

Lord Bishop then addressed the convention, reviewing the history of the movement from its inception, and stating the needs in the Church of active co-operation on the part of the laity. The address, which was a very able one, was listened to with interest throughout and frequently applauded. The afternoon session was then devoted to the consideration of the following resolutions:

I. Moved by Mr. James Woods, of Galt, seconded by Rev. R. McCosh, and supported by Mr. Dymond. "That this convention is deeply impressed with the conviction that the more general participation of the laity in the spiritual work of the Church is demanded alike by her needs and the duty of her members to the Supreme Head."

II. Moved by Mr. W. J. Imlach, seconded by Rev. J. C. Farthing. "That it is expedient that in every parish, where practicable, youths and young men be associated together in guilds and other societies, and that such definite work be assigned to them by the clergymen or vestry as they may from time to time be suitably required to perform." This resolution was supported by Mr. Frank DuMoulin, Toronto, who explained the principles and organization of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

III. Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. A. J. Wilkes, "That an association be formed of the male lay workers of the diocese for the purpose of mutual correspondence and co-operation, to meet annually at such place or places as may be hereafter determined upon."

The resolutions were all passed after able discussion, and the meeting then adjourned to re-assemble at 8 o'clock.

The evening session was devoted to the consideration and adoption, as amended, of the proposed constitution. This constitution was read clause by clause, by Mr. Dymond, and finally adopted after a protracted discussion, on motion of Mr. Dymond, seconded by Rev. W. A. Young.

The following is the constitution:

1. The name of the Association shall be "The Huron Anglican Lay Worker's Association."

2. The following being communicants, shall be eligible for membership:

(a) All laymen acting as lay readers, or assisting regularly or occasionally in the services of the Church.

(b) All laymen acting as Bible class or Sunday school teachers.

(c) Lay delegates to Synod.

(d) Churchwardens, sidesmen and ushers.

(e) Members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Church Guilds, or other parochial associations of young men, and generally any laymen actively participating in Church work.

3. The clergy shall, *ex officio*, be members.

4. The Bishop and Dean shall, *ex officio*, be respectively president and vice-president of the association.

5. With the exception of the Bishop and Dean, the officers of the association shall be laymen.

6. The officers of the association shall form a committee of management, and in addition to the president and vice-president, who shall be members of the committee *ex officio*, shall be as follows:

A chairman, a secretary and treasurer, thirteen committee men, one being chosen from each rural deanery.

7. The duties of the committee of management shall be more particularly as follows:

(1) To keep a register of members of the association, specifying the particular branch of Church work in which they are severally engaged, and indicating who, of the lay readers, are licensed by the Bishop.

(2) To encourage by correspondence or otherwise the more general participation of the laity in the spiritual and temporal work of the Church, and the formation of local societies having that end in view.

(3) To make a report annually to the association.

(4) To arrange work for the association at its annual meeting.

(5) To present a concise report of the work of the association to the Synod.

8. The committee shall meet in London in the months of March, June and October, and at such other times and places as may be necessary at the call of the chair. Five shall form a quorum.

9. The association shall meet in the month of October annually at such place as the committee of management may appoint for the transaction, particularly, of the following business:

(a) To receive the report of the committee of management.

(b) To elect officers for the ensuing year.

(c) To read and discuss papers bearing on the subject of lay work.

10. The constitution may be amended at any time by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at the annual meeting.

11. All proceedings of the association or committee of management shall be subject to the approval of the Bishop.

Resolutions asking for Synodical recognition of the newly formed association and recommending

that the Bishop, under Canon IX, license all laymen regularly or frequently assisting in the services of the Church, were carried.

The following gentlemen were then elected officers under the constitution, in addition to the President and Vice-President: Chairman, A. H. Dymond, Brantford; Sec. Treas., Joseph Lea, St. Thomas.

