

proposed that the principle of Major Foster's scheme be adopted. This matter was under discussion when the hour for adjournment arrived. The matter was allowed to stand.

Rev. John Pearson and Dr. Hodgins were unanimously elected clerical and lay secretaries respectively. Mr. D. Kemp was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The Synod was occupied on its second day in considering a scheme for establishing mission houses, where one married priest and two assistants might be placed, and have charge over a number of stations. It was decided to give this scheme a trial.

The following Standing Committees were appointed: Clergy Commutation Trust Committee—Revs. A. Sanson, E. W. Murphy, B.A., L. H. Kirby, J. P. Lewis, A. W. Spragge, B.A., T. Walker, B.A., E. H. Musson, W. C. Allen, M.A., Messrs. A. H. Campbell, W. Ince, Snelling, L.L.D., C. J. Agar, J. A. Worrell, B.C.L., H. Mortimer, E. B. Brown, E. Henderson.

Endowment of See, Rectory Lands, and Land and Investment Committee—Revs. J. Langtry, J. Carry, D.D., W. Logan, M.A., C. E. Thomson, M.A., J. H. McCallum, J. F. Sweeney, B.D.; Messrs. J. C. Kemp, T. Hodgins, Q.C., M. Crombie, M.A., J. Carter, A. Hoskins, Q.C., J. H. Mason.

Mission Board.—Lord Bishop of Toronto, Ven. The Archdeacon of York, Ven. The Archdeacon of Peterborough, Rural Deanery of Toronto, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Hon. G. W. Allan, Rev. Rural Dean Osler, Major Foster, M.A., Rev. Rural Dean Fletcher, M.A., John Cowan, Rev. Rural Dean Johnston, Capt. Blain, Rev. Rural Dean Stewart, M.A., Basil R. Rowe, Rev. Rural Dean Foster, Dr. Stephen, Rev. Rural Dean Allen, B.A., His Hon. Judge Benson, Rev. Rural Dean Beck, M.A., Herbert Hammond, Rev. Rural Dean Smithett, D.D., J. H. Delamere, Rev. I. Middleton, A. Marling, L.L.B., Rev. Septimus Jones, N. W. Hoyle, B.A.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Theological Students' Fund Committee.—Revs. Canon O'Meara, L.L.D., Canon Tremayne, M.A., John Davidson, M.A., A. H. Baldwin, M.A., T. C. Des Barres, M.A., Provost Body, M.A., D.C.L., J. G. Hodgins, L.L.D., J. K. Kerr, Q.C., H. Symons, C. J. Campbell, T. D. Delamere, Dr. H. C. Burritt.

General Purposes, Statistics, and Assessment Committee.—Revs. R. W. E. Greene, G. I. Taylor, M.A., J. Vicars, B.A., W. F. Swallow, P. Harding, R. H. Harris, B.A.; Messrs. G. Gillespie, C. H. Greene, E. M. Chadwick, J. W. G. Whitney, A. McLean Howard, Hon. G. W. Allan.

Sunday School, and Book and Tract Committee.—Revs. J. D. Cayley, M.A., W. C. Bradshaw, Canon Dumoulin, M.A., J. McLean Ballard, B.A., T. W. Patterson, M.A.; Messrs. C. R. W. Biggar, M.A., W. A. Brown, S. G. Wood, L.L.B., G. M. Evans, M.A., G. B. Kirkpatrick.

Audit Committee.—Revs. A. Hart, J. Roy, L.L.D., J. Scott Howard; Messrs. T. Shortiss, J. G. Macdonald, Ald. J. Pepler.

The report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and of the Theological Students' Fund Committee was taken up. The income of the former fund for the past year was \$5,481, an increase of \$1,088 over the previous year. The expenditure was \$5,153, including annuities to 22 widows amounting to \$4,550. There were now, 22 widows and three orphans receiving annuities from the fund. The income of the Theological Students' fund for the past year, including a balance on hand of \$1,110 on April 30th, 1885, was \$1,589; expenditure, \$587; balance to the credit of the fund, \$952. Four Divinity students were at present in the enjoyment of exhibitions from the fund, which would require an expenditure of \$720. These reports were adopted.

The following clerical delegates to the Provincial Synod were elected by ballot: Rev. J. Langtry, Rev. A. J. Broughall, Rev. Dr. Carry, Rev. C. S. J. Bethune, Trinity College School, Rev. Provost Body, Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Rev. J. Pearson, Rev. Ogden P. Ford, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. T. W. Allan, Rev. J. W. R. Beck.

