

their congregations, had withdrawn to other spheres, and several whose talents and whose good degree already attained in other dioceses fill us with bright anticipation of the enduring work of faith and love they may have been sent by God to perform amongst us had been received into the Diocese.

On the nomination of the Clergy in Chapter, the Rev. H. F. Mellish had been appointed for a second period of three years to the Rural Deanery of South Wentworth and Haldimand. Three ordinations had been held, Mr. Thos. Fisher Marsden, of St. Augustine College, Canterbury, having been admitted to the Diaconate, and Rev. Lennox I Smith and Rev. Henry Arthur Bowden advanced to the Priesthood.

The following appointments to Rectories had been made: Rev. P. W. Smith to the Rectory of Waterloo or Bertie; Rev Thos. Motherwell to the Rectory of Dunnville; Rev. E. P. Crawford to the Rectory of the Church of Ascension, Hamilton; Rev. Gabriel Johnstone to the Rectory of Welland

Speaking of Confirmations, the Bishop said: "During the year I have confirmed 335 males and 461 females, total 796. Of these 169 were brought up outside the Church of England. The total is much below that of last year, which showed a higher proportion to our Church membership than we have any right to look for now that Confirmation is administered annually in each congregation."

The Consecration of one Church and the opening of two others were reported, viz: St. Clements, Colbeck, consecrated; and St. Luke's, Hamilton, and the Church at Alma opened.

Of the Mission work of the Diocese his Lordship said: "Our grants in aid of the Missions in this Diocese amount to \$3,680, and the expense connected with the fund amounts to \$469, making a total of \$4,149 for which we are responsible this year. Assuming that such congregation pays in full the amount of its apportionment, we shall have \$4,500. This would reduce the balance now at our debit to \$800. Experience indicates, however, that our congregations will not pay more than \$2,800 on their apportionment. This with interest on the small capital of our Mission fund will give us \$3,355 to meet an outlay of \$4,149. The difference will increase our debit to \$1,900. There are two remedies for this. The best is that all congregations pay in full; the other that some of our Missions be closed."

His Lordship drew attention to the fact that this year the expenditure in the Widows' & Orphans' Fund exceeds the income by \$275. "I am told that this does not matter because the Widows' and Orphans' Fund is always popular and the demand will call forth a generous supply. I would like to see the evidence of this in your meeting year by year the claims upon the fund. The present position is not creditable to us, and no one can regard it as satisfactory."

Referring to Sunday-school work, his Lordship expressed regret that no candidate from the Diocese of Niagara—teachers or scholars—were mentioned in the report of the Examiners under the Inter-Diocesan Committee, and he most-urgently urged his clergy to surround themselves gradually with efficient Sunday-school teachers by forming them into small classes for instructions which are open to all, teachers and children alike, in all the Sunday-schools of our Diocese.

**Church of England Temperance Society.**—The Bishop expressed great satisfaction that branches of this Society were being formed in some of the parishes. Nearly every community has some individual cases of persons who could be strengthened by one or other pledges of the Society. The pledge not to treat or be treated; the pledge not to take whatever stimulant may be used except in connection with meals would he felt sure, be a very great benefit to some amongst us.

After dealing with some matters relating to

connection with other Dioceses, the Bishop closed his address by inviting the patient and painstaking attention to the matters on which it may be necessary for the Synod to take action, and hoped that the spirit of peace and concord would prevail amongst us while we deliberate and speak freely whatever may seem to each to be wise and needful and expedient."

At the afternoon session on the 18th, the report of the SPECIAL TRUST COMMITTEE; of the MISSION BOARD, and of the Sunday-school Committee was presented; and the former adopted, a special committee being appointed to report as to the best method of increasing the Mission Fund of the Diocese.

The S.S. Committee reported, the Church Catechism seems to be used in some form in all the Sunday schools in the Diocese; but definite Church teaching, besides and beyond this is very rare. Of the fifty Sunday schools, 24 use the Institute leaflet. A few use Whittaker's leaflet, or Egerton's and others. In many cases infant classes are most difficult to teach, and it is a happy gift when teachers are able to interest and efficiently instruct them. About one half the schools use hymns Ancient and Modern, while other hymnals are also used. Sixteen Sunday schools circulate the "Dawn of Day" Sunday school paper; eight "The Young Churchman," and others are also taken. Your committee recommend that the power be conferred upon them (first) to aid Sunday schools in exceptional cases by supplying gratuitously or at reduced rates library and instruction books approved of by the committee; (second) to promote voluntary examinations for Sunday school teachers and pupils offering, if possible, prizes in addition to honors as inducements to compete; (third) to appoint, if means be provided therefor, a competent and experienced Sunday school Inspector to make periodical visitations of Sunday schools; (fourth) to summon, with the sanction of the Bishop, every two or three years, conventions of Sunday school workers for mutual consultation and improvement; (fifth) to provide, subject to the approval of the Synod, a uniform definite system of Sunday school instruction on the history, doctrine, worship and ministry of the Church, for use in this Diocese.

