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THE CANADIAN ECCLESIASTICAL GAZETTE.



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QUEBEC, MARCH 13, 1851.

[No. 10.]

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC. CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the St. Francis District Association was held on the 29th January, in the town of Sherbrooke, and was attended by most of the Clergy of the District, as well as a large number of the members of the Society resident in Sherbrooke and vicinity. The chair was taken by the Rev. L. Doolittle, chairman (*ex officio*) of the District.

The business of the Meeting having been opened with the prayers appointed to be used at all meetings of the Society and of its several Associations, the Rev. Chairman delivered an appropriate address, and the Secretary of the Association read the Committee's Report of the past year's proceedings, from which it appeared that the sums contributed within the District towards objects contemplated by the Society amounted to about £890—including, however, about £200 previously reported—making for the year 1850 an amount of about £690, that of the preceding year having been £534 3s. 9d.—The Report touched briefly on the recent division of the old Diocese of Quebec and on some other matters of general interest—but was chiefly occupied with details of information and returns from the missions of Staunton, Hatley, Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, Bury, Eaton, and Dudswell—the other missions of the District having failed to transmit their local reports.

The reading of the Report was followed by the passing of a series of Resolutions, which are given below, introduced by their movers or seconders with appropriate remarks and explanations.

In the course of the evening the Rev. Secretary of the Parent Society, who had preached the sermon in the morning, at Lennoxville, where Divine Service was held preparatory to the Annual Meeting at Sherbrooke in the evening, addressed the meeting eloquently on the subject of the principles, objects, and past proceedings of the Society, advocating in a very effective manner its claims upon the clergy and laity of the Diocese for confidence, support, and hearty co-operation.

Office-bearers for the year 1851 having been appointed, the business of the meeting was closed with the benediction by the Chairman.

1. Moved by Wm. Ritchie, Esq., seconded by Dr. Johnstone;

"That the Report just read be adopted, and that the Secretary of the Association be requested to transmit an abstract of it to the Secretary of the Parent Society."

2. Moved by S. Gzowski, Esq., seconded by G. F. Bowen, Esq.;

"That this Meeting humbly desires to record its gratitude to the Giver of all good for the measure of success vouchsafed during the past year to the Parent Society and to this Association."

3. Moved by Rev. J. Kemp, seconded by A. Woodward, Esq.;

"That the Members of this Association are deeply sensible of the necessity of increased exertion in behalf of the objects of our Church Society, owing to the recent division of the Diocese and the formation of a distinct Society in

the new See of Montreal, comprehending, as the latter does, the more populous and wealthier portion of the old Diocese."

4. Moved by the Rev. G. Ross, seconded by Professor Chapman;

"That this Meeting hail with satisfaction and with confident hopes of increased stability and usefulness of the Church in Canada the recent division of the old Diocese of Quebec, and its erection into the two Sees of Quebec and Montreal—and desires to tender its cordial and devout wishes for the success of the new Church Society in the latter Diocese."

5. Moved by Rev. C. P. Reid, seconded by Rev. J. Dalziel;

"That this Association feels bound to reiterate its grateful recognition of the claims of the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, as well upon the gratitude of all churchmen in this Province, as upon their active co-operation in preparing for the period when of necessity they will have to depend upon themselves for the means of sustaining the Church in Canada."

6. Moved by Rev. W. Wickes, seconded by Rev. H. Burrage;

"That an Incorporated Association formed on the principles of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec, affords the most efficient means accessible to churchmen in the Diocese of furthering the permanent interests of our Church—and that it is the duty of all churchmen in the Diocese heartily to assist in carrying out its important objects."

7. Moved by Professor Miles, seconded by Hy. Elkins;

"That a Committee be appointed to revise the Rules and Bye-Laws of this Association—consisting of Rev. J. H. Nicolls, Chairman; Rev. C. P. Reid, G. F. Bowen, Esq., Hollis Smith, Esq., and the Secretary of the Association; and that the Secretary of the Parent Society be invited to co-operate: the Committee to report to a meeting of the Association to be held on the last Wednesday in May."

8. Moved by the Rev. Principal Nicolls, seconded by Rev. T. S. Chapman;

"That this Meeting, while it disclaims all sympathy with the more violent expressions of feeling which have been exhibited in many parts of the mother country, feels itself called upon to respond to the feelings of indignation expressed by all members of the Church in England, at the late act of aggression on the part of Papal Rome, whereby the Royal supremacy has been assailed, and the existence of our Church, as a branch of the Church Universal, virtually denied."

9. Moved by W. C. Willis, Esq., seconded by J. Paddon, Esq.;

"That the thanks of this Meeting be tendered to the office-bearers of the Association, for their services during the past year."

10. Moved by Rev. C. P. Reid, seconded by Rev. H. Burrage;

"That the following gentlemen be requested to act as office bearers, during the ensuing year:—

H. Miles, Esq.—Secretary.

G. F. Bowen, Esq.—Treasurer.

Rev. L. Doolittle, and Honble. E. Hale—Auditors.

Committee—The Clergy of the District, Hon. E. Hale, Col. Morris, J. Felton, Esq., E. Elliott, Esq., A. G. Woodward, Esq., Professor Chapman, J. B. Johnstone, M. D., H. Smith, Esq., R. Morkill, Esq., H. Elkins, Esq., Sen., J. B. Paddon, Esq., W. C. Willis, Esq.

Statement of Monies received for the Incorporated Church Society.
GENERAL FUND.

Donations and Subscriptions per Miss F. Tremain,.....	£2	3	7½
Do. per Miss Mason,.....	4	11	¾
Interest on Government Debentures per £50,.....	1	10	0
Quinquagesima Collection in the Cathedral,.....	60	13	9
Do. Chapel of Holy Trinity,.....	3	19	9
Do. St. Matthew's Chapel,.....	5	15	0
Do. St. Peter's Chapel,.....	2	10	4
Do. Rectory Chapel,.....	1	5	3
Do. Portneuf Mission,.....	2	0	0
Do. at Rivière du Loup, en bas,.....	0	11	3
Do. Kingsey and Upper Durham,.....	2	12	¾
	£87	11	7½

Fund for Widows and Orphans of the Clergy.

