

able Bishop of Toronto in the chair. On the platform were several prominent ministers of the Diocese, and the body of the hall was well filled, both by clergymen and laymen, besides a large number of ladies. Prayer having been offered up by the Rev. Salter Givins, his Lordship opened the meeting with a few applicable remarks, and called on the Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Givins, to read the Annual Report.

The Chairman then introduced the Rev. Dr. SNOOK, who moved the adoption of the Report, calling on the lay members of the diocese to show their liberality during the approaching year, by contributing to the support and maintenance of the society.

Mr. JOHN DUGGAN, Barrister, seconded the Report, and in doing so called attention to the clear and lucid way in which it was drawn up, and paid a high compliment to the secretary. He hoped that the people would come manfully forward and sustain this, one of the best societies of the church, and he hoped that every one present would be able to say that they had given their mite in aid of this useful society. Mr. Duggan concluded his remarks by saying that the meeting must be extremely gratified to see his Lordship in his old position of chairman, and that he hoped he might long be spared to fill the post.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Rev. Mr. WALL then moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. OSLEN, "That this meeting desires thankfully to acknowledge the success which the Great Head of the Church has been pleased to vouchsafe to the work undertaken by the society during the present year."

Mr. WALL in moving the resolution remarked that when he had entered the room he had not intended to address the meeting, and being a stranger, and as yet unconnected with the Church Society, a better selection might have been made, however, as he was requested to move the resolution he did not feel at liberty to decline. He knew the reading of the resolution alone before a christian audience was enough to ensure assent to it. There was one portion of the report which referred to the unhappy decision of the Privy Council, relating to the doctrines of the church. When a clergyman of the church could disseminate such doctrines from a pulpit, as appeared in *The Essays and Reviews* he should have been treated very differently, to some of the authors of this book. When we think how God has been pleased to prosper his work in this diocese we should all be ready to admit that thanks are due to a supreme power for vouchsafing success. With great pleasure he proposed the resolution and claimed the indulgence of the meeting for his unprepared remarks, which, however, were well appreciated by the audience.

The Rev. Mr. OSLEN, in seconding the resolution, said he felt it his bounden duty as a member of the Church Society to aid in missionary work to his utmost ability. The work was to send forth missionaries to aid those who were labouring in the vineyard of the Lord. Young men who were in the ministry needed aid in the work, and without the aid of this society the gospel would indeed have languished. They ought to thank God for what He had done for it. They should not look back in a mournful spirit, but should thankfully acknowledge the gifts he has bestowed, and bless him for the mercy he has poured down on us. It was a hard thing to hear the cry for relief from portions of the diocese and have to give the reply of no funds. If they would strengthen the hands of the Venerable Bishop, let them give support to the missionary work. It was not the rich men who supported the schemes of the church, but poor, who, in the old country for example, were only too happy when the collector made his weekly visit. They should bless God for his mercy and the support he had given the society, and place their trust in him for the future. Let them work and pray, as well as talk, for if they expected the blessing of God on their cause they must labour.

The Rev. Dr. NEVILLE moved,—“That it is incumbent upon us, as on every true branch of the Church of Christ, to be ever seeking to extend the knowledge of the Lord Jesus and his Gospel; and that this Society, recognising this duty, is desirous of multiplying her missions and enlarging her sphere of action, both among the settlers in our country and the Indian races, and calls upon all members of her communion to assist her in this her most laudable design.”

In moving the resolution that had been placed in his hands he said that he must congratulate the meeting that it did not need a long speech to explain its object.