

Lewis, Mr. T. B. Moberly and others spoke, after which a vote on the amendment to defer action twelve months only discovered twelve in favour of delay in a house of over one hundred. The report was adopted, without further division, and the result was warmly applauded.

The Committee on Religious Instruction in the Public Schools reported through Rev. Dr. Langtry. The report expressed regret that more had not been done, but urged continued and persistent effort towards securing the concessions desired. In the discussion on the report, Mr. A. M. Dymond referred in fervent terms to what he termed the indifference of their clergy and laity to the influence they might now exercise in the schools, and declaring that they might pass resolutions as long as they liked, but no good would result unless they also "piled in" and made every possible use of the opportunities now at their disposal. The report carried.

The report on voluntary schools was the last item taken up, and it was read by Mr. Baldwin: "(1) That the voluntary school scheme in its general outline be endorsed by the Synod as being desirable and practicable. (2) The appointment of a representative committee, with instructions to confer and co-operate with any similar committees appointed by other religious bodies to deal with this matter. And generally to take such action through the press and otherwise as may most effectually arouse, inform, convince and persuade the public mind upon this question. (3) To report to the next meeting of this Synod." The report was still under discussion when the house adjourned.

Friday morning.—Mr. Lawrence Baldwin's scheme of voluntary schools was further discussed at the Synod this morning, but the feeling of the members appeared to be that for the time being the voluntary plan was deemed impracticable. Therefore, Rev. Dr. Langtry moved in amendment to the committee's report "that the Committee on Voluntary Schools and the Committee on Religious Teaching combine to consider the matter and present their report at the next meeting of the Synod." Rev. Charles L. Ingles presented the report of the Committee on the Gothenburg system, and recommended the Synod to endorse the principles of the system. On a small majority the report was adopted, and the following resolution in connection with it was passed: "That the following be appointed a committee to bring this system for the control of the liquor traffic before the attention of the Church throughout the Dominion, and before the attention of all others, as opportunity may arise and the committee may deem fit. viz.: Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, Revs. J. Pitt Lewis, G. A. Kuhring, Canon Sweeney, C. H. Shortt, C. L. Ingles, and Messrs. Beverley Jones, G. B. Kirkpatrick, M. Sheppard, W. C. Hall, T. P. Clougher, J. H. Mumford."

Mr. Biggar presented a memorial from the Churchwomen of Toronto, asking the Synod to provide the funds to build a Synod hall, where the Synod itself and the Woman's Auxiliary could meet. The Auxiliary undertakes to see that 4 per cent. interest on all capital expended is provided. The ladies' suggestion was thoroughly endorsed, and approved of, and the memorial was referred to the Executive. Progress was reported by the special committee on the St. Alban's cathedral debt, and the committee was reappointed after the report had been adopted.

The evening meeting was taken up with the notices of motion given during the session and business of a routine nature. The motion of Mr. Dymond, to the effect that some means ought to be devised for getting rid of clergy who were manifestly useless in the Church, came in for a good airing, and called forth opinions from a number that there were too many deadheads in the Church who were not unlike dead-beats. The matter was finally handed over to the Executive. The usual votes of thanks to the various committees, the press, etc., were passed, and the Synod broke up, having cleared the business slate at eleven o'clock.

"It is our business to do our duty; we haven't anything to do with results."

#### NIAGARA.

Glanford.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara held a confirmation at St. Paul's church, Glanford, Saturday, June 12th. The Rev. S. Bennetts presented seven candidates, two women and five men. The church was crowded. The congregation have bought five large brass lamps, which were used for the first time. On June 17th a garden party was held at Mr. Allan Young's, Mount Hope, which was a great success, making ninety-five dollars. This is to go towards church improvements.

Rothsay.—The Church people of Rothsay observed in a fitting manner the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. For Sunday, in the work of decorations, loyal hearts and willing hands had transformed the church into a scene of striking beauty. Wreaths and festoons of maple leaves served to throw out in bold relief a wealth of blooming flowers; and the thistle, shamrock and rose, with numbers of Union Jacks and large portrait of her Majesty, emblematically reminded the assembled worshippers of the greatness of our heritage, and the goodness of God to our Queen and Empire; whilst the British flag unfurled from the belfry summoned the inhabitants to a long-to-be-remembered service. Tuesday, 22nd, began with procession of school children, all carrying Union Jacks and maple branches, then a picnic in the woods, then sports, the day concluding with bonfires and a dozen large rockets, accompanied by the National Anthem.