Interest on Government Debentures per £200,.....	£6	0	0
Do. Five Debentures per £200 purchased in part for Orphans of the late Rev. R. Anderson,.....	6	0	0
Interest on Government Debenture per £100,.....	3	0	0

W. BENNETT,

Treas. In. Ch. Society.

Quebec, 10th March, 1851.

PARISH OF QUEBEC.—Female Orphan Asylum.—The 22nd Anniversary Meeting, in commemoration of the foundation of this excellent Institution, was held in the National School Room, on the 5th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, together with most of the Parochial Clergy, Ladies of the Committee, and a large number of the friends of the Institution were present. The usual selections from scripture and prayers having been read by the Rev. Official Mackie, D. D., an address was delivered by the Bishop, after which an appropriate hymn was sung by the Orphans, in a very pleasing manner. The neat, healthy and happy appearance of the children, who were present to the number of 25 (exclusive of some who had formerly been inmates of the Asylum) was an evidence of the care and kindness which are bestowed upon them. In the course of his Address, his Lordship bore his testimony to the persevering zeal of the Ladies of the Committee, as well as to the conscientious manner in which the Matron of the Asylum and the Mistress of the School discharge their respective duties. In both these departments the highest satisfaction is given to those concerned in the management of the Institutions. The total number of Orphans admitted into the Asylum since its foundation in 1829 is 116.

MISSION OF CAPE COVE.—District of Gaspé.—We regret to state that on the 27th January, the dwelling of the Rev. R. Short, Missionary of the S. P. G., at this place, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with a quantity of clothing, furniture, saddlery, grain, and a winter's stock of vegetables. No part of the property having been insured, the loss will be very severely felt by Mr. Short (who was proprietor of the house): but it is gratifying to learn that on the following day a meeting of the Parishioners was held, at which resolutions expressive of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Short, and of a determination to render all the assistance in their power in repairing the loss, were unanimously passed. It was also resolved that the proceedings of the meeting should be made known throughout the District, and the Clergy and other leading inhabitants requested to use their influence to procure donations towards the fund proposed to be raised upon the spot. Mr. Short had but very recently completed the building of his house, and that this had not been accomplished without considerable difficulty and severe

exertions, it is needless, from the too well known circumstances of the Canadian Clergy, to state.

Donations from any persons who may be disposed to assist in this undertaking will be gladly received by the Rev. Armine Mountain, Quebec.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

CONSECRATION OF HENRYVILLE CHURCH.—The Church, recently completed, at this place was consecrated on the 4th February by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, in the course of a tour which his Lordship undertook through the parishes and missions south of Montreal. The Bishop had visited St. John, Farnham, Dunham, Frelighsburgh, Philipsburgh, and Clarenceville, at all of which places his Lordship preached. At Henryville about 250 persons assembled to take part in the ceremony of consecration, and eleven clergymen from the surrounding parishes were present. The petition of the Rector and congregation for the consecration having been read, the usual forms were gone through. The Rector of the parish, Rev. M. Townsend, said the prayers, the lessons being read by the Rev. Joseph Scott, M. A., Rector of Dunham, and the sermon was preached by the Bishop. The adjacent burial-ground was afterwards consecrated.

In the evening of the same day the Annual Meeting of the Richelieu District Association of the Church Society was held at St. John, presided over by the Bishop. The report exhibited a steady increase of the efforts made to carry on the objects of the Society. Resolutions were moved and seconded by the Rev. Messrs. Armstrong, Townsend, Bancroft, Gavin, Harnsel, Scott, Fulton and Lonsdell, Major Macdougall, Capt. Vaughan and Messrs. Macrea and Seymour. The attendance at this Meeting was large, and considerable interest was manifested in the proceedings.

We are indebted to the Montreal Herald for the following account of the Bishop's tour after leaving St. John.

His Lordship arrived on the 5th ult. at Lacolle, and, after preaching there on the 6th, left in company with the Rev. C. Morice for Hemmingford—the Mission of the Rev. J. M'Keown—passing through and visiting the stations of Napierville and Sherington.

At Hemmingford His Lordship was most kindly entertained by Col. Schriver, and on Sunday, the 9th ult., although the weather was very unfavourable, and the roads almost impassable, from heavy snow drifts, he proceeded a distance of three miles to preach at the New Church, and to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

In the afternoon His Lordship again preached in the Chapel at Hemmingford Village, the congregations not numbering more than about sixty and one hundred and twenty respectively, owing to the bad state of the roads.

On the next morning, His Lordship, attended by the Rev. Messrs. M'Keown and Fulton, and Messrs. Johnson and Wilton, Church Wardens, left for St. Remi, and at Mannach's corner met a number of the inhabitants, whom His Lordship addressed on the subject of a new Church about to be erected there. After viewing the site, His Lordship proceeded to Norton Creek, the residence of the Rev. E. G. Sutton, and was occupied during the two following days in visiting this Mission, in which he preached twice.

On Thursday evening His Lordship went to Russelltown, and preached there on the following day to a congregation of about two hundred.

On Saturday morning His Lordship proceeded to visit Huntingdon and Durham, and returned to Montreal by way of Beauharnois, where he stayed some time with Col. Brown.

Throughout His Lordship's tour, but one feeling was manifested, that of respect and esteem, which His Lordship elicited by his kind and unaffected bearing.

DIOCESAN FEMALE SCHOOL.—This Institution is shortly to be opened under the charge of Mrs. Roles, who has just arrived from England. Full information may be obtained by application to the Rev. John Irwin, 30, St. Louis Street, Montreal, or the Rev. J. Flanagan, Lachine.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

(From the Church Times)

MEETING OF CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES.

