

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

The Board of Management met in St. George's Hall, Kingston, on Wednesday, March 19th, at 9.30 a. m. The members present were: The Lord Bishops of Ontario and Toronto, the Revs. Canon Dumoulin, W. F. Campbell, J. D. Cayley, and F. W. Kirkpatrick, and Messrs. A. H. Campbell, L. H. Davidson, E. B. Reed, J. J. Mason, R. T. Walkem, and Jas. Reynolds.

The chair was taken by the Lord Bishop of Ontario. After prayer the Treasurer's financial statement was presented, and also a letter from the Treasurer reluctantly tendering his resignation on account of numerous public duties.

The Ascension-tide appeal on behalf of Domestic Missions, to be read in all the churches on the 5th Sunday after Easter, was presented by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and approved by the Board.

The Secretary gave notice that at the September meeting he would move that Articles V. and VI. be altered, so that the spring meeting of the Board shall be held on the Wednesday after Easter, instead of during Lent as now.

The Board then adopted an "Order of Business," &c., for the regulation of meetings.

At 1 o'clock the Board adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

After adjournment, the Secretary, Rev. W. F. Campbell presented the following: "The manifesto" issued in accordance with the instructions of the Board, setting forth the aims and objects of the society, and appealing to the Churchmen for greater liberality on behalf of mission, domestic and foreign, was very generally read in all the churches on the Sunday appointed and made a profound impression. One zealous layman, after hearing it, wrote your Secretary: "Thank God. At last! At last!! The Canadian Church puts on her beautiful garment." This general address was followed immediately by an Epiphany appeal.

Encouraging reports were received from all the Diocesan Secretaries, which are by no means full returns (for the time has been too short to hear from so many hundreds of widely scattered parishes and missions) must inspire all hearts with thankfulness and with bright hopes for the future. From parishes heard from we report \$4,362.96 in response to the Epiphany appeal. The Diocese of Fredericton, before the issuance of the Epiphany appeal, had taken up collections in December, 1883, on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, but the amount contributed has not yet been reported to the officers of this board. Two hundred copies of the "Canon of the Provincial Synod" and the "Constitution and by-laws of the Board of Management," were printed for the use of the members of the Board. The Secretaries of the several Synods certified lists of the clergy and parishes corrected to date. He has obtained for the use of the Board a full list of all parishes which have not yet responded to the Epiphany appeal. He has also used all diligence in urging on the Treasurers of the Diocesan Synod the importance of transmitting to the General Treasurer all funds intended for the Board of Management before the date of this meeting, and that his communications have been kindly received by all, and as the returns indicate, promptly responded to. In conclusion the Secretary reported that there was to the credit of Algoma \$27.94; North West Missions, \$266.86, Foreign Missions, appropriated, \$,006.41; unappropriated about \$2,000.

A LONG discussion on the division of the funds of the society took place. The following resolution was moved by Mr. J. J. Mason, seconded by Mr. R. T. Walkem, and carried; "That until otherwise ordered by this board moneys at the credit of domestic missions be divided in proportion to the sums called for in the appeal of this board for missions adopted at last meeting, namely, Algoma, \$8,600; Rupert's Land \$6,000; Saskatchewan, \$6,000; Munsomin, \$3,000; Assinibouia, \$4,200; Athabaska, \$3,200; and that in such division any sums appropriated by donors to particular dioceses shall be taken, into account, so that as nearly as

possible the result will be a distribution for the financial year based upon the principle herein set forth; and that as often as a sum of \$500 is in the treasurer's hands at the credit of domestic missions unappropriated by donors he shall divide and pay over the same."

Moved by Mr. L. H. Davidson, seconded by Mr. J. Reynolds, "That, this board recognizing the great obligations of the Church in this country to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, contributions to foreign missions be divided between that society and the Church Missions Society in the proportion of two-thirds to the former and one-third to the latter, sums specially appropriated by contributors being taken into accounts in making such division, and that these amounts be applied to the work of said societies among the heathen."

Moved by Mr. Reynolds, seconded by Mr. E. B. Reed, "That this board accepts with the deepest regret the resignation of Mr. Thomas White as treasurer, and that in his stead Mr. J. J. Mason be treasurer of the board." Carried.

A long discussion took place on the importance of every Diocese acting upon the Ascension-tide appeal, and having collections made on behalf of Domestic Missions on the Sunday appointed, and the opinion of those present was unanimous that no pre-existing arrangement or plan in any Diocese should be pleaded as an excuse for neglecting to make the offerings on Sunday after Ascension Day for Domestic Missions.

Notices of motions for the September meeting were handed in by Messrs. Walkem and Mason.

The accounts of the *Gazette* Printing Co. and of the Secretary were ordered to be paid.

