

not fulfilled her obligations; the entire deficiency was in the contributions from other Canadian dioceses. Frequent objection had been made that Algoma had been the Church's fostered child too long, and she should be self-supporting. She was perfectly willing to help herself to the best of her ability, but that ability was very limited. Outside of three or four centres, the population was almost wholly rural, and their financial standing was such as must leave them largely dependent on the Mission Fund for the maintenance of church ministrations in their midst. The Episcopal Endowment Fund amounted to \$55,000, with \$386.27 deposited on open account, awaiting early investment. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund amounted to \$18,000, with \$397 deposited on open account. For superannuation they had little or nothing to invest, the Bishop's appeals having been met with chilly indifference.

An adjournment was then made until evening, when, on re-assembling, Dr. L. H. Davidson moved concurrence in message No. 1 from the House of Bishops as to the interest on the Episcopal Endowment Fund, and this was seconded by Mr. J. A. Worrell.

Rev. C. J. Machin expressed the hope, on behalf of the Diocese of Algoma, that the House would not concur in the message just as it stood, because in the circular summoning the Synod a black thunder-cloud was overhanging them as to whether or not they were to continue as a missionary diocese. To Algoma this was simply appalling, as for some years to come it would require \$15,000 a year to carry on its work. He appealed to the honour of the House whether it was right to elect a bishop if the diocese was to be turned loose upon its own resources. It would be disastrous to rob the diocese of its missionary character.

After brief addresses from Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Judge McDonald, Rev. E. P. Crawford, and Messrs. Charles Jenkins and Walter Drake, Canon Davidson spoke of the marvellous growth of the Church in the United States, where the emoluments of the missionary bishops were small, and said he could not see why, under similar circumstances, the same progress could not be achieved in Canada. In the former country the stipends of the bishops had not been supplemented by grants as here, but they had gone forth into the wilderness filled with the Spirit. In the matter of residence, Algoma was furnished with one, while in the adjacent country there was none.

Ven. Archdeacon Llwyd, of Huntsville, said the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ had won its victories on this side of the line as well as across the borders, and went on to say that if the stipend of the Bishop of Algoma was limited to \$2,500 it would be necessary to do something in relation to the See Home at Sault Ste. Marie, which he characterized as a white elephant on their hands and altogether too large for a missionary bishop. He was not going to say whether \$2,500 or \$3,000 was too much, but, nevertheless, glorious work had been achieved in the Diocese of Algoma, incidentally alluding to the increased number of churches, missions, stations, etc., established, as well as the Shingwauk Home, which was never in a more prosperous condition than it was at the present time. Last year (1895) 91 adults and 1,419 children had been received into the Church by baptism, and in the last three years no less a sum than \$82,924.04 had been contributed by the people of the diocese for stipends, domestic missions, etc., all in the nature of voluntary offerings, a tangible proof, he thought, that the hearts of the people had been reached, and through their hearts their pockets. The speaker concluded by appealing to the House not to allow the diocese to be robbed of its missionary character for at least ten years to come, when it was possible they might be able to start with a clean balance sheet.

Canon Bland, Hamilton, moved, and Mr. W. F. Burton, Hamilton, seconded, the following amendment:

That this House do not coincide in Message No. 1 from the Upper House for the reason that in the opinion of this House it does not go far enough; and they respectfully suggest that the following be substituted in amendment:—"That the moneys from the invested capital of the Episcopal Endowment Fund be not used to provide the stipend of the Bishop of Algoma, and until the next meeting of Provincial Synod the sum of \$1,000 shall be added to such income, which sum shall be paid *pro rata* by the dioceses now contributing \$4,000 per annum to the bishop's stipend."

The discussion was continued by the mover and seconder of the resolution, Dr. Davidson and Canon Davidson.

Hon. Judge Reynolds, seconded by Rev. Canon Dixon, moved the following sub-amendment:

That the words "\$1,000" be expunged, and that the words "An amount sufficient to make the bishop's stipend \$8,000 per annum" be substituted therefor, and that the amendment as altered be adopted.

The Message adopted.—Both the amendment and sub-amendment were lost, and the main motion carried by a large majority.

(To be Continued.)

ONTARIO.