A number of the Clergy of the Church from various parts of the Province, have assembled at the Capital, pursuant to a circular from the Venble. the Archdeacon, requesting their presence to consult upon the important matters contained in the Letter of the Archbishop of Canterbury; and also with a view to their attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society. Lay Delegates also have been appointed by many of the country Parishes, to meet with and assist the Clergy in their deliberations; and also to represent the Local Branches of the Diocesan Church Society, at the Annual Meeting.

On 28th Jan. there was a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Church Society, when various matters connected with the Annual General Meeting on Monday, and the future government of the Society, were disposed of. Several Clergymen from the country were present.

There was Divine Service at St. Paul's on Wednesday, after which the Clergy met at the residence of the Venble. the Archdeacon. In the afternoon the Clergy and Delegates met at the National School, to organize themselves into a deliberative assembly, when the Venble. the Archdeacon having opened the Meeting with prayer, Rev. E. Gilpin was appointed Secretary to the Meeting.

The Venble. the Archdeacon then, in a short address, alluded to the importance of the occasion on which they were assembled; the most important, with reference to the Church in this Diocese, which he had ever known—he referred to the Letter of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, as pointing to him the course which he had pursued, of calling the Clergy and Laity together,—and read the Letter, to show to those who might not have made themselves acquainted with its contents the object which they would have to keep in view in their deliberations.

The following Resolution was then passed,—

Resolved,—That the Members of the Church have liberty to attend the deliberations of the Convocation, and if desirous of expressing their opinions, be invited to do so. It was then

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to frame Resolutions upon the matter more particularly before the Meeting, as contained in the Letter of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

It was also

Resolved,—That the Rev. J. Robertson, the Rev. J. Cochran, the Rev. C. Elliot, the Rev. T. C. Leaver, J. Ritchie, Esq., E. H. Cutler, Esq., S. P. Freeman, Esq., do form a Committee for that purpose.

The Meeting then adjourned until 12, noon, on Thursday, and was dismissed by the Archdeacon, pronouncing the blessing.

The Meeting assembled on Thursday, at the National School, pursuant to adjournment. The Chief Justice, Judge Bliss, Hon. H. H. Cogswell, Hon. Mather B. Almon, A. M. Uniacke, Esq., H. Pryor, Esq., and other influential members of the Church were present. After Prayers the Meeting proceeded to business.

The Committee appointed on Wednesday reported a series of Resolutions, which formed subjects of discussion, and were passed as follows:—

I. *Resolved*, That whilst we deeply lament the demise of our late revered and beloved Diocesan, which has called forth the communication of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury; the grateful thanks of the members of our Church, both Lay and Clerical, are due to His Grace, for his care and anxious attention to our spiritual interest, as manifest in his late Letter to the Archdeacon and Clergy of the Diocese.

II. *Resolved*, That practical measures be adopted for carrying out, in the most efficient manner, our Metropolitan's suggestions and recommendations.

III. *Resolved*, That these practical measures consist of the following.

1st. Energetic and zealous advocacy by the Clergy and Laity,

in every Parish throughout the Diocese, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions and donations to the Nova Scotia Bishopric Endowment Fund, and that no delay may take place, a subscription for that purpose be forthwith opened in Halifax.

2nd. That the Clergy and Laity of P. E. Island be invited to adopt measures to co-operate with us to carry out the object we have in hand.

3rd. The services of a Committee of general superintendence and correspondence in Halifax, for the purpose of giving and receiving information.

4th. Instructions to such Committee to find out the titles of any Episcopal property that may be available within the Diocese for the purpose of an Episcopal residence; and to consult with the Committee of the Colonial Bishops' Fund in England, as to the best mode of investment.

5th. That a Committee be appointed to draft a Reply to the Archbishop's Letter embodying the substance of these Resolutions.

Moved by the Rev. J. Snyder, and seconded by H. S. Jost, Esq.

IV. *Resolved*. That this Committee expresses its opinion that the salary of the future Bishop of Nova Scotia be fixed at about £800 sterling, with a residence.

It was then

Resolved, That the following Gentlemen be the Committee of general superintendence and correspondence:—

The Venble. the Archdeacon, Chairman; Honble. The Chief Justice; Honble. Mr. Justice Bliss; Rev. F. Uniacke; Rev. G. Morris; Rev. W. Bullock; Honble. M. B. Almon; Honble. H. H. Cogswell; J. W. Ritchie, Esq.

Moved by the Rev. J. Robertson, seconded by Rev. W. Bullock.

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the Committee of Correspondence to mention to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, a feeling among Churchmen in this Diocese, that some measures be adopted for securing to them some voice in the nomination of their Chief Pastor, after the present vacancy shall have been filled up, and to solicit his counsel with regard to the best means of regulating generally the Ecclesiastical and temporal interests of the Church.

It was moved and seconded and passed, that the Rev. J. Robertson, Rev. J. C. Cochran, Rev. T. C. Leaver, and J. Ritchie, Esq., be a Committee for drafting a reply to the Archbishop of Canterbury's Letter.

The meeting was then adjourned (after the blessing from the Chairman,) until 12 noon, on Friday.

FRIDAY, JAN. 31st.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates re-assembled in the National School this day at 12, noon.

The Venble. the ARCHDEACON in the Chair.

After Prayers, the Roll was called, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Reply to the Archbishop's Letter, reported that they had drafted the following Answer:

"May it please Your Grace,—

"We, the Archdeacon and Clergy of Nova Scotia, now assembled in Halifax to deliberate on the important matters which have been submitted to our consideration in your Grace's Letter of 1st December last, cannot separate and return again to our homes, without expressing in the most cordial manner our grateful thanks for the care and anxious attention to our spiritual interests which are manifested in that communication.

