B. S. Hosken was instructed to proceed against the tenant of the lot in Verulam for arrears of taxes, taking local legal advice as to the proper course to be pursued.

Application for purchase of land in Amaranth and Plantagenet, and consideration of the case of the Munro Endowment, were deferred till next meeting.

The committee then adjourned.

The Mission Board met at noon, the Lord Bishop in the chair.

The financial statement of the Mission Fund for the quarter ending 1st August was read, showing receipts, $8,081 06; disbursement, $2,700 85; balance 1st Aug., 1870, $5,380 21.

On motion of Archdeacon Fuller, seconded by Rev. Dr. McMurray, the following resolution was adopted:—

That the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to issue a Pastoral address to the members of the church generally in the Diocese, urging upon them the duty of increasing their contributions to the Mission Fund; and upon the people who enjoy the services of our Missionaries, the duty of increasing their payments towards their support; so that the vote unanimously given at the last session of the Synod—that our Missionaries in Priests' orders shall receive $800 a year, and those in Deacons' orders $600 be realized.

The Rev. S. Givins called the attention of the Board to the necessity of taking steps with as little delay as possible to provide Missionaries for the white people at Little Current on the Manitoulin Island, at Bruce Mines on Lake Huron, and at Sault Ste. Marie and Fort William, on Lake Superior.

The consideration of this matter was postponed.

The Indians Mission Committee met and adjourned till, 11th August.

The Widows and Orphans Fund and Theological Students' Fund Committee met at 2 p.m.

The financial statement for the quarter ending 1st August, showed receipts during that period amounting to $173.08, and disbursements for pensions, on 1st July, $760, leaving a balance overdrawn of $586.92. The attention of the Committee was chiefly given to the insufficient condition of the fund, and it was decided that the Lord Bishop should be requested to order the general collection to be m[illegible] on the second Sunday in Sept[illegible] the proceeds might be [illegible] payments of the pensions due o[illegible] October; and that the Committee shoul[illegible] hold a special meeting on the 27th September, to arrange for such payments. A resolution also was adopted to the effect that a reduction of one third on the several pensions would be necessary on and after the 1st October, the present amount, however, to be continued, as ordered by the Synod, "in case the state of the fund in October next permit." It was resolved that application be made to the General Purposes Committee in regard to certain amounts mentioned in the report laid before the Synod as supposed to be due from that fund to the Widows' and Orphans' fund,

The General purposes, Statistics and Assessment Committee met at 3 p.m.

The Rev. S. Houston, Waterdown and Lowville, applied for the accustomed grant of $50 to each of the following three objects:—

1. Towards a parsonage house, to be erected adjacent to Grace Church, Waterdown.

2. Towards the erection of a church in the Township of Nassagaweya.

3. Towards the purchase of a building for the use of the church in the village of Carlisle, East Flamborough.

It was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to address the Hon. Sidney Smith, and to bring under his consideration the very heavy loss arising from the loan made to him of the funds of the Darlington Rectory, by which the whole endowment of that parish has been virtually swept away; and to enquire whether he would be inclined to do anything by a payment in money or insurance on his life, to reimburse the fund for a portion of the loss.

The Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee met at 4 p.m.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

That a sub-committoe, consisting of the Chairman, Rev. Dr. O'Meara and Mr. Marling, be appointed to prepare and lay before this Committee a list of all books, catechisms, &c., at the disposal of this Committee, including those which have from time to time been approved by the late Book and Tract Committee; and that specimens of these books and publications be placed in a book case in the Committee Room for convenience of reference by members.

That a sub-committee, consisting of Rev. Mr. Boddy, Mr. Wood, and Dr. Hodgins, be appointed to draw up regulations on which grants of Prayer-books, Catechisms, library books, &c., will hereafter be made by this committee, and submit a draft of these regulations at the next meeting.

That a sub-committee to consist of the Chairman and members resident in Toronto, meet once a month—the functions of such committee to consist merely in the granting of books and the transaction of formal business.

The Audit committee met at 5 p.m.

The clause in the Constitution defining the duties of the Audit committee was read and discussed when it was unanimously resolved—"That in undertaking the duties of their office the committee desire to put upon record their understanding of the meaning of said clause which they consider covers the appointment of competent accountants to audit the accounts and compile the necessary statements, showing the position of the various funds and securities, and the examination and verification of such statements so far as it may be in the power of the committee to verify the same; that Messrs. William Gamble and James Browne be appointed auditors for the ensuing year; that they make their examination periodically, and be prepared to present a report at each quarterly meeting of the committee, and that the detailed statements called for by the constitution be prepared, ready for examination, at the quarterly meeting in May.

