

question of stipend, stating that the bishops endorsed the proposition that the stipend be \$3,000 per year. Message No. 9 to this effect was then concurred in.

At 8 o'clock another conference was held between the two Houses on the future of the diocese.

The Archbishop explained that the Upper House wanted an expression of opinion from the Lower House on message No. 11. For themselves they had no doubt that the diocese should now be a fully independent one, feeling that it would be better so, and that it would get a good deal more in future than as a missionary diocese.

Revs. J. M. Davenport, J. S. Boydell and Canon Norton, Dr. Johnson, Messrs. T. P. Butler, Walter Drake, Charles Jenkins and A. H. Campbell all spoke against the diocese being robbed of its missionary character, though as soon as possible it should be self-governing in the full sense of the word.

Bishop-elect Thornloe, who occupied a seat on the platform, urged the necessity for the missionary character of Algoma being retained.

Archbishop Lewis—We mean by independence that which is full and complete, and this does not mean that the diocese loses its missionary character. Nothing has changed our view that it would be better for Algoma financially that it should be a self-governing diocese, as are those in the North-West.

Archdeacon Lloyd explained that the delegates were unanimously of opinion that the diocese could not forego its missionary character, and they only ask Synodical organization so as to relieve their bishop from some of his burdens by proper machinery.

Bishop Dunn, in reply to questions again raised, expressed his belief that the support of the diocese from the outside world would grow greater by its being self-governing.

The bishop then withdrew, and Dr. Davidson moved that message No. 11 be concurred in, seconded by Canon Cayley.

Archdeacon Mills argued that this would dry up the sympathy of the outside dioceses. It was to his mind most discreditable to the Church that a bishop should be forced to be an episcopal mendicant, going, hat in hand, from town to town and village to village, trying to get money for the work of the Lord in Algoma.

Mr. A. H. Campbell took the same view. After a long discussion Bishop-elect Thornloe said he thought it would be unfair to him to act precipitately in the matter without giving him a chance to investigate the condition of the diocese personally. The House has been warned in the most solemn way by Bishop Sullivan to vote against concurrence, and they would be doing a very rash thing if they shut their eyes and ears to what had fallen from him.

Canon Bland considered that in voting concurrence the House was only giving the diocese the powers to constitute itself a Synod, but it need not exercise the powers until it wished.

Judge Macdonald, seconded by Mr. J. A. Worrell, moved non-concurrence on the grounds, among others, that the Committee on Canons had not reported on the resolution referred to at the last Synod, and that the time had not yet arrived for conferring the powers proposed.

On a vote this amendment was carried by a large majority.

*The Mission Fund.*—Canon Bland submitted a report from the committee on the position of the Mission Fund. Feeling that it would be most unfair to allow the new bishop to enter on his duties without some promise of having a clean balance sheet, the committee recommended that until next Synod the diocese be requested to continue the payments hitherto made to the episcopal stipend. This report was adopted.

The Synod passed votes of thanks to the Prolocutor and secretaries, and at a quarter past six the Metropolitan and bishops came down and prorogued the Synod in due form.

*MONTREAL.—St. Simon's.*—The confirmands of this parish, consisting of a class of about twelve young persons, received the apostolic rite of "laying on of hands" from the Lord Bishop, Sunday morning, 15th inst., followed by Holy Communion.

*Church of the Redeemer.*—The earnest lay rector of this suburban mission introduced suitable subjects, Sunday, 15th inst., following up the work of Provincial Synod, the text at morning service being I. Peter, iv. 10. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, there were upwards of 20 communicants.

*Church of the Advent.*—A promising inception of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew marks the institution of a chapter of the order in this progressive parish.