"Deeply impressed as we are with the importance of the present juncture in the history of our Provincial Church, and fully aware of the nature of our present condition, we are yet much comforted and encouraged by the expressions of kindness and promise which you address to us.

"As it has been our earnest wish to give immediate efficiency to your Grace's suggestions and recommendations, we have called in to our aid the assistance of such of the Lay Members of the

Church as felt anxious to give us active cooperation in our efforts to carry into effect the practical measures that may be thought necessary in the present contingency.

"With their help, and under the guidance of the Spirit of Grace, we hope to call forth the zeal and liberality of all the members of the Church in the Diocese; so that whatever may be done, according to our means, it may be done effectually.

"It shall be our anxious endeavour to adopt with the least possible delay, within our respective parishes, such means of practical tendency as may seem best calculated to accomplish the object we have in view.

"A Committee of correspondence and general superintendence has been established in Halifax, who possess the full confidence of the Meeting, and who will form a medium of communication between England and Nova Scotia, for forwarding in the most efficient manner, the desire of the Church as expressed in a meeting of the Clergy and Laity that has been recently held.

"We have only to say further, that we have been unanimous in every measure of importance that has been discussed and matured in the present meeting; and we have so long enjoyed the blessing of unanimity and harmony under the prudent, mild, and parental rule of our late lamented Diocesan, that we cannot but earnestly implore your Grace to use your utmost exertions in the selection of a successor to the See, to send us one like-minded with him, of ardent zeal and piety, of proved attachment to the doctrines and discipline of our Reformed Church, and altogether free from any extreme opinions, tending either toward superstitious errors on the one hand, or latitudinarianism on the other.

"In conclusion, permit us to solicit your Grace's prayers to our Divine Head, for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Church in this remote portion of your extensive charge.

"We beg leave to subscribe ourselves, dutifully and respectfully, your Grace's faithful servants in the Lord."

It was moved by the Rev. F. Uniacke,

"That the Report of the Committee be received."

Which was seconded by the Rev. J. M. Campbell, and passed unanimously.

After some discussion it was moved by the Revd. E. Gilpin.

"That the Letter prepared and submitted by the Committee be adopted by the Meeting as their reply to the Letter of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury."

Which was seconded by E. H. Cutler Esq., and passed unanimously.

The Rev. E. Gilpin then moved the following Resolution.

"Resolved, That the Clergy and Lay Delegates of this Diocese cannot separate without renewing their expression of gratitude to the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, for the measureless benefits of which they have been the instruments to the Church among us, and to implore at the same time the continuance of their guidance and support under the circumstances in which we are now placed by the death of our late most honored Bishop."

Which was seconded by S. S. Thorne, Esq., M.P.P., and passed unanimously.

It was moved by the Rev. J. Robertson, that it be

"Resolved, That the Clergy and Lay Delegates of this Diocese cannot separate without expressing their gratitude to the Venerable Society for P. C. K. for the many benefits which the Church in this Diocese has so often experienced at their hands."

Which was seconded by S. P. Fairbanks, Esq. and passed unanimously.

It was moved by the Rev. W. Godfrey.

"Resolved, That the Corresponding Committee be requested to transmit to the Society P. G. F. and to the Society P. C. K. a copy of this and all other proceedings passed at this meeting."

Which was seconded by H. S. Jost, Esq. and passed unanimously.

It was moved by the Rev. J. M. Campbell,

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Committee appointed to frame Resolutions, and also the Committee appointed to prepare a Reply to the Letter of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, for the able and satisfactory

manner in which they have performed the duties entrusted to them."

Which was seconded by the Rev. E. Gilpin, and passed unanimously.

After the appointment of a Treasurer for the fund, and some other routine business, the Meeting was dismissed with the Blessing from the Venble. the Archdeacon.

DIOCESAN CHURCH SOCIETY.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Church Society, was held at the Temperance Hall, on Monday evening, Feb. 3.

The Venble. the ARCHDEACON took the Chair at 7 o'clock.

The Meeting was opened by singing two verses of the 100th Psalm, and with prayer by the Rev. R. F. Uniacke.

The Venble. the ARCHDEACON then called attention to the objects of the Meeting, and requested the Secretary to read the Report.

After the Report had been read, the following Resolutions were proposed.

1. Moved by the Honble. the Chief Justice, seconded by the Rev. J. Robertson.

Resolved, That the Report now read be received, printed, and circulated under the direction of the Standing Committee.

2. Moved by the Rev. J. C. Cochran, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Justice Bliss.

Resolved, That the General Meeting of this Society adopt the Resolutions passed by the Standing Committee relative to the eminent character and services of our late Bishop, and the loss which this Diocese and his family have sustained in his removal, and we at the same time acknowledge the urgent necessity for the immediate appointment of a Bishop of this Diocese, as recommended in the late Letter from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Archdeacon and Clergy.

3. Moved by the Rev. H. L. Owen, seconded by the Rev. W. Godfrey.

Resolved, That we desire again to record our gratitude to Almighty God for that measure of success which has attended our own efforts; and for the still greater success which has been accorded to the kindred Societies in the neighbouring Provinces.

4. Moved by the Rev. C. Elliott, seconded by J. J. Marshall, Esq.

Resolved, That this Society would express its growing conviction of the advantages arising from a direction of its funds and exertions towards the support of Missionaries in this Diocese.

The Doxology was then sung, and the Venble. the ARCHDEACON dismissed the Assembly with the Apostolic benediction.

The Collection taken after the passage of the 4th Resolution, realized £21 17s. 10d. The assemblage was much larger than upon any previous occasion.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

CHURCH SOCIETY

(From the *New Brunswick Churchman*.)

On Tuesday, January 21st, the Clergy and Lay Deputies assembled in general committee, at the Trinity Church Sunday School room, St. John, N. B., the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, President of the Society, in the chair.

The Secretary read the Reports of the Local Committees and of the Missionaries aided by the Society, containing much interesting matter respecting the progress of the Church, and expressive of the general interest taken in the welfare of the Church Society. They show that the contributions to the different objects of the Society exceed those of the preceding year.

