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CIRCULAR TO THE MISSIONARIES OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL AND THE CHURCH-WARDENS IN THEIR MISSIONS, WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, 10th November, 1852.

REV. SIR AND GENTLEMEN,—I received some time ago a communication from the Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, informing me of the result of certain deliberations of the Finance Committee of that Society, which, as the Secretary states, had reference to “its expenditure in the *older Colonies*, that is, mainly, the Dioceses of British North America.” And he gives me to understand that the Society being disposed to accede to the recommendations of the Committee, (subject to any modifications which, at the suggestion of the Colonial Bishops or otherwise, it may be seen expedient to adopt,) we may now consider as ripe for execution a project, for which as we have long had notice of it, and to a partial extent, have founded upon it some of our arrangements of late years, within the Diocese, we cannot plead that we are unprepared,—a definite project for the gradual reduction and ultimate extinction of that expenditure, as made from home.

Such a measure as this, therefore, is to be regarded as actually in full train; and although the Society will, of course, preserve untouched the interests of individual Missionaries, and is not prepared, as I apprehend, to impose prospectively, any precise limitation upon the exercise of its bounty in helping to meet the new exigencies of progressive settlement in the country, yet with reference both to all existing and to all future Missions, the Society has announced its desire to limit its assistance henceforward, “in all cases, to a specified time.”

It is evident, therefore that the crisis has arrived in which the Colonists are called upon to make their own resources for the support of their Religion, available to the utmost possible extent. I am well aware—no person can have better opportunities of being so—that in many of the Missions of this Diocese, beyond almost any other in the Colonies, the amount which the people can contribute towards the support of their Minister, is very inconsiderable, and in some instances so trifling, as scarcely to be felt in the form of addition to his humble stipend. But be it little or much which they can do, the maxim must be practically recognized, the habit must be cultivated, the rule must be enforced (and this has been done with success in some very poor and what had been considered unpromising places among ourselves,) that they who *own unto them spiritual things* shall be suffered to reap of their carnal things; and this for three especial reasons:

1. That it is a *duty* lying upon Christians, which is clearly laid down in the Word of God, and ought to be regarded as not only a duty but a *privilege*: 2. That the Society which, under God, has been the parent and nurse of the Colonial Church, feels it to be a duty on its *own side*, while serving the cause of his Church upon earth, to apportion its help according to the disposition manifested by the recipients to make a return of fruit,—remembering it to be a declared principle of the Divine proceedings themselves, that *from him that hath not, shall be taken away even that which he hath*; and 3. That since it appears to be contemplated

to allot, from time to time, a certain sum and no more, to the whole Diocese, the greatest vigilance and care must be exercised that *no portion* shall be denied the blessing of religious ministrations, because the means which might help that portion are absorbed in places from which something might be spared which has been made chargeable upon the general fund.

The details of all the arrangements here in question, I am not now in a position to furnish. The plan of operations has not been finally digested, and the communications passing upon the subject, between the Society and myself, have not been brought to their close. But I have judged it best to apprise you without loss of time, of what is in contemplation; and there are certain points of a practical kind, which (admitting the possibility of special cases of exception,) are capable of being immediately carried out, within the Missions themselves, and to which I take the liberty accordingly, of directing your attention at once.

1. That in every Mission where it has not yet been done, a *glebe*, varying in extent according to circumstances, but in no case less than 50 acres, should be acquired towards the future maintenance of the incumbent, and vested in him and his successors, according to the provisions of the Church Temporalities Act, (6 Vic., cap. 32, Sec. 16.) I think that no vacancy should be filled up which may be created by the death or removal of the Missionary, till this and the next following condition shall have been complied with; and to obviate the effects of too sudden a call upon the people in this way, preparation should be made before-hand for the contingency here indicated.

2. That a Parsonage-house, (wherever there is none already provided,) should be erected, and vested in like manner as the glebe,—the same to be completed within a specified time; and that in the mean time, suitable and sufficient accommodation for the Missionary should be provided, free of charge, by the congregation.

3. That a monthly Offertory-collection for a general Missionary fund should be established in all the Missions.

4. That a return should be prepared in all the Missions, of the amount (if any,) received for pew-rents, and the purposes to which it is applied, together with a statement of the prospect which may exist of its augmentation, and the extent to which it can be made applicable towards the support of the Ministry, or the formation of an accumulating fund for that object.

5. That in places already enjoying the benefit, through the bounty of the Society, of a glebe or Parsonage-house, or both, a proportionable addition should be looked for, to their contributions under the heads No. 3 and 4.

It may be proper, in order to your being better enabled to set before the people the claim which the Society has upon their thankfulness, and the additional call which, from this very consideration, presents itself for some new and systematic movement to raise means within the Missions for the benefit of the Church, that I should here exhibit the particulars of what the Society has been latterly doing and is actually doing for us. The statement refers to the whole of Lower Canada, in which the Clergy Reserves fund is a common fund for the benefit of both Dioceses.

The Clergy Reserves fund is placed by an Imperial Statute under the control of the Society, constituting, however, but a small

portion of its expenditure for the two Dioceses. It was first transferred by the Government to the hands of the Society and made available for Church purposes, under the Society's direction, in 1847. At that time, the fund consisted of a block sum in hand of £7000 currency, with an annual income of about £1200 currency, which has since increased to about £2000. According to the last published Report, the expenditure of the Society, from its *own home-raised funds*, for the maintenance of Missions and other kindred objects in Lower Canada, is very close upon £9300 currency, for the year, (besides the standing benefit derived, in different instances, from its purchase of endowments in land and acquisition in the same way, of Parsonage-houses.) And instead of taking advantage of the revenue placed at its disposal within the Province, to relieve itself, *pro tanto*, of its expenditure provided for by the bounty of Churchmen in England, the Society has gone on increasing that very expenditure,—so that the mere *augmentation* of the annual charge upon its *entire* funds, for Lower Canada, since the date of its having the *Clergy Reserves fund* at command,* much exceeds the revenue derived from that fund. Nor is this all: for the Society has procured to be raised at home, the endowment of the See at Montreal, and is itself the guarantee for the payment of the episcopal salary in that See,—leaving to accumulate, at the same time, the sum set apart, as above mentioned, for the maintenance of the See of Quebec, for which there is no other provision when a vacancy occurs.

