

Diocese of Montreal.

CHURCH SOCIETY.—The annual Public meeting of the Church Society of this Diocese, was held in the Mechanics' Hall on the 22nd ult., the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Quebec presiding. From the report read by the secretary we learn that "The Income of the Society derived from subscriptions and collections, which are the ordinary sources of revenue of the Society, compared with that of last year, is as follows :—

In 1865.....	\$5750.00
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But in 1865 the sum of \$1980 was transferred to the Church Society from the Clergy Trust Fund, and the fund in charge from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and other funds, which made the income of last year larger in that proportion, viz., \$7730, leaving in fact \$272 of current income less this year than last.

The Church Society, after mature and careful deliberation on the part both of its Committee and those appointed by the Synod is about to be merged in a duly Incorporated Synod. Steps have already been taken to provide such an Act as is required, and no step will be taken without the greatest caution and deliberation, so as to preserve and guard in every way the interest of every one concerned. So that if this should be the first time that an old friend appears before the public when the Anniversary Missionary Meeting of the Synod presents the same cause of Missions to the Church in the Diocese, it will be seen that the operations of the Church Society are not lost or impaired, but under a new garb concentrated and improved.

In the mean time the Board would earnestly urge all to be "up and doing" to make the Church, whether ministering to "the sheep in the wilderness," or "taking heed to the flock" in more populous parts "a praise and a glory in the diocese. Some of the parishes, it will be seen have done; but it is, at the same time, manifest that all might do better in a cause which should stand first in every churchman's estimation, first in his heart's affections, and first on his list of charities, having Christ's promise, precept and example, to maintain, enforce, and recommend it.

Co-operate is the key-note the committee would desire to strike, the watchword they would desire to adopt, that no ground occupied by the Church may be abandoned, that new missions may be opened, the stakes strengthened, the cords lengthened. Never was there a time when united exertions were more needed. These are no days for contracting our operations, or relaxing our efforts in the Christian cause. Love, zeal, self denial, are needed for developing the Christian spirit in the parishes of the diocese and the putting forth all our strength. We need not only the co-operation of the laity in Synods for securing the practical