

ample to some others of the Provinces. Reports were keenly criticised, and in some cases amended, but with surprising rapidity, only important matters being pressed to division. Laity and clergy mingled together on most friendly terms and supported each other's motions, or opposed those of their own order with great impartiality and good temper. There was too an almost entire absence of the spirit sometimes seen which seeks to keep the young men down. Only one man—a rural dean too—transgressed in this respect, while many of the older clergy openly encouraged their juniors to say their say, and showed great indignation at the unmannerly speech of the R. D. referred to. In fact it might be called the "young men's Synod."

For the most part these young men acquitted themselves well; their speeches were pointed and yet respectful, though once or twice they were more the former than the latter. The main bone of contention was the Mission Board policy, and as the settlement was one of general interest I will conclude my letter by detailing it.

Up to last year the clearly defined policy of the Board, faithfully adhered to, has been to apportion grants solely on the number and wealth of the families in each mission, and their own home needs. The amount actually received by the missionary was a secondary matter. Consequently many missionaries have been almost starved and forced into hopeless debt, not through their own fault, but that of their people. Last year the Synod ordered a reversal of this policy. For the future each mission was to be canvassed from house to house for the clergyman's support by the Rural Deans, and when they had secured the highest amount possible in this way the Mission Board was to make it as near \$800 for each priest and \$600 for each deacon as the Canon on Classification would allow. Provision was also made for dealing with hopelessly mean parishes, such as Newboro, where men worth thousands only subscribe \$5 and \$6 yearly. Of course this would take considerable money, and the Fund is at present somewhat inelastic, so it was further provided that if the Mission Board found they had insufficient funds to meet these grants a *pro rata* decrease should be made in every one, and missionary stipends kept on practically the same level all round.

This very important alteration of policy the Board had chosen not to act upon, and at once one of the younger men challenged them, and inaugurated a report which took up almost an entire morning. Some of the Rural Deans declared they were Bishop's officers, and not subject to the instructions of Synod. Another talked about "wildcat schemes of youths who were in their cradles when the M. B. policy was formed." Yet another informed the missionaries that they wanted to be "spoon fed," and for a time there was considerable uproar and confusion. At last the principle of electing Rural Deans and nominating them to the Bishop was mooted, and his Lordship at once acquiesced if the Synod desired it. It was too late to do anything at this session, so the motion to amend the Mission Board report was withdrawn, and peace reigned once more.

The remaining business was concluded with the same quiet and expeditious thoroughness that had marked the earlier hours of the session, and the Synod of 1893 was prorogued.

The Synod of Ontario pronounced strongly in favor of "proportionate giving."

Diocese of Huron.

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Diocese was held last week, at which the Bishop presided, and there was a large attendance of members, clerical and lay. A

considerable amount of routine business was performed and the Annual Report of the Executive Committee to the Synod read, considered and adopted.

HURON COLLEGE.

The annual tea of the Alumni of Huron College was held in London on the evening of the 19th inst.; the Rev. H. Thomas, President, presiding at one table and the Rev. R. McCosh, first vice-president, at the other. There was a large number of the present and of ex-students of the College present. After tea adjournment was made to the Lecture Hall of the College, where the election of officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows:—President, Rev. Canon Hill, St. Thomas; 1st vice-president, Rev. R. McCosh, Chatham; 2nd vice-president, Rev. H. A. Thomas, Warwick; secretary, Rev. W. Lowe, Glencoe; treasurer, Rev. Canon Davis, London; additional members of the Executive Committee, Rev. H. E. Bray, Markdale; Rev. L. Wood, Wingham; Rev. J. W. Seaford, and Students Robson and McCracken.

The Executive were empowered to arrange for a "Quiet Day" at such time as should be found convenient, also to make arrangement for equalizing travelling expenses amongst the Alumni, who shall attend such "quiet day." The Rev. Canon Davis and the Rev. R. McCosh were appointed to solicit subscriptions from the Alumni towards the Resident Tutors' Fund. A hearty welcome was extended to the newly appointed Professor, the Rev. Mr. Andros who replied happily and as evidence of his interest contributed a handsome donation towards the Resident Tutor's Fund and towards the general expenses of the Association.

