

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S OFFICE.

February 1, 1851.

A meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society was held this day—the Lord Bishop in the chair.

The following are the representatives from the Central Board for the present year:—

W. Lindsay, Esq., Bedford; B. Chamberlin, Esq., Farnham and Freighsburg; G. Rogers, Esq., W. Evans, Esq., Gore; D. Alexander, Laprairie; Major Jones, Sabrevois; J. Yule, Jr. T. Austin, Chambly; C. Dorwin, Henryville; Capt. Maitland, Brome and Sutton; Mr. Gilmour, Granby; R. W. Shepherd, Esq., Vaudreuil; G. H. Monk, Esq., St. Martin and St. Therese; Capt. Maitland, Dr. Holmes, E. E. Shelton, Esq., St. George's, Montreal; S. C. Bagg, Esq., Dr. Fraser, J. B. Gibb, Esq., A. Howard, Esq., T. Mussen, Esq., W. A. Townsend, Esq., Cathedral; N. S. Tylee, St. Mary's Hochelaga; Rev. E. J. Rogers, J. B. Anderson, Esq., Philipsburg; C. L. Baker, Esq., Freighsburg; Dr. Barrington, Lachine.

The following Committees were appointed, viz:—

Lay Committee:—Hon Judge McCord, Chairman; Major Campbell, B. Chamberlin, Esq., W. C. Evans, Esq., Dr. Fraser, Dr. Holmes, J. Lovell, Esq., E. E. Shelton, Esq., Hon. George Moffatt, Capt. Maitland, T. Mussen, Esq., N. S. Tylee, Esq., Colonel Wilgress, G. H. Monk, Esq., J. B. Anderson, Esq.

Book and Tract Committee:—Rev. J. Bethune, D. D., Rev. W. T. Leach, D.C.L., Rev. E. J. Rogers, Rev. W. Bond, Rev. C. Bancroft, Rev. R. Lousdell, Rev. J. Flanagan.

It was resolved that the Clergy of the different churches in the city be requested to make arrangements for the more effectual collection of subscriptions to the Church Society, in their respective congregations, and to make a monthly return of the amount collected, to be laid before the Central Board.

It was resolved, on the motion of Dr. Bethune, seconded by Colonel Wilgress:—That the sum of £270 be granted to the Lord Bishop, for Missionary purposes.

£25 were also granted to the Book and Tract Committee.

A Bible and prayer book were granted, on the application of the Rev. J. Flanagan, for the use of the congregation at Point Clare.—*Montreal Herald*.

Church Society's Office,
March 1, 1851.

At a meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held this day, in accordance with the constitution, there were present—

The Lord Bishop in the chair.

Rev. J. Bethune, D.D. Hon. Judge McCord,
" W. T. Leach, D.C.L. Col. Wilgress,
" W. Bond, Capt. Maitland.
" N. Lousdell, S. C. Bagg, Esq.
" R. Lindsay, Dr. Barnstore.
" E. J. Rogers.

After prayers, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read, from the Rev. J. Johnston, informing the Board that W. F. Grasset, Esq., has been re-elected as the representative of Aylmer at the Central Board of the Church Society.

The following report of the Lay Committee was then read.

"The Lay Committee, before proceeding to other business, unanimously elected Francis

Fulford, Esq., their secretary for the ensuing year.

"An application was received from the Rev. J. Constantine, of Stanbridge, praying for aid towards the erection of a parsonage at that place. It set forth that a sum of £250 will be required for that object: towards which there are in the hands of the Lord Bishop £100 (collected in England some years ago by the Rev. J. Jones), and the inhabitants of the mission have subscribed a further sum of £70.

"There are many reasons set forth in the petition of the reverend incumbent which induce this committee to urge on the Central Board the propriety of aiding this mission in the proposed work to the utmost means of the Society usually appropriated for similar purposes: and they therefore respectfully suggest that, so soon as this Mission by its own exertions shall have raised the sum of £70, already subscribed, to £100, the Church Society should make a grant of £50, to be paid at the discretion of the Lay Committee, due regard being had to freedom from debt, &c.

"The committee report that, good and sufficient discharges having been signed by the creditors of the church at Ormstown, to their satisfaction, the grant made to that church has been paid.

"The whole respectfully submitted.

"J. McCord, Chairman."

On motion of the Rev. W. T. Leach, D.C.L., seconded by the Rev. W. Bond, the above report was adopted.

