

over-estimated; to all others who helped or any way whatever. Proceeds, \$40 for Parsonage building.

DIocese OF MONTREAL.

(From our own correspondents.)

CLERICAL HONORS.—His Lordship the Bishop has been pleased to confer the dignity of Dean on Canon Baldwin, and to create (if the press report be true) a new Archdeaconry, that of Iberville; the new title falling on a clergyman not in that district, but a city rector, Canon Evans. Two canonries are still at His Lordship's disposal by these promotions. The Bishop's appointments for the western and north-western portion of the diocese are out. He will spend nearly the entire month of July in that portion.

LONGUEUIL.—The trouble in the church at Longueuil has culminated in the resignation of the Rector, Rev. Mr. Houghton.

"All men cannot be masters,
Nor all masters truly followed."

—Shakespeare.

MONTREAL.—The Rev. Canon Carmichael has accepted the call to St. George's with one or two provisos, which will be accepted. One is that he is to have a certain number of weeks for a vacation in Europe this summer.

THE elections for the Dominion Parliament have been engrossing so much attention and time that even the Lord has been robbed of His time by even some Protestant Christians, who have been found attending political meetings on Sunday, they being the very persons, too, who plead fatigue and such like as causes for absenteeism from God's House.

BOSCABEL.—The general ordination on Trinity Sunday was held in the Church of St. John the Divine, Boscobel. This was, of course, a most unusual event for the Church-people and Christians generally of that part of the Diocese; perhaps few of the laity round about had ever seen an ordination of any sort in their lives. To such, therefore, the ceremony would be unusually instructive as well as interesting. The Archdeacon of Bedford, D. Lindsay, Rector of Waterloo, presented the candidates for Priests' Orders—the Rev. H. D. Bridge and the Rev. E. Saunders, the former Rector of Philipsburgh and the latter Incumbent of West Shefford. The Archdeacon preached the sermon, having a twofold application to the candidates and to the congregation. A Confirmation of eleven persons from Boscobel and North Ely followed. The services of the day were closed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, in which thirty-five communicants and the newly-made Priests and the confirmees partook.

ABBOTTSFORD.—This parish was, on Monday, 5th inst., occupied in the discharge of the sad but pious duty so solemnly and reverently interring the body of Miss Annie Robinson, the second surviving daughter of the incumbent. Her death was long expected, as for several years she has been afflicted. In her during all these years it can be truly said, "Patience had its perfect work." On the day of the interment every possible indication of the esteem in which she was held was manifested by old and young. The church was appropriately draped, and floral designs formed an especial feature. Six clergymen were present taking their part in the funeral services.

AT the Annual Ruri-Decanal meeting of St. Andrews it was resolved:—That we desire to place on record our sense of the great loss which we, as well as the Church at large, have sustained in the decease of the Rev. Alfred Lee, B.A., who departed this life November 9th, 1881, from sickness contracted while in the discharge of his duty. We would also express our deep sympathy with the relatives and friends in their loss, and with them unite in mourning for him as one distinguished for earnestness in the Master's service.

DIocese OF TORONTO.

(From our own correspondent.)

RURAL DEANERY OF WEST SIMCOE.—(Continued).—These latter found some beautiful lichens covered with an incrustation of lime formation, each tiny and delicate part of the plant being distinctly traceable. Soon the hampers were unpacked, an excellent luncheon (put up in the morning by the kind hostess and her daughters) was partaken of with an appetite sharpened by exercise, and all prepared to bid adieu to the Falls of Noisy River—a name never more appropriate to the stream than where the visitors were taking their departure. The carriages were again put in requisition, and amid all the delights of a day in early June—an azure sky, gentle zephyrs, gorgeous butterflies, the musical hum of insects, the sweet song of birds, the agreeable fragrance of wild flowers—the tourists returned to the Rectory. Soon the members of the Chapter bade farewell to their host and hostess, feeling that they were all the better for having enjoyed the hospitality of Claverleigh, and almost believing that an English vicarage, house, grounds, situation, family and all, had been transported across the Atlantic and set down in the woods of Canada. It was a matter of regret that Mr. Spragge had to leave before the excursion. He was invited to the parish we had just left; we know not why they wanted him there, but some of us

were given to understand that he was to be presented with a handsome gold watch as a token of the appreciation of his former parishioners.

