

## DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese has returned from England, and we trust is quite restored to health. His visitation of his diocese will commence almost immediately; and we doubt not that a hearty welcome awaits him in every Parish and Mission.

## DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The next meeting of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Church of England in Canada takes place in Toronto on the 14th September inst.

ASHBURNHAM (Peterboro).—Mission services are to be commenced in St. Luke's Church, on Wednesday, September 21st. Services will be held daily with special addresses on Sunday. There will be four services each day. The series of meetings will close on October 2nd. The rector, Rev. W. Bradshaw, has issued in circular form an earnest and affectionate invitation to these services, and states the objects of the Mission to be "to awaken the careless, to soften the impenitent, to guide the doubting, to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to strengthen such as do stand."

"To effect these objects, special services will be held daily, under the direction of a Missioner, i.e., one, who by the gifts of nature and of the Holy Spirit, and by special training is fitted for this particular work."

## DIOCESE OF HURON.

CLINTON.—St. Paul's Church.—A Branch Society of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missions Society has been formed.

The following Officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Murray; Vice President, Mrs. Combe; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. Jackson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dowsley; Treasurer, Miss Mountcastle.

Meetings are to be held on the third Wednesday of each month for the dissemination of information about missions, and for the arrangement of work for the Society.

## DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

We have just received the Journal of Proceedings of the 13th Session of the Synod of this Diocese, and from the address of the Bishop. (the Right Rev. Chas. Hamilton, D.D.,) we take the following:

"The Report of the three Standing Committees indicate an improvement in the funds by which the general work of the Church is promoted.

The parochial statistics furnished by the clergy indicate also an advance in some important directions. Another encouraging feature in the year now closed, is to be seen in the response made to the annual appeal for Foreign Missions."

Of changes in the Diocese, the Bishop says they have been somewhat numerous:

"I have appointed the Rev. H. F. Mellish, Rural Dean of South Wentworth and Haldimand; the Rev. Alfred J. Belt, Rural Dean of Wellington; the Rev. W. J. Mackenzie, Rural Dean of Halton and North Wentworth; the Rev. John Gribble, Rural Dean of Lincoln and Welland. I have also erected the city of Hamilton and the town of Dundas into a Rural Deanery, of which I have appointed the Rev. George A. Forneret, the first Rural Dean. At my request, the clergy have in each instance, nominated the man whom they would prefer to have as their Rural Dean. The Rural Dean is, however, the Bishop's officer, and I have accordingly retained the appointment in my own hands. The office is at present tenable for three years."

"I have appointed the following Canons of

the Cathedral; Rev. William Belt, M.A., Rector of Burlington; Rev. G. A. Bull, M.A., Rector of Stamford; Rev. H. Holland, B.A., Rector of St. George's Church, St. Catharines; Rev. R. Arnold, B.A., Rector of Fort Erie; Rev. R. G. Sutherland, M.A., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Hamilton; Rev. Charles H. Mockridge, D.D., Rector in charge of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton."

During the year two ordinations to the diaconate took place, viz.: Mr. Chester C. Kemp and Mr. Richard Laphorn Sloggett; and two deacons were advanced to the priesthood, Rev. W. R. Blachford and Rev. Geo. H. Webb; four Lay readers granted licenses; two churches, one at Clifford and the other at Nanticoke, were consecrated. Of the latter the Bishop says:—"The energy and ability of the church people in Nanticoke and its neighborhood were admirably proved by the patient and complete preparation which they made before they entered on the erection of their church. Every detail was so matured that the building was ready for consecration in seven months from the laying of the corner stone."

Two burial grounds have been consecrated during the year—one at Nelson and one at Smithville.

One new parish, that of St. Matthews, Hamilton, has been formed out of the parish of St. Thomas and Bartonville, to which the Rev. Thos. Geoghegan, of Flamboro, had been appointed Rector.

