

gregation. Here his excellent business qualifications were soon recognized, and he became a member of the select vestry. A few years later, Bishop Mountain, as rector of the Cathedral, appointed Mr. Wurtele rector's warden; he remained so down to the Bishop's death in 1863, and many years after. In 1853, he became a member of the Church Society, and the next year was placed upon the Central Board. The Central Board of the Church Society was, indeed, in those early days, a remarkable body of men—laymen most of them—great merchants and able business men of the City of Quebec, who at the call of the Bishop and clergy, gave up much of their valuable time and their great abilities to the management of the Church's finances. The success of their management is abundantly proved by the fact that of all the funds entrusted to the Church Society during the last fifty years, not one dollar has been lost by bad investment. The economy of the management has also formed a conspicuous feature in its history; the cost from the first has not exceeded two per cent. of the revenue. Very touching evidence was borne to the value to the Church of the services of these gentlemen by the fact that the late saintly Bishop Mountain, on his death bed, desired his son "to convey to the treasurers and members of the Central Board his best thanks for the manner in which they had supported him in the conduct of its operations." The great work of William Wurtele's life as a Churchman was his management as treasurer of the large and important Trust Fund of the diocese. In 1857 the secularization of the clergy reserves was completed, and the sum paid by the Government as commutation handed over to the several Church societies. Quebec received \$56,000 as its share, and this sum was placed under the management of a special committee, with Mr. Wurtele its treasurer. That sum has, largely owing to his splendid management, grown to the value of \$160,000. In the same year the Bishopric Endowment was received from the S.P.G., and entrusted to the same committee. Later on the great movement was begun which resulted in the establishment of the local endowments, which forms so remarkable a feature in the financial success of this diocese, and now amounts to \$120,000. To the care and development of these great funds Mr. Wurtele devoted himself with unflinching zeal. For twenty years the management continued in his hands. The result is thus gratefully acknowledged in the *Jubilee Memoir of the Church Society*: "The wise prudence, sound business ability, and loving care with which Mr. W. G. Wurtele watched over these important funds during the twenty years he held the office of treasurer of the Clergy Trust Committee, ought never to be forgotten by the Diocese of Quebec." But with every effort to increase the effectiveness of the Church's organization, and promote her extension, Mr. Wurtele identified himself. He was from the first a member of the Diocesan Board, to which the Church owes so much. He was also, from the first, one of the Cathedral delegates to the Diocesan Synod, and for many years a delegate to the Provincial Synod. With two events in the history of the diocese it was always a pride and pleasure to him that he was most intimately associated; indeed they both originated with him—the celebration of Bishop George Mountain's Jubilee in 1862, and the joint celebration of the Centenary of the Diocese and the Jubilee of its Church Society in 1893. Into these celebrations Mr. Wurtele threw himself with all his heart, and no one had so large a share as he in working out the details of the first of them. One important feature in the centenary celebration, certainly the feature most to the honour of the diocese, was the voluntary surrender of the S.P.G. grant of \$4,500 a year. The proposal originated with Mr. Wurtele, and that it was carried, in the end, unanimously, may be fairly said to be due to him, to the enthusiasm, persistency and deep religious spirit in which he pressed the surrender as a sacred duty upon the diocese. Mr. Wurtele was a devout Christian, a loyal and warm-hearted Churchman, always in his place in the house of God, and at the table of the Lord. When the end drew near he calmly prepared himself for it. He was conscious to the last, and his end was peace. Happy is the Church and diocese that numbers

among its leading laity men of such true devotion, of such firm faith, and of such a deeply religious spirit as was William Godfrey Wurtele.

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## Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

### QUEBEC.

The Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society met in the Cathedral Church Hall, Quebec, on Wednesday, Oct. 10th. 1894, at 10 o'clock a.m.

There were present, from the Diocese of Fredericton: Rev. Canon Forsyth and A. P. Tippet, Esq. Montreal: Rev. G. Osborne Troop. Niagara: The Lord Bishop. Nova Scotia: The Lord Bishop. Ontario: The Archdeacon of Kingston, Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, R. V. Rogers, Esq., Q.C. Quebec: The Archdeacon of Quebec, Rev. Canon Von Iffland, Captain Carter. Toronto: The Lord Bishop, G. B. Kirkpatrick, Esq.; also Rev. Canon Mockridge, D.D., secretary-treasurer.

All the dioceses were represented, except Huron and Algoma.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto presided, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting of the board having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

It was resolved that a committee, consisting of the Bishops of Toronto and Niagara and the secretary-treasurer, be appointed to draw up the annual report. That the secretary-treasurer be instructed to close his accounts absolutely on the 31st day of July in each year, and that the treasurers of the respective dioceses be notified that no moneys or vouchers received by them after that date will be included in the statement for the year, and that a copy of this resolution shall be sent annually to the diocesan treasurers before the first day of June; that copies of the financial statement, as well as of the annual report required by by-law IX., be transmitted in future to members of the board at the time the circulars calling the October meeting are issued; that the board having heard the correspondence between Rev. F. H. DuVernet and the secretary-treasurer respecting the formation of a Canadian branch of the Church Missionary Society of England, are pleased to instruct their secretary-treasurer to receive from that association contributions for missionary purposes, or vouchers for contributions, and to transmit the same (in the case of money) to the objects designated by it; that the amount on hand for domestic missions be distributed as follows:

Algoma, for general work.....	\$1,300 00
" Indian homes.....	747 48
Qu'Appelle.....	750 00
New Westminster.....	300 00
Athabasca.....	150 00
Mackenzie River.....	150 00
Moosonee.....	256 41
Saskatchewan and Calgary.....	147 35

And for foreign missions:

New Westminster, for Chinese.....	513 11
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And the balance in the proportion as heretofore authorized, with the result as follows:

S. P. G. ....	\$1,007 81
C. M. S. ....	755 86
C. & C. Church Society.....	251 96
S. P. C. K. ....	251 96

In the evening a missionary meeting was held in Tara Hall, and effective addresses delivered by the Lord Bishops of Niagara and Nova Scotia, and Rev. G. Osborne Troop. The net collection amounted to \$11.12.

