

time, instead of being called a "Corresponding Committee to act with the Central Board of Domestic Missions," the name be changed to the Diocesan Board of Domestic Missions.—Carried.

His Lordship appointed the Revs. Canon Carmichael, J. S. Stone, J. A. Newnham, Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Mr. G. W. Simpson and Hon. Thos. McWood as members of the Committee in addition to the Revs. J. F. Renaud, W. L. Mills, and S. Belcher and the Chancellor and Messrs. C. Garth and J. Hutton.

Mr. Strachan Bethune, Q. C. presented the report of the Committee on Canons, which submitted for the consideration of the Synod an accompanying revised edition of the constitution, rules of order, canons, rules and regulations of the Synod.

Mr. L. H. Davidson read the report of the committee on the appointment to rectories and self-sustaining parishes.

Mr. L. H. Davidson also read the report of the committee appointed at the last session of the Synod in reference to the use of the title of Metropolitan by another than the Bishop of Montreal, and as to what steps, if any, were necessary to establish and maintain the rights of this Diocese and of its Bishop in regard to said title and dignity. The committee were of the opinion that two courses were open to them:—First, that of an appeal to the legal tribunals of the country by means of an injunction to restrain the Lord Bishop of Fredericton from using the said title of Metropolitan, and to have the Lord Bishop of Montreal declared alone entitled thereto; and, secondly, further communication and a negotiation with the Provincial Synod, with a view of arriving at an amicable and just settlement of this dispute; that notwithstanding the disregard paid to the representations of this Synod in the past, the committee earnestly desiring to avoid an appeal to the civil tribunals, would recommend the adoption at present of the second course; and to this end advised the appointment of a committee to draw up and submit to this house a memorial to be presented to the said Provincial Synod at its approaching session in September next, setting forth anew the claims of the Diocese and of its Bishop; the steps heretofore taken by this Synod; the doubt admittedly existing even in said Provincial Synod as to the effect of its own action, and the grave danger to the Church at large in consequence of the present position of this question; and praying that immediate steps might be taken to settle and determine the validity of the claims of this Diocese, and to accord to its Bishop his rightful title and position under the letters-patent of the Crown to his predecessor, the Most Reverend Francis Fulford, D. D., and his successors.

Very Rev. Dean Baldwin submitted the report of the Committee on Library Books and Tracts. He also presented the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, which reported progress in advancing the cause of Sunday Schools throughout the Diocese, though that advance, owing to various reasons, has not been as satisfactory as might have been expected. Also presented the report of the Committee on the Superannuation Fund.

Rev. Rural Dean Lindsay presented the report of the Committee on Works of Mercy.

Rev. Rural Dean Lindsay also read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which urged upon the members of the Church the importance of the missionary work, and stated that they had arrived at a time when greater prominence should be given to foreign missions. The collections for the year had been: Dues, \$329.24; Church Missionary Society, \$363.40; Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, \$208.65; Madras, \$20; interest, \$4.87; total, \$926.16.

Rev. S. Belcher read the report of the Diocesan Board of Domestic Missions. The report stated a larger amount had been contributed by the diocese for domestic missions than in any previous year, which was undoubtedly due to the increased interest excited in domestic missions by the election of Rev. Dr. Sullivan to the Bishopric of Algoma. The whole amount received during the past year has been, for missions, \$1,568.56; for the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes, \$89.07; total, \$1,657.63; of which \$518.63 came from St. George's Church, Montreal. This, however, by no means represented the whole amount contributed by the Diocese, as many subscriptions—some of them large—had been sent direct to the Treasurer of the Diocese of Algoma, have been acknowledged in the *Algoma Missionary News*, and did not appear in the books of the Treasurer of the Board. The amount thus contributed direct, so far as had been ascertained, is \$2,072.70, which, added

to \$1,657.63, makes a grand total of \$3,730.33 raised in the Diocese during the year for Domestic Missions.

The reports of the Treasurer, Mr. James Hutton, and of the Executive Committee were also submitted. Several notices of motion were then given. The report of the Committee on Vestries in free churches, which was presented at the last annual session of the Synod was, on motion of Mr. S. Bethune Q. C., seconded by Mr. L. H. Davidson, adopted. The report recommended the desirability of petitioning the Legislature to amend the Church Temporalities Act.

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DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The following is the Bishop's charge to the Synod:—

DEAR BROTHERS,—Since my last address to the Synod I have been engaged in visiting as many of the parishes and missions of the Diocese as I possibly could, and Confirmation services were held by me as follows:—

(Here the Bishop read a list of his visitations, which showed that he had confirmed 997 males and 1,292 females during the past eighteen months.)

"The total number of those confirmed is 2,289, of whom 2,163 received their first communion at the time of their confirmation. This is a very satisfactory result. Not only is the number larger than ever before in the same space of time, and with the same area, but it is moreover obvious to all interested that never at any previous time was the preparation for Confirmation more thoroughly made, as was evinced by the earnestness and devout demeanor of the candidates. I have held four Ordinations, at which ten candidates were admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, and nine were promoted to the Priesthood.

