

satisfactory report from the Clergy Trust Committee, and a statement of the income and expenditure from the commencement of the fund.

A memorial was read from the widow of the late Rev. N. Watkins, in which she petitioned for an allowance from the Widows and Orphans' Fund.

Whereupon it was resolved, that Mr. Watkins, not having complied with the requirements of the by-law regulating the distribution of the fund, no claim could be established, but that under the peculiar circumstances of the case, a special grant be made to Mrs. Watkins for this year, to be continued if the funds admit of it.

Resolved that books to the amount of £2 10s. each, be granted on the application of the Rev. F. A. Parnell, for the Sunday schools established by him at Merrickville and Burritt's Rapids.

The Secretary read a letter received by him from C. Knowlson, Esq., and others, of Emily, in which they stated their willingness to become responsible that the proceeds of the sale of 50 acres of the Emily glebe should be applied only in accordance with the wishes of the Society, as expressed at their last meeting.

Resolved that £20 be granted this year towards the income of the Rev. J. Davidson, missionary at Newboro', and that so soon as the Eastern District Branch is prepared to guarantee the income of its missionaries, the same arrangement be entered into with it as was effected with the Midland District, the Society conceiving that it is the duty of the District Branches to collect the subscriptions to the Society, and that the missionary should be allowed to draw periodically on the district treasurer, instead of being left to collect his own stipend.

The Hon. J. H. Cameron read a report from the committee, on a bill to incorporate the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron, now before the Legislature.

Whereupon it was moved by the Ven. Archdeacon of York, seconded by Rev. J. B. Ardrgh, and

Resolved,—That the Society do leave the details of the bill for the incorporation of a Church Society for the Diocese of Huron to such decision as may, upon further conference between the Lord Bishop of Huron and the Hon. J. H. Cameron, be arrived at.

The Hon. J. H. Cameron read the amendment to the by-law of the Society, regulating the distribution of the Commutation Fund, in accordance with the notice given by him at the last meeting:—

Whereas, since the passing of the by-law, intitled, "That the Diocese of Huron has been set apart from the Diocese of Toronto, and arrangements are now being made to set apart another Diocese from the eastern part of the Diocese of Toronto. And, whereas, it is desirable that the constitution of the committee under the recited by-law should be so changed as to cause the said Dioceses and the contemplated new Diocese to be distinctly represented in the said committee.

Be it therefore ordained. Firstly, that the said committee in the said recited by-law mentioned, shall consist of _____ members of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, to be appointed as follows: _____ from the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, and _____ by the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron, when incorporated, or by the Synod of that Diocese until such incorporation.

Secondly, that as soon as the Eastern Diocese shall be set apart _____ members of the said committee shall be appointed by the Church Society of that Diocese, if incorporated, or by the Synod of that Diocese, until incorporation; and

a similar number of members for the Diocese of Toronto, shall retire by arrangement of the said committee.

Thirdly, that the Bishops of the said several Dioceses shall be *ex officio* members of the said committee.

Fourthly, that in the event of the failure to appoint members of the said committee, by either of the said Dioceses, to the westward or eastward of the Diocese of Toronto, the appointment shall be made by this Society at any monthly meeting.

Fifthly, that the names of the members appointed by any other Diocese than the Diocese of Toronto, shall be notified by the Secretary of the Church Society or Synod, so appointing, to the Secretary of this Society, and on such notice being received, they shall be duly entered on the minutes of this Society, as members of the said committee.

Sixthly, that the said Church Societies or Synods of the said Eastern and Western Dioceses shall make their own rules and by-laws to regulate the election, appointment, continuance in office, and all other matters relating to the members of the said committee so to be appointed by them as aforesaid: Provided always, that all persons so appointed shall be incorporated members of this Society.

Seventhly, that the powers of the said recited committee be enlarged, and that all the investments of this Society, of whatever nature or kind, in which the said Eastern and Western Dioceses are or shall be interested jointly with this Diocese, shall be placed under the charge, control and management of the said committee.

Whereas, the division of the Diocese affords a proper opportunity for determining the basis in which appropriations shall hereafter be made from the Clergy Reserve Fund as a surplus, over and above the stipends of the Clergy who commuted, shall from time to time arise.

