

at the farthest), and then, should there have been any abrasion or unpleasantness between the pastor and his flock, a separation could be made without any expression of opinion on either side. The appointment would lapse from the term being fulfilled, and both clergyman and people would be free to make other arrangements more suitable to themselves. This would not of course prevent a clergyman having his term indefinitely prolonged, or even rendered permanent if such an arrangement was mutually desired. It would only render it unlikely that either party would complain if there were about to be a separation, and, on the other hand, it would almost necessitate an expression of good will if a prolongation of the term were earnestly desired. If I am correctly informed, the average duration of a pastorate is extremely short, and, as matters are at present, changes are too often effected under the most distressing and painful circumstances. I cannot, therefore, but think that some such alteration as this proposed, even if it did not meet all the exigencies of the case, would at least be productive of immediate and permanent good."

His Lordship expressed a strong desire for the formation in every parish of his Diocese of a branch of the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association, referring to the great work done by the Women's Auxiliary of the P. E. Church of the United States, and pointing out the work that these organizations might do in aiding North-West Missions, Algoma, and purely Diocesan work.

Referring to the Diocesan Evangelist, Rev. Pierre de Lom, he bore testimony to his self-sacrificing and tireless labors; "anything to exceed his earnestness and zeal could hardly be imagined."

After referring to the changes in the Clerical staff of the Diocese, he gave his Episcopal Acts as follows:—

Ordinations—To the Diaconate: Rev. I. C. Farthing, B.A., Cantab, Eng., appointed to Durham; Rev. A. F. Burt, appointed to Alvinston; Rev. W. H. Wade, appointed to Burford; Rev. T. H. Brown, appointed to Merlin; Rev. Richard Shaw, appointed to Teeswater and Lucknow.

Confirmation Services—Twenty-one, at which 528 candidates have been confirmed.

Consecration Services—Two: St. Paul's Church, Duart, and Cemetery at Stratford.

From the Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30th April, 1886, it appears that there was an increase of \$1,463 over the total receipts of previous year; but over \$1,000 has been lost to the general income through want of regularity, omissions or taking up the annual subscriptions.

The total receipts for Diocesan Missionary work exceed those of last year by \$1,561.87, but there remains a debt of \$4,916.48—a slight increase during the year. Referring to the Bishop's Commissioner, the Executive Committee say:—

THE BISHOP'S COMMISSIONER.

Under the powers contained in the canons relating to the reorganization and assessment of parishes and missions, the Bishop, at the unanimous request of the Executive Committee, appointed the Rev. W. A. Young as his Commissioner for the purposes of the canons. The appointment commenced from Nov. 1, 1885, although some small part of the work had been done previously under a Provisional Commission. The extent and importance of this much needed work will be best appreciated by a careful consideration of the following statistics: During the period of about eight months some 105 stations have been visited, inspected and reported on; a list of these is appended. It will thus appear that 14 new stations have been opened, four new mission parishes have been organized, and eight parishes formerly receiv-

ing grants from the Mission Fund became self-supporting.

The Committee, from that experience of the results of this work already in full operation, feel justified in the opinion that a very large annual saving must be effected when the whole of the diocese shall have been thoroughly inspected by the Commissioner. The gratifying evidence of this will be seen in the printed accounts of the stipend assessments already paid into the Synod Office. The result so far obtained show that an approximate reduction of the annual grants from the Mission Fund, hitherto required for the places already visited will amount to about \$3,500. If this important work can be carried out to an equally successful issue throughout the Diocese, it will enable the Synod to provide the means of spiritual ministrations to many necessitous places; to relieve the Mission Fund of its present burden of debt, and eventually, and at no distant date, render it possible that the available funds of the Synod may be applied to the much needed augmentation of the stipends of the senior clergy who shall be deemed entitled to the same. The Executive Committee would urgently appeal to the loyal co-operation and support of the clergy and laity of the Diocese bring the work of reorganization and assessment to a successful completion.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The receipts of the year have been:

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| For Algoma, including \$700 Bishop's stipend..... | \$950.61 |
| For Saskatchewan..... | 127.06 |
| For Northwest..... | 42.35 |
| Ascensiontide appeal..... | 675.46 |
| Muncey Parsonage..... | 5.00 |
| | \$1,800.48 |

Being \$162.43 less than the previous year.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The receipts of this Fund are \$106.66 less than those of the previous year. This decrease may be partly accounted for by the fact that, Good Friday falling at so late a date, very few of the collections made on that day for the Jews were paid into the Synod before the closing of the books.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Pensions amounting to \$5,054 were paid to twenty-eight widows. There are now twenty-six on the list.

