

and Drayton. The candidates numbered 78 in all—Rothsay sending 42, Houston 30, and Drayton (a station at which there is as yet no church) six. The Rev. W. Macaulay Tooke, B.A., Missionary in charge, is deserving of great praise for the unwearied exertions he is putting forth in this promising field for Church work. During the past year his Lordship confirmed 1,025 candidates, or nearly twice as many as the Bishop of Toronto, in his Charge of the 20th inst., deducted as the average of the counties forming the new diocese. This one circumstance is, I think, sufficient to make us of Niagara more than content with our lot, and to encourage churchmen everywhere to promote the increase of the Episcopate. The increase already observed is indeed most cheering; what is better, it goes on steadily; there is no reaction, and his Lordship expects that ere another year has passed fully 1,500 will have been confirmed—that is to say, about three times as many as the average in the same parishes under the old regime.

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MARYBOROUGH.—On Sunday, the 18th inst., the Lord Bishop of Niagara held three Confirmations, one at 11 a.m., at Rothsay, when 42 were confirmed; the second at Huston, at 3 p.m., with 80 confirmed; and the third at Drayton at 7 p.m., with six confirmed. At the close of each service, the Bishop addressed those to whom he had administered the rite. The Rev. W. Macaulay Tooke, incumbent, assisted at the various services. The Bishop expressed his gratification at the prosperous state of the Mission, and the energy and zeal displayed by the incumbent in the discharge of his onerous duties.

## TORONTO.

St. PHILIP'S CHURCH, TORONTO.—The new Chapel School-house of this church, on St. Patrick street, Rev. G. H. Moxon, incumbent, was opened on Sunday the 18th. The services of the church will be held here temporarily till the erection of a more commodious edifice can be undertaken. The school-house is built of brick, and is capable of seating nearly 400. It is tastefully built, with gothic windows, stained glass, and panelled ceiling. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rev. Mr. Boddy; the Bishop preached in the evening when there was a crowded congregation. There were several young persons admitted to confirmation in the morning. The success attending St. Philip's since its organization has been quite distinguished, and must be gratifying to all connected with the church.

LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.—A very interesting entertainment was given at Scarborough, June 19th, by a number of the students of Trinity College. The entertainment was got up in aid of a fund which is being raised to repair Christ's Church, and we are happy to say a very handsome sum was realised for the very praiseworthy object. After the usual preliminaries, the chair was taken by Mr. Morgan. The first part of the programme opened with a "Greek Chorus" by the students, and this was followed by a song, "The Rhine Wine," capably rendered by Mr. J. E. Halliwell. A reading, "Eugene Aram's Dream," by Mr. O. M. Parker, elicited warm applause. Mr. G. B. Cooke then favoured the audience with a violin solo, "The Cuckoo," and executed it in a manner which went far to sustain this gentleman's reputation as an accomplished violinist. "Jimmy Butler and the Owl," a reading by Mr. Archd. Elliott, B.A., was as usual very mirth provoking, and fairly convulsed the audience.

A duet, "All's Well," by Messrs. Pattee and J. Elliott was rendered with admirable taste and judgment by these able amateurs. After a short interval the second part opened with a selection from "Il Trovatore," violin and piano, by Messrs. Cooke and Gunne. Next followed Mr. C. M. Parker, with a "Dutch Emigrant Song," which he sang in such a way that secured for this popular amateur a hearty and well deserved encore. A song, "The Bellringer," by Mr. J. Elliott, was rendered with great care and judgment. Mr. Parker then favoured the audience with a reading from Mark Twain's work, entitled "That Dog." Messrs. Sills, B.A., and Pattee, B.A., next followed with an instrumental duet, on the piano; after which Mr. Halliwell favoured the company with a song, "Thy voice is near." The proceedings were brought to a close by the students singing *Dominam Regiam*. A very cordial vote of thanks was passed to the students for their services and to the chairman for presiding.

## MEETING OF SYNOD.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st.

The Synod Assembled for Divine Service in St. George's Church, at 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and the Litany were said by the Rev. Mr. Cooper, and the lessons read by the Rev. Mr. Stennett, of Cobourg.

After Divine Service, the Synod withdrew to the school-house for the transaction of business. Prayers were said by the Ven. Archdeacon of York.

