

ing resolution: "That the missionaries receiving aid from this board be remunerated according to the length of time during which they have been missionaries of the board; that missionaries who have been laboring as missionaries in this Diocese for fifteen years or longer, receive the sum of \$300 per annum. Missionaries of over ten and under fifteen years' service in the diocese to receive \$250 per annum. Missionaries under ten years' service in the diocese to receive \$200 per annum.

"That no parish which is able to pay its clergyman \$800 per annum shall be regarded as a mission.

"That the missions of the Diocese be divided into four classes:

1st Class missions to consist of all missions able to raise towards the clergyman's stipend from \$500 to \$600 per annum.

2nd class missions to consist of all missions able to raise from \$400 to \$500 per annum.

3rd class missions to consist of all missions able to raise from \$300 to \$400 per annum.

4th class missions to consist of all missions able to raise from \$200 to \$300 per annum.

"That all missions unable to raise \$200 per annum towards the support of a missionary be treated as a social class to be served by travelling missionaries as the board shall direct.

"By such a scheme several objections to the present classification scheme would be met. One great objection on the part of missionaries is that long and faithful service does not receive any more consideration from the board than does the young and untried missionary. Another, that when a clergyman works up a mission well and gets it into a flourishing financial state, part of his grant is immediately cut off. Under such a scheme as the above, both these objections would be removed, since every man would be remunerated according to the length of his service, and all earnest and good work done in a mission while it might raise the mission from the fourth to the third class, or from the third to the second, and so on, would not affect the grant made to the missionary. The Bishop would also be able to show his appreciation of a good missionary by appointing him to a first class mission, but with such appointments of course the board has nothing to do.

"But are the funds sufficient? There are four missionaries only in the Diocese who have been serving fifteen years or more, and only eight others who have been serving over ten years. Let us see then how the funds will hold out:

4 missionaries at \$300 each.....\$1,200  
8 missionaries at \$250 each..... 2,000  
25 missionaries at \$200 each..... 5,000

.....\$8,200

"The total amount expended annually being about \$10,000. This would leave \$1,200 for travelling missionaries and for expenses. Of these four missionaries receiving \$300 each, however, two will probably be placed on the list of commuted clergy in a short time, and of course no commuted clergyman can be a missionary of the board. In this way the board will be working on one distinct principle which will not hold constant revision, and a great deal of the present jealousies and heart burnings spoken of will be done away."

A final decision on the subject was postponed for a future meeting, and in the meantime the Bishop and others were desired to transmit their opinions on the subject to the committee.

**LANARK.**—In the news item announcing the Confirmation Services in this mission in our last week's issue, the sentence printed to read "Absence at work in the lumber shanties hindered the males who had attended the Confirmation Classes from being confirmed," should be "hindered ten males who &c." The total confirmed numbered seventy persons; of these eighteen were males—had the other ten been able to present themselves the entire number of the confirmation would have been eighty.

#### TORONTO.

**SYNOD OFFICE.**—Collections, &c., received during the week ending December 6th, 1879.

**WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.**—October Collec-

tion—St. John's, Port Hope, \$100; Cookstown, \$4.89; Pinkerton's, \$1.50; Braden's, 68 cents; Bradford, additional, \$4.40; Scarborough, Christ Church \$9.46, St. Paul's \$8.17, St. Jude's \$2.69.

**MISSIONARY FUND.**—*Thanksgiving Collection*—St. John's, Toronto, \$8.85; Cookstown, \$2.65; Pinkerton, \$1.60; St. John's, Port Hope, \$6.60; (Pickering) Duffin's Creek, 40 cents; Port Whitby, \$1. *July Collection*—St. John's, Port Hope, \$6.60. *Missionary Meeting*—Duffin's Creek (Pickering) \$2.62. *Special Appeal*—St. John's, Port Hope, per Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, \$8.40. *In answer to \$1,000 offer*—"Friend, Holy Trinity, Toronto," on account of subscription, \$10.

