

been with Mr. Faithfull. I never spoke to Mr. Orde on the subject, nor, I think, to any other person, so that it could not be a very public matter; but let me, at the risk of being tedious, say that I consider that the policy that I adopted two months ago covers my whole conduct in reference to this matter. I will not waste your time by assuring you of the very great gratification it has been to me to hear the language which has been used both by those who have voted for me and by those who have voted against me. I do not reiterate these assurances because I believe you are convinced of, and feel, them. What could be more gratifying to one whose term of mortal existence is fast coming to a close—what testimony could be more cheering to one who for thirty-five years has been trying to do something for the good of the Church? (Applause.) There are times in human existence which compensate a man for much privation, distress, and anxiety—times in which he may be inclined to say *sat est virasse*. It is enough to have lived to this time; and certainly it is enough for me to live to hear the words which have this day been spoken of me. But to come to the point before us. After the long experience I have had in the affairs of this Church, and in all the movements which have taken place within the Church for many years—the movement regarding Trinity College, the movement regarding the Hymnal, the movement regarding the Church Society—it would seem something like affectation of me to disclaim all fitness for the office to which you have by a majority of three preferred me. I may mention, however, that, whether from the high opinion I entertain of the episcopal office, or whether from the feeling I have of my own insufficiency, not having certain qualifications which are required in all who would aspire to the office of a bishop, I shrink from accepting that office. I shrink from it when in the colonial Church I was offered the diocese of New Brunswick. I shrink from it when I had in our own Church not the offer merely but the election to the diocese of Glasgow; and now I beg leave to decline being coadjutor Bishop for the diocese of Edinburgh. The reasons for my declining will be obvious to many of you. Considering age, considering many things, I feel called upon to decline the office. The reasons for my declining do not form any question as between you and me. I am not to explain to you or answer to you why I respectfully decline the offer you have made me. These reasons lie between my conscience and my judgment. The decision of my conduct in this matter is between my God and my own conscience. I consider that it is to God and my own conscience only that that question should be referred, and I hope that to God and my own conscience that question has been referred. As I said before, I did not consider myself called upon, in order to put myself in a right position before you, to make any declaration one way or other till now. I resolved that until we were assembled in Synod, by the authority of the Episcopal College, I should not give that decision; and now that we have been assembled by a mandate from the Primus, you have offered me, by this majority, the office of coadjutor Bishop, and I kindly, respectfully, affectionately, and with deep humility, decline it.

After a pause, Mr. M'LACHLAN, St. Paul's, Carruber's Close, said—To whom do you decline this appointment? It seems to me that you can only decline it to the College of Bishops. The deed has been done by the Synod, and it cannot be undone.

The DEAN—Strictly speaking you do not make the election, but simply fill up the return which has been prepared.

Mr. BUSHBY—We must present you to the Col-

lege in accordance with our vote. It is for the bishop to confirm or not the election of the Synod, and you to take any ulterior steps you may think proper afterwards. No sheriff could refuse to make a return of the election of a knight of the shire because the gentleman elected declined to serve after the election was over.

Mr. WATSON said the Dean distinctly declined the appointment, and the question now was, whether they were to proceed with another election or not. If they were not, he believed that Mr. Orde was the coadjutor bishop. ("Hear," and laughter.)

After some further discussion on the course to be pursued by the Synod.

Mr. CROWDER moved—"That the return to the mandate now signed by the majority of the electors be presented to the Primus, and that the remaining business be now proceeded with."

Mr. CAVE BROWN seconded the motion.

Mr. FAITHFULL moved as an amendment—"That as the Dean declined the appointment previous to the signing of the return by the parties who voted for him, the return is invalid, and that this Synod now proceed to the election of a coadjutor bishop."

Mr. WATSON seconded the amendment.

The Synod then divided, when Dr. Langhorne, Messrs. White, M'Lachlan, Crowder, Wannop, St. Aine, Cave Brown, and Hallen voted for the motion; and Mr. Henderson, Dr. Alexander, Messrs. Faithfull, Watson, C. R. Teape, Jenkins, and Rowbottom, voted for the amendment. Mr. Orde declined to vote.