The quarterly meeting of the Committee [illegible] Indian Missions was held on Thursday, [illegible] 11th inst., at 4 p. m.

The financial statement submitted shewed a balance on hand of $325.22.

The Chairman reported that, at the request of the superintendent of Indian affairs, he had attended an investigation held in July last at Garden River by or [illegible] the Indian department) of the [illegible] dispute between the Rev. Mr. [illegible] Catholic mission[illegible] land at that place; [illegible] mended that prompt steps be [illegible] to maintain our claim to the valuable property surrendered many years ago for the use of the Mission. A communication was also read from the Rev. Mr. Chance in reference thereto, upon which it was

Resolved,—That, in reference to the dispute respecting the land given to the church at Garden River, a sub committee, consisting of the Chairman and Dr. O'Meara, be authorised to take such steps as may be necessary to secure our claim to the property.

A letter from the Rev. Mr. Hill, missionary at Shequaindah, in which he called upon the committe to fulfil their engagement of providing him a residence at that station, as it was deemed necessary that he should reside there, was next read; and also a letter from Mr. Burkitt, offering his house at Little Current for the purpose It was resolved,—That in consequence of the impossibility of obtaining accomodation for our missionary at the Indian village, he be allowed, for the present and till a more suitable arrangement can be made, to reside at Little Current; and with a view to his doing so, Mr. Burkitt's offer to rent his premises for $60 a year, be accepted for the coming winter.

That with a view to keeping the church at large informed on the state and progress of our Indian missions, Mr. Hill be requested to furnish quarterly reports (like those of his predecessors) of his proceedings in the discharge of his missionary duties; and that the chairman be requested to publish such extracts from these journals as shall seem to him likely to interest the Christian public.

A communication from the Rev. E. Wilson was also read but in the absence of definite information respecting the Church Missionary Society's plans, its consideration was postponed.

The Widows' and Orphans' Fund committee met on Wednesday, September 28, at noon.

With reference to the collection appointed to be taken up on Sunday, the 11th September, the Secretary reported that returns had been sent in from fifty-five parishes, amounting to $1,134.96, leaving fifty-seven parishes to be heard from. It was resolved,—That owing to the liberal response that has been made by several parishes within the Diocese to the call which has been made upon them, the Secretary be instructed to pay the quarterly annuities due 1st October next, in full.

After the transaction of other business and the consideration of a new By-Law for the management and administration of the W. and O. Fund, the committee adjourned.—*Condensed from the Herald.*

—At the ordination held by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, in St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, on Sunday, the 9th of October the following gentlemen were admitted to Orders:—

Deacons:—Robert Gordon Sutherland; William Hoyes Clarke, B. A., Trin. Col., Toronto; William Newton, Ph. D.

Priests:—William Whateley Bates; Ephraim Horace Mussen, B. A., Trin. Col., Toronto; Alexander Croft Shaw, B. A., Trin. Col., Toronto; Gaden Crawford, McKenzie; Thaddeus Walker, B. A., Trin. Col., Toronto.

—The Rev. Provost whittaker preached the Ordination sermon and the Bishop was assisted in the laying on of hands by the Ven. the Archdeacon, the Provost, and the Rev. J. G. Geddes, M. A., Examining Chaplain.

The Rev. R. G. Sutherland has been appointed to the charge of Pickering; the Rev. W. H. Clarke to Dysart, and the Rev. W. Newton to Rosseau, Parry Sound Settlement.

GREAT BRITAIN.

—Lord Robert Montagu, M. P., is said by the *Times* to have joined the Church of Rome. Should it be the case it will be an example of rapid change of opinions.

—The Earl of Shrewsbury has accepted the office of President of the National Association for Freedom Worship, in lieu of the late Bishop of Chichester.

—A Missionary bishopric is to be established in China. The gentleman who has been selected for the post is the Rev. W. A. Russell, M. A., of Ningpo, who is now on his way to England.

—Shoreditch church London was lately entered by thieves who managed to steal the communion plate, which was valuable on account of its great antiquity.

—The Rectory of Handsworth, near Sheffield, having become vacant by the death of the Rector, the parishioners have petitioned the Duke of Norfolk, the patron of the living, that the wants of populous outlying districts of the parish may be provided for. The living is worth 826*l.* yearly. It was offered for sale some time back but did not meet with a purchaser.