The Fund continues to be in a most prosperous condition. A legacy of \$2,000 was received from the estate of the late Francis Byfield, of Mount Pleasant, County Brant. From the surplus of the General Fund, after paying all the claims on it, \$500 was transferred to the capital account.

The total capital is now \$60,215.30.

THE SEE HOUSE.

The house has been completed, and is now occupied by the Bishop, and the residence will be known henceforth as "Bishopstowe." The sum of \$12,000 had been expended up to the close of the financial year; but the whole amount of the estimated expenditure will be required, and an additional sum of \$500 is asked for by the Building Committee in order to complete the necessary improvements on the grounds. This amount the Executive Committee recommend the Synod to grant. This will bring the total expenditure to \$15,000.

The subscriptions are coming in slowly, but it is hoped that this year the parishes will begin to send in their assessments in a more systematic manner.

SUPERANNUATION.

Pensions amounting to \$4,863.40 were paid during the year. There are now thirteen clergymen on the list.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE.

The controversy which has existed for a number of years between the Rev. Mr. Wright

and the Synod, and between that gentleman and Mr. Reed (Secretary), occupied a good deal of the time of the Synod, but was brought to a satisfactory and happy termination on Thursday afternoon by the adoption, unanimously, of the following resolution:—

Moved by A. H. Dymond, seconded by R. Bayly—That whereas the Rev. J. T. Wright having agreed that being satisfied with the explanation of Mr. E. B. Reed as to certain matters affecting his (Mr. Wright's) proceedings in the suit of Wright vs. Huron, he (Mr. Wright) will and does fully exonerate Mr. Reed from any imputations and charges affecting Mr. Reed's honor and good faith, and Mr. Wright having further agreed to drop absolutely all further litigation with the said matter, and to pay the sum of \$100 in discharge of costs by him to the Synod under the judgment of the Courts, and to treat all questions between him and the Synod as at an end, the Synod hereby accept the proposals of Mr. Wright in the interests of peace and good will, and desires to express its profound satisfaction that this painful controversy is now happily terminated.

Not only does the resolution settle the Wright and Huron case, but completely clears up all the charges made against Mr. E. B. Reed by Mr. Wright, both of these matters and all troubles relating thereto being absolutely buried forever.

Subsequently the clause having reference to costs being payable to Mr. Wright was unanimously struck out.

The following Canon to amend clause 10 of the Constitution was, after considerable discussion carried:—1. To insert the following after the word "respectively," at the end of the first clause, "in the absence of the Bishop he may appoint, in writing, a member of the Executive Committee to act as his Deputy in the chair, and, failing such appointment, the Committee shall elect a chairman for the sitting from the members present." 2. To strike out the words "it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to manage all the funds which were held by the Church Society, and administer the same in accordance with the canons of the Synod," and to substitute the following, "it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to manage and administer all the funds, lands and property of the Synod of what kind or nature soever, and generally to exercise all the powers and functions of the Synod, except those of a legislative character, in accordance with the constitution and canons thereof, without further or other authority from the Synod than is herein contained, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as the Synod can or may do."

Delegates to the Provincial Synod.—Clerical: Revs. Messrs. Canon Innes, Canon Hincks, Canon Richardson, G. G. Ballard, F. Harding, G. C. McKenzie, Evans Davis, Principal Fowell, Canon Smith, W. A. Young, Canon Hill, Canon Mulholland. Substitutes: Archdeacon Elwood, F. R. Davis, R. S. Cooper, Ven. Archdeacon Sandys. Lay: R. Bayly, E. B. Reed, A. H. Dymond, V. Cronyn, R. Fox, H. Crotty, N. Currie, W. Grey, W. H. Eakins, G. H. Golding, R. Martin and Dr. T. Bradley; substitutes: J. Golden, E. O. Ermatinger, W. J. Imlach and R. S. Gurd.

The Sunday-school Committee made the following recommendations, which were adopted and referred to the Executive Committee for action: 1. The establishment of a Diocesan Sunday-school Association. This they would recommend should be of very simple organization, no fees being necessary for membership, except such as may be required for each school desiring to participate in any special advantages the association may be able to offer. 2. The establishment of a permanent depositary for library books, and also for selected and approved appliances, such as reward cards, roll books, maps, &c. 3. The establishment of a Sunday-school Conference, biennial or triennial. 4. The establishment of local associations to