Our interests, therefore, have been well cared for in the Society's hands, and we may fervently bless God for the wisdom and watchfulness as well as the bountifulness which it has manifested in our behalf. We may take our own lesson from it as we advance towards the independent administration of our own affairs.

It is my intention, if it please God, to call together, from time to time, the Clergy and Church-Wardens of certain Districts, as I make my different circuits in the Diocese, and to address and confer with them upon all matters falling within their joint or separate authority. The times and places for their thus meeting me will, of course, be made the subject of due notification.

I am,
Rev. Sir and Gentlemen,
Your faithful and affectionate
Servant in the Gospel,
G. J. QUEBEC.

CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS, &c.

The Rev. F. A. Smith, of Malbaie, Gaspé, has been appointed to the Mission of Portneuf, vacant by the removal of the Rev. R. Lewis to the Diocese of Toronto. The Reverend gentleman will not, however, vacate his present charge until next year, and

* The items of new expenditure undertaken by the Society, since the date here indicated, are as follows:

Eight new Missions,.....	£224	13	4	cy.
Allowance in aid of four Chapelries in Quebec and Montreal,.....	365	0	0	
Pensions to four Clergymen,.....	486	13	4	
Allowance to Bishop's College at Lennoxville,...	300	0	0	
Allowance from the Emigrants' Spiritual Aid Fund to the Chaplain of the Marine and Emigrant Hospital at Quebec,.....	60	16	8	

£2142 3 4 pr. an.

And this statement does not include the charge which has fallen upon the Society in the Diocese of Montreal, to help out the additional appointments in that Diocese, since its erection in 1850 exceeding £500, &c.

The Society also gave in the present year, from its *Jubilee Fund*, upwards of £1200 Currency, (£1,000 Sterling,) to Bishop's College at Lennoxville.

To set against all this, the Society has received from the Clergy-Reserves Fund, during the same period of six years, an average which may be inferred from its having commenced with £1200 Currency, a year, from that source, which, by gradual advancement has reached about £2000. It is true that some portions of the Society's new expenditure do not cover the whole period: but this deduction is not such as in any degree to invalidate the foregoing statement.

his place at Portneuf is temporarily filled by the Rev. R. S. Birch.

The Rev. W. V. Lloyd, lately Curate of Lennoxville, has received the appointment of Chaplain to the Quebec and Richmond Railway, the salary being provided by the Messrs. Jackson & Co. The Rev. A. A. Allen is laboring as Travelling Missionary of the Church Society, in the St. Francis District.

PARISH OF QUEBEC.—At a meeting of the Pewholders of the Cathedral, held on the 8th November, it was resolved unanimously, on motion of W. H. A. DAVIES, Esquire, seconded by H. S. SCOTT, Esquire,

That the 6th By-law be so altered as to establish the salary of the Organist, at £100 currency per annum, instead of the present rate of £50.

It was then ordered, That the expense of bringing out an Organist to replace the late Mr. Codman, be defrayed by the Church-wardens—that such expense shall not exceed £25 sterling—that the engagement with the Organist shall terminate at any time upon 12 months notice being given by either party.

It was then moved by H. GOWEN, Esquire, seconded by ARCH. CAMPBELL, Esquire and unanimously resolved, That in consideration of the long and efficient services of the late Stephen Codman, Esquire, as Organist of the Cathedral, during a period of 36 years, and of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the Congregation, a Mural Tablet be erected to his memory in the Cathedral—that the expense of its erection be defrayed from the Cathedral Funds, and the Rector and Church-wardens be a committee for effecting the object in view.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

Among the grants borne on the estimates for the present year, are the following:

	£	s.	d.
Bishop's College, Lennoxville,.....	300	0	0
McGill College, Montreal,.....	1000	0	0
National School, Quebec,.....	111	2	2
National School, Montreal,.....	111	2	2
Female Orphan Asylum, Quebec,.....	100	0	0
Male Orphan Asylum, Quebec,.....	100	0	0

The following Act was assented to in Her Majesty's name, by His Excellency the Governor General, on the 10th November:

An Act to amend the Act incorporating Bishop's College. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to incorporate Bishop's College, in the Diocese of Quebec,*" to confer upon the Bishop of Montreal co-ordinate powers with the Bishop of Quebec, in the Corporation of Bishop's College: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, intituled, "*An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada,*" and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that the Bishop of Montreal, as well as any other Bishop or Bishops, who may be appointed for any Diocese of the United Church of England and Ireland, which may hereafter be constituted in Lower Canada, together with the Bishop of Quebec, shall hereafter constitute the first branch of the Corporation of Bishop's College; and said Bishops shall have and possess equal and co-ordinate powers in the appointment of the Trustees and of the College Council, and shall have and exercise jointly, all and every the powers and privileges heretofore possessed, exercised and enjoyed by the Bishop of Quebec, in the management of the affairs of the said Corporation: Provided that in case of a difference of opinion

between said Bishops, in the event of their being an equal number, in the exercise of any of the powers duly conferred upon them, the opinion of the Bishop who is senior by priority of appointment shall prevail, and his decision shall be final.

