

those funds only which have a purely missionary character."—Carried.

Mr. O'Loughlin then moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, of Flinton:

"That in view of the efforts now being made in this diocese to place the funds thereof on a more secure basis, the attention of the clergy and churchwardens of the deanery be drawn to Canon XXXVII of our Diocesan Synod respecting unauthorized collections, with a view to the more rigid enforcement of the same."—Carried.

The Archbishop was glad that attention had been drawn to this matter. He was aware that large sums of money had been collected in our parishes, for which no returns had been made, thus causing the diocese to appear to great disadvantage when comparisons were drawn with other dioceses and religious societies.

In speaking to this resolution, Mr. G. F. Ruttan drew attention to an experience of his own. At a missionary meeting in a neighboring parish, at which he was asked to speak, he had analyzed the collections made in the parish and had compared them with the published returns of one of the other religious bodies in the same place, and very greatly to the disadvantage of the Church. After the service he was set upon by a company of indignant parishioners, who told him that he had greatly wronged them, and that as a matter of fact, more than half of the large contributions of the other congregation had been made up of offerings given by church people, and these were in excess of their gifts towards our own mission fund. That is to say, added the speaker, these church men thought more of gaining credit for a spurious liberality towards their dissenting brethren, than of the just claims of their own Church, to which their alms were pledged.

Rev. F. D. Woodcock here drew attention to the mistake often made in the appointment of missionary deputations. Men who knew nothing of the mission field were sent out, who simply preached sermons on Christian beneficence, and talked of everything else in the whole range of theology except Diocesan missions. Often men were sent from one end of the diocese to the other, thus causing vast expense to the fund, besides alienating the sympathies of business men amongst the laity.

The Bishop expressed his agreement with the last speaker and would consent to each deanery managing its own affairs so far as the arrangement of its missionary meeting was concerned.

Rural Dean Baker remarked that at the Chapter meeting yesterday this deanery had assumed the responsibility of making this change in the scheme as suggested by the Board of Rural Deans at its last meeting.

Dr. Northmore, of Bath, begged to move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Thos. Bain, of the same place:

"That in the opinion of this conference it is advisable, in order to secure greater stability and permanence to our Diocesan Mission fund, that when possible the members of the Church in each parish shall be induced to become annual subscribers to the fund, subscriptions to extend over a period of say three years, collectible by means of the parochial cards now commonly in use."—Carried.

It was then moved by Rev. F. T. Dibb, seconded by Mr. James McMath, that this conference desire to express its very hearty thanks to our revered and beloved Archbishop for his presence with us on this occasion, and more especially for his most hopeful and inspiring address.

The Rector of the parish asked leave to put this resolution to the meeting, which carried it by a standing vote. His Grace briefly acknowledged the pleasure which this expression of good will afforded him.

Mr. Jarvis then suggested that there was one point in the bishop's charge which ought not to be passed by unnoticed, viz: the appointment of stronger and more influential collectors for the mission fund. In this parish (which he assured His Grace humorously was in every respect a model one) the collectors, though ladies, were not without influence. Elsewhere it might be different. But he was afraid it would go hard with the fund if we had to depend upon the other sex to collect it. Nevertheless the church wardens and lay representatives should not be content to hand over this work to the ladies even if the latter do it better—it was too sacred a duty to be shirked in this manner. He did not wish to interfere, but hoped that a resolution would be moved by some layman present embodying His Grace's suggestion. It would come better from a layman. The mover and the seconder of such a resolution at any rate would thus be pledged to take the matter in hand and two influential collectors at least secured for next winter. He maintained in opposition to the views of a former speaker (Judge Wilkison), that the laity were the best pleaders for this cause. It was often felt that when the clergy urged it, they were pleading their own personal interests, and the clergy naturally felt a delicacy in the matter. The Judge was a living refutation of

his own statement, for since he and a few other godly laymen had begun to go through the diocese as deputations in conjunction with the clergy, the fund had been greatly popularized. The people felt that hard-headed and warm-hearted laymen could speak more disinterestedly and were better calculated to gain the attention of their brother laymen.

