

In 1746, Wesley wrote: "If any man separate from the Church, he is no longer a member of our society." (Works, XII., p. 361.)

In 1793, the Conference forbade the preachers to assume the title of "Reverend."

In 1794, the Conference repeated this prohibition. In 1789, John Wesley wrote: "I abhor the thought of separation from the Church."—Letter to Mr. Tripp.

In 1785, John Wesley wrote thus to the so called Bishop Asbury: "How can you, how dare you, suffer yourself to be called a bishop? I shudder, I start at the very thought! Men may call me a knave, or a fool, a rascal, a scoundrel, and I am content; but they shall never, by my consent, call me bishop?" (Smith's Hist. of Wesleyan Methodism, I., p. 524.)

"Their (the Methodists) fixed purpose is—let the clergy or laity use them well or ill—by the grace of God to endure all things, to hold on their even course, and to continue in the Church. \* \* \* We do not, will not, form any separate sect, but from principle remain—what we have always been—true members of the Church of England." (Wesley's 54th sermon, written in 1777.—Works, VIII., p. 403.)

The contrast between these extracts and modern Methodism is very great, wide apart as the poles.

## Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

### FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The annual meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association of the Deanery of Fredericton, was held in the Church Hall on the 6th inst. The reports from the various Sunday schools were submitted, showing a successful result for the year past. There are upwards of 800 scholars enrolled in the parishes of this Deanery, and about 60 teachers. The system of instruction most generally adhered to in the schools of this Deanery is the Bishop Doane series. The Canadian Church Sunday School Leaflet was loudly praised by several of the superintendents of schools as being always a store of ready knowledge for the more busy teachers, and as being most helpful to the older scholars. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Rural Dean Montgomery, M.A.; vice-presidents, Miss J. Gregory, Mr. E. Mullin, B.A., and Miss Jacob; secretary-treasurer, Rev. H. E. Dibblee, M.A. The Association has a small, but well assorted library, for the benefit of members, and is, in all other respects, in a fairly prosperous condition. Teachers' examinations are held in the different parishes of the Deanery one month before the annual meeting of each year. The course of instruction for the year 1890-91, upon which next year's examination will be held, is as follows: The Prophet Isaiah, chapters 12-28; Harmony of Gospels (Fuller), Part II., section 40 to end of section; Apostles' Creed, 2nd division, to "I believe in the Holy Ghost"; Doane's Church History, Vol. I.

Personal.—Rev. N. C. Hausen, M.A., late rector of Canning, was on the 12th inst. duly elected rector of the parish of Gagetown.

The Rev. Wm. Eatough, S.A.C., lately in charge of the parish of Peticodiac, has been appointed curate of Trinity Church, St. John.

The Rev. A. J. Reid, S.A.C., late curate of St. Paul's church, St. John, has accepted a position in Toronto.

### MONTREAL.

CHRISTIEVILLE.—The friends of the Rev. B. P. Lewis, rector of Trinity Church, will sincerely sympathize with him and his family in the sad bereavement they have just sustained by the death of his second son, J. Stevens Lewis, who died on Monday last, after an illness of several months, at the early age of twenty-one. Of quiet, unassuming manner, and a disposition particularly sweet and gentle, he won the affection of all who came in contact with him. Inheriting a taste for music, and possessing exceptional abilities in this direction, he relinquished a position in the office of the Guarantee Company several years ago, to devote all his time to the study of music, and at nineteen became organist to the Church of St. Matthias, Cote St. Antoine. He was subsequently organist at St. Jude's, and ultimately contemplated going to Germany to perfect himself in his profession, but failing health necessitated his return home last June, and consumption has cut short a most promising career. To the many friends, in this city and elsewhere, who showed so much considerate kindness during his long illness, the family desire to express their warmest thanks, as also to those who sent flowers, &c., especially his old office.

mates who sent a beautiful wreath "as a slight tribute to his kindly character." Com.

