

Afternoon Session.—At the afternoon's session Judge Macdonald, in behalf of a special committee appointed to investigate the Hillier trouble, recommended that the pastor, Rev. Mr. Helliwell, be removed. When the evidence was taken the pastor said it was better for him to go, and he would go if he got another parish, which was sustained without mission money. These parishioners testified that his removal would be in the interest of the parish. The judge asked for a committee to deal with the case, but several present insisted that the Bishop take immediate action under the canon, but his Lordship said he would not do so, because he would not be dictated to by Mr. Helliwell, who stipulated what kind of a parish he would take. The Bishop thought Mr. Helliwell, in abandoning the work given him and squatting in another man's parish, could be summarily dealt with, but the matter might better go to a committee. Some urged that a good missionary be sent to Hillier to work out Helliwell, but after a lengthy discussion the matter went to a committee. This matter has been dangling before the Synod for years, and speakers pronounced it a disgrace to the Church to let it exist any longer.

The sum of \$400 was granted to the Bishop for travelling expenses.

An attempt was made by Rev. Mr. Serson to have the annuity reduced from \$400 to \$200, so that a larger number of the younger clergymen may become beneficiaries on the clergy trust fund. The debate lasted for some time, and young men were appealed to not to relieve those, who made the diocese what it was, of their vested rights. When a vote was taken only five voted for the motion, therefore the sum remains at \$400.

Evening Session.—This evening a conference of clergy and laity was held, when the following subjects were discussed: "Parochial missions; are they conducive to the permanent spiritual well-being of a parish?" Rev. E. A. W. Hannington, B.A., Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., Judge Carman, M.A., spoke. "Scarcity of duly-qualified candidates for holy orders; causes and remedy." Rev. Rural Dean Baker, Rev. G. Jemmet, M.A., Lt.-Col. Matheson, M.A. "The extension of the Episcopate; its necessity and how best to promote it." F. A. Knapp, B.O.L., Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, Rev. A. Spencer.

May 16.—On the Synod resuming this morning, Rev. A. Spencer was elected clerical secretary, R. V. Rogers, lay secretary, and R. T. Walkem, treasurer. The Bishop referred to the difficulty of securing candidates for the ministry, and Provost Body, of Trinity College, had a scheme to submit. The whole difficulty in securing qualified candidates was lack of cash. He thought if the Synod could set apart a certain sum of money each year, say \$1,000, for the education of candidates, the number of candidates would be increased. He would like to carry the information back to Toronto that the Synod had arranged with Trinity to supply so much annually for the purpose mentioned. The college was in the position to do the best work. The Synod took the offer into favorable consideration.

Domestic and Foreign Missions.—The report of the Committee on Domestic and Foreign Missions stated that the total revenue was \$5,070.19, of which \$1,049.87 was contributed by the Women's Auxiliary. Ontario stands next to Toronto in giving towards Domestic and Foreign Missions.

Sunday Observance.—Rev. H. Pollard, Rev. J. J. Bogart, Judge Macdonald and Lieut.-Colonel Matheson were appointed to attend the meeting of the alliance for the better observance of the Lord's Day.

A Handsome Gift.—The thanks of the Synod were tendered to Major Percival Maxwell, of Finnebrogue, County Down, Ireland, for the gift of 46 acres of good land, with a house and barn thereon, situated on Amherst Island.

Delegates to the Provincial Synod.—The election of delegates to the Provincial Synod resulted as follows:—Clergy—Revs. Arch. Lauder, J. J. Bogart, E. N. Crawford, W. Lewin, W. B. Carry, T. B. Jones, E. H. M. Baker, C. B. Pettet, R. S. Stephenson, H. Pollard, with J. W. Burke, N. L. Jones, R. B. Smith, E. A. W. Harrington, A. C. Nesbit and F. L. Stephenson as substitutes. The lay delegates are:—R. T. Walkem, Dr. Henderson, R. V. Rogers, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, A. J. Matheson, E. H. Smythe, Judge Macdonald, Dr. Wilson, J. Sharron, Judge Senkler, Judge Carmon and J. Sumner. The substitutes are:—E. Elliot, Judge Reynolds, S. Keefer, Dr. Hutton, Dr. Preston, M.P.P., and A. T. Hershaw.