Substitutes.—Rev. W. Logan, A. J. Fidler, Rev. W. R. Forster, Rev. S. Jones, Rev. A. H. Baldwin, Rev. I. Middleton, Rev. A. N. Spragge, Rev. A. Sanson, Rev. W. Clark, Rev. J. P. Lewis, Rev. C. S. Whitcomb, Rev. R. Harrison. The ballot for the lay delegates to the Provincial Synod was read:—Hon. G. W. Allan, William Ince, C. J. Campbell, J. H. Carter, Col. Boulton, Judge Benson, E. Foster, Clarkson Jones, A. H. Campbell, Marcellus Crombie, Captain Blain, J. A. Worrell.

Substitutes.—John Cowan, Dr. Hodgins, Sheriff Jarvis, N. W. Hoyle, President Wilson, C. W. R. Biggar, M. Evans, J. Henderson, J. K. Kerr, Q.C., Dr. Snelling and J. H. Mason, W. H. Howland. There were 120 votes cast; 4 were spoiled.

The Executive Committee.—The following gentlemen were elected members of the Executive Committee by ballot.

Clerical Members.—Rev. John Langtry, Toronto, 109 votes; Rev. J. W. R. Beck, Rural Dean, Peterborough, 84; Rev. Dr. Carry, Port Perry, 79; Rev. G. H. Broughall, Toronto, 74; and Rev. W. Logan, Fenelon Falls, 67.

Lay Members.—William Ince, 98; John Carter, 96; C. J. Campbell, 84; Hon. G. W. Allan, 73; and Marcellus Crombie, 69; all of Toronto.

The Bishop nominated the following gentlemen the Executive Committee:—The Provost of Trinity College, the Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, Rev. John Pearson, Rev. Septimus Jones, Rev. Canon O'Meara, L.L.D., Dr. Snelling, Dr. Hodgins, Hon. James Patton, C. R. W. Biggar, M.A., and A. H. Campbell.

At its third session the Synod heard a deputation from Niagara Diocese, who presented a claim for reimbursement of certain funds collected in that diocese upon which it was held that it had a moral claim. The case was ably pleaded by Rev. Canon Worrall and Messrs. Brown and Elliott. The matter was referred to a committee. A discussion arose on the itinerary plan but the proposal to adapt it was voted down decisively. It was decided to apply the \$800 now paid for rent of the Bishop's house to the See House Fund for two years, to lessen the deficit now existing of \$4,000. It was also decided to spend \$1,000 on furniture for the See House. A lively discussion took place on church music. Mr. A. H. Campbell, who seems incapable of being moved by the "concert of sweet sounds," was very anxious to punish those whom God has blessed with musical taste and susceptibilities, just as the fox whose tail had been lost, was wishful to disfigure every other fox. The Synod could not see why a divine gift should be despised because some were not endowed with it.

At the opening of the last day of Synod, the Bishop made a spirited defence of his action in regard to the division of a certain parish. Knowing beyond all cavil that he had acted strictly by the canons. A discussion took place on a motion moved by Rev. W. C. Allen, whose address was much admired, on "Proportionate giving." Dr. Wilson took occasion to disturb the Synod by very irrelevant allusions to the Mission Hall party, whose anti-Church doings, seem to be highly approved by him and his friends. The Bishop severely rebuked Dr. Wilson, with the approval of the vast body of the Synod. The election of Rural Deans topic was taken up, but led to no action. The tone of the Rev. Septimus Jones' speech in this debate was highly censurable and was generally condemned. A motion was passed that the Provincial Synod be asked to consider the expediency of authorizing the use of the Revised Version. In this discussion a most scholarly and able address was delivered by Professor Clark, of Trinity College, which was much applauded and appreciated. The Synod then passed unanimously, a resolution of sympathy with our Irish brethren in their hour of peril; condemning, also, any legislation calculated to break up Imperial unity. There was an effort made, having the protection of a certain political personage in view, to burke this discussion, but the Synod seemed to care little for him or his tactics, and stood firmly on the side of the Church of Ireland and unity. A resolution was passed favouring consultation with other religious bodies in the interests of the unity of Christ's people. The Synod after the customary complimentary votes, was closed with episcopal benediction. The meeting, without having done much business, was on the whole, happier in tone and more honourable to the Church, by the spirit of ability shown in the debates, than any Synod for some years past.

The Mail was especially thanked by a formal resolution of Synod for its very copious report of the proceedings. The Globe seems to have spent so much in giving the Presbyterian Synod and the Methodist Conference reports in full, that it hardly noticed the Synod of the Church of England in Canada. The reason may be found in the unanimous vote of Synod against Home Rule, which would have handed Ireland over to Popery.

The Mail thus justly eulogises Dr. Sweatman: "The Synod is fortunate in having as its president a Bishop who adds a splendid business capacity to the other qualities indispensable in the occupant of the episcopal chair. His lordship keeps the business well in hand, and follows a subject through all its intricacies, does not allow any new matters improperly introduced to cloud the question before the House, frequently recalls the Synod to the issue before it, and is in all respects a most admirable chairman."

