

St. Stephen's.—The Young Men's Building has been completed and opened for us. On Sundays the infant class, numbering 200, occupy the gymnasium, and the young men's and boys' Bible classes the two class rooms upstairs. The gymnasium has been well fitted up with the usual equipment, shower bath, etc., and classes meet every evening from 8 to 10 p.m., for gymnastics, and the class reading room is also open during the same hours. We doubt if a similar young men's organization exists in connection with any other parish in the diocese, and might well be imitated.

Holy Trinity.—Last week the 49th anniversary of the opening of this church was celebrated by a special service conducted by the rector, Rev. John Pearson, assisted by Rev. Mr. Goodman. Mr. Goodman preached the anniversary sermon, taking as his text part of the eighth verse of the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, "Ye shall be my witnesses." The following evening a social was held in the school-room of the church.

The first meeting of the Rural Deanery of Toronto was held at St. Philip's Church on Monday, Sept. 28th. The bishop celebrated the Holy Communion at 10 a.m. (assisted by the Rural Dean), and gave an address on the words: "Be not weary in well doing." The Chapter met for business at 11 a.m., and passed the programme for the ensuing winter. On Monday, Oct. 5th, the first regular meeting was held at the Synod office at 10 30 a.m. Professor Clark, Revs. Dr. Langtry, J. C. Roper, gave their experiences of the General Synod, presenting much that was useful and interesting to the clergy present at the meeting. A resolution was passed, stating the desirability of an "exchange of pulpits" on Sunday, November 22nd.

The Rev. Canon Belt having retired from the personal charge of St. Luke's Church, Burlington, and removed to 409 Shaw street, Toronto, asks his correspondents to address him accordingly.

Barrie.—The semi-annual meeting of the Toronto Diocesan Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Board of Missions was most successfully held here last week by kind invitation of that branch. At half-past ten, Holy Communion was celebrated at the parish church, the officiating clergy being Rev. Canon Reiner and Rev. Mr. Murphy. There was a full attendance at this service. The delegates and friends then assembled at the Mechanics' Institute, where, after the opening prayers, a short address of welcome was given by Mrs. Holmes, the president of the Barrie branch, in the absence of Mrs. Moberley, of Collingwood. Mrs. Lett, seconded by Mrs. Williams, stated the great pleasure it gave all to meet in Barrie.

Reports and Letters.—The reports of the diocesan officers were then read, and also a telegram from the first vice-president, Mrs. Davidson, regretting her inability, through illness, to be present. A letter from Mrs. DuMoulin regretted that moving prevented her attendance, and that she was sorry that her duties in Hamilton would prevent her holding the office of second vice-president. A kindly greeting was sent by the Convention of the Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary, being held in the town at the same time. Later on a suitable reply was sent.

The Finances.—The assistant-treasurer, Mrs. Boyd, reported the total receipts from all sources to be \$4,912.54, from the first of April till the present. The diocesan secretary, Mrs. Banks, reported that in the same time 57 bales had been sent to different mission stations, containing 2,769 new garments and many other articles necessary to the mission clergy and their charges. This report is deemed excellent, considering that most branches are closed during the summer months, and no work is done. The great need is still for boys' clothing. Indeed it was said humorously that at all the schools they were simply "panting for pants."

The Indian Work.—Miss Montizambert, Provincial secretary, gave a graphic and most interesting account of her visit to the Sarcee, Piegan and Blackfoot reserves in company with Miss Halson. Earnest hopes were expressed that means might be found to provide a trained nurse for the Blackfoot hospital. Archdeacon Tims met Miss Montizambert at the Blackfoot home, where all will be glad to hear she was gladly welcomed by the Indians. Great success was reported in the mission field, but great needs still add to the responsibilities of each member. A discussion followed, led by Miss Osler, of Toronto, and those who had the privilege of hearing her earnest and helpful address will go away with a deeper sense of their own personal responsibility in the work of the W.A., on which she spoke so eloquently. Mrs. Cummings, secretary; Mrs. Banks, diocesan secretary; Mrs. Williamson, president, and others, also spoke. The thank-offering amounted to \$14.65, to be devoted to the nurses' salary at the Blackfoot hospital.

Question Drawer.—The question drawer was then opened, and a most instructive and interesting meeting was brought to a close, after votes of thanks had been given to the kind hostesses of Barrie and the Lord Bishop of Niagara, who preached the mission sermon in the evening at the service given in the parish church. The visitors were most delightfully entertained to tea in the pretty school-house, where the hospitality dispensed was unbounded. The bishop gave a most inspiring discourse to a very large congregation.