J. T. LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., ARCHBISHOP OF ONT., KINGSTON.

BROCKVILLE.—*Rural Deanery of Leeds* was held here on Wednesday, Nov. 4th. After Matins and celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Peter's, the Conference opened in St. Peter's school room at 11 a.m., with Archbishop Lewis in the chair, Rev. C. J. Young, of Lansdowne, acting as secretary. The interest taken in this Conference was evident by the large attendance of [clergy, laity and parishioners]. The following representatives were present: St. Peter's—Archdeacon T. Bedford-Jones, Judge McDonald, Allan Turner, Dr. Jackson, Colonel Jackson, M. E. Snider. Trinity—Rev. J. H. Nimmo, L. deCarle, W. P. Millar, C. deCarle. St. Paul's—Rev. O. G. Dobbs, G. W. Baker. Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, Smith's Falls, Diocese of Ottawa, and Rev. A. T. McTear, Maitland, were also in attendance. Lyn—Rural Dean Grout, William Stafford, Holmes Latham, Lyn; Edward Davis, John Hawkins, New Dublin. Westport—Rev. J. W. Jones. Gananoque—Rev. H. Auston, W. J. Gibson. Lansdowne Front—Rev. C. J. Young, G. F. Deane, F. W. Johnston. New Boyne and Lombardy—Rev. C. A. Ffrench. Kitley—Rev. R. James Harvey, David Coughlan, William Dodds, Charles Briggishaw. Leeds Rear—Rev. William Moore, Lyndhurst; J. R. Leake, Morton. Lansdowne Rear—Rev. Wm. Wright, A. W. Johnston, Ormond Green. Newboro—Rev. G. H. P. Grout, Dr. Preston, A. Atcheson, W. H. Bolton. Conference opened with prayer, by Archbishop Lewis, after which he addressed the Conference in regard to the extension of the Church work along the line of diocesan missions. His Grace said: Before the division of the diocese a record of twenty-five years shows that five new missions were added, on an average every year, that nearly 300 new churches were built, besides a large number of old churches renovated or almost rebuilt. Formerly parsonages were few, now their absence is an exception. This advancement is due to the organization of the Mission Board of the diocese, inaugurated by himself. Before division the Mission Fund of the diocese was between \$9,000 and \$10,000 a year, received from voluntary contributions. The division took away the most prosperous part of the diocese, Ottawa city alone being a tower of strength with her great number of beautiful churches and parsonages. The greater part of this diocese is as purely missionary as Algoma. Leeds is well provided for, but the counties of Hastings, Addington, Frontenac and Prince Edward are in great need of missionaries of the Church of England. Never in his 35 years episcopate had he found a better feeling than in travelling over this territory now. Means, opportunity, inclination were favourable to the work being opened up in these counties. Of the 40,000 people confirmed by him he said 25 per cent. were from other churches, converts to the Church of England. He hoped the parishes and missions would increase their contributions to diocesan missions 25 per cent. this winter. The machinery is rusty and needs burnishing up. Clergymen, instead of calling attention to the Mission Fund collections in a perfunctory way, should present the needs of various districts, give interesting figures of how the money is spent and the amount of good accomplished. Tell every parishioner that he should be a missionary. It rests with the Church officers, priests and laity to bring the fund from \$4,000 up to \$6,000 this year. This can be done if the machinery is worked to better effect. In concluding his address the Archbishop called on those present for suggestions as to ways and means to carry out the work he had explained. The Archbishop's address was listened to with great interest by the Conference, and received liberal applause. Rural Dean Grout, the next speaker, said this was the banner deanery in the Diocese of Ontario; inasmuch as it has contributed more to the Mission Fund than any other deanery. But this was nothing to be proud of, as 1,432 families reported had only contributed \$1,274, an average of 81 cents for each family. He could not get the older members to go round collecting, and it was left to the young ladies. If the church officers would take the matter up, he had no doubt the funds for mission work would be doubled. Rev. W. J. Young read statistics which he had prepared. In the Rural Deanery of Leeds there are only three parishes assisted from the Mission Fund—Westport, \$300; Lansdowne, \$250; Kitley, \$150, making a total of \$700. This year the amount contributed to the Mission Fund was \$1,274; leaving a balance over and above the amount required of \$574. This was the largest amount by nearly double contributed by any of the rural deaneries with the exception of Frontenac, which contributes \$1,182, and assists six parishes from the Mission Fund. In the opinion

