

A large meeting of the congregation of Grace church was held on June 2nd, to examine, with the rector and wardens, the design prepared by Mr. John Browne, architect, for their new church, to be erected on the lot forming the corner of Fortune and Wellington streets. It was unanimously decided to have the contracts given out and the work proceeded with.

The Rev. J. G. Baylis, rector of Longueuil, and his wife, received a pleasant surprise on the eve of their silver wedding. One of the wardens and two or three friends called upon the rector and Mrs. Baylis, bringing a small box with a card of congratulations marked "From friends in Longueuil." The box contained twenty-five silver coins covering a roll of bills, making altogether a handsome sum, a substantial proof not only of the sincerity of the congratulations on the event named, but also of the cordial relations which have existed between the residents of Longueuil and the rector and Mrs. Baylis during their residence there.

#### ONTARIO.

**MERRICKVILLE.**—The Lord Bishop of Ontario has transferred the Rev. R. L. M. Houston, B.A., from this parish to Iroquois, rendered vacant by the illness and resignation of Canon White. The Rev. Wm. Roberts, Mus. Bac., of Amherst Island, has been appointed to this parish. Both gentlemen are worthy of their advancement in the diocese. Their record is one of faithful and successful work for the Church. May they enter their new spheres of labour with a full blessing from above.

#### TORONTO.

**Thursday.**—The Synod resumed business this morning in St. James' school-house, with his Lordship the Bishop presiding. Greetings from the Bishop of the Niagara Synod were read, and in return greetings were sent from the Bishop of Toronto by telegraph to the Bishop of Niagara.

Rev. James A. Crawford, Rural Dean of the Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland, was present as a visitor.

The following were declared elected members of the Executive Committee for 1891-92:—Rev. J. P. Lewis, Rev. Septimus Jones, Rev. A. H. Baldwin, Rev. Canon DuMoulin, Rev. Dr. Langtry, Mr. N. W. Hoyle, Mr. William Ince, Dr. J. George Hodgins, his Honour Judge Benson, and Mr. A. H. Campbell.

His Lordship the Bishop subsequently appointed Rev. Archdeacon Boddy, Archdeacon Allen, Canon Body, Canon Cayley, A. J. Broughall, Hon. G. W. Allan, Messrs. C. J. Campbell, Chancellor Snelling, J. A. Worrell, C. R. W. Biggar, to the Executive Committee to act in conjunction with the elected members.

Regarding the question of the consolidation of the Church of England in British North America, after considerable discussion the following motion was adopted:—That this Synod heartily accepts the tentative scheme for the consolidation of the Church of England in British North America submitted by the Winnipeg Conference, believing that such a consolidation would tend to concentrate and unite their forces in the accomplishment of the great work before her, not only in maintaining a strict uniformity in doctrine, worship, and discipline, but also in infusing greater energy as well as promoting greater economy and efficiency in the missionary and educational work of the Church.

The question of establishing a bookroom in connection with the Church was taken up and discussed for some time. The matter was finally left in the hands of the Executive Committee, with power to act as they thought proper.

**Boards and Committees.**—The following were appointed the members of the Mission Board:—His Lordship the Bishop (chairman), the Archdeacon of York, the Archdeacon of Peterborough, Rev. Rural Dean Langtry, Rev. Canon Farncomb, Rev. Rural Dean James H. Talbot, Rev. Rural Dean Swallow, Rev. Canon Greene, Rev. Rural Dean Kirby, Rev. Rural Dean Ball, Rev. Rural Dean R. D. Creighton, Rev. Canon Davidson, Rev. Canon P. Harding, Rev. J. Gibson, Mr. S. Caldecott, Mr. A. B. Lambe, Mr. John Cowan, Mr. Thomas Morphy, Mr. Basil R. Rowe, Mr. W. A. Hamilton, Hon. G. W. Allan, his Honour Judge Benson, Mr. W. E. Sherwood, Mr. H. Pellatt, sr.

The following were appointed as members of the Clergy Commutation Trust Committee:—Revs. Canon Logan, M. A. T. Walker, B.A., E. H. Mussen, M.A., W. E. Cooper, M.A., S. T. B., L. H. Kirby, R. D., W. C. Allen, M. A., Canon Greene, L. Th. W., W. F. Swallow, R. D., Messrs. A. H. Campbell, Wm. Ince, Chancellor Snelling, L.L.D. Q.C., Beverley Jones, M.A., G. F. Harman, M.A., Herbert Mortimer, George Musson.