Rural deanery.	Committee Men.	Post Office.
Brant	A. K. Bunnell	Brantford.
Bruce	E. A. Goodeve	Hanover.
Elgin	W. Scarlett	St. Thomas.
Essex	Joseph Golden	Kingsville.
Grey	John Robinson	Owen Sound.
Huron	T. O. Kemp	Seaforth.
Kent	Thos. Burnside	Bothwell.
Lambton	C. J. Kingston	Warwick.
Middlesex	V. Cronyn	London.
Norfolk	J. T. Christie	Simcoe.
Oxford	S. Woodroffe	Woodstock.
Perth	W. B. Waterbury	Seaforth.
Waterloo	James Woods	Galt.

The Bishop having thanked those present for their attendance, dismissed the convention with the Benediction.

LISTOWEL.—*Christ Church.*—The annual Easter Vestry of Christ Church was held on Monday evening, there being a fair attendance. Rev. J. F. Parke, rector, presided. The treasurer's financial statement, also statements of the Sunday School, Guild and special committee appointed for liquidating the floating debt of the church, were read, the reports being very satisfactory. Over \$1,500 had been raised for all purposes during the past year, and the floating debt, amounting to about \$850, is practically wiped off. Altogether the church has been making rapid progress. The old wardens have signified their intention of retiring. Mr. J. A. Tanner was elected people's warden, and Mr. F. E. Kilvert was chosen rector's warden. The former sidesmen, namely, Messrs. John Campbell, John Forbes, C. Taberner and Chas. Coghlin, were re-elected; Messrs. R. Martin and A. J. Collins were elected lay delegates to Synod. Messrs. R. Martin and John Bamford were appointed auditors.

ST. MARYS.—A nine days' mission has been held here by the Rev. A. Morphy, of Chatham, the service being conducted by the Rector. There were two gatherings daily. The Bible readings each afternoon were very helpful. The attendance, good from the first, steadily increased. On the Sunday there were three services, that in the afternoon being for men only, when searching and solemn words were addressed to the large gathering by both speakers. The Rev. Mr. Morphy's sermon on "Purity" was a wise and forcible one. In the evening the church was crowded, and nearly half the congregation stayed to the after meeting. Through the week there were well attended services, and at the close on Friday the largest gathering of all. Those who, during the mission, had given their hearts to God, and all those who were already His, were invited by the Rector to join in a Dedication Hymn, and the scene was a touching and solemn one. The services closed with the celebration of the Holy Communion, the number of communicants being the largest this church has yet had. The mission has been owned and blessed of God to the reclaiming of some, and the refreshing of many.

BERLIN.—Mrs. Tilley, of London, visited Berlin on Tuesday, April 28th, and met the members of the W. A. M. A., and junior branch, at four o'clock in the afternoon. She gave a most interesting account of missions, and dwelt forcibly on the claims of our brethren in the North-West, and the crying needs of the heathen world. At an appropriate interval, the children presented her with a choice basket of wild flowers, the first of the season, gathered with no little difficulty by willing hands, prompted by loving hearts; Mrs. Tilley gratefully appreciated the kindly and thoughtful act. There was an expressed desire on the part of many members of the W. A. M. A. to learn something of the working and benefits of the association of the King's Daughters. Mrs. Tilley, who is organizing secretary for the order, promised to explain the matter at the rectory in the evening; a good number attended, and after her explanation, a circle, consisting of eleven members, was formed. The circle will meet once a month. The subject for the next meeting is "Prayer"; each lady will come prepared to give a text on the subject, and one of the members, Mrs. Suddaby, will read a paper illustrating it.

ALGOMA.

ASPDIN.—The Rev. H. P. Lowe, priest-in-charge of the Aspdin Mission, desires gratefully to acknowledge the following donations to the fund for erecting a Parsonage for the Mission, per Miss Wilson, Fountain Cottage, Windermere, England: Mrs. Jeffray,

£5; Mrs. Hamilton, £2; Mrs. Venn, £1; Mrs. King and the Misses King, £3; Mrs. Jeffray's maid, 5s.; Miss Jane Wilson, £5; Miss Wilson, £8; total, £24 5s. Collected by Miss Morse, Gale Lodge, Ambleside: Miss Morse, £20; Miss Smith, £5; Mrs. Fletcher, £2; total, £27; Grand total, £51 5s.

