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Mr. Tibbs' allusion to attempted legislation may be in very good taste. It certainly is not well chosen as an argument on his side of the question, whether the clergy of the Diocese of Huron are independent or not. He surely knows that when the Bishop of Huron brought that forward to which he alludes, the Synod showed such signs of disapproval that the Bishop withdrew it. Had the clergy been so completely under the Episcopal thumb as Messrs. Smith and Tibbs would have us believe, would that proposition have been opposed and withdrawn?

A good deal has been said about the Bishop appointing the "Land and Investment Committee." Judge the men of his choice by their works, and you will see how little occasion there is for fault-finding. The duty of that Committee is to see that several trust funds of the Synod are well and safely invested. That the Committee faithfully discharges this duty is evident from the fact that the interest received from invested funds averages that which is charged by the Loan Societies with which the Committee must come in competition, and still more from the fact that the capital for investment instead of being wasted, has, by judicious investment been increased.

It is to be hoped that, for the honor of the church, we have but a few clergy like those to whom Mr. Tibbs refers, "who dared not vote according to their conscience, for fear if anything occurred in their parishes, they might be turned out on the roadside." No matter what constitutional safe-guards such men have at their backs, they are not fit to be members of any Synod. Nor does the fact that they were afraid, prove anything either against the constitution or against the Bishop. To make a point against me here, Mr. Tibbs must prove that these craven-souls had cause to fear that they would be turned out on the roadside.

I am sorry that Mr. Tibbs in his anxiety to show the Diocese of Huron in the worst possible light, should find it necessary to make an assertion that is simply untrue. He charges the constitution of Huron not only with "bringing disgrace upon the Episcopacy, servility upon the clergy, driving lay members from the church, and making others totally indifferent to it," but with "destroying the voluntary spirit, as is evidenced by the decrease in such a prosperous year as last year, of the Diocesan support of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Mission Fund." Three of these items we shall regard as matters of opinion, and allow the public to take Mr. Tibbs' opinion for all it is worth. But the decrease in funds is a point that can only be settled by the Synod report. From the Synod Journal for the year 1880, I make the following quotations, which Mr. Tibbs will find on pages 64, 65 and 66.

"The income of the past year from the voluntary contributions of the Diocese amounted to \$13,500.25, an increase of \$1,490.79 over last year's income, and being the largest amount ever yet received since the formation of the Diocese." "General Purposes Fund." "The amount received from annual subscriptions and parochial association collections was, \$6,175.71, being an increase of \$1,028.90 as compared with last year." "Mission Fund." "The amount received for this fund was \$3,619.87, being an increase of \$597.89 over last year." "Widows' and Orphans' Fund." "Owing to the peculiarly unfavorable weather on the appointed Sundays in July and January, the quarterly collections show a decrease of \$93.49, as compared with last year." "Day of thanksgiving." "The collections on this day were \$808.80, being an increase of \$32.88 over last year." "The collections on the Day of Intercession for 1889 were \$492.22, being \$61.27 less than last year." These figures speak for themselves. Those must be wonderful glasses which enable a man to see in these figures an indication of the destruction of the voluntary spirit in the Diocese of Huron.

The remarks respecting the Bishop seeking additional clergy, have not very much weight. Huron is not the only Diocese which laments the lack of men offering themselves for the work of the ministry. Any one who reads the charges delivered by Bishops, both in this country and in England, will find that this lack is felt elsewhere. Some clergymen, it is true, have left this diocese. Very few, however, if any, have been drawn from it by superior attractions offered by Toronto, or indeed by any diocese as such. Few of our missionary clergy have left the diocese, and very few of our older men, the two classes that would be directly affected by the distribution of the surplus, in whatever way it is distributed. The men who have left us have chiefly been young men who had gained a reputation for special pulpit ability, and so were sought after by city congregations in other dioceses, notably Montreal. Some of these men have returned to Huron, and others, I know, have been more than willing to return. On the other hand, the Huron clergy list will show that a large number have come into the diocese, both from other Canadian dioceses and from the United States. I do not pretend to keep myself posted as to the antecedents of the clergy, but I can point to more than twenty of our

present clerical staff who have either received their orders in other dioceses, or have returned to this after a short absence from it. The attractions that drew at least four-fifths of those clergy away, were not "diocesan" but "congregational," and with these our constitution has nothing to do.

Mr. Tibbs takes to "his soul the flattering unction" that "all unbiassed men will agree that I have been beaten in argument." And if to arouse groundless suspicion in the minds of churchmen, if to defame three Bishops of the church—if to cast reflections upon the whole administration of a diocese—if to seek to fasten reproach on all the clergy of Huron—if to lay to the charge of the constitution of this diocese acts that were done before that constitution was adopted, be argument, then I have been beaten, for I could not pretend to be a match for either of my opponents in this. But I think that both they and I write for a public that can discern between fair argument and the bold assertion of disagreeable things which have nothing whatever to do with the constitution of the diocese of Huron.

Yours truly,  
FREEMAN HARDING.

Haysville, Nov. 5, 1880.

CHURCH WOMANS' MISSIONS' AID TO-  
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The Quarterly Meeting was held in the School House of the Church of the Ascension, by the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. A. H. Baldwin. There was a very large attendance. The Lord Bishop presided, and the proceedings were opened by the singing of a hymn and saying the usual Missionary Litany. The following report was presented by the Secretary-Treasurer, and read by the Rev. A. H. Baldwin:—

Report, Nov. 5, 1880.—The sec-treas. begs leave to report that the Executive Committee have met twice since the last Public Quarterly Meeting in July, and have had two applications submitted to them, viz., one from the Rev. W. H. French, of Coldwater, for assistance in erecting three Mission Halls at stations under his charge, and one from Rev. Mosely, of Parry Sound, for \$20 to aid in adding a chancel to the church at that place, this latter request not being accompanied by the Bishop of Algoma's recommendation, has, in accordance with the By-law of the Society, been referred back.

