

THE SYNOD.

THE annual session of the Synod of the Diocese has taken place during the past month. The opening services were in St. George's.

Our Church, as usual, was largely represented in the number of its members who were members of the Synod: besides Messrs. Murray, Boswell, and Chadwick, for our own Parish, Dr. Snelling, Dr. Lett, and Messrs. Cartwright, Cumberland, McMurray, and Gosling, were returned for various country Parishes. Our Church was also represented, we believe, on every Special Committee, and has one or more of its members on eight out of the ten Standing Committees.

By a statistical return from the various Parishes of the Diocese, presented to the Synod, St. George's appears as the largest contributor to the Diocesan Funds, excepting the Cathedral. This return is for the year ending Easter, 1881. During the year ending Easter 1882, however, we fear that a complete return would show that we have failed to keep the first place, for in the amounts mentioned in reports of Committees we compare unfavourably with several other Parishes.

A scheme for the distribution of the surplus income from the Toronto endowment among the city Parishes was presented to the Synod, and approved. The principle adopted in making the distribution consists in arranging the Churches in four classes—the first, Endowed Churches; second, Churches not endowed, but considered as in a good financial position; fourth, Churches especially in need of help, and the third class comprises all others. Churches in the first and second classes to receive smaller amounts than those in the third and fourth. The second list consists of St. George's, St. Peter's, and St. Paul's. The present annual value of the share of our Parish is calculated at \$880.

No payments can, however, be made at present, as there is a legal difficulty in dealing with the endowment, while the Rectory of St. James's is vacant; and it is not probable that the clergy interested will receive anything from this source for some time to come, as the representatives of St. James's intimated pretty plainly their intention to use all means in their power to retain the income, or as much of it as possible, for themselves. And at any rate nothing can be done without an appeal to the Courts, which will in all probability have to be followed by an application to the Legislature.

HOLY COMMUNION.

THE Rector is sometimes asked what Communicants' Manual he recommends. He is glad to be able to recommend first, that of Walsham How, Bishop of Bedford; next, that of Rev. E. Burbidge. Both are sober, sensible, and devout. Both are also well suited to the young Communicant, as being sufficient in the preparation suggested, without being burdensome or lengthy. They may be obtained from Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchison for 25 cents and 15 cents respectively.