

revenue will now be added, by the will of the founder, a fund to be called 'The Shelton Fund,' the income of which will be used for the purposes of the Mission Fund. The report of the Mission Fund for 1890 includes, besides the moneys expended on the country missions, small grants for mission work in the city and suburbs. It is probable, as I have hinted, that some time will elapse before any great portion of this very generous bequest will be available for the extension of our work. There are legacies and annuities to be first provided. It is necessary, therefore, that both in the city and country we should continue to maintain the work already in operation, nor relax the efforts now made from year to year to keep the diocese free from debt, if nothing more. In the meantime, let the fact of this generous provision for the future give us courage to work strenuously in the present, in order to place our missions and stations on a sound basis of usefulness and permanence."

The Bishop also called the attention of the Committee on Canons to what he considered defects as well in the definition of a Mission and Parish respectively as in the principle upon which the scale of grants to the clergy rested, and hoped that some change would be made therein: thinking that although it was right that deacons should be content with \$500 per annum, it did not follow that an additional sum of \$100 per annum would be a just equivalent for ten years of added service, or \$200 for eleven years or more.

His Lordship also noted complaints which had been made in regard to carelessness in keeping the Registers of Acts of Civil Status, and requested the intervention of the Synod in the matter.

Referring to Confirmation and Holy Communion the Bishop expressed his gratification and comfort because of the earnestness and care with which candidates are prepared for both, and remarked upon the necessity not only of this duty but also of that of parish visiting; both in the interest of the clergyman himself and of the parish served by him.

Referring to the Montreal Diocesan College he reminded those present that the subscriptions promised for five years lapsed this year, and that it was of great moment that they should be renewed. He said that the Church required that her clergy should be men of good general education in addition to the learning peculiar to their sacred office, and that Montreal possessed peculiar advantages as the site of such a training college, being the centre of Church population and the See of the Bishop who was consequently able at all times to visit the students and become personally acquainted with them. The College has already existed for seventeen years; 116 students have been admitted to a part in its studies and lectures. Of these 35 have completed their education and been ordained; 23 of them are still ministering in the Diocese, besides 12 students employed in vacant missions and other posts; 19 have taken a B.A. degree; one that of B.D., and one that of D.D.; eleven are prizemen of the University.

His Lordship also referred in his charge to the work done by the Sabrevois Mission and the Church Home on Guy street, and having noted the loss by death of the Rev. Robert Lindsay, M.A., Rector of St. Thomas, and Rural Dean of Hochelaga, who was ever active in the Councils of the Church and whose experienced advice and fertility of suggestion would be much missed, and to whose energy that branch of Committee work, included under the head of "Works of Mercy," and covering the Women's Protective Home, the Girls' Friendly Society, the Church Home, the Woman's Auxiliary, the City Mission, etc., was due, mentioned the report of the Committee on Consolidation of the Church in British North America, and the scheme proposed; expressing himself in sympathy with the amendment thereto moved by the Bishop of

Qu'Appelle, and supported by the delegates from Montreal. He added: I believe it is possible to have too much legislation. I should be sorry to see the funds of the Church diverted in such direction. I should be still more sorry to see our clergy excited by constant travel from Synod to Synod, which might very easily disgust them with the monotony of village and the drudgery of city life, and unfit them for the discharge of simple pastoral duties. We have now an annual Diocesan Synod and triennial Provincial Synod, and, at intervals, a Pan-Anglican Synod. We are in no danger of being cut off from intercourse with the members of our Communion, unless it may be with the more remote dioceses of the sister province of Rupert's Land. For their sakes, therefore, and because I quite allow the advantages to us all of the widest possible inter-communion, I should be glad to welcome an "amalgamated" Synod of British North America. There are few or no important functions now exercised by our Provincial Synod which might not as well be exercised by an "amalgamated" Synod; and I fear, for example, amongst other objections that a court of appeal in the "General" Synod, in addition to those courts which exist already, might induce a habit of appeal from one authority to another—a habit destructive of all those virtues it is the mission of the Gospel of Christ to inculcate. I see no reason why the more remote dioceses of British North America should not be received into our Provincial Synod precisely in such manner as the Dioceses of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were received on an occasion within the memory of most of those now present.