The Auditors' Report was then read, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. It appears by it that the amount belonging to the Society in loans and cash up to the 31st December, 1850, is

£1288 14 9

The committee then proceeded to divide among the several objects the sums, which after enquiry appeared to be available,

making on this and the succeeding evening the following appropriations, viz:—

For Missionary purposes—Grant to 14 Missionaries, £670	} £720 0 0
Placed at the disposal of the Lord Bishop, £50	
For aid to a Sunday School. (Rev. W. Jeffrey).....	6 10 0
For Churches at St. Martins, Harvey, New Ireland, London- derry, and Black River,.....	81 0 0
For Books to Local Committee, Waterborough,.....	2 0 0
For Travelling expenses of Rev. J. Hudson,.....	36 0 0
For Contingent expenses for the current year,.....	40 0 0

From the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Grant to Widow of Rev. J. M. Stirling, £25. Widow of Rev. J. Dunn, £12 10s. Widow of Rev. H. N. Arnold, £12 10s.

An addition of £60 was voted to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and Books to the amount of £150 (from the Depositories of St. John and Fredericton) were placed at the disposal of the Executive Committee for Parochial Lending Libraries.

At the Annual Meeting, which was held on the following evening, besides the Clergy and Lay Deputies who met on the preceding day, there was a large assembly of the principal members of the Society in St. John and its vicinity.

The Lord Bishop briefly addressed the meeting, congratulating the Society upon its present state of prosperity, alluding to the satisfactory manner in which the business of the general committee had been performed, and urging upon the meeting the propriety of proceeding in the spirit of charity and forbearance in the business for which they were met together.

The Secretary having read an abstract of the Report, it was resolved, on motion of the Hon. Mr. Justice Street, that the Report be received and printed under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The officers for the ensuing year were then unanimously elected.

On motion of the Hon. the Master of the Rolls, the thanks of the Society were given to the Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditors for their valuable and zealous services during the past year.

Moved by W. Wright, Esq., seconded by the Hon. the Master of the Rolls,

Resolved unanimously, That the prosperity of this Society and of similar Institutions in Canada, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, affords cause of gratitude to Almighty God; and that the efforts thus made by the Church in the Colonies are the best return for bounty so liberally bestowed by our fellow churchmen in the mother country.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Justice Parker, seconded by the Rev. Skeffington Thomson, LL. D.,

Resolved unanimously, That this Society desires to record an expression of deep sorrow for the loss which the neighbouring Diocese and the Church in general has sustained by the death of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, under whose auspices this Society was first established, and,

Further Resolved, That the Lord Bishop be requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the family of the late Bishop.

The thanks of the Society were given to the Rector and Church-wardens of St. John, for the use of the Sunday School room.

After some notices of slight alteration in the constitution were given, it was, on motion of Rev. I. D. W. Gray, D. D., seconded by H. Bowyer Smith, Esq.,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the Lord Bishop for his kind attention in the chair to the duties of this and of the preceding evening.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday, the principal business was the appointment of Book Depository Committees for St. John and Fredericton.

The grant of £150 for Books was equally divided amongst 48 local committees, at £3 to each, leaving £6 at the disposal of the Lord Bishop.

NEW CHURCH.—On the 12th Jan: being the first Sunday after the Epiphany, the Church, lately erected in New Ireland, a set-

tlement in the Parish of Harvey, and County of Albert, was opened for Divine Service, by the Missionary. This is the first church ever erected in that county, and for it the inhabitants are in a great measure indebted to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. None but those who have been long deprived of the privilege of worshipping after the manner of their Fathers, can appreciate the feelings of the distant and humble settlers, when again permitted to join in the solemn services of the beautiful Liturgy of England's Church. The building is small, roof equilateral, with Gothic windows. The inside is ceiled, and the sittings free.

Through the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. C. P. Bliss, aided by the Building Committee, it is expected that a church of similar architecture, but of much larger dimensions, will be completed for Divine Service about Midsummer of the present year, in the Parish of Harvey, Albert County. The sittings in that are also to be free.—*Church Times.*

DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA.

Native Confirmation in the Cathedral.—A Native Confirmation was held on Oct. 18. The total number of the confirmed was 141; of whom ninety-one were from Tallygunge, presented by the Rev. D. Jones; six from Howrah, by the Rev. A. W. Street; four from Calcutta, by the Rev. W. O'B. Smith. The remainder were presented by the Rev. T. Sandys, of Mirzapore.

Baptism at St Saviour's.—On the same day, Purna Chundra Mittra, a young Hindu of respectable family, and his wife, Khetra Mahanee Dasee, were publicly received into the pale of the Christian Church. They had been for some time under very serious impressions; and having given satisfactory evidence of repentance and faith, were admitted to holy baptism and added to the congregation of St. Saviour's Church.

The Rev. Professor Street read Morning Prayers. The Rev. K. M. Banerjea delivered an impressive sermon from 2 Cor. v. 17, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature," &c.

The Rev. W. O'B. Smith, of the Calcutta Mission, administered the Sacrament. A large number of native and other Christians were present. The scene was well calculated to excite feelings of devout thankfulness to Him, Who, we trust, was the Author of the faith of these converts.

Departure of the Bishop.—The Bishop left in a pilot brig for his long and trying visitation to the Malayan Peninsula and Borneo, on Nov. 11th, 1850. He was accompanied by Archdeacon Pratt and his lady. The Bishop takes along with him a student of Bishop's College, C. J. Fox, to remain in Borneo as Catechist. The Rev. F. T. M'Dougall, the laborious Missionary of Sarawak, writes (September 10th, 1850), in reference to this appointment: "I do not think him too young at nineteen. It will take him two years from the time of his coming here, to know Malay sufficiently well to enable him to make a good beginning of his Missionary work among the Dyaks; and then he will have to learn the dialects of the tribes he may be placed with. (The head men of these tribes all speak Malay, but the rest know only the Dyak of their district.) In the meanwhile, if he would devote his attention to Arabic, it will prove of great use to him in learning Malay, and assist him in getting on with the Malays, who have a great esteem for any one who understands the language of the Koran."—*From the Calcutta Missionary.*

DIOCESE OF CAPETOWN.

