

dreadful mangle and mixings and mutilations to which they are now exposed. We are not now speaking of Christ's Church in its quality as a parish church; in this respect whatever pleases the parishioners need not displease others, but tens of thousands of dollars were collected for it, not for the parish church but for the cathedral, and those who contributed these tens of thousands ought not to be found fault with if they complain somewhat of being sold.

DEANERY OF BEDFORD.—The annual meeting was held at Bedford on the 5th inst. Rural Dean Musson in the chair. Archdeacon Lindsay and Canons Robinson and Ganson were also present, as well as Rev. Messrs. Smith, Nye, Longhurst, Robinson, Degrouchy, Abbott, I. Roy, E. Roy, Lewis, Renaud, Allan, Ker, Thicke, Constantine, Merrick, and Garland, (secretary). A motion to divide the deanery was lost by the casting vote of the chairman. On Canon Davidson's motion the question comes up again as first business at next meeting. Reports from parishes were considered one by one; in some cases no collections were made for the mission fund, and to these the special attention of the bishop is to be called, in the hope that he may find a means of curing this somewhat common irregularity.

A Good Sign.—The executive committee of this diocese has agreed to recommend Synod to make the following grants by way of bonus to the missionary clergy. Rev. Mr. Merrick, \$50; Rev. Mr. Chambers, \$100; Rev. Mr. Clayton, \$100; Rev. Mr. Abbott, \$100; Rev. Mr. Naylor, \$100; Rev. Mr. Summers, \$30; Rev. Mr. Rollitt, \$50; Rev. Mr. Evans, \$150; Rev. Mr. Dart, \$100; Rev. Mr. DeGruchy, \$100; Rev. Mr. Scully, \$50; Rev. Mr. Boyd, \$50; Rev. Mr. Fuller, \$80; Rev. Mr. Cattermole, \$50; Rev. Mr. Lockhart, \$100; Rev. Mr. Brown, \$100; Rev. Mr. Garland, \$100; Widow of the late Rural Dean Robinson, \$100. These amounts are over and above the salaries paid in each case. After paying everything due there was a balance to the credit of our Diocesan Mission Fund at 21st May of over 4,000. A sum of \$2,000 was added to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund during the year, and to the Superannuation Fund about \$10,000, and \$10,000 was added to the endowment of the Diocesan Theological College. The following are the amounts which now stand to the credit of our various funds.—Clergy Trust Fund, \$56,500; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, \$60,535; Sustentation Fund for payment of salaries of missionaries, \$101,800; Superannuation Fund, \$16,000; Episcopal Endowment, (Bishop's salary), \$90,364; Total \$324,699. You see we are not so badly off in the Diocese of Montreal after all.

IN MEMORIAM.—The Church is just now mourning the loss of two of her prominent laymen long connected with this diocese viz., Doctor E. Scott, and N. S. Whitney, Esq., Montreal. These gentlemen were attached and loyal sons of the Church of England, and they gave freely of their means and of their time to the advancement of her interests. At the meeting of the Executive Committee on 11th inst. the following resolution was adopted.—Moved by the Very Rev. the Dean, seconded by Mr. Thos. White, that the Executive Committee having heard with the deepest sorrow of the death of its late members, W. E. Scott, M.D., N. S. Whitney, Esq., and W. B. Simpson, Esq., desires to express their high appreciation of their work and character and to offer their Christian sympathy to the widows of the deceased in their severe and unexpected bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the widows of the deceased. Carried.

SYNOD.—Before this letter appears in the DOMINION CHURCHMAN our diocesan Synod will have assembled (and dispersed) in annual Synod. The meeting promises to be a useful, and quiet, and happy one as indeed all our meetings in this diocese are. Party feeling is dead and gone, high, and low, and ritualist, are learning to understand each other, and where they cannot applaud to hold their tongue. In the matter of intelligent Churchmanship this diocese is growing apace and growing in every district. *Laus Deo.*

