

aries to be the greatest obstruction to their work in China, Burmah, and many other countries, both in the prejudice which it creates against Christianity, and in the deplorable condition of its victims. These persons can seldom be trusted in their religious professions. It is a proverb in the East: "God furnished a means of escape from everything except the use of opium."

And the habit of using this vile drug is rapidly increasing in Europe and America. Since 1867 there has been an increase in its consumption in the United States of nearly a hundred per cent. A prominent druggist in New York says that the increased consumption of opium has followed very closely the use of the hypodermic syringe, and that a single instrument maker sold enough of these instruments in a very short time to supply the whole profession in the city. In some of the country towns in New England morphia (containing the active principle of opium) is sold by the grocers in large quantities. It is a significant fact that some of these towns are where prohibitory liquor laws have been most successfully enforced. The first white man in the United States began smoking opium in 1868, the second in 1871—now there are opium dens in all the principal cities. The improper use of it is also rapidly increasing in Canada.

It may justly be questioned whether any moral cause ever more clearly demanded the application of Gospel teaching than the opium question in all its wide and varied bearings.

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ONTARIO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—The opening sermon was preached on the 5th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Lewin, of Prescott.

Canon Norman having communicated a resolution of the Provincial Synod regarding the Bishop of Algoma.

Judge Macdonald moved a resolution approving of its action in reference to the stipend of the Bishop of Algoma, and named a committee to report during the session upon the mode in which the amount should be contributed annually.

The congregation of St. Stephen's church, Stafford, appealed for sympathy and aid to assist them in paying \$300, cost of litigation in defending their right to control their burial ground. It was a test case affecting the whole Church.

The following motions were passed:—

By the clerical-secretary, confirming the change in the order of 'proceeding respecting the auditors' report; by the Chancellor, respecting a canon on the Divinity Students' Fund; by Rev. J. A. Morris, appointing Rev. Messrs. Baker and Lewis and Messrs. Reynolds, Barber, and mover to report on alleged deficiencies in Ameliasburg endowment by Rev. J. W. Burke, appointing lay-secretary, Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick, Messrs. Keefer and Reynolds, to enquire and report upon the Belleville rectory lands dispute; by Rev. R. Lewis, for a canon to compel the holding of annual missionary meetings and further parochial collections for the same object, and providing that the list of clergy failing in this duty be annually sent to the Bishop; by Mr. John Wilmot, advocating the assessment of parishes according to population for mission funds.

Canon White submitted a report of the Mission Board, reporting a reduction of the debt, and that twenty-one parishes are still in default in presenting parochial collections. The income in round numbers is \$10,000. Several expenses are deducted and leave \$7,400, which, with the amount already paid since the end of the year, and that estimated from the parishes yet unheard from, make up \$8,100. The disbursements are \$7,970-20. The following is the classification of missions as fixed by the Board:—\$100 each, Huntley, North Gower, Oxford Mills; \$150 each, Amherst Island, Landsowne Rear, Leeds Rear, Merrickville, Nepean, Newboro', Packenham, Vankleek Hill; \$200 each to Arnprior, Camden East, Cumberland, Edwardsburg, Fitzroy Harbour, N. Madoc, Marmora, Moulinette, Mountain, North Augusta, North Frontenac, Osgoode, Pembroke, Selby, Shannonville, Stirling; \$250 each to Finch, Franktown, Gloucester, Kitley, Landsowne Front,

Loughboro', Plantagenet, Stafford, Tamworth; \$300 each to Beachburg, Clarendon, Eganville, Lanark, Pittsburg; \$400 to Brudenell; \$600 to Clara; \$ — to a missionary who is now doing good work at the Mattawa and Chalk River Mission.

The Board makes the grants without deducting 10 per cent. as in the past two years. Owing to the disorganization of the Rural deaneries through change of the Rural deans from one parish to another, the missionary deputations were not so methodically managed as in previous years.

Rev. W. B. Cary submitted the report of the Book and Tract Committee, showing a debt balance of \$244.