Visit of the Bishop to the Kaffir Chief, Umhala.—We extract from the *South African Church Magazine*, No. X., an account of this incident, which took place at Umhala's Kraal, on the Gnoobie, near Fort Waterloo, on the 1st of last August:—"The Bishop, after a trying and perilous journey overland from Natal, of twenty-two days, (during which his cart and horses were twice overturned, and the former broken to pieces,) arrived, by the providence of God, safe at King William's Town, where his Lordship's presence gave universal joy.

His Lordship officiated twice on the ensuing Sunday in the

temporary church there, holding a confirmation during the second service. On the Monday, accompanied by the Rev. F. Fleming, B. A., his Lordship started for East London, where he held service and confirmation on the Tuesday, returning to King William's Town on Wednesday.

On Thursday the Bishop started in a mule wagon, accompanied by Rev. F. Fleming, and a mounted escort, for Fort Waterloo, arriving there by sun-down, when (by appointment) he found George Shepstone, Esq., Interpreter to the T'Zalambie Commissioner in waiting.

After a tent had been pitched on the site of the late military (but now ruinous) post, and some refreshment had been provided, his Lordship started on foot in the dark about 8 o'clock in the evening, accompanied by Mr. Fleming (bearing a blanket, some beads and knives,) and Mr. Shepstone, for the old Chief's Kraal, distant about half-a-mile from the encampment.

Umhala received the Bishop and his party in his hut, surrounded by his counsellors, sons, and wives, in all amounting to about forty or fifty souls.

The hut was a large and spacious Kafir one, built on a circle of poles, about 7 or 8 feet high, and in the centre was placed a fire of wood, affording the only light, and which, with the fumes of tobacco, filled the atmosphere with smoke, very disagreeable and trying to the sight for a time, but after a few moments becoming more bearable.

The Bishop sat near the door of the hut on the ground, on a skin, with Mr. Shepstone and Mr. Fleming on either hand. Umhala was opposite, in the middle. The Bishop opened the interview by asking Umhala (through Mr. Shepstone acting as interpreter) if he knew him, and where he had seen him. He replied, 'Yes, I know you, you are the "inkosi enkulu" (great chief) of the Christians, and I saw you with Smith at the great meeting at King William's Town.' The Bishop then informed him that he was come to see him, and converse with him about sending him a missionary or teacher to instruct him and his people in the ways of God. Umhala expressed at some length, and with warmth, his obligations for the visit, and thanked the Bishop for his offer of a teacher, saying, he would treat him very kindly when he came, and listen to him. The Bishop then informed him that he had brought him a present of a blanket, at which he seemed much pleased, received it from Mr. Fleming, and then rose, and shaking hands with the Bishop thanked him very warmly.

Christians may mock at the apparent cupidity and selfishness of the poor benighted Kafir, but morally neglected as he has been through life, and totally destitute of any instruction to show him the necessity of restraining and combating these evil fruits of a naturally depraved heart, still he can feel gratitude and practise hospitality.

The Bishop next asked Umhala, if the Archdeacon had not lately paid him a visit.—He replied, 'Yes, and he liked him very much,' adding: 'If you send me teachers for my people *he* must be one of them.' The Bishop explained to him that he could not spare the Archdeacon, as he was a chief among the Christians. 'Of that I am aware,' replied Umhala, 'but I am a chief among my people the T'Zalambies, and a chief ought to be taught by a chief. You the great chief, I know, cannot come to me, as you have to travel far, I hear, but *he* must come.' At some length, for nearly twenty minutes, the Bishop tried to explain to him that he could not spare the Archdeacon for Missionary work, but although the old Chief always assented to what the Bishop said, still he invariably returned to the old point, 'that he must have the Archdeacon as his teacher.' The Bishop asked him 'why he was so anxious for him in particular;' to which he replied, 'that he was a fine fellow—a chief—and ought to teach a chief.' His Lordship told him 'that a young man, the son of one of our greatest chiefs over the seas, had offered to come and be his teacher.' Umhala replied, 'he was very much obliged to him, he *might* come, and he would be glad to have him, but the Archdeacon must come too.'

The Bishop then in a few words explained to them what their Missionaries, when they arrived, would teach them.

They all listened, some most attentively. It was, indeed, a sight as uncommon as it was pleasing, to be a witness to a Christian Bishop preaching the Gospel of Christ to that dark old Chief and his swarthy family and court. May it be the first pledge to us of a great and glorious harvest; it may be still in embryo, but ere long to be reaped by the Church among this intelligent and interesting branch of our human family! The Bishop then proceeded to distribute, through Mr. Fleming, his Lordship's presents to the Chief's children and counsellors, &c., of beads and knives, and he himself partook of some curded milk produced for his refreshment. The Bishop took much interest and notice of the little children, as one by one they were presented to receive their string of beads—Umhala enumerating his family all the while, as making a total of eight wives and twenty-six children. After a lengthened interview, reaching to nearly eleven o'clock at night, the Bishop took his leave and returned to the encampment. The next morning, while at breakfast, the chief appeared, attended by his eight wives, and reminded the Bishop, that he had forgotten to give presents to them the night before. His Lordship then promised each of them a handkerchief, which seemed to please them much, and after giving them some breakfast, the encampment was struck, and taking leave of the old chief, (who, at parting, presented the Bishop with his assagai, as a token that there was peace between them,) the party left Fort Waterloo for King William's Town, arriving there about three o'clock in the afternoon, much gratified with so hopeful a promise for the first foundation of a Church Mission amongst the heathen people of this once powerful and formidable Chief."