PAYMENTS MADE TO THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

GENERAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Life Subscriptions—John Lovell.....	12	10	0
William Poston.....	12	10	0
Annual Subscription of Hon. J. M. Fraser.....	1	5	0
Arrears of Subscriptions at Sherbrooke, for 1851.....	1	1	11
Collection at St. Catherine's.....	1	12	6
Donation from Mrs. W. Spragge, for Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews.....	1	5	0
	£30	4	5

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Collection at St. Peter's Chapel, Quebec.....	6	18	6
Collection at the Parliament House, Quebec.....	10	18	6
Collection at Drummondville.....	1	11	0
Collection at West Frumpton.....	0	9	9
Collection at Three Rivers.....	4	10	0
Collection at Bang Louis.....	0	17	6
Collection at Sherbrooke.....	6	5	2
Collection at Hatley.....	0	17	6
Collection at Staunstead.....	1	2	6
	£33	10	5

R. SYMES,
Treasurer C. S.

Quebec, 29th November, 1852.

The Treasurer has also to acknowledge the receipt of twenty-five pounds from the Rev. T. Johnson, by the hands of the Rev. E. W. Sewell, as a "special deposit," and awaits instructions as to its disposal.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY.

At a Meeting of the Central Board of the Church Society, held on the 2nd November, in accordance with the Constitution, there were present:—

The LORD BISHOP (in the Chair), Revds. Dr. Bethune, E. J. Rogers, W. Bond, J. P. White, J. Fulton, Hon. Judge McCord, Dr. Holmes, Col. Wilgress, W. C. Evans, Esq., J. S. Roles.

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

A letter from S. BETHUNE, Esq., accepting the office of Honorary Counsel of the Church Society, was laid before the Board.

The Treasurer's account having been presented, it was moved by Hon. JUDGE McCORD, seconded by Rev. Dr. BETHUNE, and Resolved,

That the Assistant Secretary be requested to call upon the Subscribers for their subscriptions to the Church Society, subject to such remuneration for his services as may be agreed on by the Treasurer.

A letter from the Rev. G. SLACK was then read, on the subject of Clergymen, who are not Members of the Society, voting at the Central Board. Accounts were passed to the amount of £14 ls. 8d., and the Treasurer requested to pay the same as soon as he shall have funds in hand.

Moved by Rev. W. BOND, seconded by Rev. J. P. WHITE, and Resolved,

That the Report of the Lay Committee be received and considered clause by clause, viz:—

"That several applications for aid have been submitted to them, some of which have been approved and recommended, and others rejected; and they deem it a duty they owe alike to themselves and those applying, to state, before entering upon the merits of the several claims, the principles which have guided their decisions.

"In the distribution of the funds of the Church Society, they

consider it their first duty to afford aid towards the foundation of new Missions—their next, to the erection of Churches where none exist, and afterwards the building of Parsonage Houses; and their recommendations to this Central Board are based upon the above scale or graduation, reference being had to their pecuniary means.

"With regard to the repairs of Churches and Parsonage Houses in missions where duties are performed, they are of opinion that it is the imperative duty of the parishioners to keep these buildings in repair, and, until otherwise instructed by the Central Board, such will be the course followed by the Lay Committee.

"A petition for aid towards the construction of a Church at Ormstown, was considered, and it was resolved, that so soon as the petitioners shall have, by their own exertions, reduced the amount requisite to complete the Church (without debt) to such a sum as the means of the Society will justify them in awarding, this Committee will be prepared to recommend the granting of the same.

"A petition for aid towards the completion of the Church at Edwardstown was considered, and Resolved, That inasmuch as the petitioners have, by their own exertions, brought this building to a state nearly fit for Divine Service (though much yet remains to be done in other respects), this Committee do recommend that, so soon as the building shall be finished to the satisfaction of this Committee, and Divine Service shall have been performed therein, a sum of twenty-five pounds be granted them.

"A memorial from the Rev. JAMES RAID, Rector of St. Armand East, praying for aid towards the repairing of the Parsonage House and Buildings within that Rectory, was considered, and this Committee, whilst duly appreciating the merits and exertions of the Reverend memorialist, and his own large contributions for the service of the Church, regret that, for the reasons set forth in the preamble of this Report, they cannot recommend the grant asked for.

"An application from the Mission of Granby, praying aid towards the erection of a Parsonage House there was next considered; and although the means at present at the command of the Society will not now justify a grant towards that desirable object, the Building Committee are recommended to persevere in their exertions, trusting that at an early period next year the funds of the Society may be able to afford them assistance.

"The Chairman of this Committee and the Treasurer of the Church Society were authorized to invest forthwith the amount in the hands of the latter belonging to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund."

Moved by Rev. W. BOND, seconded by Rev. J. BETHUNE, D. D., and Resolved,

That a grant of £50 be made to the building fund of the Church at Ormstown, when it has been satisfactorily ascertained by the Lay Committee that it will relieve the Church of all debt incurred for its construction.

The Report was then adopted, and

The meeting was closed with prayer.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL, INCORPORATED BY THE STATUTE OF CANADA, 14 AND 15 VICTORIA, CAP. 171, FOR PROMOTING THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS, VIZ:

1st.—The encouragement and support of Missionaries and Clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland, within the Diocese of Montreal, including the creation of funds towards the augmentation of the Stipends of poor Clergymen, and towards making a provision for those who may be incapacitated by age or infirmity, and for Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the said Church in the said Diocese.

2nd.—The encouragement of Education, and the support of Day and Sunday Schools in the said Diocese, in conformity with the principles of the said Church.

3rd.—Granting assistance, where it may be necessary, to those who may be preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel in the said Church within the said Diocese.

4th.—Circulating in the said Diocese the Holy Scriptures, and such publi-

cations as have the sanction of the Church, viz:—Prayer Books, Homilies, Catechisms, Collects, and Canons, with the addition of the Books and Tracts circulated by the Society for P. C. K. in London.

