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We are happy to be able to lay before our readers an abstract of the report of the joint Committee of the Synod and Church Society on the Mission Board, which will be discussed at the meeting of the Church Society to-day (Wednesday). The following are the resolutions to be adopted by the Church Society:—

"1. That every lay-delegate of the Synod shall be an incorporated member of the Church Society, on payment of the annual sum of five shillings.

"2. That any by-law that shall be passed by the Society relating to the Commutation or Clergy Trust Fund, the Mission Fund, or the Widows and Orphans' Fund, shall be laid before the Synod of the Diocese at their next ensuing meeting; and in case it shall not be approved by the Synod, it shall be suspended until the next quarterly meeting of the Church Society, when, if it is not sustained by a majority of two-thirds, it shall be of no effect."

Corresponding resolutions are to be adopted by the Synod. Then follows the "By-law on Mission Board:—

"Whereas it is desirable for the better securing the ministrations of religion throughout the diocese, that there be a systematic plan for the payment of the stipends of missionaries, whether settled or travelling.

"1. Be it enacted, that the Standing Committee of the Church Society be constituted and empowered to act as a Diocesan Board of Missions; and that a fund, to be called the Mission Fund, be under their control, to be administered as hereinafter provided.

2. That the same mission Fund do consist of—

- a. The annual surplus arising from the fund known as the Commutation Trust Fund, after the payment of all charges thereupon.
- b. The monies at the disposal of the Central Board, for the management of the Sustentation Fund.
- c. All collections for missionary purposes made in churches or stations throughout the diocese.
- d. All subscriptions to the Church Society not specially appropriated to any other object, with the exception of one-fourth to be applied to the general purposes of the Society.
- e. All donations and legacies for missionary purpose, regard being had to the direction of the donor or testator.

3. That the Board of Missions shall, when provided with the necessary funds and guarantees, assume the payment of their stipends to the three following classes of missionaries:

- a. Travelling Missionaries—the minimum of whose stipend shall be £150 per annum, with £25 as outfit at the commencement of their duties.
- b. Resident Clergymen, for whom the Parish provides a residence and guarantees to the Board of Missions, £100 per annum, shall be entitled to receive from the Board, £150 per annum as stipend—and in the event of the Parish failing to make the payment of £100 to the Board of Missions, the Clergymen shall be withdrawn.
- c. Clergymen of settled parishes now existing where the congregation pay or secure to the Mission Board any annual sum, shall be entitled to draw that sum from the Board.

4. That all District Branches now employing a travelling missionary or missionaries shall be entitled to the maintenance of such missionary or missionaries, on transferring their funds to the Board of Missions.

The committee also recommend that the XVIII. article of the Constitution be amended so as to read thus:

In connexion and correspondence with the Society, District Associations shall be established, comprising one or more Districts (as shall be approved by the President,) the same to be composed of the Clergy resident within the bounds of the district, and all other Members who shall contribute in aid of the Society's Fund. A General Meeting of the Branch District Association shall be held in each year, and Quarterly Meetings of the Committee of Management—not less than five to form a quorum—shall be held for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Branch Association. Each parish, in the person of its Clergymen and Churchwardens, shall be a Sub-Association, in correspondence, through its Chairman,

(the Clergyman,) with the District Branch Associations, and may be denominated *Parochial Committee of the Church Society.*

On Sunday last a Confirmation was held by the Lord Bishop, in the Church of St. Stephen's, Toronto. His Lordship preached from Psalm, 104. 23, and afterwards delivered a very energetic and touching address to the Candidates. Fifteen persons were confirmed. This is the first time that the Apostolic Rite of Laying on of Hands has taken place in this beautiful Church, which was erected two years ago, at the cost of \$10,000 by the noble liberality of Robert Donison, Esq. Its sittings are all free, and its Sunday School already contains about 170 children.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—A more pleasing sight has seldom been presented to the citizens of Toronto than that which gladdened the eyes of young and old, as the children of the various Church of England Sunday Schools, numbering some seventeen hundred of all ranks and ages, marched along the streets on Thursday last to hold high festival within the hospitable precincts of Moss Park, so kindly offered for the occasion by its public-spirited owner. The children of six schools—those of St. James, St. George's, Holy Trinity, St. Stephens, St. John the Evangelist, and St. Paul's, Yorkville—met at their different school-rooms shortly after twelve o'clock. After having been properly arranged, with childish glee, and in all the pride of mimic state, with banners waving, and duly unmarshalled by their teachers, who seemed fully to enter into the spirit of the thing, the little urelins, rosy-cheeked, and neatly clad, and wearing rosottes with the distinctive colours of their respective schools, marched from their places of meeting to the general rendezvous at the Cathedral. It took nearly an hour for the procession to pass into the Church, and when service began at half-past two o'clock the sacred edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity. The service was short, consisting only of the litany and a brief address by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, with the singing of the 100th Psalm and the Evening Hymn. The Rev. Dr. Fuller, of Thorold, read the litany, and afterwards the whole congregation joined in singing the 100th Psalm.—The Bishop then ascended the pulpit, and delivered his address to the children. He congratulated the Clergy, the Teachers and the Scholars, on the large attendance that day. It might be called a glorious festival. He proceeded to show how these were kept in England, and to give an account of the rise of Sunday Schools, he commented in very severe terms on the absence of one school, that of Trinity in the East, which, owing to the peculiar views of its managers, had not been permitted to join in the Celebration. He trusted that it would be one of pure gratification to the children, and might God grant that deep impressions of holiness would be made that day!—The Evening Hymn was then sung, and after the benediction the assemblage gradually and in order left the sacred building. The children then, under the direction of their respective teachers and pastors, formed into regular order and proceeded to Moss Park. Maul's band was in attendance and met the procession a short distance from the grounds, playing some inspiring tunes as the children entered the Park. The Hon. Mr. Allan, with Mrs. Allan, besides a large number of the influential inhabitants of the city, were on the grounds to receive them.

In addition to those who came on foot there were many persons who came in carriages—the rich and the *elite* of Toronto society. Arrived inside the park gate a scene of the utmost hilarity and enjoyment was presented to the sight. The children soon dispersed themselves all through the grounds, and betook themselves to every conceivable manner of sports. Several large swings had been erected, which were extensively patronized, especially by the little girls. The boys counted out their "elovons," wickets were pitched, and the balls flew in all directions. Others took pleasure in kicking an immense foot-ball; while others again seemed to delight in rolling themselves on the grass, or basking in the full blaze of the sun. Away to the rear of Mr. Allan's residence were laid tables of extraordinary length, some ten in number, upon which might be seen the edibles and drinkables, the sights of which made glad the hearts of the youngsters. Tables were laid out for over 2,000 persons, and it is easy to conceive what a sight these many bowls of lemonade, and cakes of all sizes, from the tiny biscuit to the large and savory pound-cake, presented. At the proper time the bugle was sounded for luncheon, when in a remarkably short space of time the tables were surrounded, and after singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," the tables were cleared of the good things which but a few minutes before they had contained in such abundance. The