Rev. Mr. Lewin presented the report of the Episcopal Trust Fund Committee, showing a productive capital of \$53,990, and an unproductive one of \$6,935-05. The Bishop received \$3,200-02 last year.

Rev. Mr. Harrington handed in the report of the Special Committee upon the Widows' and Orphans' fund, submitting a new canon ably prepared. After an examination of the canons of the other dioceses it will be printed in the journal of the Synod and considered next year.

A resolution was passed requesting the Bishop to appoint a committee to ascertain Archdeacon Parnell's position in the diocese, he having left the diocese before sentence of suspension was passed, and had been given work in the diocese of Albany for six months. The Bishop appointed a committee for the purpose.

On the evening of the first day the Bishop and Provost Body, of Toronto, addressed the Synod, advocating an endowment fund to provide new buildings and new professorial chairs.

At the meeting in advocacy of the Trinity College Endowment Fund over \$3,000 was promised, and a committee appointed of members of the diocese of Ontario Synod, to solicit other aid. Sub-committees will be appointed for various parishes. Speeches were made by the Bishop, Provost Body, and Dr. Grant, Principal of Queen's College. His Lordship said:—"The College had attained great notoriety by the accounts of internal divisions, but he challenged any person to bring forward any proof that the Church of England had not been represented in the College according to its discipline and doctrine. He would not condescend to newspaper correspondence, but was prepared to defend the teachings of the College under Provost Whitaker and now, and God being his helper, he thought he would succeed. They were as a body walking on one leg. If they had the two they would get on wonderfully well. A large number of gentlemen were very much deluded in establishing a rival divinity school. He counselled his friends to leave this institution severely alone. To defeat it would be to produce bitter results.

Provost Body's speech was one of hopefulness. With the support of the people he thought it had a bright future.

SECOND DAY.—The Bishop saw no necessity for making changes in the various committees. Therefore they stand the same as last year.

Canon Pettit presented a petition from the parish of Williamsburg, asking leave to sell twelve acres of land.

Canon White presented a resolution of regret at the death of Canon Forest.

The Divinity Students' Fund Committee reported, showing disbursements of \$308-08 and collection of \$428-93. J. G. Hooper and S. A. Shaw have been accepted as students, and promised grants of \$150 each per annum to date from their entrance on the theological course.

The committee appointed to consider the appeal of the parish of Stafford reported that the Synod must thank it for establishing in the courts the rights of the Church of England, and that Rural-dean Nesbitt devise a plan to raise an indemnity fund for the costs.

The report of the Mission Board was considered, parishes in default for parochial collections called out, and clergymen of each parish gave explanations. Some parishes were vacant, some had grievances, in others no excuse was presented. The Bishop said the catechising to which each parish had been subjected had been useful. Defaulters next year would have to go through the same ordeal. Speaking of the grant to the missions, he said that whenever he went to a parish he made it his duty to enquire what the clergyman received, and there on the spot see that he received it, under threat of removing the clergyman.

Rev. D. F. Bogert discussed the subject of the composition of the Mission Board, and struck a popular key when he declared that forty or fifty missionaries should have a representation on the Board.

The members of the Provincial Synod are:—Rural-dean Baker, Archdeacon Jones, Revs. W. Lewin, Canon White, J. W. Burke, J. J. Bogert, F. W. Kirkpatrick, H. Pollard, Canon Pettit, Henry Wilson; A. Spencer and A. C. Nesbitt substitutes; Revs. G. J. Low, Archdeacon Lauder, Dean Lyster,

E. P. Crawford, E. P. Emery, R. Lewis, R. T. Walkem, J. A. Henderson, G. A. Kirkpatrick, James Reynolds, H. S. Macdonald, Dr. Wilson, J. Shannon, R. V. Rogers, D. Collins, A. J. Matheson, H. Harney, S. Keefer; substitutes, E. J. Sissons, J. B. McGuin, W. J. Benson, D. F. Jones, L. Wallbridge, A. L. Roberts; Mission Board, Revs. Baker, White, Nesbitt, Kirkpatrick, Crawford, Pettite, J. J. Bogert, Messrs. Jas. Shannon, J. B. McGuin, J. Reynolds, A. J. Matheson, G. A. Kirkpatrick, Hy. Hartney, E. H. Smithe, E. Rose, and Burke.