A resolution accordingly was moved by Mr. G. F. Ruttan, seconded by Mr. C. H. Finkle:

"That in the opinion of this meeting it is advisable that when possible the annual parochial collection for Diocesan Missions be made by the most influential members of the Church in the parish, and subscriptions of three years or more be obtained and made payable through the offertory in monthly instalments by means of envelopes provided for that purpose."—Carried.

Rev. J. R. Serson quoted the Synod Journal to show how that many families, especially in the large towns and cities, were never reached by the collectors for the Mission Fund. One parish returned 306 families, but only 93 names appeared on the parochial cards. These 93 had given liberally—over \$500—but it was a shame that two-thirds of a wealthy parish should give nothing simply because they had not been asked. The poorest are always glad to give to this fund if an opportunity is offered them, and we had no right to despise their offerings.

The bishop thought the time was now come to close. He felt greatly encouraged by the spirit that had been displayed; he thanked those present for their attendance, especially those that had come from the more distant parishes, such as Cloyne and Flinton; such devotion to the interests of the Church could not fail of its reward. Many valuable suggestions had been made for which he was very grateful. Then followed the Episcopal benediction and this most successful conference was at an end.

BROCKVILLE.—St. Paul's.—Thanksgiving Day was to the members of this church a day of real enjoyment. Service was held in the morning at 10.30, which was well attended, and a goodly number partook of the Holy Communion, the great thanksgiving feast. At 7.30 p.m. there was a half hour service of praise, which was well rendered by a large choir. The large congregation then adjourned to the school-house, which was very tastefully decorated. After a few words from the rector, an excellent programme was carried out, every piece being well executed and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Refreshments were then served by the ladies of the church and their male helpers, and one of the most successful socials ever held by St. Paul's congregation was brought to a close by the singing of the Doxology.

ATHENS.—On Tuesday evening last there was a thanksgiving service held in Christ Church. Special Psalms, lessons, collects and hymns were used. Rev. Wm. Wright, rector, preached a very practical sermon from the text, Psalm 103, 1st and 2nd verses. There was a large attendance of the congregation. The service was closed by the singing of that grand old hymn of thanksgiving—Te Deum. After the service, the congregation retired to the lecture hall of the church, where a very choice programme of songs, readings and recitations were given by the young people of the congregation, ending with a very pretty waltz-drill by six young ladies. The ladies of the congregation then supplied an abundance of good things for the refreshment of the inner man. The greatest praise is due to the ladies and other members of the congregation who worked so earnestly to make the re-union a success. The rector acted as chairman, and must feel proud to have the support of such a hearty body of workers and members in his congregation.

The Standing Committees of the diocese met at Kingston last week.

OTTAWA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, OTTAWA.

ALMONTE.—On Thanksgiving Day services were held in St. Paul's Church, here, at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion; the services were both bright and hearty, and the singing was specially good. The offertory, which amounted to over \$200, will be devoted to the Church Building Fund of the parish. On Advent Sunday, the evening service was one of special interest for the Church Missions. The Rev. W. C. Gemmill, of St. Andrew's Community Mission, Tokyo, Japan, preached a sermon, in which he made an earnest appeal for the sympathy and prayers of the people on behalf of the Canadian Church Mission in Japan.

HAZELDEAN.—On the evening of the 27th ult., a very pleasant time was spent at the residence of Dr. G. C. Richardson, on which occasion the Rev. A. H.

