

ble at all through the absence of fog, is a magnificent sheet of water. However, on this occasion the weather was all that could be desired, and every one returned home well pleased with the afternoon's entertainment.

ONTARIO.

CARLETON PLACE.—The annual Sunday School festival and Harvest Home of St. James' Church, Carleton Place, and St. John's Church, Innisville, was held at the former place on Tuesday, August 27th. The children and teachers of the two schools assembled at St. James' Church, Carleton Place, and service was begun by the choir and children singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" (H. A. & M. 358) to Sullivan's setting. Prayers were read by Rev. F. L. Stephenson, of Almonte, and an address to the children, delivered by Rev. C. P. Emery, of Smith's Falls, after which, teachers and children were marshalled in order under appropriate banners, and marched in procession to the grove. Abundant refreshments were there provided for young and old, and were partaken of by over 500 persons; and when all had been satisfied in this respect, mental refreshments were next meted in the form of addresses delivered by Rev. Messrs. Grout, (Incumbent) Stephenson, Tighe, and Emery, and A. Code, M.P.P., which were interspersed with suitable hymns sung by the choir and Sunday School children. A heavy shower of rain which began early in the evening brought to a speedy close what was in all other respects a most enjoyable and successful gathering.

BELLEVILLE.—*Christ Church.*—The Rev. J. R. Jones has resigned the incumbency of this parish.

TORONTO.

MISSION BOARD.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

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Present.—The Archdeacon of York in the chair the Archdeacon of Peterborough, Rural Deans Stewart, Osler, Allen, Smithett and Givins; Canon Morgan, Revds. J. S. Baker, Dr. Hodgkin, C. C. Johnson and I. Middleton; Col. Boulton, and Mr. T. A. Agar.

The Secretary presented the financial statement of the Mission Fund for the period from 1st May, 1878, to 9th August, 1878, showing receipts from ordinary collections \$1,607, and from special appeal \$1,552. Payments to the missionaries for the whole of the April quarter and one-half of the July quarter, and the debt standing at \$4,007. Also a statement of the Algoma Mission Fund, showing the debt on that account to be \$769, and no payments to the Bishop and missionaries since the 1st of January last.

The Secretary having reported the state of the bank account as mentioned in the minutes of the Executive Committee, **Resolved**—That as funds can be temporarily obtained on reasonable terms by this Board, the Secretary be instructed to obtain the sum required to enable their Board to pay the amounts due to the missionaries on the 1st of July.

Lakefield.—Letter having been read from the Churchwardens stating that they cannot guarantee more than \$450 towards the Incumbent's stipend for the current year, the matter was referred to the Archdeacon of Peterborough—the Board being willing to continue their grant of \$200 per annum, provided the guarantee is kept up to \$500.

Sunderland and West Brock.—Application from the Rev. E. Warren, for an increased grant. **Resolved**—That this Board does not consider itself in a position to increase its grant to the Mission of Sunderland and West Brock, or to any other mission, and that the Ven. the Archdeacon of York, be requested to communicate with Mr. Warren on the subject of which he writes.

Lloydtown.—Letter having been read from the Rev. C. B. Dundas, regarding the state of this mission, **Resolved**—That the matter of the Mission of Lloydtown be referred to the Committee on missions of West York, in order that it may make such arrangement touching it as it may think practicable and best.

The Special Appeal.—The Rev. Dr. Hodgkin having made a favourable report of his work as a special collector on the behalf of the Mission Fund, **Resolved**—That this Board thanks Dr. Hodgkin for his zealous and self-denying labours in its aid, and asks him to continue the work so auspiciously begun, as Clerical Secretary of this Board, with an annual salary equal to that of a missionary in Priest's Orders, and a residence.

The following new guarantees were received and accepted by the Board:

Christ Church, Vespra, \$60, for one year from 1st July, 1878, and *St. James' Church, Vespra*, \$60 per annum for three years from the 1st July, 1878.

Widows and Orphans' Fund, and Theological Students' Fund Committee.

Present.—The Rev. Canon Tremayne (appointed chairman for the current year); Revds. W. F. Checkley and John Fletcher: Capt. Blain, Messrs. Vankoughnet and James Browne.

The Secretary presented the financial statement of the W. & O. Fund, showing a credit balance of only \$515, available for the October pensions of \$1,030.

Resolved—That as the funds in hand are only equal to one half of the amount required for the October payments, a Sub-Committee consisting of the chairman, Revd. W. F. Checkley, and A. H. Baldwin, and Messrs. Vankoughnet, Jas. Browne and C. J. Campbell, be appointed to arrange the necessary reduction of the payments in October.

The Secretary presented the financial statement of the Divinity Students' Fund, showing a balance on hand of \$409.

The applications were presented from proposed Divinity Students, but as they do not intend entering Trinity College until January, the consideration of their applications was postponed until the next meeting of this Committee.

General Purposes, Statistics and Assessment Committee.

Present.—Marcellus Crombie, Esq., (appointed chairman for the current year); Revds. S. J. Boddy, John Vicars, Thomas Ball, and Johnstone Vicars; Messrs. Farrell, and C. S. Gzowski, jr.

The following grants to aid the building of churches were made out of the Burnside request:—To All Saints' Church, Penetanguishene, \$50, on the application of the Rev. Samuel Mills; and to St. John's Church, Dunsford, \$50, on the application of the Rev. R. Rooney.

