

The Synod of Huron.

The Synod of the Diocese met in the Cronyn Hall, London, on Tuesday, June 20th, His Lordship the bishop being present, together with the clergy of the diocese and about 250 lay delegates. As a whole the Synod was remarkable for its reformatory spirit and the determination evinced to render the agencies of the church practical. The peteunial wrangling over canons was conspicuous by its absence, and some positive steps were taken to further the work of the church. Four committees are of especial importance and may result in great good: (1) The committee regarding the Clergy Maintenance and Mission Fund, with the following instruction for consideration. (1) The adoption of a system of assessment or allotment for raising diocesan funds, so as to avoid the present multiplicity of collections; (2) The division of the Clergy Maintenance and Mission Fund into two distinct funds, so that money contributed for missions may go without question for that purpose; (3) The adoption of a certain scale in making grants to parishes, whereby the grants shall be diminished annually or otherwise, thus affording a stimulus to make Parishes self-supporting.

2. The Committee appointed to investigate the causes which hinder the growth of the Church in this diocese from being as rapid as we could wish, and to suggest some means of furthering the aggressive work of the Church.

3. The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of dividing the present diocese into two.

4. The Committee on Education - to inquire into the educational requirements of the diocese, and thus help if possible to supply a greater number of and better equipped Clergy.

Let us hope that the committees will at once begin their work earnestly and thoroughly and that the guidance of the Holy Spirit be with them in their endeavors.

General Parish News.

Mr and Mrs. Buckingham left Stratford on June 29th, and sailed from New York on July 1st, on a visit to Mr. Buckingham's early haunts in the old-land.

Mr. and Mrs. Plummer (of the Bank of Montreal) have left for a two-months' holiday up in the neighborhood of Sault Sainte Marie. Previous to their departure they presented two nicely-finished oak alms' plates for use in the Chapel.

W. T. Butler brother of R. E. Butler, Front St. has come to reside in the city, and is a decided acquisition to the congregation. He is an energetic Sunday School worker, and has already taken a class in our Sunday School. He has taken up his residence with his family on Front St., near Doure. A hearty welcome is extended to them.

We grieve to state that Mr. Mitchell, Elizabeth St., and Mr. Steet and Mrs. Allen, Coburg St., are very low. Let us remember them in our prayers to the Father of all mercies and God of all comfort.

The Rural Deanery of Perth met on Wednesday, May 31st, at St. James' Vestry. No delegates were present except from Millbank. Still a useful and interesting session was the result.

The sick members of the congregation mentioned in our last issue, are, with the exception of Johnston Abraham, all progressing towards recovery.

The Sunday School Convention for the County of Perth, will be held on July 6th, in the town of Mitchell. Let all who can be present.

The Confirmation will be held on Sunday, July 23rd, in St. James' Church. Over 60 candidates are now preparing for it.

We call especial attention to the article under the heading "Some Unique Features of the Church of England" which appeared in the May number of this magazine on page 187. In fact all the articles under that heading deserve the most careful perusal.

There are two points which we would like all good churchmen to remember, one during the summer months, the other for all time. First, let not the height of the mercury in the thermometer prevent us from attending church. It will be interesting to watch how many of these absenting themselves from Church on account of the heat on Sunday will be absent also from their business or work on Monday. Secondly, let us remember that the services of the church are meant for all the Congregation. No person has made any prayer his own unless he has said Amen, nor can we shelter ourselves behind the responses of others. There is no such thing as worshipping by proxy.