ASHBURNHAM.—**St. Luke's.**—A meeting of the boys was held in St. Luke's school-house last Tuesday at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Church Boys' Brigade. Rev. H. Symonds introduced Rev. C. H. Shortt, of Toronto, the successful organizer of the Brigade in Canada, who took entire charge of the meeting. A company, to be known as St. Luke's, Ashburnham, No. 37, was formed with the following officers: Captain, Claude Rogers; 1st Lieut., Sidney Tivey; 2nd Lieut., Robt. Long; Col-Sergeant, Frank Eden; 1st Sergeant, Percy Jameson; 2nd Sergeant, Matthew Edwards; 3rd Sergeant, Harold Graham. Mr. Wesley Edwards has kindly consented to act as drill instructor. The motto of the Brigade is "Sobrietas, Puritasque, Reverentia, (S.P.Q.R.), Temperance, Purity, Reverence." Rev. Carl Smith, with the ten members of the South ward Mission Company, was present, and all were heartily welcomed by Mr. Symonds and the Ashburnham boys. At the close of the meeting Mr. Shortt visited the Natural Science meeting, and addressed the members on the subject of affiliation with the Physical and Astronomical Society of Toronto, of which he is a member.

NIAGARA.

JOHN PHILIP DUMOULIN, D.D., BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

(Synod Report continued.)

Wednesday, Oct. 21st.—The following notices of motion were given:

By Rev. C. E. Whitcombe: "That the following scheme for securing religious instruction in public schools be referred to a special committee to consider the same and report upon its practicability at the next meeting of the Synod, with any suggestions or recommendations they may deem advisable."

By Rev. Canon Bland: "That the committee on religious education in the public schools be re-appointed with instructions to continue their work upon the lines already laid down, and to press for the accomplishment of the suggestions referred to in their report, the said committee to consist of Rev. Rural Dean Armitage, Rev. P. L. Spencer, Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, Rev. Canon Bland, Rev. G. A. Forneret, Rev. H. G. Miller, Judge Senkler, A. G. Heaven, W. A. H. Duff, W. F. Burton, John Hoodless, J. J. Mason, Rev. Canon Bland to be convener; five to form a quorum."

Death of the Archbishop.—On motion of Rev. R. Ker, the following resolution was carried:

"That we, the members of the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara, in the Dominion of Canada, take this opportunity of placing upon record our deep sense of the loss which the whole Anglican Church has sustained in the death of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. We recognize with deep gratitude the many benefits which the Anglican Church in all its branches has derived from the wise counsel and conspicuous ability of the late Primate, who in guiding the Church through a stormy and critical period of her history, proved himself to be not the least distinguished of the many distinguished prelates who have occupied the chair of St. Augustine. We sympathize with our brethren of the mother Church in their bereavement, and take this means of conveying to them our sense of unity in sorrow as well as unity in apostolic faith. The solemn circumstances attending the demise of the late Archbishop serve to emphasize the impressive injunction of our Lord Jesus Christ: *Quod autem vobis dico, omnis dico: vigilate.*"

The Endowment Fund.—When the clause in reference to the Episcopal Endowment Fund in the report of the standing committee, was taken up, Secretary Mason made a statement. He said the fund now amounted to \$73,301, being \$1,700 short of the amount required to make up the \$75,000. He intended to move that the canvass be continued and the balance raised. In the meantime Chancellor Martin had agreed to advance \$1,700 to make up the fund.

On motion of Mr. Mason, seconded by Rev. Canon Clark, the following resolution was carried:

"Edward Martin having agreed to advance \$1,700 for the purpose of making up the Episcopal Endowment Fund to the full amount of \$75,000, upon the Synod passing a resolution agreeing to continue the canvass for the fund, and agreeing to hand over all moneys received from collections until the \$1,700 and interest at 4 per cent. is refunded, and the

Synod further agreeing that collections from the confirmation services be continued until the \$1,700 is made up, the Synod not being under legal obligation to repay the same, be it resolved that the Synod hereby agrees to accept the \$1,700 on the terms aforesaid, and to continue the collections and pay over the proceeds from time to time till the \$1,700 and interest at 4 per cent. is repaid."