#### NIAGARA.

GUESTS.—Ordinations.—On Trinity Sunday, the services in St. George's Church were of a very peculiarly interesting character. Morning prayers, including those for the Queen's accession were said at 8:30. At 11 a.m. there was a very large congregation and the Lord Bishop of Niagara, clergy and candidates having robed in the rectory, entered the large western door, the Rev. G. Harvey became the pastoral staff, and proceeded up the centre aisle singing the Trinity hymn "Holy, holy, holy," the organ and choir leading in the grand hymn. The Archdeacon then taking the

pulpit read the Bidding Prayer and gave out for a text Ephesians ii. 20 and 21st verses: "Built upon the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, &c. From the Apostle's description of the Church we learn that even in his day it was not a mere disciplined body of troops or a loose pile of stones, but, as the simile of St. Paul declares "a temple having lofty walls on a solid foundation, a building fitly framed together." The same divinely established order prevailed in the Jewish Church of old. Rigid enactments and ceremonial rights hedged in the people. For the Christian Church is a continuation of the Jewish but with infinitely more glorious privileges. The forms and ordinances of the old Dispensation were types and shadows of Christian ordinances being spiritualized by the Gospel. The Archdeacon then proceeded to show how the Church of to-day possessed in all the vital efficacy of primitive days the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. Having addressed the candidates on the responsibilities that devolved on them in regard to their life and conversation, the preacher dwelt on the anomia, the lawlessness of the times—the mystery of iniquity. He said that anomia had become incarnate in these latter days, both in church and especially in the English State.

To-day we have commemorated the accession to the throne of our beloved Queen, and yet to-day the grandest Empire the world ever saw is threatened with disruption, and we may, if the traitorous plotters succeed, never again be able to commemorate the Royal Sovereignty over a United Empire. The words of St. Paul are fulfilled, "Men cannot endure sound doctrine." Infidelity is abroad stalking with brazen front.

"Licentious, loud, and turbulent of tongue."

The old landmarks of the Bible are torn up by some, by others reduced to vain myths and fanciful delusions. Mutilated fragments of the sacred volume are thrust upon our public schools, having been sanctioned and approved by a Roman Catholic prelate! That church is seeking by making use of pliable politicians to regain here the power and prestige she has lost for ever, in countries hundreds of years under her sway, to climb to spiritual domination in addition to the temporal she has already achieved in this Dominion. Further, like burning lava seething under the crust of social life, in the great cities of this continent as in Europe, anarchy, thirsting for blood and plunder, finds vent at times in the most atrocious crimes, under the names of Fenianism and Nihilism.

At the close of the sermon the ordinations took place, Mr. C. C. Kemp and Mr. R. L. Sloggett being presented by the Archdeacon as examining chaplain, and duly ordained. The Holy Communion was then celebrated.

At 3:30 about 450 Sunday school children were present in church and a choir of 40, organized by Mr. Harvey, led the singing and music which was very pleasing. The Bishop then gave a very touching address to the young folk, profitable to the adults present as well as the children.

Evening Service.—The church was attended by a large congregation, and the two newly ordained gentlemen conducted the services, while the Bishop preached an admirable and impressive sermon on the Trinity. The whole of the musical services were admirably rendered. At the close of the evening service, "God Save the Queen" was sung with great enthusiasm, the choir leading, and the bulk of the congregation joining in the loyal song.

In addition to these services there was a funeral at 1:30, and a large number of children baptised at 4:30. The Bishop was much gratified with his visit, and left for Hamilton on Monday.

NANTICOKE.—On Tuesday, June 1st, his lordship visited this mission for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Christ Church. The clergy who took part in the service, were the Revs. Messrs. Rural Dean Mellish, J. R. Newall and J. Seaman. After prayers had been read in the old church, the clergy, followed by his lordship, the Bishop, marched out to the corner of the foundation of the new church. After adjusting the stone, the Bishop declared it "well and truly laid." Then special prayer followed. A hymn being sung led by Mr. Jackson on the clarinet, the procession formed and marched back to the old church, where the Bishop delivered an address suitable to the occasion. He said that the process of building the church should teach Christians, that there should be but one visible Body of Christ in the world. Rural Dean Mellish followed with similar remarks, as did Rev. Mr. Newall, both of whom spoke at some length. Mr. Seaman, incumbent of Nanticoke bore the pastoral staff. His remarks were few, but pertinent.

There was a large congregation and all were especially pleased with the Bishop. Luncheon was served at the personage after the services were over. The new church will be completed in October, his lordship has consented to be present to open or conse-