

Some of these have a considerable money value, and some are tokens of high scholarship and mark the man who succeeds in securing them as in the first rank of intellectual culture.

From the report of the Rector of the school it appeared that 68 boys had been in attendance during the last term of the scholastic year.

DIocese OF ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—The Diocesan Branch Women's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada have given notice of a general meeting to be held during the meeting of Synod, in the School-room of St. John's Church here, on the 7th and 8th of July inst. The order of proceedings includes report of Diocesan and Local Committees, and of Parochial reports, submission of Constitution, election of officers, and a Paper by Mrs. Moore, of Prescott. Opportunity will also be given for questions regarding Missionary work.

KINGSTON.—Special meetings of the Women's Auxiliary have been held for the purpose of electing delegates to go to Ottawa during the meeting of the Synod. The following ladies were chosen and will attend:

St. George's Cathedral.—Miss Macaulay and Miss Gildersleeve.

St. James'.—Mrs. McMorine and Mrs. Rogers.

St. Paul's.—Mrs. Beard.

The St. George's Branch of the Girl's Friendly Society have closed for the summer. Mrs. Villiers, the President, will entertain the members at a lawn party on the 15th.

The Fourteenth Prince of Wales own Rifles attended St. Paul's Church on the 27th ult., and were addressed by their Chaplain, Rev. Rural Dean Carey.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

The 34th Session of the Synod of the Diocese commenced June 22nd, by a celebration of Holy Communion at St. James' Church. The Lord Bishop acting as celebrant.

The Synod was opened for the transaction of business shortly after eleven o'clock; there being a large attendance of clergy and lay delegates.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop delivered his annual address, which began by giving brief and touching obituary notices of the Revs. W. S. Darling, Johnstone Vicars and Geo. W. Love, who had been removed by death during the year.

Five clergymen had removed during the period that had elapsed since the last Synod, three of whom had accepted charges in the United States, and in addition to these two had gone on leave to the Diocese of Western New York.

The total clerical strength, of the Diocese is now 147, of whom fourteen are engaged in teaching, and eighteen retired on leave, thus making the actual parochial clerical staff 135.

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

On this subject the Bishop said:

During the past year I have ordained thirteen to the diaconate and three to the priesthood; have administered confirmation in 86 different places, besides three private administrations, admitting in all 1,968 candidates—(applause)—777 male and 1,191 female; have consecrated Christ Church, Perrytown, and the new chancel of Christ Church, Campbellford; and have opened three new churches, one at Cheddar; St. Paul's, Lindsay; St. Thomas, Millbrook. In my Episcopal visits I have delivered 127 sermons and addresses, and celebrated Holy Communion 38 times. I have also baptized seven infants, and presided at a large number of meetings.

DIoceseAN STATISTICS.

Referring to the numerous objections made to his last address to the Synod, the Bishop said:

It is manifestly useless as well as undignified and impolitic to enter into controversy in the columns of the newspapers, with anonymous and irresponsible correspondents, who may be enemies in disguise or incurable monomaniacs or anything else. But it is due to the satisfaction of mind of any members of the Church who may have been misled and disturbed by such alarming representations, that I should point out how entirely groundless and gratuitous they were. If you refer to my statement of "Diocesan statistics" in last year's address, you will see that I reported, in a comparison with the year 1881, the following increases: 19 churches, 14,785 sittings, 8 schoolhouses, 10 parsonages, and 555 communicants in country parishes, and in the city the difference between 2,427 returned by 16 congregations in 1881 and 4,591 for the whole city in 1885. (Applause.) The Church membership at the two periods I did not compare, because I had no date. You will notice that there is no falling off discovered in this comparison, but marked increase in every item. It was in the comparison of 1885 with the previous year that I announced a falling off in one or two items—in baptisms of 111, about three per cent.; marriages 37, about 4½ per cent.; and country burials 87, 11 per cent. (that is not deplorable).