The Endowment of See, Rectory Lands, and Land and Investment Committee comprises the following

members:—Revs. Canon H. B. Osler, John Gibson, Canon Tremayne, M.A., Canon Spragge, M.A., J. McLean Ballard, M.A., H. G. Baldwin, M.A., Messrs. Thomas Hodgins, M.A., Q.C., W. R. Brock, J. H. Plummer, Justice Street, John Cowan, W. G. P. Cassels, Q.C.

The following are the members-elect of the Toronto Rectory Endowment Committee:—Revs. Rural Dean Langtry, S. Jones, M.A., T. W. Patterson, M.A., J. P. Lewis; Messrs. J. H. Plummer, T. D. Delamere, M.A., Q.C., F. J. Stewart, H. Pellatt, sr.

The Toronto Rectory Surplus Fund Committee was as follows:—Rev. Canon Logan, Archdeacon Allen, Mr. C. J. Blomfield.

The following were appointed the members of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Theological Students Fund Committee:—Revs. A. H. Baldwin, M.A., C. E. Thompson, M.A., J. Pearson, A. J. Broughall, M.A., Canon Body, M.A., D.C.L., T. C. DesBarres, M.A., Messrs. J. George Hodgins, M.A., L.L.D., C. J. Campbell, R. N. Gooch, Frank Evans, A. R. Boswell, James Haywood.

The following are the members of the Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee: Revs. Canon Sweeney, D.D., Canon Cayley, M.A., E. W. Sibbald, Canon Farncomb, M.A., C. L. Ingles, M.A., Bernard Bryan, J. C. Davidson, M.A., Messrs. George B. Kirkpatrick, S. George Wood L.L.B., C. R. W. Biggar, M.A., Q.C., J. C. Morgan, M.A., Grant Helliwell, Allan H. Dymond, W. Wedd, jr.

The Audit Committee for the next year will be Revs. Canon Logan, J. Scott Howard, A. Williams, Messrs. A. H. Lightbourne, C. J. McCuaig, J. S. Lockie.

The Superannuation Committee was appointed as follows:—Revs. Septimus Jones, T. W. Paterson, R. Harrison, C. H. Marsh, T. C. Street, Macklem, A. Hart, Messrs. Russell Baldwin, Harry Symonds, F. J. Stewart, J. H. Plummer, C. J. Blomfield, A. H. Campbell.

The report of the Clergy Trust Fund Committee was presented by A. H. Campbell and adopted.

Copies of a pamphlet from the Prisoners' Aid Association, and of the report of the recent meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, were presented to the delegates during the day.

At three o'clock the clergy assembled in St. James cathedral and conducted a memorial service out of respect to the memory of the late Sir John A. Macdonald. The services were conducted by his Lordship the Bishop, assisted by Archdeacon Allan and Rev. Canon DuMoulin.

**Evening Session.**—The Synod held an evening session, beginning at eight o'clock, the Bishop again presiding. The report of the Endowment and Rectory Lands Committee was adopted. The report of the Mission Board, the Widows' and Orphans' and Theological Students' Fund Committees were all passed with very little discussion.

The General Purpose Committee report was adopted after one or two questions had been asked and replied to.

The Prisoners' Aid Committee presented a report virtually adopting the recommendations of the Prison Reform Commission. The reports were received, and when the clauses were taken up some remarks were offered.

The clause dealing with the Penetanguishene Reformatory reads: The commission has also strongly urged upon the Legislature of Ontario the adoption of the following recommendations, viz: Compulsory education; the passing of municipal by-laws prohibiting children from running about on the streets after dark; precautions concerning the admission into the country of juvenile immigrants; the abandonment of the present Reformatory for boys at Penetanguishene and the substitution of the Cottage system of reformatories, with moral rather than material restraints, and within easy access from the great centres of population.

Several speakers condemned the present system, whilst others considered the institution was doing its work well.

Notwithstanding the protest, by 49 votes to 24, the recommendations of the Prison Commission were adopted, after a slight change in the wording to define clearly the desire for the introduction of the cottage system.

The Sunday School and the Book and Tract Committee presented a most encouraging report, which was adopted.

The Synod then adjourned.

**Friday.**—The Synod met again this morning at 10 o'clock, with his Lordship the Bishop of Toronto presiding.

The report of the Superannuation Fund Committee for the year ending April 30th, 1891, was presented by Rev. Septimus Jones, and adopted.