Resolved—That a committee consisting of the chairman, Revds. John Vicars and S. J. Boddy, Mr. Farrell and Dr. O'Reilly be appointed to take such steps as to them may seem expedient for the sending out of the statistical question to be answered by the clergymen and churchwardens of the various parishes.

Sunday School, and Book and Tract Committee.

Present.—The Rev. S. J. Boddy, (appointed chairman for the current year); Rev. J. M. Ballard and W. M. C. Clarke; Messrs. Morgan, and Knight.

A grant of an octavo set of service books was made to the Church at Alliston, and \$20 worth of Sunday School library books to St. Peter's, West Essa, to meet a payment of \$10.

Audit Committee.

Present.—The Revd. John Fletcher (appointed chairman for the current year); Rev. R. W. E. Greene, and Mr. F. D. Barwick.

The following report was received from the Auditors:—"We beg to report for your information that we have completed our audit of the Secretary-Treasurer's books and accounts for the quarter ending 31st July, 1878.

"We have pursued the usual programme of audit as laid down in the audit book, and now enclose you the balance sheets of the Synod General account, the Clergy Trust Fund and the Rectory Land Funds, which we have certified as correctly extracted from the books.

"We have only further to add that our examination has been perfectly satisfactory in every way."

The report was adopted, and the Auditors (Messrs. William Gamble and James Sydney Crocker) were re-appointed for the current year.

Printing Committee.

Present.—The Rev. C. H. Mockridge in the chair; Revds. Alex. Williams and Jos. Fletcher. The Rev. T. Walker was re-appointed chairman for the current year, and the usual printing accounts were passed and ordered to be paid.

OSHAWA.—The Rev. Dr. Rolph is leaving from ill health

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

HAMILTON.—Receipts at Synod office during the month of August:—

MISSION FUND.—*Offeritory Collections.*—Georgetown, \$3.75; Glen Williams, \$1.08; Barton, (additional) \$2.20; Rothsay, \$1.33; Moorefield, \$1.70; Daryton, \$1.35; Welland and Fonthill, \$3.00; Hamilton, Christ Church, \$12.72; Drummondville, \$14.00; Stamford, \$4.72; Orangeville, \$5.00; Cayuga, \$26.86; Clifford, \$1.82; Drew, \$1.18; Chippawa, \$22.35; Caledonia, \$7.00; York, \$7.50; Elora, \$4.70; Ancaster, \$10.81; Milton, \$2.00; Louth and Port Dalhousie, \$8.80; Hamilton, All Saints', \$3.25; St. Catharines, St. George's, \$20.08; Dunville, \$7.25; Port Maitland, \$2.15; South Cayuga, \$2.60; Stewarttown, \$2.00; Guelph, \$29.75. *On guarantee account*: Drayton, \$15.00; Queenston, \$50.00; Carlisle, \$25.00; Reading, \$36.00; Georgetown, \$162.50; Acton, \$50.00; Lowville, \$80.00; Merriton, \$58.00; Merriton, arrears, \$72.50; Rothsay, \$40.00.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.—*Offeritory Collections.*—Rothsay, 75c.; Moorefield, 55c.; Drayton, 50c.

ALGOMA FUND.—Cayuga, \$2.75; St. Catharines, St. George's, \$11.92; St. Barnabas', \$5.85.

AMARANTH.—*Special Subscriptions.*—Rev. D. I. F. MacLeod, \$5.00; Dunville Mission, (on account), \$9.00; Barton and Glanford, \$8.00.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON.—Of all holidays there is none richer in true heartfelt pleasure than the Sunday School picnic holiday. There are none who enjoy the pleasures of a day in the woods, far from the scenes of every-day business, more than the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School. This joyous holiday in its annual recurrence refreshes and invigorates mind and body. On it they enjoy above aught else a gypseying in the woods. To them there is an inexpressible charm in the beauties of the scenery around their camping ground—the old gnarled oak and the wide-spreading birch, trees of nature's planting—the soft green sward, more pleasant to the foot and refreshing to the eye than carpets from the looms of Brussels—the clear blue canopy overhead, the free air that brings renewed health and vigour in every breath; nor must we omit in the St. George's gypseying ground the crystal waters of the river everflowing onwards to its goal, "though gentle yet not dull"; and dearer far than the beauties of the landscape, the happy meeting of friends, for all are friends in our Sunday School and Sunday School picnics. A joyous party were the members of St. George's Sunday School as we gathered on board of the steamboat "Forest City," the first excursion party she bore on the waters of our Thames. A short voyage of an hour brought us to our chosen camping ground. Some few joined in the course of the day, having rowed down the river in their own boats. Of the feast provided by the ladies of St. George's, and of the ample justice done to the feast by all, we need not speak. All were evidently bent on enjoying themselves, and contributing to the happiness of others. There were races, and the many innocent games of S. S. picnics; while some enjoyed a stroll away in the dense old woods, and some beneath the shade sat in groups renewing friendships of "Auld Lang Syne." The Rector, Canon Innes, was unavoidably absent, but Revs. H. W. Halpin and D. P. DeLom, and the Superintendent of the Sunday School took their part in the pleasures of the day, and none enjoyed themselves more heartily. The sail on the river was truly delightful, especially on the return trip.