The Board of Foreign Missions showed the receipts to be \$1,347-67, an increase of \$400 over last year. It commented on the death of Bishop Farquhar, and bore testimony to his great missionary service, and congratulated the Church at large upon the election of Dr. Sullivan as his successor. The report assured the new Bishop of a full support from the diocese.

Those of the committee on the new canon to regulate stipends to missionaries were received and ordered to be printed. The committee on Communications reported that, while commending the work of the Upper Canada Bible Society, did not feel able to advise Synodical action. In regard to the connection of the Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Hamilton this Synod was of opinion that the religious condition should be based on the Bible and should be imposed on the young of the day. Every movement to this end had the support of the Synod.

Archdeacon Jones submitted a report in regard to the grant of \$400 to the diocese of Algoma. The report stated that the collection of money properly devolved upon the Committee of Foreign Missions, and that a special collection should be taken up on Good Friday as well as on days of intercession.

The memorial in regard to the Ameliasburg endowment was referred to the Executive Committee.

The memorial of the South Mountain report of the committee to which it was referred advised the sale of the church property.

St. James's church, Amherst Island, was granted power to lease for ten years.

The memorial respecting the Williamsburg rectory land was referred to the Executive Committee.

The mission report was adopted, adding Bell's Corners to the list of assisted missions.

A number of reports summarized the previous day, were adopted without debate.

Mr. H. B. White moved the following resolution:—"That a committee be appointed to draft a memorial to the Legislature of Ontario setting forth why in the opinion of this Synod the bill presented to and referred by them to the Committee on Private Bills for the purpose of granting a new Protestant Episcopal Divinity School at Toronto with power of granting degrees be not concurred in, such Committee to be named by the Lord Bishop, with instructions to report during the present session of the Synod."

Subsequently another resolution was carried that the Legislature be memorialized to the effect that the power be not given to confer degrees in divinity upon any college or school without the requests of the Synods of the Church. A special committee was appointed to draft the memorial.

The episcopal stipends accruing for Algoma since the death of the late Bishop were ordered to be paid unconditionally to the new Bishop.

The Bishop announced that he had been entrusted by the Metropolitan with a commission to consecrate the new Bishop at Montreal on June 29th, and that the sermon on the occasion would be preached by Bishop Cox, of Western New York.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections, etc., received during the week ending June 3rd, 1882.

ALGOMA FUND.—Whitsun-day Collection:—Toronto, St. Bartholomew's, \$3-65; St. Anne's 13-75; St. Paul's 50-00; All Saints' 54-00; St. Matthias' 2-21; St. Stephen's 2-25; St. George's 46-15; St. Philip's, Weston, 2-50; St. Mark's, Parkdale, 3-00; St. John's, Berkeley, 5-90; Campbellford 8-04; Whitby 5-52; Brampton 9-50; Grafton 6-00; Newcastle 26-20; St. Luke's, Ashburham, 4-00; Gore's Landing 2-83; Harwood 1-00; Stayner 4-86; Creemore 3-14; Barrie 11-51; Orillia 21-85; Cobourg 25-00; Oshawa 10-00; St. John's chapel, Weston, 1-78; York Mills 3-07; Midland 1-80; St. George's, Haliburton, 1-90; Gildford 62 cents; St. Thomas's, Shanty Bay, 3-15; St. James's, Albion, 1-32; Campbell's Cross 1-57; Charleston 97 cents; Brighton 1-29. Day of Intercession Collection:—St. Anne's, Toronto, 1-00; Kinmount 69 cents.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—October Collection:—St. Paul's, Toronto, balance of assessment, 35-60; Wyebridge and Waverley, on account of assessment, 16-30; Brooklin, Columbus, and Ashburn, balance of assessment, 19-53; Oshawa, balance of assessment 7-00; St. James's, Albion, 1-26; Campbell's Cross 1-25.