

and all applications for grants, be as heretofore submitted to the Standing Committee to report thereon, and afterwards laid before the Society at their usual Monthly General Meeting, and that checks on the Treasurer be signed by the President, or in his absence by the Chairman of the Meeting, and countersigned by the Secretary, for payments ordered; but inasmuch as the Society has voted a certain salary to the Secretary and his Clerk, the President is authorised to sign checks for the payment of their salaries quarterly.

Mr. Seger's donation of £100 to the Society for investment, was ordered to be loaned to the Rev. James Mockridge, to assist in defraying the cost of the erection of the Parsonage House in Warwick, the Society accepting the securities for repayment recommended by their Solicitor, and the Rev. James Mockridge guaranteeing the insurance of the said Parsonage against fire.

A sum of £50 was ordered to be paid to Messrs. B. R. Roberts and J. W. Brent in compensation for their labours in auditing the accounts of the Society up to the 30th November last, and reporting upon the state of its affairs; and that those gentlemen be requested to balance the books up to the 31st March, charging at the usual rates for such service; that, in remitting the above sum in payment to the auditors, the thanks of the Society be conveyed to those gentlemen for the valuable and efficient services rendered by them.

The Resolutions laid on the table at the meeting of the Society in February, touching the remodelling of the Standing Committee, were ordered to be brought forward for consideration at the meeting on the first Wednesday in May.

Mrs. Denroche, the Rev. E. Denroche, George Crawford, and D. B. O. Ford, Esquires, of Brockville, and Dr. G. H. Law, and John Hibbert, Esq., of Darlington, were elected Life Members of the Society.

In consequence of the changes in the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, vacancies in the list of the Members of the Standing Committee have occurred, and on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Rev. F. G. D. McKenzie and W. M. Westmacott, Esq., were elected Members of said Committee till the annual meeting in June.

The Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D., was added to the Committee to act after the meeting in June.

The following gentlemen having been nominated at the last meeting, were ballotted for, and elected incorporated members:—

The Rev. John Wilson, the Rev. Mr. Logan, Dalrymple Crawford, Esq., and Mr. A. F. Plees.—(Church.)

#### DIocese of NOVA SCOTIA.

On the 2d April the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a confirmation at the Cathedral of Halifax, between ninety and one hundred candidates presented themselves. A separate confirmation was held at the Garrison Chapel, and also at St. George's Church, Halifax, where, on Easter Tuesday, seventy persons were confirmed.

#### CHURCH SOCIETY.

The "Church Times" of April 24th, gives the following extracts from the 14th Report of the Diocesan Church Society:

"A brief view of the past operations of the Society will show that as its resources have been slowly revealed, its true position has been gradually assumed. In its earlier years, the Society, although acknowledging nearly the same objects which now claim its attention, was compelled to apply its funds to the distribution of Bibles, the payment of Lay Readers, the building and enlargement of Churches. Next we trace the Society extending a friendly hand to some who were desirous of becoming authorised teachers of the word of God. A further step in advance was the determination to support two travelling Missionaries, who in the most destitute portions of the Province might extend the ministrations of the Church among its long-neglected members.

"But it is within the last few years that the Society has decidedly assumed its proper missionary character, by aiding in the support of at first six and then nine assistant missionaries. These are appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese, and sent to the more extensive Missions, where the resident Pastors cannot attend to the wants of all their charge.

"To enable the Society to fulfil its present engagements, there is need of a more vigorous exertion than has yet been made.

"Its income cannot be accounted at above £800, one-fourth of which may be withdrawn by the contributors, leaving but £600 for general purposes. Our responsibility for the support of missionaries alone is £625 per annum. There are now earnest and urgent appeals for assistance from several quarters, the force of which your Committee cannot but acknowledge, while they are totally unable to grant the requests.

"Under these circumstances your Committee do not hesitate to recommend the Society to call upon all its members to double their subscriptions. We fervently hope that the noble example which has been given by the late Chief Justice of the other Province may be followed in this Diocese, and lead to the establishment of our Society upon a more permanent basis than it can otherwise hope to attain.

"During the past year the Society has expended in books from the Depository £44 10s 11d. Of this amount £24 15s 2d has been returned to several of the Local Committees, as the one-fourth of their contribution to the Society. Grants to the amount of £19 15s 9d have been made in books toward the formation of Parochial Libraries; and for distribution."

For Travelling Missionaries during the past year £150 has been expended. The Rev. J. Breathing, travelling missionary along the eastern shore, has been appointed resident minister at Beaver Harbour. The Rev. W. Stuart has been appointed to the south-western shore of the Province.

Two students at Windsor have received assistance to the amount of £15. Thirty-three pounds have been paid during the past year towards the completion of churches. Sixty-two pounds ten shillings have been expended in the erection of parsonage houses.

The most prominent object of the Society, the maintenance of Assistant Missionaries, has received that attention which its importance demands, and the funds of the Society will warrant. £359 13s 4d has been expended upon it during the past year. The annual responsibility of the Society, on account of its Missionaries, is £625, a large item out of the gross amount of collections, but not at all adequate to meet the growing spiritual necessities of the country. The following observations occur, in connection with this topic of the Report:

"Although much difficulty is met with in the endeavor to call forth the exertions of the people for the support of their Ministers, yet your Committee have great reason to be encouraged in the effort. The Churchmen in many places are scarcely able to make up in money the sum required by the S. P. G. and this Society; and in some instances where they seem able, they have not yet learned how to exert themselves, yet the Missionary character of the Society is always understood and well appreciated, and there is no expenditure of its funds so generally pleasing, as that which is caused by the support of Laborers in Christ's vineyard."

The labours of all these Missionaries appear to be very acceptable in the stations allotted to them, and will, it may be hoped, conduce to the extension of the Church and the eternal salvation of many who conform to her ministrations. The extracts of letters written by their Rectors speak highly of their zeal and usefulness, and encouragingly of their ability to relieve to a large extent the spiritual destitution which prevails around them.

The sum of £212 18s 8d has been placed in the hands of the

\* In addition to several other munificent bequests to the Church, the late Chief Justice Chipman bequeathed to the D. C. S. of New Brunswick, the yearly interest of \$10,000.