

Thursday, May 10th, being Ascension Day, the Standing Committees of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto met at the Synod Office, Toronto, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th and 16th May, 1877.

Executive Committee.

Present.—The Archdeacon of Peterborough, Chairman; the Archdeacon of York, Revs. Dr. Lett, R. Shanklin, William Logan, C. W. Paterson, A. J. Fidler, S. Givius. Messrs. Farncomb, O'Reilly, Harman, and Dr. Snelling.

Letter was read from the Bishop appointing Tuesday, 19th June, the day for the meeting of the Synod.

The Committee arranged the order of the proceedings for the approaching session of Synod; also (in accordance with the resolution of Synod, June 1876) a list of names to be recommended to the Synod to serve on the several Standing Committees for the ensuing year.

A Sub Committee was appointed to prepare the annual report, and a Reception Committee to provide for the accommodation of the clerical members during the Session of Synod.

Clergy Trust Committee

Present.—Rev. Dr. Lett, Chairman; the Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. W. W. Bates, W. R. Forster, C. W. Paterson, H. C. Cooper, John Davidson, A. J. Broughall. Messrs. Greene, A. H. Campbell, and Dr. Snelling.

Letter was read from Mr. Wm. Ince regretting his inability to attend on account of absence from town.

The Secretary laid before the meeting the usual quarterly financial statement, showing the net proceeds from the policies on the life of the late Hon. J. H. Cameron to be \$45,182 96; also, an estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the current year, showing a surplus of over \$2,000; also, the Bishop's certified list of the clergy of the Diocese of Toronto in their order of seniority.

Letter was read from the Bishop, stating that the Rev. John Carry's leave of absence would be extended for another year from 1st July next, and that as Mr. Carry is able to discharge the duties of the curacy of a small country parish in England, he is willing to relinquish for the further time of his absence one-half of the stipend which he receives from the Commutation Fund, if the Committee consider that he should make this abatement, or any abatement at all.

Resolved,—That the Rev. Mr. Carry by resigning his charge in this Diocese, prolonged absence, and uncertain return, has in terms of the Canon forfeited, *pro tem.*, his claim upon the Commutation Trust Fund.

The attention of the Committee having been called to the fact that the Rev. T. P. Hodge, who is on the Pay List, is not engaged in any Parochial duty:

Resolved,—That all payments from the Commutation Surplus Fund to the Rev. Mr. Hodge be discontinued from the 1st day of July next, until the Bishop certifies to this Committee that he is employed in Ministerial work, as provided by the Canon in that behalf.

In regard to the claim of the Rev. S. Briggs to participate in the Commutation Surplus, the opinion of Messrs. Bethune, Osler, and Moss, was read, stating that Mr. Briggs is not entitled to participate in the Commutation Fund Surplus, unless he is so entitled in respect of his service up to 1869.

Resolved,—That the Secretary-Treasurer notify the claimants, in accordance with the Bishop's list, (whose names have now been fixed), to furnish the Certificate required by the By-Law, and that the Sub-Committee of Management do consider and act upon such certificates up to the amount of the available surplus.

The Rev. S. Briggs having been transferred from his present position on the Bishop's list (June 1st, 1858,) to June 1st, 1868, the names referred to in the above