

Ordered that the account of James Haslett for candles used at the annual meeting, be paid.

An application from the Rev. W. Binet for indemnification for travelling expenses... read. It was resolved that the sum of 30s. be paid if it be not provided for from any other source.

The case of the River David having been brought forward, in connection with a proposal from the Rev. Mr. Williams of Sorel to pay a monthly visit to that place, it was resolved that £15 be granted on that understanding for one year.

Mr. Scott inquired whether any communication had been received from the Rev. R. S. Birch with regard to the resolution of the Board of October last.

The acting secretary, the Rev. A. W. Mountain, stated his belief that no reply had been received.

Mr. Scott then moved, seconded by Mr. Forryth—That it is extremely desirable that additional aid should be enlisted in the cause of the education of the young; and that this Board would had with satisfaction the removal of any difficulties that may prevent the operations of the Colonial Church and School Society in this diocese.

It was then moved in amendment by the Rev. Official Mackie, D.D., seconded by C. N. Montzambert, Esq.—That all the words after "education of the young" be struck out, and the following substituted: that this Board recommend to the Finance Committee to consider whether a sum of per annum might not be granted to the Colonial Church and School Society, so soon as the Bishop of Quebec shall have notified to the Church Society that that Society has included this diocese within the sphere of its operations.—Lost.

It was then moved by the Rev. Principal Nicolls, seconded by the Rev. R. G. Pless—That whereas the subject of the resolution submitted by H. S. Scott, Esq., largely affects the Clergy of the country missions, and is of the utmost importance, it is desirable that action upon it should be suspended until the next meeting of this Board, that the opportunity may have been given to them of communicating their opinions on the subject.—Lost.

The original motion was then carried.

It was agreed that the resolution of Mr. Scott be communicated to the secretary of the Colonial Church School Society.

The meeting then adjourned.

## DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

### THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

From *The Montreal Transcript*.

The annual meeting of this society was held in the Union Sales' Room on Tuesday evening, the Lord Bishop of Montreal (Dr. Fulford) in the chair. The room was densely crowded, and many had to go away who could not get admission. The proceedings were opened with the usual prayers, after which the Bishop congratulated the members of the society on being again spared to assemble at the usual commemoration, as well as on the increased interest taken in its affairs, as exhibited in the amount of subscriptions and other receipts. When they heard with pain the occurrences that were taking place on the other side of the Atlantic, it must be with sincere pleasure they would take part in the present proceedings, which had the welfare and best interests of their fellow men in view, not for time only, but also for eternity. He had heard representations made that the Church Society was failing in its work, and was not, therefore, worth contributing to. The best answer to this would be found in the report about to be read. He had the most perfect

confidence in the good will of the people, and believed that increased exertion was all that was requisite to show a still more flattering state of affairs before next year, and enable them to effect a much greater amount of good.

The Rev. E. Rogers read the report, by which it appeared that there had been received during the past year, in annual subscriptions, £273; from the country, £231; and for missionary purposes, £142; making, with some other items, the total amount received £721. The expenditure amounted to £682. On behalf of the widows' and orphans' fund, the amount collected was £118, including a donation of \$14, which, with interest on the invested capital, made the total investment £1,757. The increase in the amount of subscriptions during the present year was, in Montreal £126, and in the country £48. In the collections there had been also an increase of £48; placing at the disposal of the society, from ordinary sources, £243 more than on the previous year. The report also referred to the exertions of the Rev. Mr. Bond, who had gratuitously travelled throughout a great portion of the diocese, holding meetings, and inciting the members of the Church to increased and systematic exertion. His services, in this respect, had already been acknowledged by a vote of thanks from the Central Board.

In the absence of Major Campbell, who was expected but had not arrived, the Bishop called on the Rev. Mr. Scott, one of his chaplains, to move the first resolution. In doing so, the Rev. gentleman alluded to the gratifying facts exhibited by the report, showing a more generous feeling and interest, on the part of the laity, to increase the funds and promote the objects of society had in view. In this he was not disappointed. When the laity came to feel that the burden of supporting the Church would rest on themselves, that they may put their own shoulders to the wheel, and no longer depend on foreign aid, they must go on.

