

In reference to the remarks of the Provost, we may say that the reports to which he alludes arise in a certain quarter, and are industriously circulated in the interests of an institution which seems to rest its hope of prosperity on doing all the injury possible to Trinity College. We speak of what we know, and if the graduates of Trinity are wise and grateful they will awake to the fact that their *Ama Mater* is being malignantly attacked from the quarter indicated.

ILLNESS OF THE HON. EDWARD BLAKE.—The distinguished leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, Ottawa, has been compelled by sickness to withdraw from Parliamentary life. Mr. Blake had a serious warning some years ago, about 1878, that the work of a political leader endangered his health very seriously, but relying on his constitutional strength he persisted in work which has wrought him grave injury. Although there have been things said and done by Mr. Blake which could not be approved by Churchmen, we need in such matters to reflect that political exigencies at times play havoc with the higher life of those who enter the political arena. We sincerely hope that the health of Mr. Blake will be soon restored, so that he may give his talents to the service of the Church and country and make amends for what harm has been done by his too great subservience to the interests of the Roman Catholic Church.

NIAGARA.

SYNOD OF NIAGARA.—The Synod of this diocese opened its annual session on the 31st May. Service was held in Christ Church Cathedral in the morning, at which the sermon was preached by Rev. Canon Dumoulin, of Toronto. Bishop Hamilton presided at the opening of the afternoon session in the schoolhouse of the cathedral. The Rev. W. R. Clark, of Ancaster, and Mr. J. J. Mason were elected Hon. Secretaries and Mr. Mason Secretary-Treasurer. In his address the Bishop said that the mission fund showed an increase of \$684 over last year, which enabled the Church to open new missions in various places in the diocese. During the year 386 males and 524 females were confirmed, of whom 176 were brought up outside the Church of England. The discussion at vestry meetings of matters foreign to the jurisdiction of vestries was condemned by the Bishop as prejudicial to Christian charity and mutual confidence. On the subject of marriage he pointed out that the civil law could not release Church of England clergymen from obedience to the law of the Church, which requires that banns of marriage must be published in the church three several Sundays during the time of morning service, or of evening's service, if there be no morning service. Persons to be married should come into the body of the church, for it is not contemplated that marriage should be celebrated anywhere except in God's house. The importance of every usage or regulation which can elevate the sacred character of marriage in the eyes of the community could hardly be exaggerated. The disposition to treat marriage simply as a civil contract, which might be made and unmade by the laws and courts of the country, should be combatted. After references to the centenary of the Colonial Episcopate, the Queen's Jubilee, and the Trinity University, and the Bishop Fuller publication fund, he suggested the appointment of a committee on the observance of Sunday, particularly with reference to steamboat and railway traffic.

The Executive Committee reported as follows:—

The charge for the management of the rectory land parochial endowments was fixed at three per cent., and the balance of the general expenses was divided as in previous years. The Synod assessment for the current year was fixed at 5½ per cent. of the general apportionment, including 1½ per cent. on account of expenses of delegate attending the meeting of the Provincial Synod. The sum of \$500 has been remitted to the Bishop of Algoma, and the sum of \$1,250 to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, and \$61.45 has been remitted for Indian Homes in Algoma. The sum of \$1,098.89 has also been remitted on account of Foreign Missions. Consent was given to the mortgaging of the Dunnville church property to extent of \$2,000 for the purpose of erecting a new church. The apportionment of the amounts necessary to be made diocesan, widows' and orphans', Algoma and North-West missions and divinity students' funds was as follows:—Hamilton, Ascension, \$625; Christ Church, \$600; Guelph, \$550; St. Catharines, St. George's, \$3.60; Hamilton, St. Thomas', \$300; Thorold and Port Robinson, \$260; Niagara, \$230; Dundas, Grimsby, Milton and Hornby, Orangeville, Stamford and Drummondville, \$210 each; Burlington and Nelson, \$200; Ancaster, Dunnville and Port Maitland, Oakville, St. Catharines, Christ Church and St. Thomas', \$160 each; Georgetown and Stewarttown, Niagara Falls and Queenston, \$150 each; Caledonia and York, Chippawa, Fort Erie and Bertie, \$130 each; Port