Mission Grants.—Much of the afternoon was occupied in the discussion of mission grants. Motions to retain some and abolish others were defeated. A motion to appropriate \$1,000 from the mission fund to educate candidates for Holy Orders at Trinity College was made, but it was withdrawn at the suggestion of the Bishop, objection being raised to it.

The Superannuation Fund.—A discussion occurred on the proposal to abolish the Superannuation Fund. There were only 45 clerical subscribers to the fund out of 120 clergy in the diocese. It was held that as

the clergy were interested they should pay, and that the scheme should not depend upon voluntary aid. It was contended for the laymen that they would not give if they knew that only those clergymen who paid should be participants in the fund, buying as it were a vested right in the fund eventually. The report of the Superannuation Committee was adopted. The canon regarding the mode of conducting the organization fund was then discussed.

Closing Sessions of the Synod.—May 17.—The Synod of Ontario closed its sessions to-day. The Finance Committee increased some of the assessments of parishes, and some opposition occurred. Judge Macdonald presented the report on the deceased members of the Synod. Three lay members of the Synod had died during the year, Hon. Thos. White, J. E. Howard and Dr. J. E. Brouse. Rev. James Harris and Mr. A. L. Roberts, of Shannonville, had also passed away. The demise of Hon. Mr. White was especially deplored.

Division of the Diocese.—Rev. K. L. Jones submitted the report on the division of the diocese. During the past few years considerable apathy has been shown among the clergy on this matter. The enthusiasm which once existed had died out. He advocated that the diocese be made an arch-diocese, with the present Bishop as Archbishop at Ottawa, and that there be three or four dioceses. Then there would not be a division of the funds, as all could meet in one conference with one secretary. The Bishop said in all probability before such a scheme could be carried the present Bishop would be in his grave. He thought, seeing that Dr. Mountain had withdrawn his proposal in favor of a division of the diocese, and made his gift towards a proposed mission canonry, the matter did not pertain to a division of the diocese at all. The Committee on the Division of the Diocese, Mr. R. V. Rogers said, should not have dealt with the canonry scheme at all. Dr. Mountain's proposal was heavily burdened by conditions, and should be treated with caution. Mr. Walkem read Dr. Mountain's proposal to show that it was not burdened with conditions and should be accepted with thanks. Mr. Jones said the committee had not reported regarding the division of the diocese, because nothing had been done since last Synod. He thought that Dr. Mountain's proposal came within their jurisdiction. Rural Dean Nesbitt said that unless the people were convinced that the Bishop wanted the diocese divided they would not work towards that end. Mr. Walkem endorsed what Mr. Nesbitt said. A division would be unfortunate because the expense would be increased and the organization divided. He hoped the whole matter would be dropped. Finally the report was referred back.

Dr. Mountain's Offer.—Rev. K. L. Jones then moved that Dr. Mountain's generous offer of the Cornwall Canonry be thankfully accepted. Judge Macdonald moved in amendment that the offer be referred to the Executive Committee. The motion was carried by a large majority.

A Union Proposal.—A resolution affirming the expediency of uniting all the dioceses of the Church of England in British North America under one head, so as to form one Church with a general legislative body, the dioceses, however, preserving their control over diocesan matters, was carried unanimously.

Good Wishes for the Bishop.—On motion of Judge Macdonald the Bishop was wished a safe voyage to and from England, where he will attend the Lambeth Conference. He replied, trusting that much good might come of the conference.

Trinity College.—A meeting in the interest of Trinity College was held last night. Rev. Provost Body discussed Trinity College as a place for general education. Last year there were one hundred graduates, a capital showing. He claimed that all churchmen should support the College. They should rally about it as the Presbyterians rally about Queen's and the Methodists about Victoria. Since 1882 the endowment had been increased some \$110,000, and additions had been made to the staff of professors and lecturers. Spiritually and intellectually more work was enabled to be done now for the divinity students. To compass the present objects of Trinity an increase of \$65,000 to capital and \$3,000 to income was needed. Said Dr. Body:—"We must make Trinity better known, bring it into living touch with every man, woman and child of the Church we are able to reach. This we propose to do by the formation of local branches of convocation in the different centres of the Dominion."

There was an interesting discussion on the points touched upon. The provost's scheme was endorsed, and many old graduates said the progress and condition of Trinity was a perfect revelation to them. Many clergymen promised to assist in circulating information as to the excellence of the institution. At the meeting of the Synod to-day the Divinity Students' Fund Committee were instructed to consider the subject of obtaining candidates for the university in this diocese, and it was authorized to use the funds under its control for assisting such candidates.