Archdeacon Lower seconded the resolution, remarking that times like the present—of great commercial distress and embarrassment—were not, in his opinion, the worst times to plead the cause of God and His Church; and surely no society had more claims on its hearers than the Church Society. Even if it did nothing else but circulate the Holy Scriptures—though he was no particular enthusiast for the wide circulation of the Scriptures apart from the living voice of God's ministers—but even were this all its objects, it well entitled it to their support. But its other designs were equally important. It engaged to assist young men in their preparation for the ministry, and if the members of the Church were wise, there could be no object dearer to them. For, if there was any thing likely to prove a curse to the people—if there was an affliction in store for them, it would arise from an uneducated, ignorant priesthood. The society also sent out missionaries; helped to build churches; and to make up the salaries which their poorer brethren derived from other sources. Very lately the Church had lost her Reserves. He was not very familiar with the policies of Canada, and if he were it was not for him to reopen a question which he supposed had been finally settled and set at rest. But he could not shut his eyes to the fact that property had been taken from the Church; that what she had before, she had not now. It was difficult to look on that act with submission, far less with patience. (Cheers). Property set apart for the support of God's ministers had been undoubtedly taken away, and he could not believe that the blessing of God would follow if they connived or consented to this. They were bound to declare that a great wrong had

been committed—nay, if he said a most iniquitous sacrilege had been consummated, he would not be speaking too strongly. The venerable Archdeacon concluded a long and eloquent address by urging the members of the Church to increased exertion, and commending the society to their interest and their prayers.

The Right Rev. Horatio Potter, D.D., Provisional Bishop of New York, moved the second resolution, expressing the thankfulness of the meeting at the unity existing between the two Churches, and its hopes that the union would be yet more closely knit. The Right Rev. prelate said he had great pleasure in moving that resolution, though he did not come to Canada to make a speech, but to warm himself by their fires. He came to thank their own Bishop for the honour he had done himself and the American Church, in coming, upon a late occasion, to take a part in that solemn consecration service which had raised the speaker to the dignity, and placed upon him the responsibilities, of a Bishop in the Church of God. When yesterday morning, a little after the peep of day, he had come out of his own house and turned his face to the North, in the teeth of a driving snow-storm, he considered he was doing a very heroic deed,—something like attempting the North-west passage. But he did it to express the sympathy which he felt in the Church's prosperity, his respect for the brethren here, and especially for him who so nobly and well presided over the affairs of this diocese. And, after all, he had found the pleasure greater than the suffering. (Cheers). It was something to set foot on the soil of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen. (Cheers). God bless her! He had prayed for her on the land and on the sea, and hoped to do so again. She had his sympathy, his deep sympathy, in the noble efforts she was making at the present time to subdue a barbarous power who had attempted to crush a feeble nation, and overwhelm Europe. Much had been said about American feeling and American sentiment in regard to the war. But he would tell his lordship that, if the people of Canada wished to understand the public sentiment of the country, they must not search for it in the newspapers. (Loud cheers). They must go to the educated men, to the clergy of the Church, to those that studied Shakespeare, and Milton, and Hooker, and they would find that they were heart and soul with England in the struggle, and daily offered up their prayers for her success. (Cheers). The Bishop concluded by exhorting the members of the Church to redouble their efforts to contribute towards the maintenance of this society. Money thus spent and assistance so afforded was the only work that would give them pleasure on their death-beds, and to which they could in that awful hour look back upon with joy. Resolutions were afterwards moved and seconded by the Rev. Canon Gilson, — Taylor, Esq., (of Quebec); J. C. Baker, Esq.; Rev. Canon Bancroft; Judge McCord, and the Rev. Mr. Pyke. The Bishop acknowledged a vote of thanks passed to him, in fitting terms; and the meeting, which was a most interesting one, ended with the benediction.

## RUPERT'S-LAND.

### ORDINATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 24th, the Bishop held an Ordination in St. John's Church, Red River, when the Rev. William Stagg of Fairford, Manitoba, of the Church Missionary Society, was ordained Priest; and Mr. W. West Kirkby, of the same society and formerly of the Metropolitan Training Institute, Highbury, was admitted to Deacon's orders.