Colborne and Marshville, \$120; Beverley and W. Flamboro', Cayuga, Hamilton, All Saints', \$105 each; Barton and Glanford, Louth and Port Dalhousie, Mount Forest and N. Arthur, \$100 each; Acton and Rockwood, Elora, \$90 each; Arthur and Alma, Erin and Garafraxa, Hamilton, St. Mark's, Lowville and Nassagaweya, Merriton, Homer and Grantham, Minto, Rothsay and Huston, Saltfleet, Binbrook and Barton E., Stoney Creek and Bartonville, Walpole South, Waterdown and Aldershot, Welland, \$75 each; Jarvis and Hagersville, Omagh and Palermo, Palmerston, \$50 each; Castor, Norval, Smithville and Wellandport, St. Catharines, St. Barnabas', \$25 each; Amaranth West and Luther East, Fergus, Hamilton, St. Luke's, \$20 each. The total amount is \$7,650, of which \$100 goes to the divinity students' fund, \$1,750 to Algoma and the North-West, \$1,930 to the widows' and orphans' fund, and \$3,870 to the diocesan fund. The report of the Mission Board recommended the continuance of the grants to Rothsay and Huston, Arthur and Alma, Erin and Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Dracon and Farmington, Lowville and Nassagaweya, Beverley and West Flamboro', Smithville and Wellandport, Saltfleet, Binbrook and Barton East, Stoney Creek and Bartonville, Walpole South and Palmerston. Grants were made of \$380 for one year to establish a travelling mission in North Wentworth; \$100 per year to Waterdown and Nelson, the latter to be detached from Burlington; \$300 per year for three years for a travelling mission, with headquarters at Caistorville and Attercliffe. The Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee reported through Mr. George Elliott, Guelph, that the fund had now reached over \$40,000, the amount agreed on when the Diocese of Niagara was set apart. The report was adopted, and the committee thanked for its labors. At the diocesan missionary meeting in the schoolhouse of the Church of St. Thomas last evening, addresses were made by Rev. Canon Dumoulin and Rev. J. Gough Brick, missionary in the Peace river district.

Second Day.—The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara reassembled on the 31st May, in the schoolhouse of Christ Church Cathedral, Bishop Hamilton presiding. Standing committees for the year were appointed by the Bishop, and the following delegates elected to the Provincial Synod:—Clerical—Canon Mockridge, Canon Sutherland, Hamilton; Canon Belt, Burlington; Dean Geddes, Chippawa; Canon Houston, Niagara Falls; Canon Worrell, Oakville; Canon Bull, Stamford; Archdeacon Dixon, Guelph; Archdeacon McMurray, Niagara; W. R. Clark, Ancaster. Lay delegates—Geo. Elliott, Guelph; Adam Brown, W. F. Burton, H. McLaren, J. J. Mason, F. W. Gates, F. E. Kilvert, Hamilton; C. Moss, Drummondville; W. W. White, Arthur; J. B. Plumb, Niagara; B. R. Nelles, Grimsby; W. Y. Pettitt, Oakville. The discussion on a canon to establish an aged and disabled clergymen's fund took up the greater part of the day. The consideration of other business motions, of which notice had been given, occupied the remainder of the day and the evening session.

The Synod passed a resolution pledging itself to contribute \$500 yearly to the stipend of the Bishop of Algoma.

On the third day a committee was appointed to define the duties of Wardens. The deputation that waited upon the Toronto Synod last year to press the claims of the diocese of Niagara regarding the endowment fund was re-appointed with the addition of the name of Mr. J. J. Mason, secretary-treasurer of the Synod. On motion of Canon Worrell a memorial to the Synod of Toronto diocese was drafted for transmission to that body.

A heated discussion arose upon a motion by the Rev. Hartley Carmichael as to standing committees, which led to a deadlock.

It was decided to ask the Executive of the Synod of Toronto for a return of all the securities in its possession relating to the Church property of this diocese. Also to open negotiations with the Synods of Toronto and Huron for the appointment of an inter-diocesan commission to devise a scheme for the joint working of the weaker border parishes. A resolution was passed, urging upon those in authority to put in force the law prohibiting Sunday traffic and unnecessary labour. The synod recommended that one collection in all the churches of the diocese, on the occasion of the Jubilee services, be devoted to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of Algoma.