of the speaker, the present method of working and collecting for this fund, in other words, in working for the spread of the Church in this diocese, is becoming, to a certain extent, obsolete, without adequate results, as noticed in many returns. Rev. Mr. Wright said he would like to hear from some of the lay brethren who were present. Judge Macdonald said this question should be looked into as systematically as an election committee goes to work. He would ask Rev. Mr. Wright to call on his own lay brethren present to voice their sentiments in the matter. Rev. Mr. Wright had the slightest doubt that his rural deanery could raise twice the amount for missions, if they would promise to work heart and soul, individually, in such away as Judge Macdonald had suggested. He thought the laity were the business managers of the churches. If they have any objections to missionaries or the methods of the mission board, they should state what they were. Archdeacon Bedford Jones looked for great results from this conversation about the needs of the Diocesan Mission Fund. In giving to missions we are giving to ourselves. He thought the name Mission Fund was possibly a misnomer. It should be called the Sustentation Fund. Our people often don't separate diocesan from foreign and other missions. Some other churches give a great deal more than we do to the Mission Fund. St. Peter's had done much better of late than formerly in this respect, and we must exert ourselves. Dr. Preston, Newboro, thought more might be done to enliven interest in mission work. A good deal rests with the laity and a good deal rests with the clergy. The example of the clergy is of great effect, and if the matter was placed before the people rightly there would be good results. Rev. O. G. Dobbs said his whole heart was in the work, and he desired to help forward this important part of the Church work. At the afternoon session, Judge Macdonald moved, seconded by Mr. J. Stafford, Lyn, that the clergy, churchwardens and lay delegates of the parishes and missions in the Rural Deanery of Leeds now assembled, have pleasure in welcoming his Grace the Archbishop of the diocese on the occasion of his present visit, and join in their hearty appreciation of his action in holding this Conference. He suggested to the friends present from the country that they urge their parishioners to set aside the produce of one cow or something of the same kind for the Mission Fund. Archdeacon Jones supported Judge Macdonald's motion, and said that substantial suggestions had also been made at the meeting of Synod last July, which should be acted upon. Mr. Stafford fully endorsed the sentiments of the motion which he had seconded, but was not prepared to say more on the subject. Rev. C. A. Ffrench would like to see some stability about the Mission Fund. It was too fluctuating. He wished the formation of a Reserve Fund could be devised on the lines of the two great societies in England. Rev. Mr. Young endorsed the suggestion that offerings be made for a stated number of years. He thought this an excellent suggestion, and would try to carry it out in his parish. Rev. Mr. Wright thought the Ladies' Auxiliary should take a more active interest in home missionary work in the diocese, instead of raising so much money for mission work elsewhere. Rev. Henry Auston thought that the Mission Fund of the diocese had suffered by the drawing off of interest to other mission work. Moved by Judge Reynolds, seconded by W. H. Bolton, that it is desirable that the missionary meetings in each parish or mission be attended by a deputation consisting of a clergyman and two laymen, that such meetings be held in all cases when practicable upon a Sunday, and that the time fixed for the holding thereof be arranged with the incumbent of the particular parish or mission where the same is to be held.—Carried. In speaking to the motion Judge Reynolds commended the work of the Women's Auxiliary. This society was doing a great work, and had taken from us that which we had never missed. Don't ask them to decrease their work for foreign missions, but to find a place in their sympathies for home missions. Archdeacon Jones spoke highly of the work of the Women's Auxiliary, and moved the following motion, which was seconded by Rev. H. Auston: This Conference would represent to the ladies, who are zealous members of the Women's Auxiliary, the duty of taking an equal interest in the missions of the diocese as of paramount importance with all the Church's mission work everywhere, and would suggest the advisability of following the example of the Diocese of Toronto in making diocesan work an integral part of the business of that useful organization.—Carried. Judge Macdonald, Rural Dean Grout, Rev. C. J. Young, Rev. C. A. Ffrench, G. W. Baker and Rev. Dr. Nimmo spoke briefly to the motion. Mr. J. R. Leake, of Morton, said that great discretion should be exercised in appointing men of ability for Church officers. All present felt that much good would result to the Church in the Diocese of Ontario from the visit of his Grace to Brockville. At 5.15 a most impressive choral service was held in St. Peter's Church, which was largely attended.