

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA — *Canadian Indian Research and Aid Society* — The inaugural meeting of this proposed society will be held in Ottawa, Friday evening, April 18th, 1890, when the following gentlemen will, it is expected, be present and take part in the meeting: — The Minister of the Interior, the Bishop of Ontario, Principal Grant, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Dr. G. M. Dawson, Rev. J. McDougall, Rev. E. F. Wilson. The programme suggested is that after the meeting has been opened with prayer, the chairman will ask some gentlemen present to act as secretary pro tem., and will invite two or three speakers, interested in the cause, to address the meeting. Several letters will be read from well wishers to the Society, who are unable to attend. A resolution will then be put to the meeting that the Canadian Indian Research and Aid Society be now inaugurated, and that a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer be forthwith elected. If carried, the chairman will invite intending members to come forward and sign their names. The nomination and election of the aforesaid officers will then be proceeded with. The newly elected President, having been called to the chair, will read a rough draft of the proposed constitution, and then appoint a Council of 10 and ask them to withdraw and frame the Constitution, taking this rough draft as their basis.

While the Council is thus engaged, the Rev. E. F. Wilson, of Sault Ste. Marie, will give a missionary address, and introduce his two little Indian boys, who will sing, answer questions, etc. Other short addresses will follow and on the return of the Council, the proposed constitution will be read and, if approved, passed and ordered to be printed: —

Rough Draft of the Proposed Constitution.

1. The Society shall be called "The Canadian Indian Research and Aid Society," and shall be a distinctly national Society.
2. The Society shall consist of President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Council of not less than ten persons, and members, the aforesaid officers being members of the council *ex officio*.
3. A Vice President and Corresponding Secretary shall also be appointed at every new centre in the Dominion that may be established.
4. An annual meeting shall be held at such times and place (within the Dominion) as the Council shall appoint, (due notice thereof being given by the Secretary) at which officers for the ensuing year shall be elected and papers read.
5. All matters of business and routine shall be transacted by the Council, an attendance of six being required to form a quorum.
6. Any person may become a member of the Society on payment of the fee of \$2.00 annually on or before the first of January in each year; and any person may become a life member on payment of \$40.00.
7. The aim and object of the Society shall be to promote the welfare of the Indians; to guard their interests; to preserve their history, traditions and folklore, and to diffuse information with a view to creating a more general interest in both their temporal and spiritual progress.
8. A monthly journal shall be published under the auspices of the Society, to give general information of mission work among the Indians, (irrespective of denomination) besides having papers of an ethnological, philological and archaeological character. Members to be entitled to one copy of the journal free.
9. Archaeological specimens collected by members shall, if not required for a private collection, be deposited in one of the existing public museums with a C. I. R. A. S. label attached.
10. The funds of the Society shall be applied

towards the publication of the Monthly Journal and other pamphlets or printed matter issued by the Society, also towards expenses of exploration, assistance to educational work, etc., proposals for such expenditure being submitted by the Council to the Society at its annual meetings.

The above rough draft of a constitution has been submitted to Dr. Dawson, Principal Grant, the Bishop of Algoma, Dr. Sutherland and several others, and is in the main approved and endorsed by those who have examined it.

Those to whom these papers are sent are earnestly requested to attend and lend their support to this movement.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

EDUCATION OF THE CHILDREN OF MISSIONARIES. — By some oversight in the Report of our Huron W. A. annual meeting, no allusion was made to the above object, an omission which has been the cause of some enquiries reaching me and which with your kind permission I should be glad to answer.

Perhaps there was no subject before the Board more warmly discussed than this, and as it drew forth a good many strong expressions of interest in the sister effort of sending Lady Missionaries, where practicable, to our far away Mission Fields whose presence might, in those places at least, meet the thoroughly recognized need, we hope a double benefit will result from the discussion.

It is pleasant to know that those branches of our W. A. which did not await a formal endorsement of the scheme at our annual meeting to contribute to the fund for the education of our Missionaries' children, are among those who have also subscribed to that for the support of Lady Missionaries. It now only remains for the *vice versa* equivalent which will meet with a hearty recognition from the friends of both funds.