Hamilton.—Christ Church Cathedral.—The Jubilee cantata of 100 voices with orchestra and organ accompaniment, under direction of R. Thomas Steele, on 18th June, was a fitting commencement of the Diamond Jubilee services and celebrations. Musically it was a grand success, and it is hoped the object aimed at will be equally a success—that of equipping an operating room in the City hospital. The interior of the cathedral was appropriately decorated with red, white and blue bunting and innumerable small flags. A portrait of the Queen hung over the door, with "Victoria" in gold letters, and 1837-1897 in royal blue. The male choristers wore cassock and surplice, while the assisting sopranos and contraltos wore white dresses and college cap of royal purple. It is some years since such a grand volume of tone was heard in the cathedral. The orchestra was an effective one and most ably supported the soloists. The organ was of great value in giving body to the choruses, and was skillfully played by Miss Ambrose. Miss Findlay was the pianiste. To Mr. Steele, the conductor, great praise is due in getting up the music in the short time allotted him in so excellent a manner. Canon Bland deserves thanks for placing within reach such a musical treat and for the excellence of the general arrangements. The thanksgiving service promoted by the Sons of England was attended by nearly 5,000 people in the drill hall Sunday. The immense procession of the various organizations and fraternal societies was preceded by a surpliced choir of over 200 voices, including members from each Anglican church choir in the city, marshalled by Rev. Father Whitcombe, followed by a cross-bearer with beautiful brass cross. As one followed the white robed throng as it wended its way to the raised platform, the thought suggested itself that England's strength lay not alone in its red line of defense. The sermon by Canon Bland from Proverbs viii. 15. was most patriotic and inspiring. Canon Sutherland read the prayers; Fathers Whitcombe and Geoghegan the lessons, and Rev. Rural Dean Massey pronounced the benediction. The offertory amounted to over \$100. The Sisters of the Church had their closing exercises on Thursday, 24th. A most attractive programme was well carried out, and the prize list showed that much good work had been done during the past year. A pleasing feature was the address to Sister Frederica by the ladies who had attended her Bible class. It expressed in high terms their appreciation of her work.

Ancaster had most loyal and inspiring ser-

vices on the 20th. The church beautifully decorated with flags and flowers, special music, and a most patriotic and eloquent sermon by Canon Clark.

Grimsby excelled itself on this occasion. The special Jubilee services were most inspiring. The offertory for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, as ordered by the Bishop, amounted to some \$50.

Jarvis.—The ceremony of turning the first sod for the new church took place on the evening of the 17th June. The two oldest members of the congregation turned the sod. Mrs. Matthew Phibbs, aged 81 years, and Mr. Wm. Peterson, aged 75 years, both energetic church workers. The service was very hearty and well attended. Mr. W. B. Leather, of Hamilton, is the architect for the new building, and is giving all his services gratis. Messrs. W. C. VanLoon & Co., of Hagersville, are the contractors. The corner stone will be laid on July 22nd. The building will be 35 x 71, with a tower 60 feet in height. *Laus Deo.*

Grand Valley.—Very bright, cheerful, Jubilee services were held in St. Alban's church, Grand Valley, on Sunday, June 20th. In the morning a number of the congregation showed their gratitude to Almighty God by partaking of Holy Communion. The special form of worship appointed for the day was used at both services. The singing was very good. The following special hymns were heartily sung by the choir and congregation, all of whom were supplied with copies: "The National Anthem," "From North to South," "O, Lord of Lords," "Arise, O Church of England," "O, Blessed Trinity," and "All the Mountain Heights." There were good congregations and they joined well in the canticles and other choral parts of the services, and in the responses. The beauty of the services was due in no small degree to the skillful playing of Mr. Willie Bowen, who officiated as organist. We never before heard in a small country church services so reverent and devotional, and at the same time so united and cheerful. No doubt the feeling of loyalty to the Queen and gratitude to God for her long and prosperous reign, opened the hearts of our people to a greater degree than usual on that day. But the success of our Jubilee services ought to show Churchmen how delightful they could make Divine worship by taking their proper part in it. Loyalty to the King of Kings ought to inspire them at all times to earnestness in setting forth His praises. Then it would be seen how beautiful is the worship of the Church and how much more life and vitality there is in it than in the modern substitutes for it. We would ask our readers to continue the hearty responses that characterized Jubilee Sunday, and see if renewed life will not bring with it renewed growth for the Church in this land.

#### HURON.

Meaford.—The Rev. D. J. Caswell has received the pleasing information that there has been conferred upon him the high honour of being made a Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Chicago. Some nine years ago he passed his first examination, hoping some day to complete the course, but ill-health and busy occupation in other directions hindered. At last, however, he has received intimation that his final thesis has been accepted and the degree conferred. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is a mark of scholarship, and is only won after long and persistent study. Dr. Caswell is certainly to be congratulated upon the honour thus conferred. Last month the Bishop visited St. James' church, Euphrasia, and held an afternoon service. On the same evening services were held in Meaford. The rector presented 26 candidates for confirmation, two of whom came from Collingwood. The Bishop's addresses both before and after the ceremony were most impressive, and were listened to with the deepest interest. Altogether the service was most solemn, and to see so large a number taking upon them the solemn vows of service to Christ and encouraged thereto by the prayers of the people and the laying on of