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

November and December, 1850.

(Continued from last number.)

The Lord Bishop of Victoria, in a letter dated Hong Kong, Aug. 16, 1850, stated that he had drawn on the Treasurers a bill for £500, towards the expenses of building St. Paul's College, Victoria, as it was intended to begin building in September.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land, dated the Red River, Rupert's Land, August 7th, 1850. The following are extracts:—

"I have to acknowledge your letter of May 4th, and to thank the Society for the grant of books, which I doubt not will come duly to hand on the arrival of the boats from York Fort next month. The Society's letter was the most rapid which has yet reached me; the London post mark upon it was May 28th, and I received it on the 29th of July. I have just returned from the Saskatchewan river, where I had the great pleasure of consecrating and confirming in a purely Indian congregation. The church, Christ Church, was built by the Church Missionary Society at their station at Cumberland. To assist in the completion of the church and school, I granted £100 out of the sum placed at my disposal.

"Christ Church is a very elegant church, built with every attention to ecclesiastical propriety. It has a spire, and is altogether an imposing object, in passing up or down the Saskatchewan river. This is the great thoroughfare, and all the boats to the Rocky Mountains on the Mackenzie River pass by it. I hope in this way it may be much blessed. The churchyard is nicely fenced off, and the school adjoins the burying ground. On July, 5th, the second day after the consecration, I held a Confirmation in Christ Church, when 110 appeared to renew the promises once made for them. As they were all Indians, I used the confirmation service in the Cree language; and as I examined and questioned them all previously, I can bear the strongest testimony to their knowledge of all the leading truths of the Gospel. It astonished me much to find them so far advanced in divine truth, and I have every reason to think that they carry their knowledge into practice, and begin to love private prayer, as well as the worship of God's house.

"On the following Sunday we met together, fifty-four in all

at the table of our blessed Lord. Here, too, in administering the sacred elements, the language of the natives was used, and it was no common pleasure and privilege to be permitted by God to unite with many simple-minded believers, in this the most distant station of the Church of Christ in the wilderness, in commemorating the mystery of redeeming love.

"The next day I left them, much refreshed and encouraged by what I had seen; the six hundred miles of my homeward route were accomplished in a fortnight, and I am now once more actively employed in my daily duties at the Red River; for though I have not yet any collegiate building, the work is advancing as regards pupils for the ministry. These take up much of my time, as the labour rests in great measure on myself. I have brought in some with me from the Saskatchewan; one of these, Mr. Henry Budd, the laborious and successful catechist at Cumberland, I hope to ordain the Sunday before Christmas. As the first native to be ordained in the ministry in this country, I would beg for him an especial remembrance in the prayers of the Society. When very many are being admitted into holy orders on that day at home, may I hope that friends at a distance will not be forgetful of our ordination here, when, if God permit, I hope to admit one very faithful labourer to the priesthood, and the *first native Indian* to the holy office of deacon?"

A letter was read from the Rev. John Hobson, dated Shanghai, China, Sept. 12, 1850. The following are extracts:—

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a box of Prayer Books, Tracts, &c., value £10., for use in this port, granted by the venerable Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Accept my very hearty thanks for the same. The arrival of the Prayer Books is most opportune. You will probably, from the papers, have heard of the sad calamity by which our Trinity church has been laid in ruins; at the same time, a great number of Prayer Books were lost or destroyed, so that your grant is doubly welcome. I shall, of course, keep a strict account, and remit you the proceeds of whatever sale I may effect. The books for Seamen's Libraries are very judiciously selected, and will, I feel confident, be both acceptable and useful.

"Deeply interested as you are in every thing connected with the extension of our beloved Church, you will be glad to hear that the British community are taking active measures for the restoration of our church; a sum of nearly 5000 dollars was subscribed in a few days, and the work is now begun, and will, I trust, be completed by January, 1851. In the mean time, our services are held in a large godown, kindly lent us by a resident here. The Christian liberality of our community deserves especial mention; within two years they have freely given 18,500 dollars for Church purposes, viz.: 5000 for half the cost of the church; 8000 to purchase an annuity for the widow and children of the late Rev. J. Loudon; and now, 5500 for the restoration of the church. You will, I am sure, give us your hearty prayers, that the spiritual temple amongst us may daily be increased in strength, beauty, and proportion."

Books and Tracts to the value of £10 were granted for use and distribution in the Diocese of Quebec, on the application of the Rev. J. H. Nicolls, Principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Canada East.

January, 1851.

The Standing Committee, in pursuance of notice given at the last General Meeting, proposed that the sum of £500 be voted towards making some special provision for the religious instruction of foreigners and others, who may be expected to visit London during the Exhibition of the Works of Industry of all Nations.

The sum of £500 was granted accordingly.

The following letter from the Lord Bishop of Calcutta, dated Bishop's Palace, Calcutta, Nov. 1, 1850, was read to the Board:—

"I beg to present to the Venerable Society twelve copies of a Report of St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, made on occasion of the third anniversary of its consecration; and I seize with eagerness the opportunity, which I have long desir-

ed, to assure the Society of my continued gratitude for the munificent gift of £5000., which contributed at so opportune a moment to the construction of the sacred edifice, and the establishment of the Endowment Missionary Fund.

"2. All India will thank you. In future ages it will be said, that the first status given to Christianity in the East by a self-supported Cathedral Mission, was most essentially aided by your ancient and Venerable Society.

"3. The buildings are just completed. The beautiful Italian marble (of which a second importation was required) has been laid down, the steps of the Communion enclosure being of the finest white slabs that Leghorn could furnish. A handsome iron railing runs round the Cathedral Close; and five houses for a school and for servants' offices are finished. I have been allowed, also, by the Indian Government, to exchange the former Palace for a new one, immediately adjoining the Close, and in all respects more suitable for a Bishop's residence.