### ONTARIO.

KINGSTON, Nov. 26. The mission board of the diocese met this morning with a very full attendance, Archdeacon Lauder presiding. The members present were: The Bishop, Archdeacon Jones, Rural Deans Pollard, Carey, Nesbitt, Bogart, Bliss, Baker, Grout; Rev. Messrs. Spencer, Lewin, Burke, White, Houston; Messrs. Rogers, Kirkpatrick, Pense, R. T. Walkem, Shannon, Kingston; R. G. Wright, Napanee; Judge Carman, Cornwall; Judge MacDonald, Brockville.

The financial statement for the two past years ending October 31 was read. It showed the receipts for 1889 to be \$11,546; for 1890, \$11,023. The grants made for last year with \$475 of pensions, were \$11,318.33; expenses, \$850.54; total, \$12,168.87. This year's grants were \$12,202.08; pensions, \$250; expenses, \$868.58; total, \$13,320.66. Last year began with \$1,410.80 of a deficit, which it will be seen by these figures has risen to \$4,330.46. A special effort will be made this winter to wipe this out. Over \$2,000 of it arises from increased grants last year, and the prevalence of la grippe preventing many large meetings from which increases were expected.

Rev. Messrs. Peck, Godden and Farrar wrote about difficulties in making some of the stated collections, and a long debate arose on a resolution of R. T. Walkem to form a sub-committee to consider such excuses and prevent a withholding of the missionaries' cheques under the rules. About twenty parishes were in arrears for the past Trinity collections, but none of these were occupied missions. The prevailing opinion was that the rule of enforcing the making of collections had done great service, preventing much unnecessary neglect and the hardships were few. Other resolutions were presented by Messrs. Pollard, Walkem and MacDonald, and it was finally resolved to excuse in these three cases and notify adherence to the rules in future strictly.

The Odessa stone church was bought in 1888 for \$800, and \$182 was paid. About \$700 was due in principal and accrued interest, and the property would be foreclosed unless early action to help the small congregation was taken. A warm discussion arose. Messrs. Bogert, Kirkpatrick, Walkem and Pense strongly supported diocesan help and the withholding of the mission. Rev. Mr. Baker felt the task almost hopeless, but Archdeacon Jones, admitting the discouraging circumstances, urged aggressive work. A resolution of Judge MacDonald, seconded by Mr. Pense, appointed a visit by the archdeacon, Rural Dean Baker, and the mover on Tuesday next to settle matters, with a promise to sustain them by private subscriptions.

An application of Rural Dean Grout for \$200 grant for Lansdowne rear (Delta, Athens and Phillipsville) was not acted upon, as the funds do not warrant it.

On motion of Rural Dean Baker it was resolved to appropriate \$500, as soon as the funds would allow, to found a mission in North Addington to cover Cloyne, Flinton and Harlowe.

It was understood at the committee meeting that the rural deans have so reorganized matters that they are all archdeacons, almost legislating out the existing functionaries. Their duties are nearly narrowed down to drawing salary. The committee, upon Major Mayne's proposal, had a good meeting yesterday, and adopted a report recommending the appointment of a diocesan lecturer on Church doctrine and history as soon as the funds will allow, meanwhile the bishop to appoint qualified clergymen and laymen for duty; that parochial societies for home study be formed, with an examination in each rural deanery; that college services be held by laymen under the direction of the parochial clergy.

Thursday.—The diocesan committees met again to-day. The uninvested amount at the control of the rectory lands committee, of which Rural Dean Carey is chairman, is \$16,000, and the amount of the clergy superannuated fund is now \$4,702. Rural Dean Pollard was elected chairman of this committee. It was resolved to impress upon the synod the building up of the fund, so that the great usefulness of such a provision for old age may be realized. Bequests and benefactions from well-to-do Churchmen will be solicited.

Rural Dean Bogart was chosen chairman of the clergy trust fund.

Rev. J. A. Simpson was added as an annuitant in accordance with the resolution of synod.

The episcopal trust fund committee re-elected their chairman. The fund is \$58,674.37, all the securities being in an excellent state. The income last year was \$3,282.40.