## ADMISSION TO A SEAT.

On motion of the Rev. Canon Brent, the Rev. Mr. Yewens, of Mount Forest, in the Diocese of Niagara, was admitted to a seat on the floor of the house.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The lay Secretary announced the names of the following members of the Executive Committee appointed by the Lord Bishop:—The Very Rev. the Dean of Toronto, the Ven. the Archdeacon of York, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Peterboro, the Rev. Rural Dean Givins, the Rev. R. Shanklin, the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, the Hon. J. H. Cameron, S. B. Harman, Esq., His Honour Judge Ardagh, Captain Stupart, R.N.

## ASSESSORS.

His Lordship the Bishop appointed the Rev. Rural Dean Lett and Col. R. B. Denison as his assessors, in accordance with the resolution of yesterday.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Ven. Archdeacon of York read the Report of the Executive Committee, and moved, seconded by the Ven. Archdeacon of Peterboro, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

## MEMORIAL OF THE REV. B. S. HOSKEN.

Moved by the Rev. B. S. Hosken, seconded by Mr. Knight, that a Committee be appointed by His Lordship to consider the entire matter referred to in the memorial read yesterday from the Rev. B. S. Hosken, and to report to the Synod during the present session of the Synod.—Carried.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANON FOR ENFORCING CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

The Clerical Secretary read the report of the Special Committee on the Canon for enforcing church discipline, which was, on motion, referred to a committee to report next year.

After the reading of section 8, it was moved by the Rev. Rural Dean Lett, seconded by the Rev. O. J. S. Bethune, that the report on the Canon of Discipline be recommended to a committee to be appointed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and

that the report of said committee be printed and circulated among the members of the Synod, at least one month before the next meeting of the Synod.—Carried.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Moved by Rev. S. Jones, and seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Lett that the amendments to the constitution be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report.

## CANON ON DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUTATION TRUST SURPLUS.

Dr. Snelling moved, seconded by Mr. J. R. Armstrong, that Section 8 of the above Canon, as amended by the Synod of last year, be confirmed.—Lost.

## ADMISSION TO SEATS.

On the motion of the Rev. Rural Dean Allen, seconded by the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, the Rev. James Bovell, M.D., of the Diocese of Barbadoes, was admitted to a seat upon the floor of the house; and on the motion of the Ven. Archdeacon of York the Rev. Canon Read, D. D., of the Diocese of Niagara, was also admitted to a seat.

The Rev. Rural Dean Lett moved, seconded by Mr. A. H. Campbell, that the report of the Clergy Commutation Trust Committee be adopted.—Carried.

The Rev. Canon Brent moved, seconded by the Rev. Canon Ritchie, that the report of the Endowment of See, Rectory Lands, and Land and Investment Committees be adopted.—Carried.

Reports were presented of Rectory Lands Committees, and Clergy Commutation Trust, and were on motion adopted.

## THE GRACE CHURCH DIFFICULTY.

The Registrar of the Diocese read the report of the Committee on Contested Seats. With regard to the election of delegates for Grace Church it stated that they had received two certificates, one dated 3rd May, signed W. H. Jones, declaring H. S. Alexander, Joseph Bickerstaff, and John Hayden duly elected, and another dated 25th April, signed C. A. Brough, declaring C. W. Ball, J. H. Delamere, and C. W. Brough elected. The constitution of Synod provided that the lay delegates should be elected at the Easter meeting of the Vestry, of which the clergyman should be chairman. In the event of there being a vacancy in the incumbency, it was lawful for the congregation to meet for the election at such time and place as the churchwardens should appoint for the purpose. The electors were not required to be pewholders, but such laymen who had signed the declaration that they were members of the Church of England. Section 2 required that the minister should preside at the vestry, but the 5th section provided that in the absence of the incumbent for various causes, the chairman should be elected by a majority of the electors present. Rev. W. H. Jones had certified to the Committee that he called the Easter vestry meeting in the regular manner. In the course of the meeting certain difficulties arose, and the incumbent was moved from the chair and another chairman was appointed in his place, whereupon the incumbent declared the proceedings to be revolutionary and left the meeting. The incumbent had since held services in a mission chapel, and services had also continued in the new building by laymen. In the mission chapel another meeting was called, at which Messrs. Alexander, Bickerstaff, and Hayden, were elected delegates to the Synod. The Committee held that the vestry in the first instance had no power to remove the incumbent from the chair; and secondly that the meeting afterwards held by the incumbent was a legal one, and the dele-