In connection with this matter the following resolution was adopted: That to the Superannuation Fund Canon, sec. 11, be added, "Hereafter and until the capital of the fund shall have reached \$25,000, all interests from investments shall be added annually thereto, as well as any special donations, and any surplus of annual income; and no annual grant, on a

new application, shall exceed \$200 until the capital shall have reached \$25,000."

**Finance.**—When the report of the Committee on Canon for Investment was presented by Mr. A. H. Campbell, a long discussion ensued over the manner in which it was proposed to appoint a special Standing Committee. The general rules for the guidance of the committee were adopted as submitted without amendment.

**Systematic giving.**—Rev. W. C. Allen presented a written report from the Committee on Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

At one o'clock the Synod adjourned to meet again at half-past two o'clock.

**Afternoon Session.**—When the Synod reassembled, on motion of Rev. W. C. Allen, seconded by Rev. Dr. Mockridge, the report regarding systematic giving was received.

The report of the Special Committee on the Episcopal Endowment Fund was presented by Archdeacon Boddy and received. The report contained a short history of the circumstances which have led up to the present position of the relations of the Toronto diocese with the Diocese of Niagara in regard to this fund. A resolution was adopted offering to the Diocese of Niagara that its claim should be assumed by the Toronto Diocese for \$5,000, payable in ten annual instalments, and that provided the offer were accepted the payment should be made from the general funds of the Synod.

The report of the Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented by Archdeacon Boddy.

**The Sunday Question.**—After this report was read, Rev. Professor Clark took occasion to refer to the term "anti-Sabbatarian," as was applied by some people towards clergymen who favoured the submitting to the people generally the question of Sunday cars. He himself had been referred to as an "anti-Sabbatarian," but he would remind his hearers that in the New Testament there was nothing to the effect that the Sabbath should be kept on Sunday and not on Saturday. The idea of keeping the Sabbath as at present arose from an early Christian custom. For his own part he would allow no one to dictate to him as to the manner in which he should keep the Sabbath. Even in the matter of Sunday street cars for the workmen no man should be allowed to dictate to others. He would not say that cities that had street cars were more heathenish and less Christian than "this most self-complacent and self-satisfied city of Toronto."

The report as above printed was, after some further discussion, adopted.

The report of the Special Committee on Building Architecture and kindred matters was presented by Mr. John Helliwell and received. The Synod, however, did not think there was any necessity for the continuation of the committee, for on a vote being taken as to whether the committee should be re-appointed, it was found that in the opinion of the meeting there was no need for such a committee.

**A New History.**—Archdeacon Boddy, instead of presenting a report from the Committee on Public School Text-books, read the following letter to him from Mr. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education:

"Toronto, May 28, 1891.  
"My Dear Sir,—I am now preparing a new history of England for the use of Public Schools, which will supersede the one with reference to which you called upon me some time ago. I shall send you a copy of the proof as soon as it comes to hand."

The Committee on Public School Text-books was reappointed as follows:—Rev. Archdeacon Boddy (convener), Rev. Canon Body, Rev. Rural Dean Langtry, Rev. Rural Dean Kirkby, Rev. Alexander Sanson, Rev. J. P. Lewis, Rev. Canon Middleton, Rev. E. W. Sibbald, Hon. G. W. Allan, Mr. N. W. Hoyle, Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick, Mr. C. W. R. Biggar, Mr. J. A. Worrell, Mr. A. McLean Howard.

Mr. Barlow Cumberland, under the head of unfinished business, moved, and Rev. Canon Davidson seconded:—"That all appointments to rectories, parishes, or missions made hereafter shall be made for a term not exceeding five years."

After a long and animated discussion at the evening session, at Mr. Cumberland's request the question was referred to the Executive Committee, to be reported upon at the next meeting of the Synod.

**Educational Matters.**—The following motion was moved by Rev. John Langtry, seconded by Rev. Prof. Clark:—

That whereas the ultimate aim of education ought to be not the mere impartation of knowledge, but the formation of character, and as we are taught by God through His holy Apostle St. Paul (see the Greek, Rom. vi. 17) that His truth is the mould which He has Himself prepared for the fashioning of human character, this Synod cannot but regard with growing apprehension the practical exclusion of the teaching of that truth from the public schools of this country. They are persuaded that the daily record of breaches of trust, fraud, peculation, forgery and other crimes which godless education would increase, with which the columns of our newspapers are filled, to say nothing of the agnosticism and growing un-