TORONTO.

LAKEFIELD AND WARSAW.—St. Mark's Church at Warsaw was re-opened on Sunday, May 13th, after being vastly improved under the management, and to a very large extent the personal workmanship of the enterprising churchwarden, Mr. A. F. Choate. Although the seating accommodation has been greatly increased, every seat was occupied. The service was hearty, and the music, as usual, thoroughly well-rendered. Many bright flowers, tastefully arranged, contributed by their beauty and fragrance to the gladness of the festival. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw. The improvements include a new chancel and vestry, and new furniture throughout the church. The seats, choir-stalls, and chancel-ceiling are all handsomely finished in ash; and the nave of the church, from which the gallery has been removed, is painted in warm colours. The chancel window, painted by the Rev. John Farncomb, incumbent, adds greatly to the completeness of this decidedly pretty little church. Pastor and people may "thank God and take courage."

MARKHAM.—Grace Church.—On Friday, the 11th inst., the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the diocese, held a confirmation and administered the Apostolic rite to a class of 21 persons, presented by the Rev. A. Hart, incumbent. Great interest was evinced in the proceedings, as the class, comprising members aged from 14 up to 74 years, was the largest confirmed in this Church for many years, if not in its history. The Bishop's address contained much sound and practical counsel. At the close of the service many members of the congregation took advantage of the opportunity afforded them and paid their respects to their chief pastor. The church was crowded.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.—The annual commencement of Wycliffe College and meeting of the College Association took place on the 17th May. Dr. Sheraton occupied the chair. On the platform were Rev. Mr. Stone, Philadelphia; Judge Benson and Rev. Canon O'Meara, Port Hope; Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Castle, Rev. W. J. Armitage, Rev. I. C. DesBarres, Rev. Septimus Jones, Rev. G. M. Wrong and Rev. A. C. Miles. The principal, in his annual report, praised the work of the gentlemen who took first-class honors, claiming that the standard 75 per cent. and over was equivalent to that of Cambridge.

THE PRIZE LIST.

The prize list is as follows:—The Macpherson prize in Biblical Greek, books to the value of \$25, presented by Sir David Macpherson, J. O. Miller; the Wyld prize in Dogmatic Theology, books to the value of \$25, presented by Mr. F. Wyld, W. A. Frost, M.A.; the Gzowski prize in Ecclesiastical History, books to the value of \$25, presented by Colonel Gzowski, A.D.C., W. A. Frost, M.A.; the Gurd prize in Practical Christian Work, books to the value of \$25, presented by Mr. R. S. Gurd, of Sarnia, C. C. Owen, B.A.; the Willard prizes for proficiency in English Bible, presented by Willard Tract Society, first prize, books to the value of \$30, F. H. Fatt, second prize books to the value of \$20, W. G. Reilly; junior prize in Dogmatic Theology, J. W. Andrews; junior prize in Greek Testament, G. S. Sinclair.

It was noticed that several prizes were given by friends not members of the Church of England.

The examiners were:—The Principal, Rev. Canon O'Meara, LL.D., Rev. A. H. Baldwin, M.A., Rev. Septimus Jones, M.A., Rev. Dyson Hague, M.A., Rev. G. M. Wrong, B.A., Rev. F. H. DuVernet.

MARKHAM.—The Ruridecanal Chapter of the Deanery of East York will meet at this place on Wednesday, 30th inst., 10.30 A.M. Subjects for consideration: Hosea iv. v. vi. Essay by Rev. J. H. Harris, Brooklin, "Liturgical Revision and Enrichment," Evening Services at Grace Church; Preacher, Rev. Dr. Carry, Subject, Worship. Anthony Hart, Secretary.

NIAGARA.

DRUMMONDVILLE.—Words cannot sufficiently express the sorrow felt in the whole community here at the departure from this parish of the Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett and Mrs. Bartlett, where they have been resident for more than 17 years. Mr. Bartlett's feeble state of health has induced them to try the more genial climate of California, to which country they are now proceeding. In early years Mr. Bartlett was engaged in the British service as Chaplain to the Forces in Canada, and was stationed at one time in Montreal, at another time in Kingston, at which places he was well known. Since his duties as Army Chaplain, he has been on the retired list of Clergy, and while able, was still useful in rendering assistance