Whalley, the rector (who was invited to be present), was made the recipient of an address and a beautiful fur coat, presented by the Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's Church, Hazeldean, also on behalf of the other members of the congregation. The reverend gentleman, who was taken by surprise, replied suitably. The party was hospitably entertained by Mrs. Richardson, the president of the Guild. The following is a copy of the address presented on the occasion:

To the Rev. A. H. Whalley, Bell's Corners.—REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the members of the Guild of St. Paul's Church, Hazeldean, on our own behalf and other members of the congregation, desire to take the present opportunity of acknowledging your ever-ready assistance cheerfully bestowed upon us on all occasions in carrying out our Church work in connection with our congregation, and as a slight evidence of our appreciation of the same, would ask you to accept this fur coat, trusting that the same good feeling which exists amongst us may still continue to exist, and that by the direction of God's Holy Spirit, and the influence of His grace, we may be enabled to continue our labours as useful, loving and devoted members of His Church. Signed, A. M. Richardson, pres.; Addie Abbott, sec. Hazeldean, 27th Nov., 1896.

OTTAWA.—The annual meeting of the Anglican clergy and laity of the Deanery of Carleton County was convened in St. John's Hall last week. The meeting took the form of a Conference of the clergy, churchwardens and lay delegates as to the best means of carrying on Church work.

The following clergy were present: The Lord Bishop of Ottawa, presiding; Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Revs. J. J. Bogart, H. Pollard, E. A. W. Hannington, T. Bailey, W. Loucks, A. W. Mackay, J. F. Gorman, of the city; W. H. Stiles, March; A. Whaley, Bell's Corners; E. Pick, Fitzroy; C. Saddington, Richmond; G. Scantlebury, Carp; G. Bousfield, Billings Bridge; W. H. Greene, Hintonburgh; and T. Garrett, Ottawa.

Among the lay delegates were: Messrs. W. L. Marler, T. M. Clark, J. J. Smith, H. F. Macleod, T. Macfarlane, Thos. Tubman, W. R. Wright, E. Dawson, W. Graham, Henry Allen, Adam Abbott, Henry Vaughan, H. Wilson, T. Lackey, S. McCaffray, Thos. Hodgins.

The celebration of the Holy Communion took place in the church at 10 o'clock. The lord bishop was celebrant, assisted by Rev. A. W. Mackay.

The business session was convened in St. John's Hall at 11 o'clock. The Rural Dean, Rev. Mr. Bogert, gave a brief address on the hopeful future of the Church in the county of Carleton.

The Rev. C. Saddington then read a paper on "The Missionary Spirit among Churchmen." He advocated knowledge, work and prayer. Rev. T. Garrett continued the subject. After this there was a general discussion.

At one o'clock the ladies of St. John's Church entertained the meeting to an excellent lunch.

At the afternoon session, Bishop Hamilton pointed out the pressing necessity for the sub-division of several parishes. This could only be done, he said, by increased generosity of contributions to the Mission Fund of the diocese.

Rural Dean Bogert desired the formation of three new parishes in Carleton, sub-dividing Fitzroy, March and Bell's Corners.

This discussion showed an ample field for labour, but the main difficulty was to procure a "living wage" with a narrower parish.

Rev. A. H. Whalley thought that the multiplying of churches was not always in the best interest of the parishes.

A most interesting discussion on the need of arousing more interest in the Mission Fund took place, and a general sense of hopefulness was expressed. So far the contributions have shown that the congregations are determined to help in every way. St. John's parish had doubled its offertory.

"Preparation for confirmation" was introduced by Rev. G. Scantlebury. All other things which a Christian ought to know to his soul's health, is a wide term. The Church has only defined one mode of preparation—the catechism. A scheme was desirable for use in the diocese. The scheme should include instructions in the Sacraments, prayer, the Bible and Church history. It was necessary, he said, to impress upon candidates the solemnity of the ordinance and responsibility involved if they go back and leave the Church.

Rev. W. H. Stiles regarded it as a mark of the revived energies of the Church that more careful preparation was being given. Commendation for the number rather than the care of those confirmed was a danger to the welfare of the Church. It is still the duty of the parish priest to diligently enquire for candidates for confirmation. In the country parishes it was advisable to have classes in the houses or in the school-house.

Confirmation, he said, is the turning point in man's lives. The Church catechism should have been