CHURCH HILL.—The material for a new brick church is on the ground; the contract has been let, and the building is to be finished before Christmas.

MULMUR.—This mission has just become self-sustaining under the management of the Rev. E. W. Sibbald. True, it is one of the most wealthy country charges in this Diocese, yet a mission voluntarily giving up two hundred dollars a year, which it has been receiving for a long time, and also subscribing two hundred dollars more for stipend than the canon demands as a *minimum*, deserves honourable mention. At the last meeting of the Mission Board, upon the receipt of Mr. Sibbald's letter to the above effect, the following resolution was passed:—"That this Board has heard of the liberal and zealous action of the people in Mr. Sibbald's charge with extreme gratification, and hopes the excellent example set by the Mission of Rosemont in becoming self-sustaining will have many followers."

THE TORONTO SYNOD.

(Continued.)

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Synod resumed its sessions to-day at 10.30 o'clock. After routine business the question of the disfranchisement of parishes for non-payment of their assessments for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was taken up, and an earnest and animated discussion ensued. The Committee on Contested Seats, to whom the matter was referred, sought information on the subject. The solicitors had stated that such legislation, in depriving delegates of their seats, was *ultra vires*. The Chairman wished to know were they, as a court, to recognize the correctness of the solicitors' opinion and allow the seats, and so break the resolution of Synod on the subject, or should they ignore the opinion and thereby follow their former ruling? The Synod passed a resolution instructing the court to return the delegates, notwithstanding any arrears, for this year, and to submit a case to one of the secular courts for decision.

The next business was the adoption of the following reports, viz., the Clergy Trust Fund, the Rectory Lands Fund, and the report of the Mission Board. In connection with the first-named the following resolution was adopted:—"In the case of a clergyman dying during the currency of a quarter, his stipend shall be paid to his widow or children to the end of the quarter in which such death takes place." The stipends paid to 46 beneficiaries under this fund amount to over \$20,000 for the past year, and the total receipts from interest, etc., on invested capital for the same period amounts to \$22,749.80.

A very full statement of the lands owned by the Rectory of St. James, Toronto, appears for the first time this year in the Synod Reports. Difficulties have arisen in connection with the disposal of these lands on the death of the late Dean. The readers of the GUARDIAN are aware that by a statute passed in 1879 the administration of these properties is now vested in the Synod, and that the sums accruing therefrom, with the exception of \$5,000 for the salary of the Incumbent of St. James', are to be appropriated equally among the city rectors. Since the recent decisions of the Privy Council of England the provisions of the Act referred to as passed by the Local Legislature of Ontario, are called in question, and doubts exist respecting the competency of any Local Legislature to enact laws upon the subject. A special case is therefore to be referred to one of the superior courts, in order to test the matter, and application is to be made to the Ontario or Dominion House for additional legislation, in order to vest the Endowment and its management in the Synod. The annual income of St. James' Rectory from rentals is \$13,293.30, and from sales of land \$6,080.82—total \$19,374.12.

The Mission Board Report gives a gratifying statement of their financial position. The net income has increased by the sum of \$1,341.62 over last year. The total grants to the various Parishes or Missions aided by the Board, numbering in all forty, foot up the sum of \$10,435. A new scheme has been inaugurated for carrying on the work in a more systematic and effective way, by a system of monthly collections and the free distribution of Missionary literature to the various subscribers.

From one to three o'clock to-day, the balloting for the Executive Committee took up the time of the Synod.

(To be continued.)

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

HAMILTON.—The Reverend Canon Carmichael has accepted the appointment to the Rectory of St. George's Church, Montreal, and intends entering on his new duties on the 1st of October.

THE SYNOD OF ONTARIO.

(Continued.)

(From our own correspondent.)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 7th June.

On reassembling several reports of special committees, mostly on matters of only parochial interest, were received.

Some discussion was caused by a motion to send a me-

morial to the Provincial Legislature, protesting against its giving power to the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School in Toronto to confer degrees in Divinity.

Accounts differ as to the actual result of the discussion: but no very great interest seems to have been roused on the subject. Still the general idea appears to have been sustained that the Local Legislature ought not to grant such powers except at the request of the Ecclesiastical authorities.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Rev. G. Metzler of the Diocese of Nova Scotia was welcomed to a seat in the House.