A meeting was held in the Synod Hall the other

afternoon for the purpose of organizing a branch in Montreal of the British and American Mission Homes and Christian Associations in Paris, for young women and orphans, founded in 1872 by Miss Ada Leigh, now the wife of Archbishop Lewis. His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, who presided, spoke in opening of the sad condition of a homeless girl in a strange city, and said that the work of the association in whose interests they had met together was to provide homes for English-speaking girls in Paris who were without. With the increasing responsibilities of sustaining the important and varied work of the several homes, from an income entirely dependent upon voluntary subscriptions, the directors and council in Paris had come to realize the necessity of placing those branches of it which are now carried on at great annual cost, in rented apartments too small for the purpose, upon a substantial and permanent footing, which would render them entirely self-supporting. The sum of sixty thousand dollars would accomplish this; thirty-five thousand dollars being needed for land in the centre of Paris already partially secured to the association, and twenty-five thousand dollars for building a hall, gymnasium, reading, dining and forty-eight bedrooms. Mrs. Lewis briefly explained how the homes came into existence. She touched on some of the work they had accomplished, and spoke a word of caution against young women accepting situations in Paris through paid agencies. In Paris and different parts of Europe there were a hundred and fifty branches of the association, and it was desired to have a branch here, so that before young women left Canada for any part of Europe they might be able to know that there was some one who would be a reliable help to them on the other side. Officers were elected as follows: President, Bishop Bond; vice presidents, the Rev. Dr. Barclay and the Rev. J. Edgar Hill; treasurer, Mr. Geo. Hague; secretary, the Rev. C. C. Waller.

#### ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

*GRENVILLE DEANERY.*—A special meeting of this deanery was called to meet His Grace the Archbishop at Prescott on the 6th inst., to which all were invited, particularly the wardens and delegates to Synod. After the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in St. John's Church, the Conference came to order in the parish hall adjoining. Rural Dean Emery was unfortunately too ill to attend and sent his regrets. Laymen from each parish were present in spite of rain and muddy roads. In the course of his address His Grace said that the division of the diocese was an advantage in many ways. To the Church at large another new diocese was added, well equipped with churches and parsonage houses. It was also an advantage to have the Church of England represented by a bishop in the capital city of our Dominion. But it is a loss to the Diocese of Ontario. We have lost a great deal which tends to make a diocese strong, e.g., wealth, numbers and future prospects. The present diocese of Ontario is with little exception what our brethren to the south would call a missionary jurisdiction: we are poor. It is to stir up zeal and earnestness for future work that is the object of such meetings as the present. Not that we have to complain as to want of success in the past. Indeed of the value of our methods and machinery, the division of the diocese is itself the best indication. We have an admirable past. In the last 35 years 300 churches have been erected; and for 25 years 5 new mission stations have been added every year—a record unsurpassed by any other diocese in Canada, perhaps in the world. How, it may be asked, has this been effected? By sending clergymen to places where they had none, and supporting them there till self-sustaining, by the aid of the Mission Fund. His Grace therefore exhorted the clergy to preach strongly in aid of the Mission Fund, without which these results would have been impossible. The laity also should help by taking an active interest in the annual parochial collections, which should be conducted by men, and not be entrusted, as is too often the case, to less responsible members of the congregation. Perhaps, too, subscriptions could be obtained good for three years, and so eliminate as much of the haphazard element as possible, for the effect of a snowstorm in January or February, upon the income of our Mission Fund, is prodigious. His Grace concluded by asking for increased support for this fund, for opening out new missions. In the discussion which followed many of those present joined, and several practical suggestions were made on the lines indicated by His Grace; complimentary reference was also made to his present action, as a result of which, no doubt, extra efforts will be put forth this winter to continue and increase the good work which, under God's blessing, is fostered by our Diocesan Mission Fund.

