

deduced by the Bishop, were confirmed by him; after which he preached a sermon. His Lordship also baptized the infant child of Mr. Steacy the church-warden:—who has been indefatigable in his exertions in forwarding the work of the new church. On the following day his Lordship returned to Montreal.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

Office of the Church Society.

September 2, 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.

Reverends Dr. Bethune, Dr. Leach, W. Bond, Jos. Scott, J. Cornwall, C. Bancroft,—T. B. Anderson, Esq., Hon. Judge McCord, R. S. Tylee, Esq., W. C. Evans, Esq., Dr. Holmes, Col. Wilgress, Captain Maitland, J. S. Roles, Esq.

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

No report from the Book and Tract Committee.

No Report from the Lay Committee, but the Secretary of that Committee read a letter from Rev. W. Wickes, concerning certain lands belonging to the Society.

No Report from the Finance Committee, but Dr. Bethune stated that only the secretary and himself met; and that in accordance with a determination previously expressed to the Board, they declined entering upon any business. He added, that they had before them the Treasurer's statement of the funds of the Society, showing a balance of £30 to meet previous appropriations of £103.

No report from the Education Committee.

The report of the Convocation Committee was then read.

Moved by W. C. Evans, Esq., seconded by R. S. Tylee, Esq. and Resolved,—“That the report now read be received and adopted, viz: 1st. That in consequence of the anomalous state of the Church of England in these colonies, with reference to its general government—the doubts entertained as to the existence of any code of ecclesiastical law—and the acknowledged difficulty of carrying into effect any system of discipline—it is imperatively necessary, that some superintending body be constituted, in which shall be vested the power of framing and enforcing laws and regulations for the government, discipline, and welfare of the Church.”

2nd. —That such body shall consist of the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity, meeting in such manner, and exercising such duties as may hereafter be determined upon.”

No Report from the Insurance Committee. The Secretary read a letter from G. Platt, Esq., concerning Insurances, which was referred to the Insurance Committee.

A Report was read from Rev. Jas. Jones, Secretary of Missisquoi District, recommending certain grants in that district. Referred to Lay Committee.

Moved by Col. Wilgress, seconded by Hon. Judge McCord, and Resolved, “That the Secretary of the Society be added to the Convocation Committee.”

Moved by R. S. Tylee, Esq., seconded by Dr. Holmes, and Resolved, “That in future, printed notices be issued by the Assistant secretary, once a year, after the general meeting, to all members of the Central Board, in order to secure a larger attendance. And that he be authorized to provide the requisite circulars; and that the days for the several monthly meetings for the whole year shall be notified in the same.”

The meeting was then closed with prayer.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

CONSECRATION.—On Tuesday the 15th July, the Lord Bishop of this Diocese consecrated and set apart to religious purposes the church in Warwick village, together with the adjacent burial ground. This Church is pleasantly situated on the Egremont Road in the village plot of Warwick. The Church-yard and burial-ground have been enclosed with a neat, substantial, and durable fence;

and the burial-ground has been suitably laid out in side-walks and tiers of lots. The Bishop was met at the entrance of the Church, and after the impressive form of consecration had been attended to, His Lordship declared the Church set apart for religious services for ever under the name of St. Mary's. The Evening Prayers were then read by the clergyman, and an excellent sermon preached by the Bishop; after which several persons were present for confirmation.

CONFIRMATION IN LONDON.—On Sunday the 20th July, our Townspeople were directed to the Church, by the ringing of the first chime of bells in operation in Upper Canada. Many pleasant and painful reflections were occasioned by this event. It drew the mind back to the father land, across the wide Atlantic, and to the days of childhood, when the ear was accustomed to listen to the fine old peal of the “parish church.” Although the bells were not all in operation and those who rang them had long been out of practice, the ringing was very fair; it will doubtless be much improved when the persons who intend to ring them have had sufficient time to practice. The services of the day were exceedingly interesting. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was present for the purpose of administering the rite of confirmation. The Morning Service was read by the worthy Rector, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Boomer, of Galt. A very excellent sermon was preached by the Bishop. The candidates for confirmation, to the number of one hundred and seventeen, were then presented and the solemn rite attended to. The Bishop's address was very pointed, impressive and practical, and was delivered extemporaneously. It will doubtless long be remembered by all present; but more especially by the persons confirmed. The whole of the services of the day were highly interesting and gratifying.—*London Times.*

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, GUELPH.

This interesting ceremony took place on Thursday last. Divine service was performed in the old Church at 3 o'clock p. m. prayers being said by the Rev. J. G. Geddes, of Hamilton, and an appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. M. Boomer, of Galt. The congregation having proceeded to the new site where the corner stone was suspended from a triangle from the top of which floated the Union Jack, the Rev. Arthur Palmer laid the stone with the prescribed formula.

The concluding Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Geddes, the Hundredth Psalm was sung by the assembly, and the Benediction pronounced by the Rector; and three cheers having been given for the Queen, the assemblage broke up, highly gratified with the proceedings. There was a goodly number of persons present which, but for the precarious state of the weather, preventing the farmers from leaving their hay harvest, had been largely augmented.

After the ceremonial, an address to the Rector was read by Sheriff Grange. (Church.)

CHURCH SOCIETY.

Monthly Meeting, August 6, 1851.—The Hon. and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Toronto in the chair:

Grants of books to the value of £2 10s. were made to the Rev. Dr. Lett, the Rev. A. Townley, the Rev. William Greig, for the use of their several parishes or missions; also service books to the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, for four Churches in the Simcoe district.

Whereas it has been stated to the Standing Committee, that proceedings are likely to be instituted to test the validity of certain patents under the great seal of Upper Canada, establishing certain Rectories therein, and that the funds are to be provided by the government to promote such proceedings,

Resolved.—That it be recommended that counsel be retained by the Church Society out of the funds, to defend any suit that may be brought against any incumbent of any Rectory now established. Agreed.

Dr. Bovell was elected a member of the Standing Committee, vice the Hon. J. G. Spragge, elected Vice-President.

The Standing Committee recommend that, subject to the sanction of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, the following Sundays be fixed