Committees were appointed to urge the collection of the amount of the interest on the Episcopal Endowment fund, which has been capitalized and paid over to the Bishop as income, and to arrange for the liquidation of the debt on the church at Garafraxa.

Before adjourning finally it was resolved, by a vote of 16 to 14, that the next meeting of Synod be held in St. Catharines, but owing to the small attendance when the vote was taken, it is doubtful whether the Bishop will give his consent to the change of venue.

HURON.

Ascension Day in the City.—This day was duly observed by the Church in the Forest City. In St. Paul's there was an early communion service, and the regular service for the day at the hour for matins. The first Sunday after Ascension was observed in all our churches as a special mission Sunday in the interest of the mission work in the diocese of Algoma and the great North-West. The address on the subject by our bishop having been read in the churches on the previous Sunday.

WEST LORNE.—The Lord Bishop of Huron held a confirmation service at West Lorne in the Methodist Church on Monday; he was assisted in the services by Rev. E. Higley.

STRATHROY.—The Woman's Christian Association desire to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of \$14.16 from Mr. W. J. Dyas, treasurer of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society.

On Thursday evening, the 10th inst., his Lordship the Bishop of Huron confirmed a class of candidates for the apostolic rite of the laying on of hands, in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, when Rev. L. Desbrisay had the pleasure of presenting for confirmation thirty young soldiers of the cross. He delivered a very impressive address to the candidates for the sacred rite. The rector, Rev. Mr. Desbray assisted the Bishop in the service of the evening.

An Expected Visit from our Esteemed Friend.—His Lordship, Bishop Hellmuth, accompanied by Mrs. Hellmuth, arrived in New York Saturday. He arrives in London this week.

Christ Church.—The Church of England Temperance Society connected with Christ Church holds its meetings on alternate weeks, Rev. Canon Smith president. At the celebration of their fifth anniversary, Friday, May 15th, Rev. E. C. Sanders gave an address which was highly appreciated.

DELAWARE.—The Rev. R. W. Springer, of Grace Church, Chicago, has been spending a few days at his native place, Delaware. On Sunday, the fourth after Easter, he preached in Christ Church, Delaware, at matins, and at even song in Mount Brydges. He has returned to the sphere of his labours in Chicago. He had overrated his strength, and his zeal in Church work, so enfeebled himself, that he found it necessary to recruit his health by a short visit to Canada. While yet a student preparing for the ministry he opened a Sunday School at Bridgeport, going from house to house to gather in the scholars. A few months ago there were only five in attendance; now there is a regular attendance of 175. Since doing so well with the Sunday School he proceeded to build a church, and he has now completed a church costing \$6,000, seating 300 people, and having already 75 communicants. Before Lent, Rev. Dr. Locke, the rector, left for Europe, and Mr. Springer assumed charge, carrying on through Lent the daily services in Grace Church, and also the regular work of the mission church at Bridgeport.

LONDON.—The Chapter House Guild held a bazar of fancy work of their work in the Bishop Cronn's Hall, on Saturday, the 15th inst. It was very successful, realising in a few hours \$150. The Guild have now fulfilled their undertaking to pay for the site of the new church, \$1,200. They are worthy of every credit for their zealous labour of love. The Sunday School children subscribed in aid of the good work the sum of \$20.

MITCHELL.—The regular semi-annual meeting of the rural-decanal chapter of Perth was held in Trinity Church on Wednesday, the 25th of May, 1887. In the absence of the Rural Dean, who could not be present on account of illness in his family, the Rev. J. T. Wright was elected to the chair. The meeting, though not large, was a very interesting one. A very animated and practical discussion took place on the "Best system of increasing the contributions to the Mission Fund." All seemed to be of one mind and thought that a greater alacrity should be aroused in this department of the church's work. After a spirited interchange of opinion in which nearly all took part, a resolution was finally passed in which it was recommended that the present system of taking up collections by itinerant collection be discontinued, and that all contributions for church work be placed in envelopes and put on the plate on Sunday during divine service. The opinion was entertained that something should be done to secure a more equitable representation of the individual Rural Deanism on the executive committee of synod, than obtains at the