5th.—Obtaining and granting aid towards the erection, endowment and maintenance of Churches according to the establishment of the said Church in the said Diocese, the erection and maintenance of Parsonage-Houses, the setting apart of Burial Grounds and Church-Yards, the endowment and support of Parsonages and Rectories according to the said establishment, and the management of all matters relating to such endowments.

His Excellency the Governor General, if a member of the Church of England, shall be requested to become the Patron of the Society.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal, shall be the President of the Society, and shall be "ex officio," Chairman of all meetings of the Society, and of all Committees thereof, at which he may be present. The Vice-Presidents shall consist of such Chairmen of the different District Associations of the Society as are hereinafter provided for, and such others as shall be nominated at the General Annual Meeting of the Society, from among its members.

BY-LAWS.

1.

The Corporation shall be composed and consist of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and other members appointed by the Charter, all Clergymen officiating in the Diocese, and of such other members of the Church of England as shall be elected into the Corporation at the General Meetings of the Society. The latter, however, shall not be eligible for election as members of the Corporation unless they shall pay annually the sum of \$5 to the Treasurer of the Society, or of any District Association of which they shall be members, or shall pay once for all the sum of £12 10s., to the Treasurer; in the latter case they become members for life, and in the former so long as they shall continue to pay the sum of \$5 above specified. All such payments shall be due in advance for one year from the 1st January in each year.

The Corporation may, however, with the sanction of the President, elect into the Corporation as Life Members, persons, being members of the Church of England, who shall have contributed through the Central Board, or through any of the Parochial Associations in connection with the Society, in money, the sum of £20, or in land to the value of £30, for any of the following special purposes, to be invested or held in trust for the endowment of a Church, Rectory or Living within the Diocese, to be invested or held in trust for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, or to be invested or held in trust for the endowment of a Church School, or to be applied to the building of a Church, the building or purchase of a Parsonage House, or the building of a Church School.

2.

OFFICERS.

The Treasurer, the Secretary, the Auditors, and the necessary Officers of the Society shall be appointed by the Central Board.

The Secretary may be allowed a salary and travelling expenses, under the direction of the Central Board. The Secretary may appoint an assistant, subject to the approval of the Central Board, provided said appointment shall not entail any additional burden on the Society.

The appointment of the Treasurer and Secretary shall not be for any specified period, but they may be removed at the pleasure of the Central Board.

3.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions, donations, rents, issues and profits, payable to the Society, for which purpose a paid Collector or Collectors may be employed. Such monies shall be deposited in such Bank or Banks as shall from time to time be indicated or approved of by the Central Board.

No money shall be paid by the Treasurer without the authority of a resolution of the Central Board, certified by the Secretary, expressing the name of the person to whom, and the purpose for which, the money is to be paid.

The Treasurer shall also have the custody of all deeds, bonds, securities and other documents relating to the property of the Society, (which, after registration, shall be deposited in one of the approved Banks, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Central Board,) and shall submit his accounts at the stated periodical Meetings of the Central Board.

4.

SECRETARY.

Minutes of all Meetings of the Society shall be taken, and at each Meeting of the Society the Minutes of the preceding Meeting shall be read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, take Minutes of the proceedings of the Meetings of the Central Board, and prepare the Annual Report of the Society, to be submitted to the Central Board.

5.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

The Society shall meet annually at Montreal, on the third Tuesday in January, whereof not less than fifteen days notice shall be given by the Secretary, in two of the leading City Newspapers, and elsewhere as may seem to him expedient. Special Meetings of the Society may be called at any time by the President, on his own authority, or in his absence from the Diocese, or in the event of a vacancy in the Sec. by any two of the Vice-Presidents and five other Members of the Society, by a written order to the Secretary, who shall notify the same in the manner hereinbefore provided in respect of the Annual Meetings.

6.

THE CENTRAL BOARD.

There shall be a Central Board for the management of the general business of the Society, consisting of the President, the Vice-Presidents, and the other Officers of the Society, all officiating Clergymen of every Church, &c., or Chapel of the United Church of England and Ireland, and of such other persons, being members of the Church of England, as shall be elected in the manner following:—

The subscribers of the Society in every Parish, Chapelry or Mission shall send one representative to the Central Board, and shall also send one additional representative for every £20 in the city, and £10 in the country, subscribed annually to the General Funds of the Society.

No Clergyman, Church Warden, or Representative shall be entitled to vote at the Central Board, unless he shall have paid the annual subscription of \$5.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice on the 1st October in every year, to the different Parishes, &c., of the number of representatives which they are entitled to elect for the ensuing year, and each Clergyman shall forward to the Society the names of the representatives of his Parish, District, or Mission, some time before the 31st December.

The Board shall meet in the City of Montreal, on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Special Meetings may be called by the President, or in his absence from the Diocese, or in the event of a vacancy in the Sec. by two of the Vice-Presidents and four Members of the Board, by a written order to the Secretary. Not less than six members present shall form a quorum. When a sufficient number of Members to form a quorum shall not assemble at any meeting duly summoned, the members present may adjourn to another day, and so on *ad litem quoties* until a quorum shall be found, and business may then be proceeded with.

The Central Board shall have authority to make such rules as may be necessary for the government of its own affairs, provided that none of them be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the spirit of the Constitution or By-laws of the Society. The Central Board shall report to the Annual Meeting a statement of its proceedings, and a detailed account of all monies received and expended during the preceding year, and no grant shall be made to any country Church or Mission situated within the limits of any District Association, unless the application be forwarded through the District Association in which such Church or Mission may be situated, nor unless the annual subscriptions for the current year shall have been paid to the Treasurer of the Society or of the District Association.

7.