ONTARIO.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—The Synod of the Diocese of Ontario met in St. George's Hall, Kingston, Tuesday evening, June 12th, at 7:30 o'clock. There was a large attendance of clergy, but the laity was only thinly represented. The service was a choral one, and the sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Burke, of Belleville. The Synod then met in St. George's Hall, and the Rev. A. Spencer was appointed clerical secretary, R. N. Rogers, lay secretary, and R. M. Moore, treasurer. **The Bishop's address.**—The Bishop congratulated the Synod upon an increase in numbers confirmed, and

upon the liberality shown to the mission fund. There was, however, cause for regret that the Church numerically was not growing as did other religious bodies. "He, however, did not estimate a church by numbers only, but rather by the intensity with which her members held her doctrines." On that ground the Bishop was very hopeful. In 21 years the churches in the diocese had increased from 69 to 171. The area of the diocese was stated to be larger than Scotland. The want of a See house was pressed on the Synod as not unreasonable after his 21 years of service.

A debate then took place on the Mission Fund, but resulted in no practical step being taken.

The Committee upon the Division of the Diocese submitted the boundaries of the Archdeaconries as the most expedient separation. The Ottawa Diocese to consist of the counties of Carleton, Dundas, Glengarry, Lanark, Prescott, Renfrew, Russell, and Stormont, with 42 clergymen and 42,983 church people. The Kingston Diocese to consist of Addington, Lennox, Hastings, Frontenac, Prince Edward, and Leeds and Grenville, with 52 clergymen and 42,338 of a church population. The report recommended a standing committee upon the subject, and that application be made to the Provincial Synod for separation.

The first business on the re-assembling of the Synod at three o'clock, was the election of members to the Mission Board and delegates to the Provincial Synod. These were the results:

Mission Board.—Clerical List—Revs. G. W. White, E. P. Crawford, A. C. Nesbitt, E. H. M. Baker, F. W. Kirkpatrick, J. W. Burke, J. J. Bogert, and A. W. Cooke.

Lay List.—Messrs. James Reynolds, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Jas. Shannon, A. J. Mathieson, J. B. McGuin, E. H. Smythe, H. Hartney, and E. Rose.

The Bishop nominated the same members who served last year. He said he saw that the elected members were the same with one exception.

Delegates to the Provincial Synod.—Clerical List—Archd. Jones; Revs. J. W. Burke, J. J. Bogert, G. W. White, Archd. Lauder; Revs. A. Spencer, F. W. Kirkpatrick, A. C. Nesbitt, J. G. Low, C. B. Pettit, W. Lewin, and E. H. M. Baker. Substitutes—Revs. E. P. Crawford, E. P. Emery, K. L. Jones, W. B. Carey, H. Pollard, R. Lewis.

Lay List.—Dr. Henderson, Messrs. R. T. Walkem, J. Reynolds, R. V. Rogers, Judge Macdonald, Dr. Wilson, J. Shannon, A. J. Mathieson, S. Keefer, Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, D. Collins, and H. Hartney. Substitutes—Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, Judge Senkler, Messrs. Dumbrie, W. T. Benson, D. F. Jones, and Judge Carman.

On the evening of Synod the Bishop delivered a very powerful address on "Agnosticism," which we hope to have the opportunity of making extended extracts from in a later number.

BELLEVEILLE.—St. Thomas' Church.—The Bishop of Ontario held a Confirmation in this church on Ascension Day. The morning was unfavourable, but a good congregation assembled at 10 a.m. Some 200 probably were present, 22 candidates (four males and eighteen females) were presented by the Rev. J. W. Burke, rector, and five by Rev. R. S. Forneri, of St. John's Church. The chancel was nicely but moderately decorated with flowers. The Rev. E. W. Sibbald, curate of Christ Church, was also present in the chancel. The Bishop as on former occasions was seated at entrance of chancel, and administered the Holy Rite to the candidates, who came forward two and two. After laying on of hands the Bishop gave one of his excellent and practical addresses. The Holy Communion was then celebrated and all the candidates and a good many besides communicated. One of the candidates was a deaf and dumb girl, who had been prepared by the kind assistance of Mr. Greene, one of the Professors of Deaf and Dumb Institute, under the direction of the Rector. The offertory at this service was for the Algoma mission. On the evening of the following day, Friday, 4th May, the Bishop of Algoma gave an address in behalf of his diocese, at the evening service at 8 p.m. A congregation of about 180 (not so bad for a week day service in Belleville) assembled, and all were greatly pleased and we trust edified by the Bishop's discourse. The offertory was a little over \$20, and the good Bishop seemed much pleased with his reception and the results of his visit.