Resolved,—Firstly, that parishes which have become vacant by the death or departure from the province of any Clergyman who commuted, shall be replaced on the list in the order of priority in which such vacancies occurred.

Secondly, that the surplus income or capital from which it is derived, calculated at the rate of six per cent., shall be apportioned to the respective Dioceses, in the proportion which the commutation fund derived from the Clergy within the limits of that Diocese at the time of commutation, bore to the whole commutation fund.

Thirdly, that no further or other division except of the surplus shall be made until all the incomes chargeable on this Society shall have fallen in.

Whereupon it was resolved that the resolutions, and by-law proposed by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, be printed and circulated among the members of the Society, and that the same be taken up at the next monthly meeting of the Society, with the understanding that no final action be taken until the October meeting.

The Rev. D. E. Blake withdrew his notice of motion for the alteration of the latter part of the last clause of the 18th Rule of the Constitution of the Society.

The Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by the Rev. Secretary of the Society, brought forward the amendment of which the Rev. Dr. Beaven had given notice at the last meeting, but they withdrew it in favour of the resolution proposed by J. W. Gamble, Esq., seconded by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, which was carried.

That a committee be appointed to examine into the expense of the management of the Church Society, and report to the Society at its next meeting, what steps, if any, can be adopted to lessen the expenditure incurred therein, that the Annual Report be not printed until the commit-

tee have reported, and that the said committee be composed of the Rev. Dr. Beaven, Rev. Dr. Lewis, Rev. H. Brent, H. C. Baker, Esq., Hon. J. H. Cameron, Dr. Bovell, and the Rev. Mr. Reid.

Proposed by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, seconded by Rev. W. Ritchie, and

Resolved,—That the present members of the Clergy Trust Committee of the Diocese of Toronto be re-appointed with the exception of the Rev. Mr. Palmer, who has leave of absence from the Diocese, and that the Rev. Michael Boomer be appointed in his place.

Proposed by the Rev. C. C. Brough, seconded by the Rev. R. Flood, and

Resolved,—That the following gentlemen be the members of the Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee for the Diocese of Huron:—Hon. G. F. Goodhue, L. Lawrance, Esq., J. Wilson, Esq., A. Shade, Esq., F. Geddes, Esq., Revs. R. Flood and C. C. Brough.

Proposed by Rev. Dr. Patton, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lewis, and

Resolved,—That the following seven Gentlemen, incorporated members of the Diocesan Church Society, viz.: S. C. Ross, John Watkins, James A. Henderson, D. B. O. Ford, G. S. Jarvis, George Crawford and Philip Low, Esquires, be the Lay Committee for administering the moneys and Securities of the Eastern Episcopal Fund, under the provisions of the by-law of the Church Society, relating to the same, and to continue as such until the next annual meeting of the Church Society.

Resolved,—That the officers of the Society and the members of the several committees be elected for the ensuing year.

The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere moved, and, at the suggestion of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, carried by acclamation, the following resolution:

Resolved,—That the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto beg leave to express their sincere pleasure in the honour conferred upon them by the presence of the Lord Bishop of Huron, at their meeting this day, and the Church Society indulges the hope that His Lordship will also in future, when in his power, afford them the support which his presence must always give to their proceedings.

The Rev. Dr. Patton gave the following notice:

That he will move at the next meeting of the Society the 3rd section of the by-law for the administering of the Trust Fund of the Eastern Episcopal, be amended by inserting after the words "Provincial Government Debenture, the words "Municipal Debentures," and after the words "Mortgages omit the words "of Corporations," and substitute the words "on real estate."

The Rev. Dr. Patton proposed to be balloted for, at the next meeting of the Society, as incorporate members, the names of the Rev. J. Davidson of Newboro', Brig. Tett, Esq., of Newboro'. M. P. P., Edward Green, Esq., of Leeds, and Wm. Ellis, Esq., of Prescott.

The Secretary then read prayers, and the meeting adjourned until half-past seven P. M.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,
Secretary.

The Public Annual Meeting of the Church Society was held on Wednesday evening, the 9th instant. The Lord Bishop in the chair. The Secretary read the following Report:—

The year which has elapsed since the last public meeting of the Church Society of this Diocese has been marked by events of deep interest to mankind at large, and of momentous importance to the British Empire. Nor can the Committee,