

mitted a report as to investments paid in, and made during the past month. A letter was received from Col. G. E. Allen Jones gratefully acknowledging the Society's resolution of condolence passed at last meeting. A communication was received from the Secretary of the C. and C. Church Society kindly intimating that, notwithstanding a shrinkage in their receipts, their grant to Quebec in aid of poor schools and work on the Labrador, would not be diminished this year. The Lord Bishop undertook to express to the English Societies the thanks of the Diocese. On report of the Secretary, the Board authorized their Treasurer to pay \$16.24 to account of Church Depository, to cover costs of free grants of Prayer Books, Catechisms and Tracts, including 200 Prayer Books and Hymn Books presented by the Depository for use of the first Canadian contingent to South Africa in 1899. The Treasurer having reported that very few of the Quinquagesima offerings in aid of the General Fund had been sent in to him, the Board instructed their Secretary to ascertain from the Treasurer of the St. Francis District what remittances had been received by him in this behalf, and on receipt of this information to write to all Parishes and Missions in arrears, requesting that the special offering called for be sent to the Treasurer without delay, and expressing the hope that if no such offering was made in accordance with the Society's rule, that one be made and forwarded with as little delay as possible.

In response to several enquiries made by the Secretary, he received instructions (1) to acknowledge in the Annual Report of the Society all individual and separate donations and subscriptions in behalf of the Robert Hamilton Memorial, and in block sums, the amounts covered by subscription lists so far received, and in an article heading such acknowledgements to give the promise that all subscription lists now in hand with others expected would be published in detail in the next annual report. (2) The Secretary received further instructions to print no Clerical report of Missionary work which was not received in time to be inserted in its proper place in the Annual Journal. (3) The Secretary was directed to make the heading of the List of "Legacies" as published in Report read "Gifts and Legacies held

by the Church Society," and (4) to make the heading of the List of Deceased Life-Members, which now reads "Contributors of \$50 and upwards deceased," read "Life-Members Deceased" This alteration was authorized by way of guarding against a misconstruction, liable under the old heading. The sum of \$50 which qualifies for life membership in no respect shows the amount given to the Society by many whose names precede it. The gifts of some amounted to thousands of dollars annually.

### Memorials of the Late Hon. George Irvine.

We are glad to hear that two separate memorials are to be erected in order to keep in mind the late Judge Irvine and the eminent services, which is his day by his talents, he rendered to our Diocese.

To the Honorable George Irvine we owe to a great extent our Diocesan Canons, and there was a day when he was the very life of our Synods, and it was to a great extent due to his great and beneficent influence that the Congregation of St. Matthew's Church, Quebec, made such a grand stand in declining to sell the patronage of the Living for a certain amount of endowment offered by private patrons, thus leaving the Rectors of St. Matthew's to be appointed by the Bishop, and enabling this parish to become a leading example of Church life.

For a few years, moreover, Mr. Irvine was Chancellor of Bishop's University, Lennoxville, and although his other duties did not permit him to take so large a part in University matters as he did in those pertaining to the general welfare of the Diocese, yet it ought never to be forgotten that it was he who was instrumental in obtaining the Protestant Marriage Licence Fund, which was lying in the Provincial Government's general fund, for the purposes of Superior Education, and with this particular object (as letters written at the time distinctly show) of enabling the Protestant Committee of the Board of Public Instruction to make sufficient grants to the Universities. It is true that, by a recent enactment, the Protestant Committee has been enabled to divert the whole or any part of the Marriage Licence Fund from the purposes of Superior to those of Elementary Edu-