PAROCHIAL AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

In order more fully to carry out the objects of the Society, each rural Parish, Mission or Chapelry, in the person of its Clergyman, and all subscribers of 5s. per annum and upwards, shall be an Association, in correspondence through its Chairman, (the Clergyman,) with the Central Board, and may be denominated the Parochial Committee of the Church Society, of whom five shall be a quorum. The Committee shall meet at such periods as they shall themselves decide to be most convenient, inviting the co-operation of all the parishioners in their deliberations and designs. They shall collect subscriptions and donations in such manner as they shall deem most effective, and endeavor by every means in their power to augment the resources of the Society. One half of all monies collected must be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Society, the other half may be expended within the Parish, Mission or Chapelry for such objects only as are specified in the Constitution of the Society.

And where three or more Clergymen may secure it, a District Rural Association may be formed, with the approbation of the President of the Society, the same to be composed of the Clergy resident within the bounds of the same, and all other members of the Church, who shall contribute 3s. per annum, in aid of the Society's funds.

Any officiating Clergyman resident within its bounds may be elected by such District Association as Chairman, with whom shall be associated as composing a Committee of Management, the Clergy of the several Parishes or Missions within the bounds of such District, one or two Laymen from each of the same, a Secretary and Treasurer. A General Meeting of each District Rural Association shall be held in each year, at such time and place as may be agreed upon at a previous Quarterly Meeting of the Committee of Management, and Quarterly Meetings of the Committee of Management, not less than five to form a quorum, shall be held for the transaction of the business of the Association.

The Rural Parochial Associations shall communicate to the Secretary of the Parent Society, a minute Statement of the receipts and expenditure within the sphere of their operations, embodied in the form of a Report, at least one month before the General Meeting of the Church Society.

8.

LAY COMMITTEE.

A Lay Committee, consisting of not less than thirteen members, of whom the Treasurer shall be one, shall be annually chosen at the first Meeting of the Central Board, from among the members of the Society, of whom three shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

The proceedings of the Lay Committee shall be reported monthly to the Central Board.

The clerical and other members of the Central Board may attend at any of the General Meetings of the Committee, and may propose and discuss matters therein, but shall have no vote.

It shall be the duty of this Committee to recommend to the Central Board the best means of carrying out the following objects:—

First.—The securing to the Clergymen now resident and doing duty in the Diocese, a sufficient and permanent income, and providing, with the least possible delay, for the increase of their number so as to meet the increasing exigencies of the population.

Second.—The building, in every place where it may be required, a Church of brick or stone upon a well considered plan, as to dimensions, external form and internal arrangement, keeping in view the probability of its requiring enlargement.

Third.—The assisting the different Parishes and Missions in the Diocese in the erection of a residence for the Clergyman, by loan, to be repaid by instalments.

Fourth.—The procuring an adequate and permanent support for all the Institutions, Authorities, and Functionaries, suitable and appertaining to the Establishment of the Church of England in this Diocese.

Fifth.—The encouraging the formation of a Local Endowment Fund, at every station or place having a Church or Clergyman.

Sixth.—The management and superintendence of all lands belonging to the Society.

Seventh.—It shall also be the duty of the Lay Committee to investigate all applications for grants of money, and to report thereon to the Central Board. Every application for aid in the erection of a Church must contain the following information:—

1. The precise situation, especially with reference to the nearest Church, and the amount of population within five miles of the Church.

2. The title of the ground on which the building is to be erected,—copies to be produced.

3. The size of the building, the number it is intended to accommodate, and the probable number of the congregation that will be likely to attend it.

4. The supposed cost of the building, the progress it has made towards completion at the time of application, and the amount of contributions on the spot in money or labour.

9.

BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE.

At the first Meeting of the Central Board, seven members of the Society shall be annually chosen, to form a general Book and Tract Committee for the ensuing year.

10.

SERMONS.

Such Sermons as the Lord Bishop of the Diocese shall direct, shall be preached in each year in each Parish, Chapelry and Missionary Station, on such days as the Bishop shall appoint, in favour of some one or more of the objects of the Society, and a collection made in aid thereof, which shall forthwith be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Society, and no grant or benefit from the Society shall be obtained for any object within any Parish, Chapelry, or Missionary Station in which such Sermon or Sermons shall not have been so preached, and such collections shall not have been made.

11.

BY-LAWS.

No alteration or amendment in the Constitution or By-laws of the Society shall be made, unless the general nature of such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed at the next previous General Meeting of the Society, provided that not less than one month intervene between the two Meetings, and that the object of the Meetings be stated in the advertisement by which they are called. At all Meetings of the Society, of the Central Board, or of Committees, the Chairman, in case of an equality of votes, shall have a double or casting vote.

Whereas some members of the Church, who are not unmindful of the great spiritual wants of their own neighborhood, still feel constrained, in pious gratitude for the blessings they enjoy, to allot something, however small, from the means with which a Gracious Providence has blessed them, towards the spread of the glorious Gospel among the nations which still sit in darkness:

Society will gladly receive and forward to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Church Missionary Society, or the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, whatever sums may be given for the conversion or instruction of the Heathen or the Jews.

Church Society's Office,
Montreal, 1852.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL
IN FOREIGN PARTS.

79, Pall Mall, Sept. 11, 1852.

It is well known that the Society has long had under consideration the possibility of extending its labours to the promising mission-field at Delhi. The following extract from a letter, dated July 15, from the Rev. M. J. Jennings, Chaplain at Delhi, will show how urgent is the call, and what ground there is for regretting the delay which has already taken place. Is it too much to hope that amongst those who shall now read it, there may be some whose zeal will enable the Society at once to enter on the work?

"The mail for England leaves Delhi in an hour or two, and I have but short time for writing; yet it is very desirable that you should be made acquainted with the events of the last fortnight, which may operate favourably on your Society, and, I trust, determine it to place its missionaries here without any very great delay. Never was a field riper for Missionary efforts than this one, as far as one can judge, and as I think yourself will say when I describe to you the symptoms which have been showing themselves of late.