N. B. P. 33. No application from clergymen be entertained unless endorsed by the Bishops of their respective Dioceses.

With respect to the object of Mr. French's appeal, the Executive Committee feel that it is one which they can earnestly recommend, and they regret that the amount at the credit of the General Purpose Fund is at present too small, that they can only suggest the appropriation of \$10 for this purpose, with the hope that the Parochial Branches may take the matter up and enable them to offer a sum better worth acceptance.

In order that the Society may be fully informed on this subject, Mr. French's statement is appended to this report.

It is a matter of regret that the cash receipts during the quarter ending Sept. 30th, show so great a decrease, being a total for all purposes of \$38.43, against \$236 during the same period in 1879. The officers of the Society, having given much consideration to the subject, are of opinion that this condition of affairs is very greatly owing to the system which has obtained of sending out collectors without adopting any place for drawing the subscribers together and interesting them in the cause for which their gifts are solicited. A definite organization in each parish with this end in view, would, they feel certain, if properly worked, give very different results. It is not merely subscriptions which are needed from the members of the C. W. M. A. but prayers, sympathy, and labor, and if the Society could in any measure, arouse the women of this diocese to a sense of their capabilities of usefulness and the obligation which lies upon them, to exert their powers in the promotion of the mission cause of the church, a great part, the most urgent part, of its work, would be accomplished.

The question of fixing certain definite objects to which a portion of the General Purpose Fund should be devoted, has engaged the attention of the Executive Committee, and they think it advisable that some diversity should be offered in these, and that a beginning should be made in the direction of Foreign Missionary work. During the past summer we had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. and Mrs. Strachan, who passed through Toronto en route to England from Madras, at which place they have labored amongst the natives for many years. They expressed a hope that the Canadian Church might extend its sympathies to the field in which their work lies. During the recent famine in Tinnevely, hundreds of children were left orphans, and a large number of these are

under the care of our missionaries. The Committee recommend that the Society undertake the support of a child in the orphanage which is under the care of Mrs. Strachan; the whole cost of maintenance would not exceed \$25 per annum, an amount which it is quite within the power of the Society to give.

The Bishop of Algoma desires to express his thanks for the continued support of the Rosseau Mission, and trusts there may be no diminution of interest in the future; he has received most satisfactory accounts of the progress of Churchwork at the different stations under Mr. Chowne's charge.

At the quarterly meeting in July, a special committee was appointed, to take into consideration the advisability of holding a public meeting, this autumn, to which speakers from a distance should be invited. It was decided by this Committee that an effort should be made to induce Bishop Coxe, of Western New York, and Bishop Harris, of Detroit, to attend and give addresses, also that Miss Emery, the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions in New York, should be asked to come at the same time, with a view of obtaining her valuable advice and assistance in extending our work. It was found impracticable to carry out this plan at the time proposed, the General Convention of the Church in the United States taking place this year, occupied the attention of the Bishops and prominent clergymen, and it was felt useless to ask them to come here this fall.

It is hoped, however, that it may yet be possible to put the scheme in operation, Miss Emery having expressed her readiness to come if her duties in New York will permit.

During the month of October a branch of this Society was formed at Mimico, commencing with eleven members. This is the first branch organized outside the city, and we trust it may be an earnest of future extension.

St. George's Parish has also formed a Sewing Society in addition to their other work,—an example which, it is hoped, may be followed in other congregations, help in this department being much needed. Where individuals are willing to offer their assistance, either in taking work to their homes or in attending the weekly meetings, if they will be kind enough to give their names to the Secretary at the close of this meeting, they will be furnished with all particulars.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Sewing Department reports sending a box to Algoma, valued at \$77.90. Also a large number of applications and an urgent need for more workers. One claim upon us we may here mention:—We have been asked to supply a winter outfit for one of our missionary clergy in this Diocese, who, unless we can come to his aid, will be compelled to face the hardships of his winter travels very inadequately prepared.

The prayers of the Society are desired for the following:—That a suitable clergyman may offer himself for the Nepigon Mission; for the increase of the funds of the Society; for the orphanage under Mrs. Strachan's care in Tinnevely.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. K. WESTMACOTT,  
Secretary Treasurer.

A discussion ensued upon the various topics suggested in the report, in the course of which the Venerable, the Archdeacon of York, the Rev. John Langtry, and the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, indicated their hearty concurrence in the work of the Society, and advocated more systematic organization for carrying on the work of the Society in the different parishes. The Rev. Mr. Mockridge, rector of Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, delivered an interesting and suggestive address, in which he commented upon the position women had ever held in the church, in works of piety and charity, and upon the great advantage that must accrue to the church from their enlisting their co-operation in the great field of Missionary work. He was glad the attention of the Society had been called to the subject of Foreign Missions, and said he hoped that the church in Canada would soon be able to send out a Missionary Bishop following the example of the church at home and the American church.

The meeting then closed with the Benediction.

We sow many weeds to get a few flowers.

Character is a perfectly educated will.

The gratitude of the lowly is precious.

A delicate thought is a flower of the mind.

To select well among old things is almost equal to inventing new ones.

Justice is the bread of nations. They are always famishing for it.

A grave wherever found preaches a short and pithy sermon to the soul.