Reports of committees were read as follows:

(1) Regarding the proposed buildings in Japan: power was given to the committee to continue.

(2) Regarding the Himalaya correspondence: the report adopted, leaving the matter in abeyance.

(3) The incorporation of the society; committee to continue.

(4) The secretary-treasurer read his report and financial statement.

The Epiphany Appeal and Children's Lenten Letter were read, amended and accepted.

The following was directed to be sent as a letter to the clergy with the Epiphany Appeal:

DEAR BRETHREN,—As Bishops of the Church in this ecclesiastical province, we charge you to read to all the congregations under your care the accompanying appeal in aid of foreign missions, prepared and adopted by the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. We have to ask the clergy in our several dioceses to bear in mind that no discretion is left to them as to whether they may withhold this appeal. The appeal is addressed to the members of all our con-

gregations by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Bishop of each diocese enjoins it upon all his clergy to convey it, on the Sunday appointed, to their respective congregations.

It was resolved that the Board of Management of the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society appreciate and reciprocate the greetings of the Woman's Auxiliary in its Provincial Board now assembled; that they desire to avail themselves of the request for suggestions to submit for careful consideration by the Woman's Auxiliary in all its branches the practical question as the effect upon the Church's mission funds and operations of the very general appropriation to particular objects by the Woman's Auxiliary of the funds collected by them, instead of permitting the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, which has before them full and definite information as to the whole field and all its claims, to apply and appropriate the Church's mission funds.

The Dean of Montreal and Rev. G. Osborne Troop were appointed to prepare the Ascensiontide Appeal.

A letter was read from Dr. Walter C. Belt, desiring to work as a medical missionary.

It was resolved that the Board of Management inform Dr. Belt that the funds at their disposal do not permit of their entertaining at present the proposal to send out any medical missionary to the foreign field; that the secretary-treasurer be requested to obtain from the S.P.G. and C.M.S. and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the United States, full information as to their arrangements and action in sending medical missionary laymen into any part of the foreign field.

It was resolved that the secretary-treasurer do convey to Rev. J. G. Waller the assurance of the sympathy of the Board of Management with him and his wife in their exposure to the cold of a Japanese winter in such a house as he has described in his late letter, and their regret that they can see no way in which they can aid in protecting him and his family until the law of Japan admits of the tenure of property by foreigners, and do further express the readiness of the board to consider any suggestions which Mr. Waller may desire to submit to them.

It was resolved that the Board of Management respectfully draws the attention of all the Bishops of diocesan officers to the fact that all funds collected for and by this board are for foreign and domestic missions, and that it is not competent for anyone to apply such funds to any other purpose, and that the expenses for which diocesan secretary-treasurers are allowed under Resolution XIV. to retain any portion of the money collected in their several dioceses are unavoidable expenses, and do not include such outlay as that for the travelling expenses of clergymen or laymen attending the meetings of the board or for any other purpose, save and except the ordinary small disbursements connected with correspondence and the transmission of money and the careful record of it.

A motion asking for a committee to be appointed to secure, if possible, the services of an honorary general-secretary and an honorary general-treasurer for appointment at the meeting to be held in Montreal in September, 1895, the committee to report progress at the next meeting of the board, was lost.

It was resolved that the Bishop of Toronto, or Rev. Canon Cayley, be requested, and are hereby authorized, to countersign checks drawn by the secretary-treasurer, and that the banks be notified that all checks must be countersigned by either the Bishop of Toronto or Rev. Canon Cayley.

SHERBROOKE.—The Rev. Canon Thornloe, rector of St. Peter's Church, Sherbrooke, last year conceived the happy idea of having annual conferences of the Church workers in his parish. The first meeting was a most successful and instructive one; but the one held this year on Oct. 18th was even more so. The object of the conferences is to increase the interest of those engaged in the work by discussing methods, opportunities, etc., and getting a better insight into the work and needs of the parish generally. At this year's meeting a fair number of the members of the congregation of St. Peter's and the Church of the Advent, as well as many from the outlying parts of the parish, were in attendance. The meeting was opened with a hymn and prayers, after which the reports of the various organizations were read and discussed, viz., the Sunday-school, Woman's Auxiliary, C. E. Temperance Society, etc. Papers on the following subjects were afterwards read: "How to increase the heartiness of our services," by A. Dorey, Esq.; "The missionary work and needs of our parish," by J. N. Hunter, Esq.; "The duty of young men to their Church," by J. P. Wells, Esq. The papers, which were very interesting, were warmly received and very highly commended by the members of the conference. A scheme to provide funds for the building of the new St. Peter's Church was also brought before the meeting; and plans of the new