"You must know, then, that there is a Government College at this place, where the natives study English, which makes them more accessible than they otherwise would be to the sound of the Gospel; and not only so, but Delhi has been favoured by the continued residence here of officials, who have been far from indifferent to the well-being of its inhabitants, in a higher and more than worldly sense. These two circumstances have combined together to raise a great spirit of inquiry regarding our religion, much greater than I had any idea of when I last wrote to you. This has shown itself in the fact of two important Hindoos having offered themselves as candidates for baptism, and of their having actually been baptized on Sunday last, under very interesting circumstances.

"The first, named Ram Chemder, is the mathematical teacher in the college, a very clever and intelligent man, aged about thirty-three years. The other, named Chimmum Lal, is the sub-assistant surgeon of Delhi; he is also clever in his profession, and aged thirty-seven years.

"The Christian names given to them are Esou Das, the servant of Jesus; and Masseeh Sahar, supported by Christ.

"These men have many connections in Delhi, and were in high esteem, and their baptism consequently caused the greatest excitement throughout the City.

"The whole Hindoo population assembled around the Church on Sunday evening, and two hundred or thereabouts were admitted within the walls. Notwithstanding the excitement, the conduct of all was admirable, and no congregation of Christians could have been more respectful.

"These conversions, and this conduct on the part of the multitude, would at first sight look well for Christianity; but when we connect it with that spirit of inquiry which I have mentioned, one might feel pretty sure that many were not unfavourably disposed towards it. And this is really the case, as people of all classes who go in and out among the natives testify, which is also supported by the fact, that for some time past many natives who can speak a little English, have been constantly at church observing our worship, and attending most seriously to what I have to say in my sermons.

"Matters are so promising in appearance, that many prognosticate the baptism of others before much time has been passed.

"But I wish to impress upon you how full of promise this missionary field is, and how incumbent on us it appears to be, to take immediate advantage of the state of things.

"But to come to the point which I know embarrasses the Society, and that is, the means. In this case, I am persuaded they need not hesitate to go forward. Before Christmas, I shall have carried our fund to at least 20,000 rupees; and the other sum, which I have set myself to raise, will come in in due time.

And, in the mean time, several have expressed to me their readiness to pay the interest of it till it is raised.

Only announce your intention of sending two missionaries in the approaching cold weather, and depend upon it money will come in."

(From the *N. Y. Enquirer*, of Nov. 11th.)

CONSECRATION OF THE PROVISIONAL BISHOP OF NEW YORK.

The doors of Trinity Church were opened yesterday at 9½ o'clock A. M., and the Church was almost immediately filled. Every available portion of space was occupied with seats, and yet thousands were unable to procure tickets, and other thousands were turned away from the doors.

At 11 o'clock, the South Vestry door was opened and the Procession entered, in reverse order. The students of the General Theological Seminary led the way, followed by the unofficiating clergy, (nearly all in surplices) the seven officiating deacons, and twelve officiating priests then entered, and finally the Provisional Bishop elect, supported by two priests, and followed by ten Bishops, closed the immense array, which in all numbered over two hundred clergy in surplices and robes—a larger number, it is believed, than was ever before assembled on a similar occasion on this continent. All the clergy, on taking their places, remained standing until the Bishops had entered, and all knelt in silent devotion at the same moment.

The opening of Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. HAWKS, to the end of the Psalter; the 8th Selection being the portion chosen. The First Lesson, (Isaiah lxiii,) was read by the Rev. FRANCIS VITTON; the Second Lesson (Acts xx, verse 17) by the Rev. Dr. KIR, and the rest of Morning Prayer, from the Apostles' Creed, was said by the Rev. G. T. BEDELL.

Three verses of the 106th Selection were then sung to the tune of St. ANNS' beginning at the verse—

"Arise, O Lord, and now possess
Thy constant place of rest:
Be that, not only with thy ark,
But with thy presence bless'd."

The Ante Communion Office was said by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, assisted in the Epistle by the Bishop of Pennsylvania. (1 Tim. iii. 1.) and in the Gospel by the Bishop of Maryland.

The three following verses of the 99th Hymn were sung, to the tune of the Old Hundredth Psalm:—

"In lower forms, to bless our eyes,
Pastors from hence, and teachers rise:
Who, though with feebler rays they shine,
Still mark a long extended line.

"From Christ their varied gifts derive,
And, fed by him, their graces live;
While, guarded by his potent hand,
Amid the rage of hell they stand.

"So shall the bright Succession run
Through all the courses of the sun:
While unborn Churches, by their care,
Shall rise and flourish, large and fair."

The Sermon was preached by the Bishop of New Hampshire, from the words, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Tim. i. 15.) The Right Rev. Preacher devoted the earlier portion of his discourse to the consideration of the Doctrine of the Atonement. This was followed by the mode of the application of the Great Remedy to the soul of the individual believer, showing the absolute necessity of a conversion, the modes in which that conversion may be effectual to the salvation of the soul, and the manner of the operation of the Holy Spirit, by whose aid the change is wrought. From this point the preacher passed on to the means which God hath ordained to perpetuate the preaching of His truth, and provide a never-failing channel through which its healing waters might reach the perishing souls of men.

