

them and inducing them to dwell at peace with the British Colonists. But they cannot do it because we are using the funds needed, in Canada. He blushed, as a Canadian by birth, to think that they were accepting the alms taken from the pockets of many poor people as well as rich in England, people bound down under a heavy burden of taxation, while we are free from it. We talk largely about what a great people we are going to be; we talk loudly about taking upon us an independent national existence, yet we consent to receive this charitable allowance from the Mother Country for the support of our Church, which we are so well able to support for ourselves! Nay, we go farther, and with singular hypocrisy profess to be charitable. We take a portion of the money thus sent to us—and only a portion—out of our pockets, and putting it upon a subscription list for the sick and wounded soldiers in the Crimea, and the widows and orphans of the killed, call upon an admiring world to admire our generosity! He hoped this blot on our fair fame would, ere many years, nay, many months, were passed, be wiped out. Other Dioceses had announced their intention of giving up the grant of the Society, and he had read an account of a clergyman in New Brunswick who had given up half his stipend, and another in Sydney who had given it all up, because they felt it their duty to call upon their own congregations, who were well able to afford it to support them. These were examples we should ponder upon. He would end as he began, however much cause they might have for mortification and humiliation at their own short-comings, they had cause for gratitude, as stated in the resolution, that Churchmen generally had done so much in the good cause of Missions.

His Lordship put the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

The Rev. Professor Thompson moved the next resolution, which he read as follows:

"That this meeting has learned with satisfaction that more systematic efforts have been successfully made in the Diocese, and the city especially, by which the increased demand upon the Society's funds, owing to the commutation of the Clergy Reserves, will be met without delay, and is happy to perceive that the Sister Societies in the Diocese of B. N. America have like cause for thankfulness in an improved condition of their funds."

After some preliminary remarks, which were not distinctly audible to the reporter, the Rev. gentleman alluded to the peculiarity of the situation of the Church of England in Lower Canada, and the better manner in which it was provided for in Upper Canada. In Lower Canada they were hemmed in by Roman Catholics on one side, and the United States on another, while a considerable portion of the population was so mixed, that it was difficult to bring it within the fold of the Church. He contended that the Church wanted more men to do its work. He next showed at some length the efforts made by Trinity Church of New York to promote the spiritual welfare of immigrants, and argued that its example might be advantageously followed. He continued to make some general remarks, and concluded by expressing the hope that the Synod to be held the next day might be characterized by Christian clarity.

Rev. Canon Townsend seconded the resolution. He felt a degree of humiliation that the efforts made by the country had not equalled those made by Montreal; but even in Montreal it appeared, from the remarks of Messrs Moffat and Chamberlain, that Churchmen had not done their duty. He nevertheless held that they

should be thankful for the contributions that had been made, while they spared no exertions for the future. A collection was then about to be taken up, and as out of the abundance of the heart the mouth spoke, he hoped that out of the liberality of the heart the hands would give.

The resolution was here put and carried, and a collection taken up, which amounted to £23.

The Rev. E. DuVernet then moved:

"That the thanks of the meeting be given to the Members of the Central Board, who have kindly assisted in carrying on the work of the Society, and to the officers for their services during the past year."

He contended that the resolution should receive the hearty support of the meeting for those who gave their time at the least deserved thanks. He next dilated on the importance of Missionary labor. Every member of the Church had work to do, and should do his duty.

J. Armstrong, Esq., seconded the motion. In reference to remarks that had been made that evening that the members of the Church had not contributed enough, he still thought it right to say that they had done a great deal. It must be remembered that a great deal of money had been spent in building Churches and Parsonages. It had been stated that the members of the Church in the Diocese numbered 30000; but it must be remembered that many of those were unable to contribute much. Many of them lived in sparsely settled portions of the country, which were not very favorable for forming operations. He expressed hearty concurrence in the remarks made by the gentleman who bore the honored name of Moffat in reference to the scanty stipends allowed to clergymen. Many of them were expected to live like gentlemen on £100 a-year; and they were generally the first applied to for charity.

The Bishop having left the chair, the Hon. George Moffat was called to it; and the Rev. Mr. Davidson moved a vote of thanks to his Lordship for his kindness in presiding on the occasion. He stated that in leaving the Methodists to take orders in the Church, he had not found it necessary to change his theological doctrines. He showed how closely connected great Methodist authorities, from Wesley downwards, were with the Church of England. The Wesleyan Ministers of British America he described as a laborious and self-denying set of men, who reached a class of mind in the country that others might fail to do. In reference to the gentleman mentioned by Mr. Moffat as having amassed a fortune, who was too poor to study for the Church in his youth, he stated that he hoped he would give an earnest of his youthful predilection, by now making a handsome donation to the Society. In reference to the subject of his resolution the Rev. gentleman expressed his high sense of admiration for the Bishop, and his fitness for all places, and occasions.

The Rev. Canon Leach seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously amid cheering.

His Lordship expressed thanks for the manner in which his name had been received; and took the occasion further to say, that after what he had heard that evening, he felt something like Clive on his return from India, who, although he had brought with him great wealth, when he was reproached for the manner in which he had obtained it, expressed astonishment at the moderation when he reflected upon what he had left behind. When he heard Messrs. Moffat and Chamberlain state the great sums that ought to be received from the Society, he felt surprised at his own moderation in only asking for £1,600

last year, which, however, had not been obtained. He would be content first to obtain that sum before he asked for more. The statements made by Messrs. Moffat and Chamberlain were worthy of all consideration. They were made by clear headed men, engaged in business pursuits, and he might add, he believed of good heart too, who he knew had taken time in the midst of their daily and busy avocations to examine the subject on which they spoke. He thus laid stress on their statements, because it was too much the habit to take those of Clergymen as a matter of course. He hoped others would follow their example and examine for themselves.

After further remarks The Lord Bishop pronounced the benediction, and the meeting separated.

### RUPERT'S LAND.

ORDINATION.—On Tuesday, January 1st 1856, the Bishop held an ordination in St. John's Church, Red River, when Mr. Henry George, Church Missionary Society catechist at Fort Alexander, was ordained Deacon; and the Rev. James Setter, Church Missionary Society of Swan River, and the Rev. West Kirkby, master of the model training school, St. Andrew's, were ordained Priests.

### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

#### NOTICES.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto will hold his Triennial Visitation of the Clergy of the Diocese in the Cathedral Church, at Toronto, on Wednesday, the 16th of April next.

Divine Service to commence at 11 o'clock.

The Clergy are requested to appear in their black robes.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto has summoned a meeting of the Synod in the St. James's Cathedral Church, Toronto, on Thursday, the 17th April next, to take into consideration various matters affecting the welfare of the Church.

#### NOTICE.

##### CHURCH SOCIETY DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The collection in behalf of the Theological Students' Fund is appointed to be taken up in the month of April. The Society's books close on the 30th April. As it is of the greatest importance to the well being of the Society, that order and punctuality should pervade all its branches, collections and subscriptions should be sent in prior to the above date.

#### CHURCH MEETING.

According to public notice, a meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., to take into consideration the propriety of building an English Church in this Village. After prayers, the Rev. Wm. Bleasdel, as chairman, addressed the meeting in an