KINGSTON.—The Diocesan Commissioners appoint-

ed by the Synods of Ontario and Ottawa to divide the securities between those two dioceses completed their labours last week, after sitting almost continuously for three days. The result of the examination of the securities by these gentlemen was highly satisfactory, the Ottawa commissioners expressing the opinion that the condition of the securities was admirably good, particularly in view of the long period of time—84 years—that has elapsed since the foundation of the Ontario Diocese. The details of the division will be worked out by an accountant. The commissioners will report to their respective Synods, which meet in June next. The securities were divided in the proportion of seven to Ontario to four to the Ottawa Diocese. For Ontario the amount retained is about \$300,000, having a large quantity of rectory endowments. The amount given to the Ottawa Diocese was about \$100,000, a considerable portion of which consisted of mortgages. The proceedings of the commissioners were necessarily private, but it is understood that all matters were amicably discussed and arranged. The securities will be handed over to the Diocese of Ottawa at once. The commissioners were: For Ottawa—Judge W. S. Senkler, Mr. J. Travers Lewis, Chancellor, and Mr. Rowley, manager of the Eddy works. For Ontario—Dr. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Chancellor, the Rev. Stearne Tighe and Mr. J. B. Pense.

#### OTTAWA.

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

*OSNABRUCK AND MOULINETTE.*—The Rev. R. W. Samwell, the rector of this parish, returned from a four months' holiday in England on Nov. 11th. On alighting from the train at Wales on the evening of that day, he found a large number of parishioners and others waiting to welcome him with three hearty cheers and a "tiger." After this warm greeting, he was invited to the basement of St. David's Church, where a reception was tendered to him. Dr. Weagant, on behalf of the parish, welcomed the rector, and gave expression to the satisfaction they all felt at having him once more amongst them in health and vigour to continue his good work in the parish. The rector expressed his warm appreciation of the affection which had prompted his people to give him such a hearty reception, and said how much it encouraged him in resuming his labours after a most refreshing holiday in his native land. During the last month of his stay in England, Mr. Samwell preached 14 sermons and delivered 16 lectures in the Dioceses of Exeter and Truro, on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The young people of the congregation contributed a number of glees, songs and readings at the reception, to the great pleasure of all present, and refreshments were served by the ladies.

#### TORONTO.

ARTHUR SWEATMAN, D.D., BISHOP, TORONTO.

*Acknowledgment.*—The treasurer of the Children's Aid Society acknowledges receipt, up to November 16th, of the following annual collections from Sunday-schools, Sunday-school classes and Young People's Societies: Baptist—Immanuel, \$5; Parliament street, \$4.52; Royce avenue, \$2.68; Miss McKinnon's class, Beverley Street Baptist S.S., \$1. Church of England—St. John's, Toronto Junction, \$3; St. Margaret's, \$8.16; St. Peter's, \$6; Church of the Epiphany, \$11.81; St. John's, Norway, quarterly collection, \$2.67; Church of the Messiah, \$9.25; Church of Redeemer, \$19.10; St. Peter's, morning infant class, \$3. Methodist—Gerrard street, \$2; Eglinton, \$7.08; Arthur, \$4.66; Clinton street, \$11.10; Zion, Bracondale, \$1.67; Hope, East Toronto, \$5. Presbyterian—Toronto Junction, \$6.19; East, \$8.28; Dovercourt, \$5. Friends' S.S., \$1.11; Young People's Jewish Benevolent Society, \$2.50; Holy Blossom Synagogue S.S., \$1.79.

*St. James' Cathedral.*—On Thursday evening of last week the congregation of this church gave a reception to their new rector, Bishop Sullivan. Refreshments were served after the presentation of an address to the new rector, whose reply was very characteristic, being full of wit and pathos. In speaking of his reason for leaving Algoma, the bishop told a story of a man who once lived in a certain part of Australia, who, when asked why he had come from his native land, replied: "I did so on the advice of twelve of my fellow-countrymen and for my country's good." Dr. Sullivan hastened to add that, although he also had left Algoma for Algoma's good, he had not done so upon the advice of twelve of his fellow-countrymen, but simply because of his inability to continue effective work there on account of impaired health. The music of the choir under Mr. Stocks-Hammond was most enjoyable. The singing of the national anthem brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

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