The following churches were consecrated by me:—St. Paul's Church, Renfrew; Trinity Church Shannonville; St. Anne's, Easton's Corners; Christ Church, Amherst Island; St. Thomas' Church, Torbolton; St. George's Church, Alice; St. Mark's Church, Pakenham; Holy Trinity Church, Chesterville. I also consecrated the burial ground of St. Anne's Church, Easton's Corners. I have to congratulate the Synod on the increased liberality extended to our Mission Fund, and to our Board of Foreign Missions, and in connection with the latter I recommend to the serious attention of the Synod the following letter received by me from the Lord Bishop of Algoma, which speaks for itself:—

Toronto, May 15, 1883.

My Dear Bishop,—In view of the approach of the annual meeting of your Synod, will you allow me to call your attention to a matter which effects the clergy of our Missionary Diocese very seriously.

Algoma, alone of all the Dioceses, so far as I know, has no fund for the Widows and Orphans of deceased clergy. This fact, amongst others, places a very formidable obstacle in the way of an increase of our little staff of clerical workers. Men with families will not readily enter a Diocese, where, added to other privations, they are required to confront a future containing no provision either for their own old age or, after they are called away for their wives and children. In this respect the Bishop of Algoma stands in even a worse position than the clergy, have actually forfeited the claim which he once had in the Diocese of Montreal by his acceptance of the duty to which the Church has called him. We all feel with one consent that the Church ought not to allow us to lie under any such disability, and we cannot but believe that many will be found in the Synods of the several Dioceses, prepared to sympathise with us and willing to adopt any reasonable and feasible method of relief.

The Diocese of Quebec, at its Biennial Synod last January, most kindly responded to my appeal by adopting a resolution providing for an offertory

annually, for three years, in every congregation, in behalf of our Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Is there any insuperable obstacle in the way of the adoption of a similar resolution in every one of the other Dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province? I cannot think so. Objections may possibly be urged on the ground of the multiplicity of special collections required throughout the year, but here we simply cast ourselves on the compassion of our brethren, and ask them whether this is not, in a peculiar degree, a case calling for the application of the Golden Rule and affording the Church in her collective capacity, a grand opportunity for the exercise of that "pure and undefiled religion" which, on its actively benevolent side, consists in "visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction?"

If you, my dear Bishop, sympathize with us in our present distress, as I am sure you do, will you do myself and the clergy of Algoma the favour of making special mention of this matter in your charge to your Synod, and of suggesting some immediate action at its coming session, which will, at least, help to meet the difficulty?

If nothing else can be devised, we will be most grateful for the adoption of a resolution similar to that adopted in Quebec.

Trusting that this may be another added to many expressions of interest and sympathy received from your Diocese during the past year,—I remain, my dear Bishop, yours faithfully,

E. ALGOMA.

The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ontario.

I am induced to address you on the status of the Church in this Diocese, as indicated by the census lately taken. That the Church has not grown relatively with other religious bodies is evident from the census, and this deficiency, which is not confined to this Diocese, but is general throughout the whole Province, has been commented on in the Bishops' charges, newspapers and pamphlets. Various causes are assigned for this state of things, but it seems to me that the most obvious reasons have escaped the attention of our critics, while those adduced seem exceedingly far-fetched and quite inadequate to have produced such results. I should have thought any one seeking a solution to this problem would not only have read the census carefully but the Journal of Synod as well. He would then have ascertained that there are 175 townships of 100 square miles each in this Diocese, besides cities and towns.

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DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

THE Treasurer begs to acknowledge the following contribution from L. London, \$100 for Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Steam Yacht, or at Bishop's discretion.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

(From our own correspondent.)

THE following letter was referred to, but omitted in our last:—

THE CHAPTER HOUSE, LONDON, ONT., June 9, 1883.

MY DEAR BISHOP,—

I find that, after all my anxiety to facilitate the speedy election of a successor, it will be necessary to obtain the consent of the majority of the House of Bishops in Session, as the individual consent of the majority of the Bishops, of which you notified me, is not enough to give canonical effect to my resignation of the See of Huron.

I therefore wish you to consider my resignation, now in your hands, as absolute and unqualified, and would wish you kindly to bring the matter before the House of Bishops at the earliest opportunity.

Mrs. Hellmuth and myself intend (D. V.) leaving New York in the "Servia" on the 18th July, and should the House of Bishops not be able to meet before that date, I shall then appoint a Commissary to act for me until my resignation has been accepted in accordance with Canon VIII. of the Provincial Synod, of which fact I trust I shall receive an official notification.

Ever believe me, yours sincerely,

I. HURON.

The Most Reverend  
The Lord Bishop of Fredericton, Metropolitan.

CHATAM.—A class of 23 candidates was con-