

duced him at that time to take organizing work for the S.P.C.

The collection, which was for the General Diocesan Fund, amounted to £1 16s. 8d., and in addition to this sum two cheques, one for £15 and the other for £2, together with eight shillings in silver, were specially marked for the Indian work. The Rev. R. Kenison kindly came from London in order to be present.

A. B. T.

**The Fifth Triennial Council.**

Though it was the first time that Dr. Thorneloe had summoned the clergy and lay delegates to meet in council, the gathering that came together on the last day of May, 1898, was the fifth that had assembled to deliberate on questions of importance to the Church in this diocese and Dominion. Those of 1887 and 1889 were composed of the clergy only, but they took what steps were deemed wise to secure a lay representation in the future. And since, in 1892, 1895 and 1898 there has been a slowly growing number of lay Churchmen present at our councils.

The council of 1898 met at North Bay, a point on the Canadian Pacific Railway, where connections are made with the railway running north from Toronto to North Bay, and operated by the Grand Trunk Railway. Provision was made by Rev. W. A. J. Burt, incumbent of North Bay, and a committee, for the hospitable entertainment of all the delegates in attendance, and the old church building, now used as a church hall and Sunday-school, was arranged for the seating and convenience of the members of the council. In fact, every necessary preparation was made for business combined with comfort.

Nearly all the members of the council arrived at North Bay on the evening of the 30th of May, trains from the south and west (Sault line) arriving within thirty minutes of each other. Those who came from the south, on the G.T.R., stepped on to the platform at 8 o'clock p.m., or soon after, and waited until 8.30 p.m., when the C.P.R. train came in, from which alighted the Bishop and Mrs. Thorneloe and some of the clergy from the Algoma Rural Deanery. There was a hearty hand-shaking when missionary met brother missionary whom he had not seen for three years, or, as in some cases, a new member of the clerical staff was made known to his brethren. Nor were the lay members left out. All mingled in knots on the railway platform, of men and women, whose sole business for the moment was congratulation and welcome. Yes; there were women there—ladies of the North Bay congregation anxious to find the guests who were to be under their roof for the next few days.

At 9 o'clock that night there was a meeting of the Standing Committee, at which was submitted the draft of the report to be presented on the morrow. In connection with the before-mentioned committee was a meeting of the Committee on Synodical Organization, to which was also submitted a report for approval. It was after 11 o'clock p.m. when the members of these committees finished their work.

Next morning, May 31st, in the bright sunshine, sharp at 9 o'clock, you could have seen a procession of twenty-three clergy—one deacon, twenty-one priests, and the Bishop—enter St. John's Church, North Bay. The procession marched from the church hall to the main entrance of the church, thence down the nave to their places in choir and sacristy, to the singing of "The Church's one foundation." Morning Prayer was read by Rev. Rural Dean Chowne and Revs. W. H. French and A. H. Allman. A celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion followed immediately, at which the Bishop was the celebrant, assisted by Rev. Archdeacon Llywd, Rev. J. Boydell, M.A., and Rev. W. A. J. Burt.

The services being over the council met in the church hall, where, at 11 to a.m., the Bishop took the chair and called gentlemen to order. The Bishop read prayers and then took all necessary steps for proper organization. When the roll was called the following answered to their names:

CLERGY.	
Allman,	Rev. A. H.
Atkinson,	" Robert.
Boydell,	" James.
Buckland,	" C. H.
Burt,	" W. A. J.
Chowne,	" A. W. H.
Cobb,	" A. J.
Eccleston,	" W. J.
Evans,	" Wm.
French,	" W. H.
Frost,	" Fred.
Hazlehurst,	" A. W.
Hickland,	" James.
Johnson,	" D. A.
Llywd,	Ven. Thos.
"Machin,	Rev. C. J.
Mitchell,	" A. R.
Pardee,	" J.
Piercy,	" Charles.
Sinclair,	" L.
Smitheman,	" J. P.
"Thursby,	" I. W.
U'bricht,	" F. C. H.
Young,	" A. J.

LAITY.	
French,	Mr. A. E.
Hannen,	" J.
Kelsey,	" W. A.
Plummer,	" Harry.
Purvis,	" James.
Rousell,	" James.
Smith,	" A. S.
Wilgress,	" G. S.

\*Arrived on second day.  
†Arrived for evening session first day.

The Rev. C. Piercy was elected secretary of the council.

The Bishop then read his charge, which occupied the closest attention of all present until the hour of adjournment,

12.30 p.m. When the Bishop's charge is printed with the proceedings, portions thereof will appear in our columns from time to time.

Promptly at two o'clock the Bishop took the chair. A large portion of the afternoon session was occupied by the reading of notices of motion and of reports of committees. The following reports were presented and read:

Of the Standing Committee, by the Rev. C. Piercy.

Of the Committee on Synodical Organization, by the Rev. C. Piercy.

Of the Principal of the Shingwauk Home (Indian), by the Rev. C. Piercy.

Of the Diocesan Librarian, by Ven. Archdeacon Llywd.

Of the Editor of THE ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, by Rev. C. Piercy.

Motions were adopted authorizing an annual offertory in each congregation in the diocese towards the augmentation of the Sustentation Fund, and appointing the Rev. C. J. Machin a deputation from the council to the several diocesan branches of the W.A.

Under the head of consideration of reports, six of the seven clauses of the report of the Standing Committee were adopted. Before adjourning, however, a motion to have an evening session was adopted. At 5.30 p.m. the council rose, most of its members going into the church for Evening Prayer.

At half-past seven the council was again called to order, and the discussion on the seventh clause of the report under consideration continued. The question raised was, perhaps, the most important one that presented itself to the council of 1898, viz.: the strong recommendation of the committee in favour of a pause in the work of synodical organization. The discussion—it could not be called a debate, because there was really no opposition—was devoted to the statement of reasons in support of the action of the committee. It ended in the adoption of the clause and of the report as a whole.

The important report presented by the Committee on Synodical Organization came up next for consideration. On motion it was adopted as a whole, and ordered to be embodied in the minutes of the council. No time was wasted by the speakers to this motion. All felt that the careful work of the committee should be preserved for a future day and that steps should be taken to prevent its possible loss.

When the Shingwauk Home report came up the interest of the council in the Church's work among Indians may be seen in the action asking that the management of the Home might be represented at the council by the principal and the recommendation that every Sunday-school in the diocese give at least one offertory annually to the support of the Home.

The consideration of the report of the librarian, which carried, occupied the remainder of the session.

At ten o'clock the council adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.