An application for the purchase of certain lands at Wolfe Island was referred to the Lay Committee.

Authority was given to the Managing Committee of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, to invest any sums that may now be in the Treasurer's hands belonging to that fund.

E. J. ROGERS, Secretary.

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

CONSECRATION OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SHENBROOKE.—On Friday the 10th inst., St. Peter's Church was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Quebec. The Lord Bishop of Montreal being requested to be present on the occasion, kindly consented, and took part in the ceremony, which added much to the interest of the day. Several of the clergy were present, arrayed in their surplices.

The service commenced at 11 o'clock. The Bishops were received at the door of the church by the Incumbent, the Rev. Dr. Helmuth, D.D., the clergy, the churchwardens, and several other members of the congregation. The petition, which was signed by the incumbent, churchwardens, and many of the parishioners, was presented by the Rev. Dr. Helmuth to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, praying that he would consecrate the church.

The petition was read by the Rev. Mr. Reid, of Compton, after which the Bishop signified his consent, with very kind remarks to the Rev. Dr. Helmuth for the efforts made by him, in conjunction with his flock, to rid the church from incumbrances, and the pleasure all must derive, together with himself, to have this building set apart from all common uses to the worship of the living God.

The clergy then, together with the churchwardens and others, proceeded up the aisle to the chancel, and while doing so, the 24th Psalm was repeated.

The Bishops having taken their seats, the instrument of conveyance was presented to the Lord Bishop of Quebec, who placed it on the Communion Table.

After the solemn and impressive prayers for

all who should worship in that church, partake of the sacraments, enjoy its rights and privileges—that the word preached might be blessed, the Rev. L. Doolittle, M.A., of Lennoxville, read the sentence of consecration, which was signed by the Bishop, who then stated that this document would be preserved in the Archives of the Sec of Quebec, to be referred to whenever occasion should require it.

The usual Morning Service was read by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Stuart, B.A. The 1st Lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. Butler, M.A.; the 2nd Lesson by the Rev. Mr. Pennefather, B.A. The Lord Bishop of Quebec read the Ante-Communion Service. The Epistle was read by the Rev. Dr. Helmuth, D.D.; the Gospel by one of his Lordship's chaplains, the Rev. J. H. Nicolls, M.A., Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, from the parable of the talents.—"Occupy till I come." The subject was very appropriate for the occasion, and was most ably handled by his Lordship. To say the least, it was a most impressive, able and eloquent discourse, and was listened to with intense interest by a crowded congregation.

After the service of the Church, the Bishop, clergy, and churchwardens proceeded to the residence of the Rev. Dr. Helmuth, where they were hospitably entertained, and where pleasant and cheerful conversation occupied the time.

On the whole, it was a delightful season. Secret prayers were doubtless offered up by many hearts on that solemn and impressive occasion that God would graciously accept our humble offering, and bless the administration of his word and grace to the saving of souls.

And last—not least—a due meed of praise should be awarded to the ladies of the congregation, who, by the proceeds of two fancy sales, the result of their labors, contributed so largely towards the liquidation of the debt on the church.—*Communicated*.—(*Montreal Herald*.)

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

A Meeting of the Church Society was held on Wednesday, the 2d day of March Present: the Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, Revids. F. L. Osler, Dr. Lett, S. Givins, R. Mitchele, and Messrs. R. Denison, H. Mortimer, Thomas W. Birchall, Alex. Dixon, Henry Rowsell, W. M. Westmacott, and the Secretary.

The Secretary announced that the Lord Bishop had written to say that he was prevented attending in consequence of indisposition.

The Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, vice-president, took the chair.

The Secretary was called upon to read the prayers—then the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed by the chairman.

The balance sheet was laid on the table. An abstract of the various accounts, and also the items of receipt and expenditure during the past month, were then read by the Secretary.

On the recommendation of the standing committee, a few small accounts, amounting to £9 2s. 6d. were ordered to be paid.

A grant of service books for the desk of the church at Cookstown was voted, on the application of the Rev. F. L. Osler.

An application was made through the Rev. E. Dewar, for a grant in aid of the fund for building a church at Windsor, in the township of Sandwich, in which was set forth most forcibly the claims of that parish on the sympathies of the members of the Church in this diocese. On the recommendation of the standing committee it was resolved that a grant be made for this object so soon as the funds of the Society