

his appointment from the Bishop as Archdeacon of Ottawa.

GRACE CHURCH. — Confirmation was administered by the Bishop of Ottawa at the morning service on the last Sunday in May. Seven candidates were confirmed. There was a large congregation present and the Bishop's address was listened to with great interest and attention. The newly confirmed are being prepared for their first communion.

The Rector announced at the morning service on the 16th May that the last payment had been made upon the organ, and that it was, therefore, now free from debt. Congratulations were extended by him to the Women's Guild on behalf of the congregation upon the success of their earnest and faithful efforts.

The Rev. J. F. Gorman, rector of Grace Church has taken passage for England and will sail (D. V.) on the 3rd July. The Bishop has granted leave of absence for two months. Mr. Gorman has been in Canada nearly twelve years, and has not been home since his arrival. The Rev. G. Bousfield, of Billing's Bridge will be in charge of the parish during the rector's absence.

The services on Whit Sunday were taken by the Rev. Mr. Moody, of the Mission of Beachburg. The rector's absence was due to the death of his wife's mother who was buried on that day. The deceased was well and strong, considering her advanced age, 73, up to within a few days of her death, and the family were, therefore, unprepared for the end which came so quickly.

The Children's Missionary Guild have disbanded for the summer. The result of their year's work amounted to over \$50. A handsome marble font was given to the parish of Planagenet, of which Rev. F. W. Ritchie is the incumbent. The Guild is in a very flourishing condition, growing in membership every year.

The second session of the Synod of the Diocese began its meetings on Monday, May 31st. There was a capital attendance of both clergy and laity. The session was opened with Evening in Christ Church Cathedral, and was very largely attended. The Synod met for business on Tuesday morning. There was a great deal of business on the notice paper, which in itself alone promised to make a long and interesting session. Not only were the hours of the day devoted to the business of the Synod, but those of the evening too. Nor was brevity the feature of these night meetings. In the old united Diocese of Ontario, the business transacted was finished in as short a time and that without a single night sitting. The interested observer naturally inquires the reason. Well, those who have attended both Synods must be struck with

the difference in the character of the speakers. It was held to be one of the unwritten laws of the old diocese that discussion was to be confined to the senior clergy. Consequently the younger clergy hardly ever took part in debates, but sat by demurely and profited, we trust, by the wisdom and eloquence of the privileged few. To-day this is completely changed. The younger men practically monopolized several of the debates. Indeed the eye of the Right Reverend Chairman had to be constantly on the alert to decide which of the numerous would-be speakers, who rose simultaneously, had the floor. One of the senior clergymen sadly shook his head and remarked, in the writer's hearing, "this is a school of oratory." There is a reason, and a good one for all this. In the first place the new diocese is composed mostly of young men, almost two-thirds of them being such, consequently they realize that if the business of the diocese is to be transacted they must not shrink from bearing their part. The action of His Lordship the Bishop, moreover, in placing the names of young men upon important committees has no doubt done much to assure them, that *youth is no longer a crime*, and that ability rather than age must, in the future, be the qualification for positions of trust and responsibility. Then again the patience and kindness with which the speakers are listened to by the Chair is a further source of inspiration. One hears also several new voices among the laity, and it is a matter for congratulation and thankfulness that many of them are so ready to devote their valuable time to the more important work in committees.

It may be said that the most interesting and valuable feature of the Synod was the address of the Bishop. Matters of the most vital importance were here treated of in a masterly and exhaustive manner. Loud and hearty applause greeted the Bishop on taking his seat, and a resolution was unanimously approved requesting His Lordship's permission to have the address printed in pamphlet form and circulated in the different parishes of the diocese. It would be well if all churchmen would provide themselves with a copy and read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it.

The reports of the several funds of the diocese are always of interest. The Mission Fund report reveals the fact that the receipts were \$8,041.29, and expenditure \$7,836, leaving a balance of \$205.39.

It is to be regretted that some of the other funds are not in an equally prosperous state, notably those of the Widows and Orphans and the Clergy Superannuation. There has been a falling off in both these funds, and it is to be hoped that churchmen will make an earnest endeavor to place them on a better footing next year.