The Board adjourned to meet in Montreal in September, the day of the meeting to be named by the Bishop of Ontario.

News from the Home Field.

Gathered specially for this paper by Our Own Correspondents.

DIocese OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX.—*Rev. Brethren:* I have to give notice that the next Session of the Diocesan Synod will be held Tuesday, July 1st, and that representatives are to be elected at the Easter meetings of the several Parishes or Districts entitled to be represented. As the new regulations have not yet been confirmed, the old are still in force, and I request you to return the names of the persons elected to the Registrar, C. B. Bullock, Halifax, immediately after the election, or in the case of non-residents, as soon as you have ascertained whether they will serve.

I have also to call your attention to Clause 10 of the Constitution, enacting that "no representative shall be allowed to take his seat as long as the dues of his Parish or District shall be one year or upwards in arrears."

I hope that every Parish will take pains to secure representatives who will attend, and diligently perform the important duties of their office.

H. NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, March 28, 1884.

B. H. M.

General Purposes—Bishop's Chapel, (Mrs. E. Pineo), per the Lord Bishop, \$5.00.

JNO. D. H. BROWNE,
Clerical Secretary.

B. D. & F. M.

Algoma Bishopric Fund—Weymouth, per Rev. P. J. Filleul, \$21.20.

Shingwauk Home—Weymouth, per Rev. P. J. Filleul, \$3.00.

Wawanosh Home—Weymouth, per Rev. P. J. Filleul, 3.00.

Foreign Missions—St. Peter's, Charlottetown, P. E. I., per Rev. K. C. Hind, .35; Lunenburg, (B. Anderson, Esq.) per Rev. G. D. Harris, \$5.00.

HALIFAX.—The lecture delivered by the Rev. I. Brock, of the Mines, Londonderry, on Monday

evening last, in Masons' Hall, was well attended, notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather. The lecture itself, which occupied over an hour in delivery, was a very excellent one, and was highly appreciated by the audience. Mr. Brock went carefully over the planting of Christianity in Saxon England, dwelt upon the difficulties which had to be met, and the missionaries who overcame them. The lecturer showed most conclusively that while Augustine with his monks, sent by Gregory of Rome, converted the Kentish Kingdom, the early British Church in Wales, with other branches of the Celtic Church, bore its part in the conversion of the other Kingdoms of the Island. Mr. Brock also made it very plain that differences in the keeping of Easter and in some other matters continued until the Council of Whitby, 664. Subsequently to this period, however, the point was emphasized, that the Anglo-Saxon Church constantly opposed the growing interference of Rome, and maintained her independence. We have not space at present to give our readers full notes of the lecturer's able paper, but we trust to be able to publish it in full at an early date.

The Institute Course this winter, while not as largely attended in some instances as in previous years, yet, on the whole, has been quite successful. The papers have been practical and of a high order.

In this connection we desire to make a special reference to the very admirable paper of Mr. S. H. Shreve on "The Work of the Laity," a paper which we should like to see printed in pamphlet form and widely circulated. There is much hope for the Church when such active business young men, as are Mr. Shreve and several of the other readers, are willing to devote a portion of their time to the work of the Church.

THE Bishop of the Diocese, on Tuesday last, the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of his consecration to the Episcopate. His Lordship is still full of vigor, and looks well able to do the full work of his extensive Diocese for many years to come. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at the Cathedral at 11 o'clock, when a very large number partook of the Sacrament. The Bishop was celebrant. We desire on our own and on behalf of our readers to tender his Lordship our heartiest congratulations.

TRURO—Allow me to state in your valuable paper that a funeral of more than ordinary interest took place in St. John's Church, Truro, on Saturday afternoon last. It was that of the wife of Mr. Sylvester G. Chambers, who, though having experienced ill-health for a long time, in the end, died very suddenly, and under circumstances which created universal sympathy. The characteristics of this lady will be best seen by the words uttered on the occasion by the Rev. J. A. Kaulbach, which were as follows:—"She, whose mortal remains are now lying in our midst, was comparatively a stranger among us, being intimately known to but few. Ill-health, in her case, very much interfered with the discharge of such duties as society claims from us, and her life was, consequently, to a large extent, one of seclusion. I desire, therefore, on this occasion, to say, that she thought much more about the concerns of soul, and had far deeper religious feelings than any one, except those immediately connected with her, had any conception of. She shrank from obtruding these things upon the notice of the others, considering the communing of her soul with God too sacred a matter for ordinary conversation. Her prayers and alms were done in secret, and from her heavenly Father, who seeth in secret, she looked alone for the reward. It was her custom (as it is our duty) daily to approach the throne of grace, and for wisdom, guidance, and protection, she besought the Giver of all good things. With a single exception or so, no one beyond the limits of her own household knew anything of this; and her unobtrusive manner in matters spiritual may have given those, who in this