The DEAN thereupon declared Mr. Crowder's motion carried by 8 to 7.

Votes of thanks were passed, on the motion of Mr. BUSHBY, to Dean Ramsay for presiding; and, on the motion of Mr. WANNOP, to Mr. Rollo, W. S., for the efficient arrangements which he had made for the convenience and comfort of the Synod at its present meeting.

The Synod then adjourned.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

76, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Tuesday, October 7th, 1862.

The Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair in the Chair.

In announcing formally to the Board the decease of its lamented President, the late Archbishop of Canterbury, who died at Addington on the morning of Saturday, September 6th, the Secretaries stated that they had received on August 19, through the Rev. J. Thomas, a cheque for £100, which his Grace had directed to be paid to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

The Standing Committee proposed the following resolution for the adoption of the Society:—

"The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge at this its first meeting after the decease of its President, desires to place on record its sense of the great loss, which not only the Society itself, but the Church at large has sustained.

"On this solemn occasion we gratefully call to mind the deep interest which the late Archbishop always evinced in the welfare of this Society, an interest, which, as appears from his recent liberal contribution to its funds, continued undiminished to the last. In the life and character of an individual who acquired distinction in his early college days, who during twenty years was bishop of an important diocese, and during fourteen years Primate of all England, there are many circumstances deserving of commemoration.

"We cannot but advert to the energy and suc-

cess with which he laboured in the cause of Church Extension, and to the 300 churches and chapels which he had the privilege of consecrating:—to his numerous and valuable writings in support of Christian truth, to the meekness and gentleness which, in the administration of his high office, marked his whole deportment;—to the bright example which he uniformly gave of the domestic and social virtues, an example rendered more attractive by its unaffected simplicity;—and to the wise moderation with which, at a critical period, he was enabled by Providence to conduct the affairs of our National Church.

"While placing upon record this affectionate but imperfect tribute to the memory of our lamented President, we desire also to communicate to the members of his bereaved family the expression of our cordial sympathy, under the loss they have sustained. We trust that they will be supported by those Christian consolations, which the deceased Primate so richly inculcated, and by which, under the various trials and bereavements incident to all conditions of life, he was himself sustained."

On motion of WM. COTTON, Esq., seconded by the Rev. R. G. BAKER, it was agreed unanimously to adopt this resolution, and to forward a copy of it to the family of the late Archbishop, including the Lord Bishop of Winchester.

The Secretaries reported that, in accordance with the direction of the Board at the last General meeting on Tuesday, July 1st, £150 had been paid during the vacation to the Bishop of Ontario, —viz., £300 for general purposes, and £150 for building churches in his diocese.

In regard to the reference made by the Board at the same General Meeting—"That it be referred to the Standing Committee to reconsider the grant of £600 to the Bishop of Ontario, with a view to increasing it by £400, to be paid next year for permanent works,"—the Standing Committee made the following report:

"The Standing Committee have taken into consideration the reference made to them by the Board at the July Meeting, to reconsider the grant of £600 to the Bishop of Ontario, with a view to increasing it by £400, to be paid next year for permanent works.

"The Standing Committee find, that in other cases it has been the practice of the Society, in making grants to any dioceses for the purposes of church-building, to vote sums of money from time to time, as they may have been needed, after receiving accounts of the manner in which previous grants have been expended.

"Circumstances stated by the Bishop of Ontario induced the Standing Committee to recommend, that in his case a larger sum than usual be at once granted, and they cannot recommend the Board, at the present time, to add to the grant of £600 originally proposed. At the same time they feel sure that the Board will be ready to attend to any application which may hereafter be forwarded by the Bishop of Ontario, so soon as the sum already granted shall have been expended, in a manner satisfactory to the Board.

"The Standing Committee recommend that £150 be now granted to the Bishop of Ontario for church-building, which, in addition to the £150 granted in July, will make up £300.

This grant was accordingly voted by the Board. —Ecclesiastical Gazette.

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