After a recapitulation of the steps taken before unanimous adoption at the Triennial Meeting in Montreal, and its endorsement by the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions, the resolution adopted at our annual meeting was as follows: — "Be it therefore resolved that in consideration of the foregoing facts the W. A. M. A., of the Diocese of Huron, hereby pledges as far as lies in its power in connection with its other Missionary efforts to promote the cause of the education of Missionaries children, and that in furtherance of this object, a committee be appointed to consider the most practicable method of giving effect to this recommendation of the Board of Missions, with especial reference to the immediate arrangements for the adoption of the first candidate of the Diocese of Huron."

I was permitted to appeal to the representatives present to carry back with them to their fellow workers this plea also, after they had first and foremost fulfilled any pledges already given, to take this in likewise, because their sympathies had widened, and their hearts had been warmed by means of the work already done, and I venture to remind them that in the supreme effort required for their Jubilee offering to the W. and O. fund of Algoma our general funds suffered no decrease, but that the reverse was the case. When I asked that our educational committee might be placed in a position to meet any contingency such as a windfall or a legacy by turning it to immediate account should such good fortune befall it. I did not know how soon my faith in the kindness and liberality of my fellow creatures would have its fulfilment. The following letters tell their own hopeful tale and if you will be so kind as to make room for them you will once more help and oblige, Sir, yours most gratefully.

H. A. BOOMER.

"Dear Mrs. Boomer, — I enclose a cheque for \$50, as I promised when in London, in memorandum of our dear old friend the Dean, to be

applied to the educational expenses of J. R. the first candidate accepted by the W. A. M. A. of the Diocese of Huron, or to any other candidate who may be elected with her, or to succeed her. I send this money to you, and would prefer your keeping it in your hands until such time as it has been added to by other personal friends to at least double its amount. Please do not publish my name or anything but this: "In memoriam the late Dean Boomer." Wishing every success to the W. A. M. A. and especially to this educational scheme, yours affectionately.

A second friend who last year contributed \$25 again writes: — "I enclose a cheque for \$25 towards your fund for the education of the children of Missionaries. I send it early for fear it might escape my memory. I trust that you are receiving much encouragement in this noble plan to which I wish all success." This friend also requests that her name be not mentioned.

President Mrs. Williamson, of the Toronto Diocese, wrote as her message to the Huron members: — "My sympathies go out to this education fund. There can be, in my opinion, no greater help to the work of a missionary, than that he should be enabled to pursue his arduous labors with a mind eased from the harrowing thought that by some means his boys and girls *must* be educated to fit them to gain their future livelihood. His scanty and precarious income cannot be made to do more than barely supply present necessities. How then can a missionary receive greater encouragement to steadfastly labor on in his outlying and scattered stations, than by the consciousness that he is not forgotten by the busy outside world; that prayers are offered for him by a band of unknown friends; and that when his children are old enough, the education fund for the children of persevering missionaries will be drawn upon for his own. Truly "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

LONDON. — The Bishop of Huron held Confirmation service in St. George's Church, London West, on Palm Sunday morning, when 30 candidates were admitted into full membership, nearly all adults. The Rector, Rev. G. B. Sage was assisted in the services by Rev. Canon Newman. The Bishop preached an impressive sermon, in which he pointed out the virtues and the graces that adorned the Christian character. After the service the Bishop presented each candidate with a certificate and an appropriate text of Scripture. The church was well filled with a most attentive congregation. St. George's Church has increased rapidly of late, and the congregation is now so large that a new edifice is likely to be erected. Should the cost be within the means of the people without increasing too heavy a debt it will be commenced at once.

Architect Fred. Henry acting on instructions from the churchwardens, has prepared plans for a cosy edifice of modern architecture, which will be presented to a meeting shortly, together with the tenders of several city contractors. If the cost is considered reasonable the building will be erected without delay, on the corner of Wharfedale Road and Ann street, just south of the present one.

The proposed edifice is 40 x 82, and will be built of white brick with Ohio stone trimmings and stone foundation. Provision has been made whereby a spire can be put on at any time, but it is not in the specifications at present. The building will face on the Wharfedale road, with an entrance at the north corner, and another entrance on Ann street, at the west corner. The interior will be very easy and comfortable looking with a seating capacity for about 400. The chancel is large, with accommodation for a choir of thirty or forty. The vestry and other rooms open off the chancel. The roof will be supported with six large trusses, exposed and ornamented. The windows on the side are of