"4. The whole Cathedral is, of course, adapted to our burning climate, and is wanting in the pitched roof, the great western doors and clustered columns of European architecture: but the service of plate for the Holy Communion, presented by Her Majesty: the superb eastern window, with the view of the Crucifixion, given us, under her Majesty's approbation, by the Dean and Canons of Windsor; and the noble statue of Bishop Heber, by Chantrey, which adorns the north transept, are ornaments, as we think, of the highest value, and almost peculiar to ourselves.

"5. But it is to the spiritual and interior blessings of the Gospel of Christ that your Society, as I know, bends all its attention. The preparation and framework are, in themselves, nothing. Thank God, all these highest ends are in, slow indeed but, decided progress.

"(1) The Services of our Protestant National Church have for three years been performed for the benefit of the crowded Christian population, which had been thirsting for twenty-five years for the waters of life.

"(2) The early daily prayers, and the solemnities of Ordination and Confirmation in the ample chancel, together with our Cathedral forms of worship, recall England and its Cathedrals to our fond recollections.

"(2.) Nor is the incipient Mission under the Reverend the Missionary and assistant Missionary, wanting in immediate interest. Three native schools, and the instruction given in bazaars, not to mention important aid in the work of translation, are full of hope even already.

"6. Her Majesty's Charter of Incorporation will, I trust, soon be obtained. And if the period should ever arrive when a native Bishop, supported by a Chapter of learned and pious Canons, shall behold the Cathedral filled from end to end with inquirers and converts hanging on the lips of the Bengali preacher, and joining in the responses of our Evangelical Liturgy, these our early and feeble beginnings will be looked back upon with gratitude to God for all who have aided in the mighty work.

"But the future is with God alone. All real success is from Him; and to Him be all the glory, through Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

"Intresting the continuance of your affectionate and earnest prayers, I remain, with duty and respect to your President, Vice-President, and Members, &c."

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop of Capetown, dated Fort Hare, Sep. 28, 1850. The following are extracts:—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters, of April 13th, and July 5th; the latter, in reply to one written by me from Bloem-fontein, in the early part of the Visitation which I am now making, and which it will still take three months to complete. I feel much indebted to the Society for their liberal grants towards the churches at Beaufort and Bloem-fontein. At the latter place they have already about £750 in hand, and they are very anxious to proceed with the erection of their church. I was enabled to send them a

Clergyman a few months ago. I have also to thank the Society for the grants of £75 towards the church at Maritzburg, the capital of Natal, and £50 for Swellendam.

"I am ashamed that all my letters to the Society should be taken up with bringing before them the wants of my Diocese with a view to obtain assistance. You may take, however, some comfort from the thought that it will not last long. The peculiar circumstances of the country have led to the applications being made all at once. Ours is not a new colony. The villages and towns are of old standing. But scarce one of them had an English church. Wattle-and-daub buildings would not do for them. On the arrival of a Bishop an impulse was given every where. All determined to have churches and Clergymen, and all at once. When, therefore, a few more cases shall have been brought under the Society's notice, I trust I shall cease to be so importunate a beggar. When the district towns are supplied, we shall scarce hope for any thing more.

"I have now to bring under the notice of the Board the state of Port Elizabeth. That is, perhaps, the most rising town in the colony. It is the port of the Eastern Province, and rapidly becoming the most influential place in the Diocese. We have there a church which will hold 400. Almost all the pews in the church are let. During my late Visitation about £500 was raised towards the erection of a second church, to be entirely free. I encouraged them to hope that the Society would help them. A committee has been formed, which is still collecting funds. I have recommended them to begin with a nave of a church, to which aisles and chancel may be added. The whole when completed will probably accommodate between 400 and 500: the part now to be completed about 250. The cost about £1200. The people have readily undertaken to support their own pastor. This will be done through the weekly offertory. They are fully aware that my means are quite exhausted, and that I cannot maintain an additional Minister. If the Board would make a grant towards the erection of this church, I should feel much indebted to them.

"I shall hereafter have to ask for assistance towards churches at Gradock, Somerset, Capetown, and perhaps Stellenbosch. After these shall be built, I think applications will be very rare. I am not aware of any other churches in contemplation in the colony.

"I have to thank the Board for the grant of one dozen sets of Books for the performance of Divine Service in new churches; they will be highly acceptable: also for 600 copies of the Bible in Dutch, which shall be disposed of as you suggest. I shall be glad to receive the new translation of the Prayer Book in Dutch."

The Publisher regrets very much the inconvenience to which the Rev. Mr. Balfour has been subjected, and the mistakes that appear to have occurred. For the convenience of the Post Office, it is usual to put all the papers for one place into one packet, but each is separately addressed for delivery at its destination. The back numbers are sent herewith.

Mr. R. C. VINCENT, having kindly consented to act as Agent for this paper for LENNOXVILLE and the neighbourhood, is authorized to receive subscriptions, and has on hand a limited supply of the back numbers. Persons in that locality who are already subscribers, and have not received all their numbers, are requested to apply to Mr. Vincent.

BIRTH.

At Pointe Levi, on the 9th February, the wife of the Rev. J. Torrance of a son.

MARRIED.

At Christ's Church, St. Stephen, N. B. on the 12th Feb. the Rev. John Sedgfield Thomson, A. M., Rector of St. David, to Sarah, widow of the late George Lindsay, Esq., Merchant, St. Stephen.

DIED.

On the 20th Feb., Helen Charlotte, aged two years, youngest daughter of the Rev. William Ritchie, Rector of Sandwich.

At the Rectory, Cobourg, on Monday, the 24th Feb., after a short illness, Jane Eliza, eldest daughter of the Ven. A. N. Bethune, D. D., Archdeacon of York, aged 23 years.

In Eaton, after a few hours' illness, Eliza Campbell, daughter of the Rev. J. Dalziel, aged 2 years and 2 months.

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