Bishop DuMoulin congratulated the Synod that after 25 years it had raised the fund to the amount required. He referred to the services rendered by the chancellor, and said the Synod was morally bound to repay the money.

On motion of Rev. Canon Bland, a vote of thanks was given to the chancellor.

Delegates Elected.—The election of delegates to the General Synod resulted as follows:

Clergy.—Rev. Canon Bland, Archdeacon Houston, Rev. Canon Sutherland, with the following as substitutes: Rev. Rural Dean Armitage, Rev. G. A. Forneret, M.A., and Archdeacon Dixon. Rev. Canon Clark, M.A. and Rev. C. E. Whitcombe tie for third place.

Laymen.—Judge Senkler, J. J. Mason, John Hoodless, the three next highest being A. G. Heaven, K. Martin and A. Pettit.

The Synod closed this afternoon. It was an uneventful session, no question coming up to cause a spirited discussion.

The following delegates were elected to the Provincial Synod:

Clergy.—Rev. Canon Clark, Archdeacon Houston, Canon Sutherland, Canon Bland, Archdeacon Dixon, George A. Forneret, C. E. Whitcombe, P. L. Spencer, A. J. Belt, Canon Bull, Canon Worrell and E. A. Irving. Substitutes—Revs. Rural Dean Armitage, T. Geoghegan, Rural Dean Bevan, H. G. Miller, Canon Gribble and Rural Dean Fennell.

Laymen.—Messrs. J. J. Mason, W. F. Burton, Judge Senkler, J. Hoodless, W. A. H. Duff, J. M. Bond, J. Higginson, C. Riseley, R. Strawley, A. Wilson, J. B. Clark, W. Nicholson. Substitutes—Messrs. A. G. Heaven, K. Martin, E. Kenrick, T. W. Saunders, J. H. Land and A. H. Pettit.

The standing committee was elected as follows:

Laymen.—Judge Senkler, John Hoodless, W. F. Burton, A. Wilson, W. A. H. Duff, A. W. Brown, Thomas Burns, S. J. Taylor, Charles Lemon, W. Nicholson, R. Buscombe and C. A. F. Ball.

Clergy.—Revs. Canon Clark, Geo. A. Forneret, Canon Sutherland, Archdeacon Dixon, P. L. Spencer, Archdeacon Houston, Canon Bland, A. J. Belt, C. E. Whitcombe, Rural Dean Armitage, Rural Dean Irving and Canon Bull.

Bishop DuMoulin added the following names to the standing committee: Rev. Canon Worrell, Rev. Canon Gribble, Rev. W. H. Wade, Rev. H. G. Miller, Rev. C. R. Lee, Rev. P. T. Mignot, A. G. Heaven, K. Martin, E. Kenrick, C. E. Bourne, Thos. Hobson and J. J. Mason.

The See House.—There is a prospect that before long a See House will be purchased for Bishop DuMoulin.

On motion of Rev. Canon Clark, it was resolved: "That \$2,500 be taken from the sums at the credit of the See House capital account and See House current account, and placed in the hands of Messrs. Henry McLaren, Adam Brown, R. A. Lucas and Edward Martin, as trustees upon trust; that so soon as the further sum of not less than \$2,500 shall have been paid to them from subscriptions or otherwise for the purpose of the purchase of a See House, to be selected by the bishop and the said trustees, that the said sums be invested in the purchase of a See House, to be conveyed to the trustees; the See House to cost not more than \$10,000; the difference between the said sums so to be received by the trustees and the price of the See House to be secured by a mortgage upon the See House property to be made by the trustees, payable at such time as may be agreed upon and with interest not to exceed 5 per cent. per annum, and the See House to be conveyed to the Synod, subject to the said mortgage, or when the same has been paid off as the Synod may direct."

Extension of the Episcopate.—E. Martin, Q.C., presented the following report of the committee on the extension of the episcopate:

"That two members of your committee, at the request of the bishop, attended a meeting of representatives of the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron and Algoma, held at Toronto on March 20th, 1895, at which, after full discussion, the following resolutions were carried:

"1. That no more readjustment of boundaries of existing dioceses would meet the necessities of the Church in relation to Episcopal administrations.

"2. That a new diocese should as speedily as practicable be constituted, consisting of the counties of Bruce, Grey, Simcoe, Dufferin and North Wellington.

"3. That the counties of Waterloo, Brant and Norfolk be detached from Huron and added to Niagara.