The words of the text were addressed to the first Bishop of Ephesus; and this day they were assembled to give charge to another successor in the Apostolic line, who should bear the responsibility of carrying on the work, and the high honor of helping to perpetuate the ordinance of God. From this point the preacher went on to show the binding authority of the Church, as ordained by Christ and his Apostles, and the great danger of any separation from that society or kingdom which they established on earth, and which has ever since continued, and shall so continue, to the end of time. He then turned towards the Provisional Bishop elect, who rose and remained standing during the remainder of the discourse. The preacher said that, when it was considered that he was addressing one who had been a warm personal friend for thirty years, it could not be doubted that the duty was discharged with no ordinary emotion. He spoke to him of the duties and difficulties of the Holy Office to which he had been called. He alluded to the peculiar characteristics of the field over which he was now called to be an overseer—a field of which he could speak the more confidently, for he had been (while officiating in this Diocese at the request of the Standing Committee) over the greater part of it, and knew that everywhere the field was white unto the harvest. Everywhere, he said, his brother would be received with open arms, and welcomed as rarely has any Bishop been received on his first visitation. He encouraged him amidst the difficulties of his position, by invoking for him that aid by which he alone could be more than conqueror; he cheered him by the anticipations of returning peace, after the troubles that have agitated the Church of late; and finally expressed his heartfelt hope, that he might so exercise his high and holy office, that, at the last, he might receive, from the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, that happy welcome:—"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Another selection from the metrical Psalms was then sung, containing the verse:—

"Oh ever pray for Salem's peace;
For they shall prosperous be,
Thou holy city of our God,
Who bear true love to Thee."

The Provisional Bishop elect was then presented to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Connecticut, (the Senior Bishop in the Church, and Presiding Bishop on this occasion) by the Bishop of Indiana and the Assistant Bishop of Connecticut.

The presiding Bishop demanded the testimonials of the Provisional Bishop elect. Whereupon the testimonial from the Diocesan Convention was brought up by two Deacons. It is an immense document, about twelve feet long by nearly three feet wide, splendidly illuminated in gold and colors, and signed by an overwhelming majority of both orders in convention. It was mounted on rollers of black walnut, and bound with crimson silk. On being brought up, it was received by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT, who delivered it to the Presiding Bishop, at whose requisition it was unrolled by the Deacons, and read by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT, Secretary of the Convention, after which it was rolled up and laid upon the altar. The Presiding Bishop having called for the Testimonials from the Standing Committees, they were read by the Rev. Mr. EIGENBRODT, Assistant Secretary of the Convention, and were then laid likewise upon the altar. The Episcopal oath was then taken by the Provisional Bishop elect, in a voice which revealed the depth of his emotion. The call to prayer was made by the Missionary Bishop of Wisconsin and Iowa (who, on account of the feebleness of the Presiding Bishop, said all of the service appointed by the Rubric for the latter, except the sentence of consecration). The Litany was then said by the Bishop of New Jersey. The Address and Questions to the Provisional Bishop elect, were said by the Missionary Bishop of Wisconsin and Iowa. After the conclusion of these, the rest of the Episcopal habit was brought out from the Vestry-room by two deacons, and delivered to the Rev. Dr. CREIGHTON and the Rev. Dr. HIGBEE, who assisted in robing the Provisional Bishop elect. He then knelt, the presiding Bishop stood before him, the other Bishops gathered round him, and the *Veni Creator*

Spiritus, was said responsively by the Missionary Bishop and all the rest of the congregation. The presiding Bishop then laid hands upon his head: the Lord Bishop of Montreal, together with the Bishop of New Jersey, the Missionary Bishop, and the Bishops of Western New York, Maryland, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, all uniting with him in the act. As the solemn form of words was pronounced, the kneeling Priest received the Holy Ghost for the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God. On rising, the Provisional Bishop entered the sanctuary, and took his place along with his brother Bishops.

The Communion office was then proceeded with, the offertory sentences being said by the Bishop of Western New York. The alms were collected by seven deacons, by them poured into the large gilt Alms Basin, held by the Rev. Dr. HATOUR, who delivered it to the Bishop of Western New York, and by him it was reverently laid upon the Altar. The offerings, amounting to about \$100, were given, according to previous notice, to the Nashotah mission.

The elements were brought from the Prothesis by the Rev. Mr. HOBART, and were laid upon the altar by the Bishop of Western New York, who proceeded with the office as far as the Trisagion—which was sung. The Prayer of Adress and the Consecration Prayer were said by the Lord Bishop of Montreal. The Holy Eucharist was administered by all the Bishops to the clergy; and by the Rev. Drs. BERRIAN, McVICKAR, SEABURY and VAN KLEECK, to the laity, more than five hundred, in all, partaking of the consecrated elements.

The Post Communion Service was begun by the Bishop of Western New York;—the *Gloria in Excelsis* being sung. The last prayer for the Provisional Bishop, and the final Benediction, were pronounced by the Bishop of New Jersey, the presiding Bishop being compelled, by fatigue and feebleness, to leave before the conclusion of the Holy Office.

After the Service, the Letter of Consecration engrossed on parchment, highly illuminated in gold and colors, and with an elaborate initial letter filled with appropriate designs, was signed in the vestry-room by all the Bishops present. Their seals were also affixed in due form.

Of the music, it might be sufficient to say that it was, what it always is under the direction of Dr. HODGES. The *Te Deum* and *Jubilate* were from the service of *Jackson in E.* The psalm and hymn tunes were old Church tunes that everybody knew, and everybody joined in the singing of them. Such full-volumed, loud-resounding praise, has seldom been heard in this country. The Trisagion and *Gloria in Excelsis*, were from Dr. Hodges' own service in F. The choir of Trinity was on this day reinforced from other city choirs, and all the pieces were given with unusual force and full effect.

The crowning incident of the day was the presence and participation of the Lord Bishop of Montreal; and his Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Leach. Clergymen of the Scotch Church, and from Jamaica, were also present in the Church among the other Clergy. All the nearer Bishops of British North America were invited. Letters were received from the Lord Bishops of Quebec, Toronto, and Fredericton, deeply regretting their inability to attend, owing to important appointments in their own Dioceses; and warmly acknowledging the kindness of the invitation. Only the Lord Bishop of Montreal was enabled to be present. For the first time since the Church of America received the Succession, an English Bishop has consecrated the Holy Eucharist according to the American form, and has united in laying on hands in the consecration of an American Bishop. He also signed and sealed the Letter of Consecration.

