

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

NEWMARKET.—St. Paul's.—A handsome brass eagle lectern has been presented to this church by a former parishioner. The lectern, which was made in London, Eng., stands nearly six feet high; and the wings, which form a rest for the Bible, have a stretch of two feet in width. There is the following inscription on the base:

"To the glory of God, and in loving Memory of JOHN and ANN CAWTHRA. Presented to St. Paul's Church by Joseph Cawthra, their son, June, 1889."

The lectern was first used on Sunday, June 23rd, when the Rector, the Rev. John Farncomb, expressed the gratification felt by himself and the members of the congregation in receiving so valuable an addition to the furniture of the church.

SYNOD MEETING.—(Continued.)

After routine opening proceedings on the 13th June, the report of the General Purposes Fund statistics and Assessment Committee was adopted, and at the afternoon session the following resolution in regard to incomplete statistical information was adopted:

"That any clergyman of the Diocese who, without explanation satisfactory to the Bishop, neglects to make the returns, whether of collections or statistics, required by the Synod within one month from the time prescribed by Synod, shall be admonished by the Bishop; and if such neglect shall be continued the Bishop shall proceed to suspend such clergyman *a beneficio* for no longer than three months; and that a copy of this resolution be transcribed in the minutes."

Rev. A. Williams and Rev. Dr. Sweeny were appointed the clerical delegates to the Provincial Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, and with them Rural Dean Kirkby and Mr. Clarkson Jones will form the Diocesan Board.

Sunday-Schools.—The report of the Sunday-school and Book and Tract Committee showed that during the past year the average attendance of teachers and scholars had increased 20 per cent. There had also been an increase of \$272 in the amount of Sunday-school offertories. A marked increase in the use by the Sunday-schools of the Diocese of the "Institute Leaflets," which have been prepared and issued by the committee during the past eight years, was also noted. The adoption by the Inter-Diocesan Sunday-school Conference of a uniform scheme of Sunday-school Lessons, based upon the publications of "The Church of England Sunday-school Institute," had also largely increased the use of these leaflets in the Sunday-schools of other dioceses. The "Teacher's Assistant," had now a larger circulation than ever before, but the committee regretted to observe that in a number of Sunday-schools in the Diocese where the "Inter-Diocesan Scheme of Sunday-school Lessons" was adopted, the teacher's had not yet been supplied with copies of the "Assistant." They strongly urged upon the clergy the desirability of equipping the teachers of their Sunday-schools with this almost indispensable help to the proper preparation of the Sunday-school lessons.

The committee submitted for the consideration of the Synod a series of lessons for 1889-90 in accordance with the scheme adopted by the Inter-Diocesan Conference at its meetings held in November, 1888, and April, 1889, and approved by the Synod in June last, the lessons being based upon the well known publications of "The Church of England Sunday-school Institute." They recommended that a memorial be presented to the Provincial Synod, asking them to take up the question of uniform Sunday-school lessons, and the appointment of a committee to deal with this most important subject; such committee, together with two delegates from each Diocesan Synod, to constitute the "Inter-Diocesan Sunday-school Conference" for 1889-90. They also further asked the Synod

to appoint two delegates to this Conference, and recommended that the sum of \$50 be appropriated from the General Purposes Fund toward the travelling expenses of these delegates, and a further sum of \$50 from the same fund toward the expenses of the Inter-Diocesan Sunday-school Examination for Teachers and Scholars, which the committee recommended to be held as hitherto, in the month of December. The report was adopted after some discussion; and Rev. W. C. Bradshaw and Mr. George B. Kirkpatrick were appointed delegates to the Inter-Diocesan Sunday-school Conference.

At the Afternoon session Rev. Canon Osler announced that a gentleman who wished to see the Niagara endowment trouble finally settled, (but who did not wish his name to be known), to give the matter a proper start had offered to contribute \$1,000 towards the settlement, provided that the remaining \$4,000 should be made up by voluntary contributions during the next six months, and on motion the letter was referred to the committee which had been appointed to deal with the matter.

UNION OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the Union of the Church in British North America brought in the following recommendations, which were discussed at length and finally adopted, and a memorial to the Provincial Synod embodying the same was ordered to be prepared.