—The Bishop of Manchester in consecrating the new church of St. James the Less, Great Ancoats, expressed an opinion that in some respects it was a noble aim for a man to desire to make money, if only he did it honestly, and with the object of spending it patriotically; and he rejoiced that in Lancashire as much or more of that high spirit existed than probably in any other part of England. The church will seat 654 persons, and has been erected at a cost of 2,500*l.*

—The Dean of Ripon has been seized with an attack of bronchitis. The remedies found neccessary for reducing the complaint were so severe that they brought the dean to a state of considerable weakness. He is, however, rapidly recovering, and is expected in Ripon in the course of this week. A local paper says the dean takes a lively interest in the present transition state of the Irish church, and has been preaching twice every Sunday in the county of Antrim. His contribution to the Irish Church Fund is 1,000*l.*

—A new bishopric has been formed in Australia, the site of which will be at Rockhampton, which is at present in the diocese of Queensland. The gentleman selected as the first Bishop is the Rev. G. M. Gordon, M. A., of Trinity College, Cambridge. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took his B. A. degree in 1861. For some time after his ordination he was curate of Leddington, near Croydon, but during the last few years he has been serving in the diocese of Madras, in connexion with the Church Missionary Society.

—A new church, London, is in course of erection in John street-road, Clerkenwell, which will be ready for consecration in the course of a few weeks. It is dedicated to St. Peter and is erected in memory of the Protestant martyrs. The Rev. B. Oswald Sharp, of King's College, London, formerly curate of St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, will be the first Vicar. A new church is in course of erection in Stepney, dedicated to St. Benet, provision being made for it out of the revenues of St. Benet's Grace-church-street, which has been removed. The Rev. J. Richardson, M. A., late incumbent of St. Matthew's Pell-street, St. George's-in-the-East, will be the first vicar. A new church has just been commenced in the Notting-hill district of Kensington.

—The death is announced of the Rev. Willial Russell, the most aged clergyman in the diocese of London, although there is one who, two or three years younger, was ordained before him. Mr. Russell was educated at Clare College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. degree in 1814, when he was seventh junior optime in the mathematical tripos. Having received ordination from Dr. Brownlow North, Bishop of Winchester, he was presented in 1817 to the family living of Shepperton, near Chertsey, which he held until the time of his death, a period of 53 years. This living, which is worth about £500. a year, appears by the *Clergy List* to have passed into the patronage of the Rev. John Clement Govett, M.A., Vicar of Pontesbright, Essex. Mr. Govett was formerly curate of Staines.

—The Company of the Revisers engaged on the authorized version of the Old Testament have resumed their labours at the Deanery, Westminister, under the presidency of the Bishop of St. David's. The Bishops of Landaff, Ely, and Bath and Wells, and fifteen other members of the company, took part in the proceedings. Those who are interested in the progress of the work, whether members of the English church or of other societies, will be glad to learn that the health of the venerable chairman is so far restored as to give ground for hoping that he will be able to exercise an active and watchful superintendence throughout its furthur progress. The spirit which prevails now, as at the first, among all engaged in this task gives, good grounds for believing that their labours, when completed, will commend themselves to the great majority of the English people.—*Times.*

—The Bishop of Exeter on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel was held at Exeter on last month. The Bishop preached to a crowded congregation in the cathedral on the necessary connection between science and religion. He contended that, instead of being antagonistic, they were, rightly considered, mutually helpful; both alike formed part of God's great scheme. Later in the day, the Bishop presided at the public meeting, and made some remarks upon education. Speaking of the working of the Bill on that subject, he said he was sanguine it would produce good results. He hoped there would be no part of the diocese where religion would be excluded from the schools. If there were any portion where this would take place, other provision must be made. His lordship conselled that great care should be taken in appointing the school boards.

—An interesting incident is related in connexion with the Archbishop of Canterbury's ordination at Croydon. Two of the gentlemen ordained (the Rev. H. C. Squires, B.A., of Wadham College, Oxford, and the Rev. R. A. Squires, B.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge) were twin brothers. Born together, affections and sympathies and their future destiny seem to run together. Their features are so much alike that it is difficult to distinguish them. The thoughts of both were directed to the ministry, and both have sought for missionary work. In the Archbishop's examination they both showed themselves excellent scholars, one of them (Mr. R. A. Squires) being placed first in the examination, and selected, consequently, to read the Gospel in the Ordination Service. As their affection will not allow them to be separated, they will both proceed to India, and their labours among the heathen will be conducted within a few miles of each other. They will work in connection with the Church Missionary Society.

—Alexander Dumas is at Dieppe, dying of paralysis.