Episcopal Acts.—His Lordship announced that during the year 627 persons had been confirmed, two had been admitted to the Diaconate, and five Deacons had been advanced to the Priesthood. He had consecrated one Church (St. Mary Magdalene of Chelsea) and had laid the foundation stone and opened another, namely, St. Andrew's Norwood. He spoke approvingly of the great improvement made in the churches in the country parts of the Diocese, some of which without aid from the City in attractiveness and fitness for success would compare favorably with most of our churches (city) in beauty and churchly order. He noticed too that the Church on the Gatineau is constantly increasing and extending, the tendency of the population always being westward, but in the older and eastern parts of the Diocese some parishes were suffering from this emigration, though he believed, not to the extent sometimes asserted.

The Synod opened for business at two p.m. in the Synod Hall, when after roll call, which showed a fair attendance clerical and lay, the Rev. Canon Empson was re-appointed Clerical Secretary, Richard White, Esq., Lay Secretary; Mr. Charles Garth, Treasurer; and Messrs. G. W. Simpson, and Walter Drake, Auditors. The Committees having been struck, the reports of Special Committees came on almost immediately owing to the Bishop's address having been given in the morning. Amongst others submitted were the following: "The better observance of the Lord's Day," "The Church of England Temperance Society," "French work."

From the report of the Emigration Chaplain (the Rev. R. Aton), it appeared that during the past year the number of immigrants who located in Montreal was 4,298, their nationalities being 2,709 English, 623 Irish, 233 Scotch, 360 French, 130 Belgian, 90 German, 153 others; their religion being 2,994 Protestants, 1,006 Roman Catholics, 299 others.

The report of the Sunday School Committee showed an increase in the number of schools, of teachers, and of scholars: the total for 1889 having been 8,031, whilst last year it was 8604. It advocated the setting apart of a special Sunday to be known as 'Sunday School Sunday,' when a special sermon should be preached in

every church in the Diocese urging the importance of this work.

An important report was also presented by the Chancellor on the relations of the Diocese to Bishop's College. It referred to the several Acts passed and the action of Synod respecting the College and the connection of the Diocese therewith, and showed that the Bishop and Synod of this Diocese possessed equal powers over that Institution with those exercised by the Bishop and Diocese of Quebec; and also that by express resolution of Synod, amendments in the constitution of the Governing Body of the College had been sanctioned and approved, and that the Synod had for years exercised the powers granted to it for securing representation in and control over Bishop's College.

At the special Synod service on the evening of the first day the Rev. Chas. Bancroft, M.A., Rector of Sutton Flat, was the preacher, and delivered an excellent sermon from the text: 'Lo, I am with you alway.' The musical part of the service was well rendered by the Cathedral choir.

On Wednesday evening a Missionary Conference held in the Synod Hall, was well attended but lacking in arrangement and brightness, and we fear not calculated to make those present long to come again; only one hymn was sung, viz.: 'From Greenland's Icy Mountains,' in opening; after which several addresses were given, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

SAULT AUX RECOLLET.—We have received the following additional particulars of the opening of the church here. The Lord Bishop assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Evans and the incumbent, the Rev. E. McManus, conducted the formal opening service of St. Andrew's Church at Sault aux Recollet, on Sunday, the 14th inst. A few members of the choir of the Church of St. James the Apostle rendered the musical part of the service with very good effect. The ladies of the congregation had very tastefully decorated the church for the occasion with beautiful bouquets of flowers. The stained glass window in the chancel was presented by the firms of Messrs. Spence and Castle. The chancel and vestry were furnished by gifts from several friends of the church in the city. The church is indebted to Miss Baylis for fitting the cloth covering of the Communion table and for the sacred monogram, I. H. S., which adorns its front. The fine linen cloth on which is worked in raised letters the text, 'This do in remembrance of Me,' is the gift of Mrs. Fred. Bishop. The church is indebted to Mr. Buchanan's Bible Class of the Cathedral Sunday School for a handsome electro plated Communion set, and also to the family and friends of Mr. S. C. Fatt for a fine cabinet organ, and while we thankfully acknowledge our indebtedness to many other kind friends for their generous help and sympathy, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Tiffin deserve special mention. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon their zeal and indefatigable exertions in promoting this good work. The church is free, and the seats unappropriated.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

SYNOD MEETING.—At the last Synod it was resolved that the claim of the Diocese of Niagara to a portion of the Episcopal Endowment Fund should be assumed by the Toronto Diocese to the extent of \$5,000, payable in ten annual instalments, and that if the offer were accepted the payment should be made from the general funds of the Synod.

Lord's Day Observance.

The report of the Committee on this subject declaring gratification that the clergy of the city were firm in their belief that the due observance of the Lord's Day was essential to the morality and well being of the city and for the maintenance of true religion amongst us as a community. 2. That during the recent