Three hundred and thirty-six males and 524 females have been confirmed during the year, of these 176, representing 20 per cent. of the whole number were brought up outside the Church of England. The Bishop adds these weighty words as to Confirmation:

"I desire to hold up to all parents and god-fathers and god-mothers and pastors, the rich reward which awaits the faithful and loving preparation of their young wards for confirmation. The opportunity is a grand one. If the preparation of the heart, and the mind, and the soul is made devoutly and intelligently, and thoroughly, the effects can hardly fail to be recognized all through life. Large numbers are not favorable to that minute and individual introduction and guidance which each candidate not only admits, but requires. No two candidates are exactly alike in their attainments and their experiences. The home influence and its associations have probably been very different for each. All, however, are open at the time of their first public solemn consecration of themselves to God's service: nay all look and crave at such a time for personal aid and close guidance in their spiritual life. How earnestly and persistently should we all seek to be ready to afford them all the help in our power to put opportunities in their way of talking to us reverently and freely of their own souls. What an accession to the strength and effectiveness of our Church. What a light and attraction to others in this dark, troublous world will those annually confirmed prove to be if they have been well prepared in heart and mind, and have received the Holy Ghost to be at once their guide, and make them guides to others."

## PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND,

INCLUDING THE DIOCESES OF RUPERT'S LAND, SASKATCHEWAN, MOOSONEE, MACKENZIE RIVER, QU'APPELLE AND ATHABASCA.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF RUPERT'S LAND.—Cont'd  
THURSDAY.

The Synod opened after Prayers at 10 a.m. The new Constitution passed last year was then ratified as a whole, it being understood that amendments could be passed to lie over for confirmation till next Synod. This was concurred to by both Houses.

Moved by Canon O'Meara, seconded by Canon Matheson, that their Lordships of the Upper House be requested to appoint a committee of

their House to co-operate with a committee of this House to take into consideration the restrictions imposed by the English ecclesiastical authorities upon colonial clergy officiating in England, and to take such steps as may seem to them advisable in the premises.

The mover and Rev. W. A. Burman gave explanations of the way in which colonial clergy are questioned and required to produce documents and pay fees before being allowed to exercise their functions even for a short time. Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, Canon Matheson, and Mr. H. M. Howell and Rev. O. Fortin spoke in support of the motion which was carried, with words "by the English ecclesiastical authorities," struck out at the suggestion of Dean Grisdale, who pointed out that the regulations were provided in the English Colonial Act of Parliament.

The committee was afterwards named:

The Bishops of Saskatchewan and Qu'Appelle, Revs. Canon O'Meara, W. A. Burman and Messrs. Mathewson and H. Fisher.

During the session a number of amendments to the constitution were passed by more or less importance, and lie over for confirmation next Synod.

The House of Bishops submitted the following in reference to the death of the late Bishop of Saskatchewan: That this synod records its deep grief at the lamented death of the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Maclean, the first Bishop of Saskatchewan, who, since its last meeting, has been called to his eternal rest; the gain is his, the loss is the Synod's, into whose proceedings he entered with all the heartiness of his fervent nature. The wisdom of his counsel, the frankness and courtesy of his manner at the meetings of Synod, all of which he attended, endeared him to those who sat with him and conducted very largely to the success of their labors. Dead, he yet speaks,—by what he so largely assisted in accomplishing—the laying the foundation of Synodical action in this province, the effects of which will be felt through the generations. Concurrence in this message was heartily given by standing vote.

The House of Bishops sent down the following resolution: That a joint committee of the two houses be appointed to prepare a revision of the canons of the Province, and to make any additions that may be thought desirable, and to present the same at the next Synod. Concurrence given on motion of Mr. Brydges, seconded by Rev. Mr. Sargent, the prolocutor to appoint its committee.

The committee was subsequently named as follows:

The Metropolitan, Bishops of Qu'Appelle and Saskatchewan, Dean Grisdale, Canon Matheson, Canon O'Meara, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, Messrs. Howell, Brydges and Mulock.

The following important message was then received from the Upper House relating to the proposed Diocese of Calgary:

"Whereas an earnest wish was expressed by the House of Delegates of the late Provincial Synod "that their Lordships could see their way to recommend the setting off of the District of Alberta into a separate diocese, to be placed, until the circumstances are such as to justify the appointment of a Bishop, under the episcopal supervision of the Bishop of Saskatchewan, the House of Bishops has passed the following legislation: Whereas, it seems necessary for the better organization of Church work in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, that the civil Territory of Athabasca be formed into a separate Diocese from the rest of the Diocese of Saskatchewan; and whereas this is the desire of the Bishop of Saskatchewan; but, whereas, it is not desirable to make any effort for the endowment of a new Bishopric till greater progress has been made with the endowments of the Bishopric of Qu'Appelle; therefore, it is resolved that the civil territory of Alberta be formed into a Diocese to be called the Diocese of Calgary, but that the Bishop of Saskatchewan shall, until endowment be ob-