This, coming so closely after the visit of our Bishops, by invitation, to England, and their enthusiastic reception there, adds another and yet stronger to the many bonds that already bind the two churches in one body. Nor will the union remain even as it is. It must grow closer and dearer; and the hearts of both are even now ready.

In close connection with this, was the interesting coincidence,

that the splendid gilt Alms Basin, presented to our Bishops in Oxford, on behalf of the American Church, was on this day used for the first time. It was placed, with the offerings, on the altar, by the Bishop of Western New York, one of those to whom it was given; and the occasion was the consecration of Dr. Wainwright, who accompanied, or rather preceded, the two Bishops on their Mission of Brotherhood.

The following notice of the visit of the Bishop of Montreal, is taken from the *N. Y. Churchman*:

The recent visit of the Bishop of Montreal—the Right Rev. Dr. Fullford—forms a marked epoch in the history of the Reformed Church of Christ. Invited to be present and participate in the solemnities of the consecration of our Provisional Bishop, as one of the chief pastors of the flock of Christ in a sister Church, with which we are united by the closest ties, by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, acting with the concurrence of the senior Bishop of the American Church; in the spirit of catholic love and unity, he accepted the invitation, and came among us in his official character. The design of the invitation to him and the other Bishops of the Church of England in the immediately adjacent North American Provinces, was to reciprocate in some small degree the kind courtesy recently extended to the Church of the United States by the Mother Church, and to give to the world another evidence of the vitality of that communion which exists between the several branches of the Reformed Catholic Church. The Bishops of Quebec, Toronto, and Fredericton were severally prevented, by imperative duties at home, from attending. Fortunately, the Bishop of Montreal was able to leave his Diocese, and arrived in New York on the evening preceding the consecration. Of the part which he took in the services of that eventful day, our readers are already aware. The place assigned him in the Church was at the left of the altar, next in rank to that of the presiding Bishop. He consecrated the Holy Eucharist, he united with the seven senior Bishops present in the laying on of hands on the candidate for the episcopate, and joined with them in the Letter of Consecration. The world has witnessed no such acts of Catholic intercommunion among the Reformed Churches, since the eventful period when the yoke of Rome was thrown off. And added to the many deeply interesting circumstances by which the late Jubilee year was marked, especially the visit of two of our Bishops to the Church of England, and their cordial reception by the prelates, clergy, and laity of our ancient mother, they speak a voice full of comfort and hope to all who are looking for redemption in Jerusalem.

The Bishop of Montreal remained in the City for several days. On Friday evening he delivered an address, replete with wisdom and piety, in the Chapel of the General Theological Seminary, after Evening Prayers. It was listened to by both professors and students, with the deepest interest. The Provisional Bishop, who was present, and the professors, united in requesting a copy of this eloquent production for publication. On Sunday, his Lordship preached three times, in the morning, at St. John's Chapel; in the afternoon, at Trinity Church; and at night, in St. Paul's Chapel. On each occasion, the Bishop of Western New York, and the Provisional Bishop of the Diocese were present in the chancel, in their robes, and also several of the Clergy. The congregations were very large throughout the day, and at night St. Paul's was crowded to its utmost capacity, and all who had the privilege of hearing the Bishop's thoughtful and earnest sermons will long bear them in their memories, as among the most edifying and impressive discourses to which they have ever listened.

During his brief stay his Lordship had several opportunities of seeing and conversing with some of the principal clergy and laymen of the City, on the many points of mutual interest which the circumstances of the times have rendered prominent. By his affability and kindness, his sound judgment and eminently practical good sense, and his deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the Church, he won the regard and esteem of all. Many hearts will follow him in their sympathies and prayers, and

fondly cherish the hope that they may again be permitted to take him by the hand, and listen to his words of wisdom and affection.

The following Resolutions were unanimously passed at a late Convention of the Diocese of Western New York :—

Resolved.—That this Convention have heard, with sentiments of gratitude and joy which it would not disguise, and cannot adequately express, our Right Rev. Bishop's Report of the cordial and affectionate welcome which the Bishop's, Clergy, and Laity of the English Church have given to him and the Right Rev. Bishop of Michigan, expressing, as we are so well assured it does, the feeling of that venerable and ancient Church towards her daughter in the United States.

Resolved.—That this Diocese, as an integral portion of the American Church, acknowledges with gratitude her indebtedness under God to the Church of England for her first foundation, and a long continuance of nursing care and protection, and rejoices in the continued and increasing prosperity of that venerable Society through whose instrumentality in former days that great and holy work was effected.

Resolved.—That this Convention fully reciprocates the noble and fraternal sentiments expressed by the members of the Church of England towards this Church and towards our nation; and will welcome the day when those sentiments shall find a more free development and utterance in the solemn councils of the mother and daughter Church.

Resolved.—That this Convention recognizes with devout thankfulness the good Providence of God, which has conducted our revered Diocesan and his companions safely and happily in all their journeyings by sea and land; and offers its earnest prayers for their return in safety to their homes.

Resolved.—That a certified copy of these proceedings be immediately transmitted to the Right Reverend the Bishop of this Diocese by the Secretary of this Convention; with the respectful request that they be communicated by him, in the way that shall seem most proper, to the venerated and beloved Prelates and others, Clergy and Laity of the Church of England, to whom we are indebted in his person for such great and Christian kindness.

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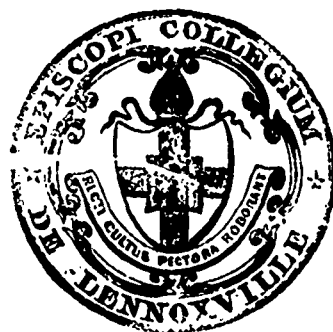
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