SHANNONVILLE.—The Bishop of Ontario left Belleville on Wednesday evening and held a Confirmation at Shannonville on the morning of Friday, 4th May. Seven males and seven females received the Holy Rite, and here we may remark as very creditable to the faithful labours of the incumbent, Rev. A. F. Echlin, that only a year ago a Confirmation was held in this mission. We may remark in passing that we wish the practice of Annual Confirmations was more common, as it would have the effect of drawing attention to the necessity and blessing of the Apostolic Ordination, and many who now from various causes neglect or despise it, might be brought to

know its grace and to go on to enjoy and use the full blessings of the Church.

LANARK.—We are glad to say that steps are being taken to raise money to paint Lanark Church and carpet the chancel.

BALDERSON.—The question of a new church is being discussed at Balderston.

INNISVILLE.—A Band of Hope has been organized at Innisville. Forty names are already on the roll. It promises to be a great success. The Incumbent evinces deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the young. They are well catechised. Miss E. Lester presented on behalf of the congregation twenty-three dollars to the incumbent, Rev. D. V. Gwilym, on May 27th. He has been the recipient of over a hundred and fifty dollars in presents since his appointment to the mission of Lanark in April, 1881—a practical proof of the respect in which he is held by his people. The people are kind and warm-hearted. All financial obligations are fulfilled with a commendable liberality and punctuality.

THE REV. FORSTER BLISS travelling missionary on the Upper Ottawa, gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a fine linen surplice, and altar linen, the gift of the Churchwomen's Aid Society of Toronto, through the kindness of its secretary Mr. O'Reilly.

TORONTO.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

For the first time in the history of this Diocese a service was held befitting the dignity and solemnity of the occasion—the meeting of the Diocesan Synod. Morning prayer was said in St. James' Church on the 12th inst., which was attended by a very large congregation, extraordinarily so when we consider the time is most inconvenient for the citizens of a busy place like Toronto. The choirs of Holy Trinity, St. Lukes, St. Matthias and All Saints, with contingents from other choirs, numbering about one hundred, followed by a number of the clergy, entered the Cathedral, all in surplices, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," the effect being as beautiful as it was becoming. The Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A., precentor of the Synod, and the Rev. Professor Clark, M.A., intoned the service, the lessons being read, and read with great skill and power, by Rev. Rural Deans Allen and Johnstone, whose clear voices rang through the vast building. The Canticles and Psalms were chanted to very simple chants, and rendered exceedingly well considering the circumstances, and must have made a profound and most favourable impression upon all who had never heard divine service celebrated with due dignity, beauty and solemnity, several of whom we heard express their great delight at the service. The sermon was preached by Dr. Courtney, of Boston, from the words "Pray for us." We regret being unable to spare room for this admirable discourse. On all hands we hear the warmest praise bestowed upon Canon Dumoulin for sanctioning the Synod service in a becoming style. Carpers of course there are, but the Church is getting out of the ruts into which its wheels have been forced by bigotry and narrow-mindedness, and will run with freedom and power when lifted to a higher plane.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Synod assembled in the afternoon at St. George's School-house, which was crowded. After prayer the Bishop delivered his address, the more salient points of which were as follows:

An extended obituary was given of the Revs. H. C. Avant, Geo. Hallen, Jos. Gander, and R. Shanklin. The accessions to the diocese consisted of Revs. Canon Dumoulin, W. Clarke, M.A., and J. A. Schreiber, M.A., and the retirement of Chancellor Harman and the appointment of the Hon. Edward Blake, who, with the lay secretary, was absent. The Bishop then detailed his episcopal acts, and alluded with just pride to the Mission Fund being increased \$8,000 under the new scheme. Sympathetic references were made to the Jews Society, the Churchwoman's Mission Aid, the Girl's Friendly Society. The work of Temperance, the Bible in Public Schools, Sunday traffic, were also briefly discussed. Statistics were given of the number of churches in the diocese, and of clergy, showing that services were held in 180 churches, 60 in other places, conducted by 108 parochial clergy and 9 others. The average Sunday at-