Several reports of committees were passed without discussion.

An amendment to a motion of Rev. Rural Dean Lewis in relation to the rent of St. George's Hall and Synod offices referred the matter to the Executive Committee for adjustment. It was felt that the rent, taxes, etc., at present paid (some \$250) was too much, and Rural Dean Lewis wished to limit it to \$120. It may be found that a mean between the two sum will be fairer to all parties.

Mr. James Reynolds, of Trinity Church, Brockville, supported by Judge Macdonald of St. Peter's, in the same town, advocated what I have long thought we should have to come to in the interests of our Mission Fund, viz., the appointment of a permanent Mission Agent to attend missionary meetings all through the Diocese. The lively remarks about the general character of the speeches at said meetings made by clerical delegates induced the Bishop to suppress further discussion; but the motion that the subject be taken into consideration by the Board was carried.

There was an animated debate on a motion of Rev. Rural Dean Lewis, asking for a committee to find out some way of defraying the debt on the Assessment Fund, caused by the aberration of intellect (temporary only, we all hope) of the late Secretary, instead of taking the amount out of the other funds of the Synod. The Bishop supported the Rural Dean, declaring that it was time that the system of taxing the clergy for the benefit of the Diocese should be put an end to. Mr. R. T. Walkem, Q.C., retorted that the laity paid their full share of the expenses of the Synod,—an assertion which he would hardly have ventured to make had he known a little more of the condition of affairs in the best of our country parishes.

The last sensation of this unusually excited session was caused by a motion to increase the Clerical Secretary's salary by \$200, and an amendment introduced by Rural Dean Lewis to the effect that the amount of increase should be raised by adding to the assessment of the parishes.

Again Mr. Lewis and Mr. Walkem came into conflict, and quite a scene was caused by the former charging the latter for not having done his duty better as Auditor for twelve years. Some of the clergy repudiated the charge of Mr. Lewis and defended Mr. Walkem: but no one is reported as explaining in what respect the charge was unjust. The amendment was lost.

After the usual votes of thanks and the singing of the Doxology, his Lordship the Bishop dismissed the Synod with his blessing.

DIocese OF RUPERT'S LAND.

Editorial Correspondence.

ORDINATION.—The Most Rev. the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land held an ordination in St. Peter's, Dynevor, last Sunday morning, when the Rev. H. T. Canham, who leaves shortly for work in the far north, under the Bishop of Athabasca, was advanced to the priesthood, and Mr. P. Badger, formerly catechist at Grand Rapids, but for some time past a divinity student at St. John's College, was ordained deacon. The candidates were presented to His Lordship by the Ven. Abraham Cowly, D.D., Archdeacon of Cumberland. The Rev. B. Mackenzie, Incumbent of St. Peter's, assisted in the service. The attendance was unusually large, and there were 15 communicants. In the afternoon at 3 p. m. the Bishop instituted the Rev. N. C. Martin to the Incumbency of St. Clement's, Mapleton, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. A. E. Cowley, who resigned last fall to take the Rectory of St. James. His Lordship preached at both services. The Rev. P. Badger will return to Grand Rapids in the course of a few days. At the confirmation held at St. John's Cathedral, Whit-Sunday, there were twenty-four candidates, viz.: Seven from St. John's College Ladies' school, and seventeen from the St. John's College and school.

WINNIPEG.—*Christ Church.*—A handsome stained glass window from Elliott & Son, Toronto, has been put in as the centre light of the east window by the Rev. F. W. Mercer in memory of his father. The subject is "Christ blessing little children." It is the first subject window introduced into the North-West. Since the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Pentreath the seats have been made free, Hymns A. & M. introduced, and the pledge and envelope system adopted, and a number of families added. A successful conversazione has been held by the members of the congregation in aid of the General Hospital, which realized \$300. This amount has been expended by the ladies of Christ Church in much-needed fittings for the comfort of the patients. The musical talent in Winnipeg is excellent, and the programme was a very good one. A peculiarity of the evening's proceedings was the gift of two lots in aid of the Hospital, which were sold by auction. One was bought by Mr. H. S. Crotty, in Tisdale for \$30, and deeded in trust to the Rector for his little daughter, who is still in Moncton. The next day Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mercer gave Mr. Pentreath two lots in Nelsonville. This is mentioned to show the kindness of the people to their clergyman.