and father, he must be allowed to call him, from whom he had received the most judicious and prudent counsel for his conduct in the arduous office to which, by Divine permission, he had been called. He must speak of His Grace as one who ruled the Church by his wisdom, and edified it by his humility. In renewing his own personal connexion with the Society, he was forcibly reminded, that, when he last addressed them, he stood there as the Archdeacon of a Bishop with whom he had scarcely any opportunity of communication; and who, however earnestly desirous of bestowing upon the Australian Church the benefits of Episcopal care, and Episcopal ordinances, was, owing to distance, physically incapable of fulfilling that purpose. Now he appeared as the representative of six, and he trusted he might shortly have to say of seven, Bishops, his colleagues and assistants in the work of promoting Christian knowledge in the wide regions which were committed to their charge. He could not refrain from expressing with exultation his feelings on being associated with such men. He would fearlessly say, that if the Church had been searched from the centre to its outer bound, it would not have been possible to find five men of a more devoted spirit, more qualified for the solemn office they had undertaken, or more resolved to remain in it faithful unto death, than those with whom, through the mercy of God, he had been united in the charge of the Province of Australasia.

His first duty now was, in addressing the Society, to render his most hearty thanks for the almost numberless acts of generosity, the offspring of a true faith, which had been exhibited towards the Church and people of his diocese. Many of these he had already, however inadequately, acknowledged in corresponding with the Society, and he would therefore not trouble the Meeting with a repetition of his particular thankfulness for these. But there were other more recent instances of the same feeling, which he must not pass over without at least attempting to express his sentiments of gratitude. At the head of those he would place the munificent donation of the Society towards the erection of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney. This was a work, the progress of which he regarded with intense interest