Rev. A. Jarvis was elected to preside over the widows and orphans' fund. The sum allotted this

year is \$3,070, making it highly beneficial in a direction calling for the kindest feelings of Church people. The offerings were increased 50 per cent. last year in response to the Bishop's appeal.

The rural deans have been organized as a board, with Rev. E. H. M. Baker as chairman, and Rev. G. W. G. Grout as secretary. They are henceforth to arrange for and systematize the episcopal visitations, supervise parish registers and do other useful work.

The mission board granted \$100 for a lay reader at Enterprise; \$100 for Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Tyendinaga, who has throat disease and requires assistance; \$50 was granted to Franktown.

The classification committee was named—Rural Deans Pollard, Nesbitt and Bliss, and Messrs. Smyth and Carman.

The Bishop was requested to issue a special pastoral urging increased offering to the mission fund.

The Bishop reappointed the Sunday observance committee, viz.: Archdeacon Lauder, Revs. H. Pollard, J. J. Bogart, Judge MacDonald and A. Mathieson. It is about undertaking active work.

The committees then adjourned.

MATTAWA.—The mission house rang with the sound of childish voices on the evening of November 18th. It was the Priest's birthday. Mr. Samwell has a reputation for fun among the children, and if there is a children's party to be given, he must, of course, be invited. On this occasion Mr. Samwell invited as many children as the house would conveniently hold, to come and celebrate with him his birthday. Over thirty were present, from four years of age up to sixteen. Oh! what a merry party that was! Such romps! Such lovely games! And it seemed that the youngest among them was the Priest himself. About nine o'clock the fun ceased with hearty ringing cheers for everyone, and the youngsters wended their way home. But we must not forget to mention the presents. Nearly all brought some token of their affection, of which the cup and saucer was the most popular form. There were also gloves, vases, writing case, ornaments, handkerchiefs, etc.

### TORONTO.

An Example Worthy of Wide Imitation.—At the last meeting of the Mission Board of the Diocese of Toronto, the Mission of Penetanguishene gave notice that they would no longer require the assistance of the Board, but would undertake to provide the entire income of the incumbent, and so transform themselves from a mission into a parish. There are many missions that have been receiving aid from the Board for many years that ought to do likewise, and thus put it in the power of the Board to open up new missions. The Mission of Bradford and West Gwillimbury have notified the Mission Board that they too will undertake the entire support of their clergyman as soon as they can recover possession of a small glebe that belongs to the parish.

Another Move in the Right Direction.—About a year ago the Mission Board of Toronto adopted a resolution to reduce the grants to old missions at the rate of ten per cent. per annum. At the last meeting of the Board the Mission of Creemore, Banda and Lisle sent in bonds pledging themselves to make up to the missionary this annual reduction. This plan, if persistently followed, will turn all the present missions into self-supporting parishes in ten years.

The Rev. A. J. Reid, for some time assistant to the Rev. Canon Debeber, of St. Paul's church, St. John, N.B., has been appointed assistant to the Rev. Dr. Langtry, of St. Luke's parish, Toronto. Mr. Reid comes with the highest commendations from the clergy and people of St. John. We wish him a prosperous and happy career in his new sphere of work.

The churches in Toronto, especially those in which the services are rendered chorally, have never had such large congregations as at the present time.

S. Barnabas.—The first of a series of entertainments at this church was given on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Guild of S. Barnabas. A very interesting lecture on "Palestine," and illustrated with stereopticon views, was delivered by the Rev. T. W. Paterson, of Deer Park, to a large and delighted audience.

S. John's.—One of the oldest churchwardens in the diocese attended divine service in this church on Sunday evening, in the person of John McMurtry, Esq., father of our townsman, who is in his 86th year, and has been a churchwarden 50 years. The old gentleman mentioned is the father of Mr. Jas. A. McMurtry, of this city, who follows the example of his venerable father, and is a consistent Churchman, and a member of S. Luke's.