RUPERT'S LAND.

MIDDLEBURY.—The Rev. W. A. Burman acknowledges with grateful thanks the following contributions: St. Anne's, Toronto, \$11.44, per D. Kemp, Esq.; St. Martin's S. S., Montreal, \$17; a member of St. Martin's, \$3, per Rev. O. Troop; Hawkesbury W. A. M., from a member, per Mrs. Phillips, \$1. Clothing has been shipped to us by the W. A. M. branches of Hawkesbury, St. Matthew's, Quebec, and St. Simon's, Toronto, which we hope to receive in due course.

QU'APPELLE.

MEDICINE HAT.—Rev. E. F. Wilson, who arrived from the east last week, brought the pleasing intelligence that the Federal Government has placed \$7,000 in the estimates for the Medicine Hat Indian Industrial School—\$5,000 for construction and \$2,000 for maintenance. A meeting of representatives of the church was held in the clergy house on Tuesday, at which officers and committees were elected and a constitution drawn up. The committee to act as an advisory council consists of: President, the Bishop of Qu'Appelle; secretary, Rev. G. N. Dobie; Rev. J. M. Tims, Judge Macleod, and Messrs. Cochrane and Dooley. The school is expected to open in July.

CALGARY.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Calgary was held on Thursday, 16th ult., when the following members were present, the bishop in the chair: Rev. A. W. F. Cooper, secretary; and Messrs. J. P. J. Jephson and W. Pearce. A considerable amount of routine business was transacted. A report received by the bishop from the church wardens of Edmonton showed a very satisfactory condition of affairs in the parish. The thanks of the committee were given to the Rev. Leo Gaetz for his offer of a grant of three lots on the Red Deer townsite for the erection of a church. The bishop stated that the Rev. C. Ingles, M.A., rector of St. Mark's, Parkdale, in the diocese of Toronto, was coming to take three months duty in the diocese of Calgary, and it was decided that he should be stationed at the Red Deer Settlement. He is expected to arrive about the middle of May. A letter was read from Lady Adela Cochrane, to the bishop, mentioning that she had collected a sum of £136, for a church at Mitford, and it is expected that with some other funds which are available, the building will be erected this summer. The bishop informed the committee that he had accepted the resignation of the Rev. J. T. Pritchard, who has been for the past three years incumbent of St. Augustine's, Lethbridge. The congregation there is now self-supporting, and at the adjourned Easter meeting of the congregation the appointment of the new rector was by a unanimous vote of the meeting left with the bishop, the wardens and vestry being appointed a committee of correspondence with his lordship in reference to the matter. Mr. Pritchard will remain in charge of the parish until his successor is appointed. It was decided to hold the meeting of the synod of the diocese in the fall, some time between Oct. 20th and Dec. 10th.

British and Foreign.

Mission Notes.

NEW ZEALAND.—The natives of the New Zealand Islands have now become completely Christianized. Bishop Stuart says that the number of native clergy is quite three times what it was a few years since, and that they are supported by the contributions of their own people.

Fiji Islands.—Rev. James Calvert, in proof of the success of missions, says: "When I arrived in Fiji, my first duty was to bury the hands, arms, feet and heads of eighteen victims whose bodies had been roasted and eaten in a cannibal feast. I lived to see those very cannibals who had taken part in that inhuman feast, gather about the Lord's table."

JAPAN.—The Rev. H. C. Swentzel has declined the missionary bishopric of Yedo, in succession to Bishop Williams, feeling that owing to the reorganization of the Church in Japan, and the present state of affairs, it is the part of prudence to await developments and further information before the vacancy is