After mentioning the deficiencies alluded to last year for Diocesan and miscellaneous Church objects, and the statement so often repeated that the Church of England was dying out in the Diocese at an alarming rate, His Lordship said: "Wherever the clergyman is faithful and assiduous, reasonably endowed with fitness for his calling, loves his work and cares for the souls of his flock, *there we find the Church of England a success, her roots deeply struck, firmly lodged in the affections of the people, her life earnest, expansive, fruitful.* And this, I am thankful to testify, is increasingly the character of the large majority of our clergy and of their work. (Applause.) The weak point of our work in the country, the sense in which we are failing to make headway, indeed are losing ground relatively to other Christian bodies, is, undoubtedly, *our failure to attempt anything in the way of Church extension.* Our mission stations remain from year to year the same; there is no advancing of our outposts; districts may become settled and peopled (no doubt with a proportion of our own Church people), but we do not follow the march of progress with our armies of preachers or plant our standards to occupy the ground in the name of our Lord and of His Church. And why? I shall have to point out to you presently that our Church does not supply the means to support even our existing missionary operations, much less to extend them. Turning from the country to the city, I conceive that no one who has given the subject the slightest consideration can fail to perceive that here in Toronto *the Church is very much alive with the signs which evidence life, activity and growth. There are many city churches which are habitually crowded, some over-crowded.* The opinion has been expressed by some of the clergy that if six new churches could be opened to-morrow they would all be filled. (Applause.) Steps are being taken for the early erection of at least two new churches."

MISSION FUND.

Alluding to the condition of the Mission Fund, the Bishop said he was able to reverse the gloomy picture presented last year. The report showed a *substantial increase*, and the amount received for Diocesan Missions was over \$13,000. This, however, was only 19½ cents from each of the 67,000 church people actually enjoying the means of grace! The Mission Fund debt is now \$5,871.97.

The Diocese has given for Domestic Missions \$2,351.07; for Foreign Missions, \$1,799.35, and for the Jews, \$231.67, making a total of \$4,388.83.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

The report which will be presented to you by

the Committee on this Fund reveals the magnitude of the task which the Synod has imposed upon them. It is to raise \$18,000 a year for the augmentation of clergy stipends. When we find that \$13,000 a year is the utmost we can raise for our Mission Fund with all the machinery employed to raise it, and reflect that after all, in its present shape, this new scheme is practically only an additional piece of machinery for further increasing the Mission Fund, the prospect of success seems gloomy indeed. The circulars sent out by the Committee state the case admirably and put the arguments in a shape that ought to carry irresistible conviction; but I feel that if the making up of the deficiency in the stipends of our clergy, by annual collections and subscriptions, is to be attempted, it is a well-nigh hopeless undertaking. The remedy needs to be applied at the very root of the evil, and I would start with the assured conviction that, except in a very few cases, the people in our country parishes and missions are amply able to support their clergymen. The effort to induce them to do it has never been fairly made in this diocese.

The Bishop also alluded to the Church Women's Mission, the Jews' Society, the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, the C. E. T. S. and to the Cathedral of St. Alban the Martyr.

Referring to

TRINITY COLLEGE,

the Bishop said: During the past four years the corporation of Trinity College have been prosecuting an effort to raise a supplemental Endowment Fund of \$200,000, to establish chairs in divinity and science, and additional lectureships in various subjects, to erect a college chapel, improve and increase the accommodation for students, and otherwise raise the efficiency of the University, *pari passu* with the advancing requirements of modern high-class education. A considerable portion of this sum, viz., \$38,648.67, was secured in this Diocese by the efforts of the organizing agent, Rev. R. H. Starr, who visited the parishes appealing for aid on behalf of Trinity. After mentioning the advantages possessed by this Church University, the Bishop said:—

I hope that with the present able and energetic administration the time is not far distant when our churchmen will take a pride in sending their sons for their University education to our Church University, and will feel a confidence that in their training and equipment in all advanced culture and science, the integrity and purity of their faith will be safely guarded by the inculcation of the highest truth in the teaching and daily worship of the Church.

CONCLUDING WORDS.

The Bishop's closing remarks were as follows:—

I must detain you no longer from the duties that await you. You are to be congratulated upon the prospect that the business of this session will be neither burdensome in its amount nor provocative of acrimonious discussion in its character. May the good spirit of God presiding over our counsels fill us with single-eyed zeal for His glory, and brotherly love one towards another, and overrule all our acts to the promotion of true religion and the advancement of His kingdom of grace in the Church of which he has made us pastors and fellow-help-ers. (Loud applause.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. John Pearson was re-elected Hon. Clerical, and Dr. T. G. Hodgins Hon. Lay Secretary. Mr. D. Kemp was also re-elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer.

ADOPTING REPORTS.

After adjournment the reports of the Executive Committee and Clergy Commutation Trust were considered and adopted. They call for no extended remark.

On the consideration of the Rectory Lands report, the Chairman, Rev. W. Logan, stated that a large sum of money held by them was