

CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Society was held in the Society's Board Room on Wednesday, the 9th May, 1866. Present, Venerable Archdeacon in chair,—Revds. Drs. Beaven, Scadding, Green, McNab, Provost Whitaker, Rev. S. Givins, Revds. F. L. Osler, C. Cartwright, W. S. Darling, J. Hilton, A. Dixon, W. Belt, Dr. Lett, H. C. Cooper, W. Grant, T. P. Hodge, A. Palmer, J. G. Geddes, S. B. Ardagh, H. Brent, E. Baldwin, J. Vicars, Dr. Fuller, N. N. Hebden, A. Broughall, A. Williams, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Arnold, Dr. Read, and Dr. McMurray; Mr. Campbell, of Peterboro' H. O'Brien Esq., W. M. Westmacott, H. Mortimer, R. B. Denison, C. Magrath, H. J. Joseph, W. C. Cumberland, Dr. Steven, Mr. Telfer, E. G. O'Brien, C. Gamble, Esq., J. W. Gamble, Esq., Mr. Moberly.

Prayers were read, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed.

The following Reports were received and read :

1. On Rules of Order, by Ven. the Archdeacon. (*Reserved.*)
2. On Non-Commuting Clergy, by Rev. H. C. Cooper.
3. On compliance with the Widows and Orphans' By-Law, by the Rev. H. C. Cooper.
4. Report of Book and Tract Committee.

The Book and Tract Committee, to whom it was referred to report on the value of the Books and Tracts lately transferred from Mr. Rowsell to the Church Society, and on the best mode of disposing of them, beg to present the following statement.

It was only on Friday last that they received the list of the Books and Tracts, priced throughout, and therefore Monday evening was the first meeting they could hold on the subject.

The Collection consists of :—

1. A set of Miscellaneous books, mostly theological, and containing a small portion of publications of the Christian Knowledge Society.

	£	d.	s.
2. Books and Tracts of that Society.....	164	9	2
3. Bristol Tracts.....	24	8	9
4. Homilies.....	2	13	11

With regard to the first portion, it was not possible to make a satisfactory report without a careful inspection; and consequently the Provost of Trinity College, and the Rev. A. Williams were appointed a sub-committee to examine and report.

With regard to the other three classes, the committee recommend that until the stock be greatly diminished, the books and tracts should be freely used in making grants to the clergy, and that they should be informed through the *Chronicle*, that there is a large supply on hand for distribution.

They likewise recommend that the Book and Tract Committee should be entrusted with the oversight and regulation of the distribution of books and tracts generally, excepting where those to whom grants are made make their selections personally: and for this purpose they would appoint a sub-committee.

They likewise report, that they find it impossible to make a sufficiently methodical arrangement of their stock, either for their own examination, or for the inspection of purchasers, without a considerable addition to the shelves, which they therefore recommend that they should be authorized to erect at the cost of the Society.

Lastly, they venture to suggest that it might simplify action, and save the time of the general board, if the Book and Tract Committee were authorized to receive and decide upon all applications for grants of books and tracts not exceeding \$150 in each year, and consequently if the practice were established of making all such applications directly to that committee.

JAMES BEAVEN, *Chairman.*