By a most hearty standing vote, the Alumni expressed their high appreciation of the noble spirit which has moved one of their number, the Rev. J. E. Graham, to place himself in the hands of the Church Missionary Society, and to go under the direction of that great Society as missionary to the North-west of our Dominion; assuring him of their warmest sympathy, prayers and material aid in his arduous and self-sacrificing labors.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the literary paper, prepared by Rev. Principal English, was reserved until next meeting; and Rev. Pro. Andros was chosen to prepare for the same meeting a paper upon some theological subject.

After some informal discussion upon a variety of minor topics, the meeting adjourned, having proved one of the very best in the history of the Association, and one which elicited and gave opportunity for the manifestation of such an enthusiasm and ardor for the interests of their Alma Mater as has never before been shown by the Alumni.

HESPELER.

The corner stone of a new church was laid in this village on the 17th inst., by the Venerable Archdeacon Dixon, assisted by the Revds. A. J. Belt and J. H. Ross, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese not being able to be present as expected. For some time past services have been held by members of the Church in schoolrooms under the direction of lay readers. Lately, however, the Rev. J. Edmonds, an able and zealous minister, was appointed to take charge at Preston and Hespeler, and the congregation in the latter village by great exertions raised a sufficient amount to justify them in proceeding to erect a very neat and substantial brick church with accommodation for about 250. The corner stone was laid, as above mentioned, on the 17th inst. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. Ross, who had lived in Hespeler

from his boyhood and had done church work as far as he could there; also by the Rev. J. Ridley of Galt, who had taken an active interest in the new church; by the Rev. A. J. Belt of Guelph, who pointed out the analogy between the material and spiritual fabric and the necessity of a good foundation; and by Mr. James Woods of Galt, a layman zealous in all good works, who made an excellent practical speech on the duties of the laity. An offertory of over \$50 was taken up for the building fund.

Province of Rupert's Land.

WINNIPEG.

The Executive Committee of the Synod of this diocese met in Winnipeg for the transaction of business on Wednesday, 17th May.

The general missionary reported on his recent visit to Eastern Canada in the interest of the mission fund. He succeeded in procuring subscriptions amounting to \$4,410 for 1893; \$2,214 for 1894; \$2,179 for 1895, and in addition to this the Alumni Association of Wycliffe College have kindly given \$400 a year for three years, and the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions have granted 11 per cent. of their income, which will amount to about \$1,000. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Rogers for his efforts in Eastern Canada.

On Sunday, May 7th, the Most Rev. the Metropolitan held a Confirmation in St. Paul's parish church, when six boys and three girls from the Indian school were confirmed. His Lordship preached a most appropriate sermon, to which the children listened with great attention.

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[FROM THE "SOUTHERN CROSS,"]

Diocese of Bloemfontein.

The Synod of this Diocese met on April 20th, at which there was a large attendance of clerical and lay delegates. The session opened with administration of Holy Communion and sermon by the Bishop, and in the evening a special service. The Bishop's charge was ordered to be printed, and seems to have created a deep impression. The diocese appears in love with its Bishop, several resolutions having been introduced expressing thankfulness for his appointment and appreciation of his utterances and action. We notice in this Diocese that there is a regular schedule of fees for certain documents bearing the Bishop's seal, for example: Letters of Orders to priests and deacons, including their licenses, 10s.; Licenses to clergymen coming into the diocese, 5s.; Letters of installation and collation, 10s.; License of building for divine service, 5s.; Deed of consecration of church, £1; of cemetery, 10s. The Synod occupied three days in all. The local contributions (referring only to the support of the ministry and of divine service) amounted in 1891 to £8,034 5s. 8d; for 1892, £7,584 0d 11d; for 1893 to £7,955 3s. It was decided to introduce itinerating priests to carry on the work of the Church in scattered districts, mining camps, and amongst railway employees. Votes of thanks were passed to the S. P. G. and the S. P. C. K. for grants. The Synod concluded with service and a celebration of Holy Communion. At the service, after the reading of the Gospel, the several resolutions of the session which had been declared Acts of the Synod were formally promulgated.

Diocese of Grahamstown.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has established a Diocesan Church Guild, whose objects