1 That the dioceses existing within any civil province should have power to organize themselves into an Ecclesiastical province. That in such Ecclesiastical province a Provincial Council or Synod should be formed by representation as may be agreed upon, from the several Diocesan Synods in the province, and that the Bishops of the province should constitute the Upper House of such Provincial Council or Synod, and that the head of such Provincial Council or Synod should be an Archbishop to be elected by the Bishops of the province. That, where necessary, two or more civil provinces may be grouped together, so as to form a Joint Provincial Synod under the presidency of an Archbishop as before provided, and that such Joint Provincial Synod should have the power of framing internal enactments for the needs of the several provinces.

2. That such Provincial Council or Synod should meet regularly once in three years, and that special sessions may be held as often as the interests of the Church may require.

3. That the Provincial Synod should have power to act for the Church in reference to all matters of provincial legislation affecting the Church, and should be charged generally with the oversight of all matters, educational or otherwise, affecting the welfare of the Church in such province, and that the Synod should have power to enact Canons for the Church in that province in reference to all questions arising out of the Church or Temporalities or Religious Institutions Acts, duties of Church officers, &c., &c. That the House of Bishops in each Ecclesiastical province should exercise the same powers with regard to the dioceses within that province as are now exercised by the House of Bishops of the present Ecclesiastical province of Canada.

4. That there should be a General Synod for the Church of British North America, which should meet regularly every five years, and should correspond in its powers and duties to the Provincial Synod, as now constituted. That such General Synod should alone have the power of dealing with matters affecting the standards of worship or discipline of the Church, and that such Synod should be peculiarly charged with the oversight of spiritual matters. Such General Synod should also have charge of the general Mission work of the Church, domestic and foreign. That the President of the General Synod should be Primate of the Church in British North America, and should be elected by and from among the Provincial Archbishops;

but that during the continuance in office of any of the existing Metropolitans, the senior Metropolitan in order of consecration should be President of the General Synod.

The creation of such a General Synod would require a fresh Act, and the committee do not, therefore, feel it necessary to further discuss any questions arising out of the legislation now existing as to the relations of the Diocesan and Provincial Synods.

Your committee would further recommend that a petition be presented on behalf of this Synod to the Provincial Synod at its next meeting, requesting the Provincial Synod to further consider and take action upon this important question and respectfully submitting the recommendations of this report as a basis for such consideration and action.

The Rev. the Provost of Trinity College moved the adoption of the report, and also moved the following resolution:—"That this Synod instructs its delegates to the Provincial Synod respectfully to request that body to re-appoint a committee empowered to confer with similar committees that may be appointed by the Provincial Synods of Rupert's Land and British Columbia, and to take such further action as may be best fitted to bring about the union of the Church in British North America under one Ecclesiastical jurisdiction; and that the attention of the Provincial Synod be respectfully requested to the recommendation with regard to such union contained in the report of the committee now adopted: and that the Lord Bishop be requested to nominate a committee to draft a memorial to the Provincial Synod for this purpose."

This resolution being moved and passed, the Bishop re-appointed the committee in charge of the work.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

SYNOD MEETING.

The Synod of the Diocese met on the 18th of June. In his charge the Lord Bishop of the Diocese referred in opening to the Lambeth Conference, and to the Conference on Unity lately held in the Diocese of Toronto. In reference to the latter he said: "It was the outcome of the appointment by our Provincial Synod of a committee to confer with similar committees appointed to represent other Christian bodies, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any possibility of honourable union with such bodies. When the committees appointed by the Anglican, the Presbyterian and the Methodist bodies met they had no power to do more than confer and report back to their several bodies. We have reason to be very thankful that those who met in this Conference have been drawn closer to each other and have had their hopes as well as their desires for unity intensified. One very happy and encouraging feature of the Conference was the general recognition that no mere alliance or confederation, but union corporate and organic must be aimed at; that nothing short of this could realize the oneness desired by Christ for His people. It was recognized that if there can be no schisms in the human body they cannot be admissible in the Church in which Christians, how many soever they be, are one body. We cannot all have the responsibility laid upon us by attending Conferences, but we can all pray for unity amongst all Christians of every name. If we do not pray for unity we are not likely to possess the spirit which will enable us in our several positions to promote it."

His Lordship then adverted to the position taken by the Bishops at the Lambeth Conference, quoting from the Encyclical, and proceeded to speak of purely diocesan matters, remarking that the changes in the ranks of the clergy during the year had been numerous and important. Several whose abilities were of a high order, and whose labors both in the country and in the city were much appreciated by