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#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.**—The meeting held at the Church Society's Rooms, on Wednesday last, was much more numerously attended than usual, as several matters of great importance were likely to be discussed.—After the usual routine work, the Ven. the Archdeacon of York brought up the bye-law based upon the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee to whom was referred the Constitution of the Society.—After a good deal of discussion, so much of the bye-law as was not affected by the proposed action of other Committees, was passed unanimously.—Mr. J. Gauble then read the report of the joint Committee of Trinity College and the Church Society, on "The advisability of turning the present Divinity Scholarships at Trinity College into exhibitions." The report was favourable to the change, and to the idea of such exhibitions being founded by the several districts, and filled by their nominees; but the mode in which they proposed to fulfil this object, differed in some degree from the suggestions of the Committee on Revision, by whom the change was originally proposed. After some discussion, the report was ordered to be printed and circulated, and is to come up for discussion at the meeting in November.—The next report presented was that of the Committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The idea of any deficiency existing in this fund was shown to be a mistake,—funds (by the annual subscriptions of the clergy) having been for years back placed to its credit, which really belonged to the General Purposes Fund. It was resolved not to touch the investments of this most important object of the Society's operations; and at the same time, in order to make assurance doubly sure, a portion of the money belonging to the General Purposes Fund, was transferred to that belonging to the Widows and Orphans.—Another most important measure recommended by the Committee, was the adoption of a sliding-scale of incomes to the widows and orphans of the clergy, in inverse ratio to their private means, and in direct ratio to the number of their children. This being a matter of very grave importance, final action was (indeed necessarily) postponed until the clergy generally had an opportunity of considering the subject and expressing their opinion. The scale of income recommended by the Committee was the "Second Proposition" on the subject, which appeared some time since in the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*.—Last, but not least in importance, came the report of the Committee of Synod and the Church Society, on the desirability and possibility of unity between the two bodies, which was affirmed to be practicable, and on the subject of the Diocesan Board of Missions. The report, as given in our last week's issue, was passed almost unanimously,—the Rev. A. Palmer being the only dissentient, and this only in one particular. The Standing Committee, which is now also the Board of Missions, consists of the Lord Bishop, the two Archdeacons, the Rural Deans, a Clerical and Lay-delegate from each district; and ten others, who were nominated on Wednesday last, viz.: Clergy—The Rev. J. G. Geddes, M.A., the Rev. W. S. Darling, the Rev. E. H. Dewar, and the Rev. S. Lett, LL.D.; Laity—C. J. Campbell, Esq., Prof. Bovell, J. W. Gamble, Esq., R. B. Denison, Esq., H. Mortimer, Esq., S. B. Harman, Esq., and the Secretary of the Church Society.

The only event which has lately occurred to cause a ripple on the usually placid surface of the Ottawa section of the Church, was the laying, on Thursday, 21st ult., by the Hon. J. H. Cameron, of the corner-stone of a new Church, now in course of erection, in the village of Richmond, Township of Goulbourn, twenty miles from the City of Ottawa. The honorable gentleman infused, as is his wont, his own warm, earnest spirit into the proceedings, and roused by his energetic appeal to his auditory, a determination to lend their aid for its completion. The Worshipful Grand Master of the Orange Society certainly received in Richmond the most enthusiastic demonstrations of personal regard and esteem, which are especially his due. There were present on the occasion the Rector, the Rev. C. B. Pettit, B.A., the Revs. J. Godfrey, John Butler, M.A., and Ebenezer Morris. The Rev. Dr. Lewis, Rector of Brockville, though expected, was prevented by a previous engagement from being present.—Sadly indeed is a new Church needed in

Richmond; most wretched, uncouth, gloomy, and unsuited in size to the congregation, and to their means, is the existing antique, faded relic of Canadian primitive backwoods architecture, which has stood for so many years. Let us hope and pray that the people of this district may awaken to the duty of bearing their legitimate share of the burden which devolves on them of the new erection so happily inaugurated; and, if necessary, of denying themselves, that so they may render unto God the acceptable service of raising in His honor and glory a temple correspondent in size, and ornamentation, and completeness, to a due sense of their inestimable privileges as His adopted children, heirs of His kingdom and temples of the Holy Ghost.

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

**THE SYNOD**—The second meeting of the Synod of this Diocese, was held at Quebec, on Wednesday, July 4th, and the two days following. The Rev. G. V. Housman, M.A., preached before the Synod in the Cathedral on the morning of the first day, from Romans x. 17, 10. The service was partly choral, and after the sermon, the Holy Communion was administered. We are surprised to learn that in the Cathedral there is on ordinary Sundays, a collection but no offertory; and that even upon this occasion the collection was taken up before the sermon, and not placed upon the altar.

At 2 P. M., the Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in the National School room, when the Rev. E. C. Parkin and Fred. Andrews, Esq., were unanimously elected Secretaries. A Committee was then appointed to examine the credentials of the Lay delegates, for which purpose the Synod adjourned for an hour, and met again in the Lecture Room, St. Anne Street, at half past three. The Secretaries reported that the certificates of election of all the delegates present appeared to be in due form, but that they had received a letter from the Rev. A. H. Pearse of Portneuf and Bourg Louis, to the effect that two gentlemen of Quebec had been elected delegates from his mission, of whose qualification as communicants he was unable to speak. A long discussion ensued as to the correct interpretation of the phrase "communicants of one year's standing," in the Constitution under which, through a supposed ambiguity, it was claimed that any one who had over in his life time communicated, was qualified as a delegate. After two hours' talking, a motion of Dr. Hellmuth's was carried, that the delegates for Portneuf and Bourg Louis "be requested to state in writing that they are communicants of one year's standing." On this, Messrs. Jeffery Hale and Sheriff Sowell, the delegates in question, handed in their certificates of election, and declined to give any other answer, or sign any paper, as requested. Some conversation ensued between Mr. Pearse and one of the Clergy officiating at the chapel which Mr. Sowell attended, in consequence of which Mr. Pearse withdrew his objection to the delegate for Bourg Louis. Mr. Irvine then moved that the delegate from Portneuf (Mr. Hale,) in the absence of evidence of qualification be declared unqualified, which was carried by a majority of 49. His Lordship the Bishop then delivered his charge, which was an interesting sketch of the progress of the Church in Canada during his Lordship's Episcopate; the rules of order of the Diocese of Huron were adopted, ad interim, various committees were appointed, notices of motion made, and the Synod adjourned at 8 P. M.

On the second day some time was occupied with notices of motions, which will be saved in future sessions by the Executive Committees which will sit during the recess, to prepare business for the Synod. an address to the Prince of Wales was adopted, and the Bishop was requested to call a special meeting of the Synod to attend him at its presentation. The next business was the consideration of the proposal of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to make over to the Diocese, in lieu of their present mode of paying their missionaries, an annual block sum to be "administered by the Bishop, acting in concert with the Synod," and to be reduced in a certain triennial proportion until its final extinction. The debate upon this proposal, which occupied the whole afternoon of the second day, was on a very able report of a Committee appointed on Wednesday. The Report, read by the Rev. A. W. Mountain, Chairman of the Committee, recommended strongly that the Society's proposal should be accepted at once, and that a Committee of Synod should be appointed with full powers to receive and distribute the Society's grant. A long and animated discussion followed, which was begun by the Rev. Dr. Nicolls moving the