The recommendations of the committee, except that as to an Inspector, were adopted at the evening session of Synod.

The committee on the attendance of the Laity at Synod reported suggesting, first, for the selection of only such persons who shall undertake to attend Synod meetings, and secondly, the providing of funds necessary to defray the expenses, or some portion of the expenses of those engaged in attending. They considered the time of the year which has been usually selected for, and the place of holding the annual meeting of the Synod as most convenient; that less meetings of the Synod would not be desirable, and that there should not be smaller representation of lay delegates. These suggestions were concurred in.

**Exchanges between Dioceses.** It was decided to present a memorial to the Provincial Synod setting forth: that clergymen in removing from one diocese to another of this Ecclesiastical Province forfeit part or whole of their claims on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the Disabled Clergyman's Fund of the Diocese which they leave, and further are often obliged to accept the position of juniors on such fund, in the diocese which they enter; and that the state of things entails unnecessary and unjust loss on many faithful servants of the Church by grading them not according to their services to the Church at large but only with regard to their work in a particular diocese, praying that Body to take this matter into consideration, and if possible suggest some plan of reciprocity between dioceses.

The report of the Committee of the Church of England Temperance Society, showed that at present the membership in the Diocese

is 1,400, of which 600 are children. It was decided to go fully into the subject next morning. The Synod adjourned at 10:15 o'clock.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

SYNOD MEETING.

The Synod assembled in St. Paul's Cathedral Monday morning 17th June, when full Cathedral service was held, taken part in by Rev. Canons Davis, Smith, Hincks, Paerson, Hill, Ven. Archdeacons Sandys and Marsh, Very Rev. Dean Innes, and the Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin.

The sermon was by Rev. Principal Fowell, from Judges viii., 4. He spoke of the *divine origin of the Church*, as proved by its existence to the present day in face of the strongest opposition. The marks of its divinity were unmistakable. He gave a sketch of the subject of the text, Gideon's small army, which overthrew a host so much superior in numbers, and illustrated the power of a few men quickened by the spirit of God in any undertaking they might set about in His name. This small army of Gideon won the victory, not in their own strength, but in the strength of the Lord. The Church of Christ must not trust in numbers, or temporal power or wealth, but the power of the Spirit, which was all sufficient. In the course of his sermon he made reference to the Huron College, the training school for clergy of the Diocese, and which he said should receive the hearty support of every churchman.

The business meeting began in the Chapter House in the afternoon, His Lordship the Bishop presiding.

The session opened with prayer by Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, the Rev. Canon Richardson, Hon. Clerical Secretary, and Mr. E. B. Reed, Hon. Lay Secretary, and Messrs. A. G. Smyth and C. F. Complin, Auditors, were re-elected.

The Bishop delivered a lengthy charge to the Synod, dealing with the financial affairs of the Diocese, the spiritual growth, the deaths in the Ministry; Huron College affairs, Mission work, the objects and claims of the Women's Auxiliary, and an eloquent reference to Roman Catholic aggression and the Jesuits' Estates Act, which seemed to excite the warmest appreciation and concurrence of the house, his Lordship being frequently interrupted during his reading by the applause of his hearers.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to draft resolutions on the Jesuits' Estates Act and the subjects contained in the address relative to Roman Catholic aggression: Very Rev. Dean Innes, Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, Rev. R. W. Young and Mr. R. Bayly, Q. O.

A communication was received from the Jubilee Committee of the Toronto Diocese inviting the co-operation of the Synod in their celebration, and from Halifax, asking the co operation of the Synod in a petition to the Dominion Government in favor of total prohibition of strong drink.

A vote of thanks to Rev. Principal Fowell for his eloquent, spiritual and learned sermon of the morning was carried.

Several notices of motion were given, after which the annual report of the Executive Committee for the year ending April 30th was presented, showing that the past year had been a fairly prosperous one. The Committee reported an increase in nearly all the Diocesan collections, although the aggregate of the free-will contributions of the Diocese is considerably less than of the previous year, being \$16,911 94 as compared with \$18,744.40 in 1888. But the special efforts made last year for the Synodical Jubilee Offertory, and for Mrs. Boomer's Jubilee Fund for Algoma, both of them exceptional in their character, more than accounted for the difference in the total receipts, and, therefore, on a review of the whole years work, the Executive Committee have good cause to congratulate the Diocese on the results. The Clergy Maintenance and Mission Fund has now