**PERMANENT MISSION FUND.**—"A Friend," St. Luke's, Toronto on account of subscription, \$30.

**DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.**—*April Collection*—St. John's, Port Hope, \$1.80.

**ALGOMA FUND.**—*Day of Intercession Collection*—St. John's, Port Hope, \$6.

**SYNOD COMMITTEES (Continued).**—*Executive Com.*—Present, The Dean of Toronto in the Chair; Revs. Canon Morgan, Canon Stengett, John Pearson, Alex. Sanson, Canon Breat, C. H. Mockridge; Messrs. C. J. Campbell, Marcellus Crombie, Dr. Hodgins, Dr. O'Reilly and Dr. Snelling.

The opinion of Messrs. Bethune, Moss, Falconbridge and Hoyles was read on the case submitted for their consideration regarding the extension of the Religious Institutions Act to the Church of England in Ontario; the same being (1) that there is no power to mortgage on the part of the Synod, (2) that the Statute 41 Vic. Chap. 25 was not intended to apply to any case in which the fee of the property is in the Synod, but is confined in its effect to cases in which the conveyance of the land is made to trustees, and (3) that, in regard to the application from the vestry of St. Luke's Church, Sault Ste. Marie, for the Committee's consent to the Parsonage property being mortgaged, the Bishop of Toronto and the Executive of the Synod of Toronto have no right to give the consent mentioned in the Act, because, in the opinion of the Solicitors, it was intended that the Bishop who has the oversight of the congregation should exercise the power, and the mere fact that no Synod has been created for the Diocese of Algoma does not confer any power upon the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Toronto to act in conjunction with the Bishop of Algoma in giving the consent required by the Act.

In accordance, therefore, with the above opinion, the Committee decided that they could not accede to the application from the vestry of St. Luke's Church, Sault Ste. Marie; and a similar decision was come to in regard to an application from the vestry of All Saint's Church, Collingwood, for the Committee's consent to the parsonage property in Collingwood being mortgaged, the same being vested in the Synod.

In answer to an application from the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, for the Committee's consent to a portion of the Church property (which is vested in Trustees) being mortgaged for the purpose of paying for the enlargement and repairs of that Church, it was resolved—That the application of the authorities of St. Stephen's Church under the Religious Institutions Act be referred to the Standing Sub-Committee to take such action thereon as they may deem advisable and to report the result to this Committee.

**Clergy Trust Committee.**—Present, the Rev. Canon Brent, Chairman; the Dean of Toronto, Revs. W. R. Forster, J. S. Baker, Alex. Sanson, C. W. Paterson, John Langtry. Messrs. Peter Paterson, Clarkson Jones, William Ince, and Dr. Snelling.

In regard to the claim of the Diocese of Niagara for a division of the Episcopal Endowment Fund, the sub-Committee appointed at the August meeting reported that they had prepared a case for the opinion of Messrs. Bethune, Moss, Falconbridge and Hoyles, and the same was now furnished for the information of the Committee to the effect "that the Diocese of Niagara is not entitled to call for any division of the Episcopal Endowment Fund until that fund shall have reached such a sum as, when funded will produce \$4,000, per annum, without aid or assistance from extraneous sources."

*Ordered.*—That the Secretary communicate to

the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara a copy of the opinion.

**Church Women's Mission Aid.**—The Sewing Society in connection with the above will not meet again for work until Friday January 9th, 1880. During the past year we have sent out about \$650 worth of goods, including surplices, stoles, altar linen, clothing, &c., &c., to various missions in this and the Algoma Dioceses; and we wish now to thank our numerous friends, through whose kindness and generosity we have been enabled to do so much, and beg to remind them that we are still in want of further donations of all kinds, and specially just now, having been asked for cast-off clothing for an Indian mission. The ladies who are willing to receive such gifts for us are Mrs. Tinning, 88 Murray Street; Mrs. O'Reilly, 81 Bleecker Street; Miss Westmacott, 96 Gerrard Street.

The Rev. Philip Tocque's address is 52 Stafford street, Toronto.

**UXBRIDGE.**—The annual examination of the Sunday School and Bible Class in connection with St. Paul's Church, took place on Saturday, November 29th. The answering of the pupils was very satisfactory. The incumbent—Bro. J. Davidson—read the report of attendance and year's work of the members of the school, and announced the consequent rewards. The Rev. J. Vicars then gave a short practical address which was listened to with cordent interest. Immediately after the proceedings a gentleman who had been present made an offer of \$10 to be given next year in four prizes to those who should pass the best examination in the 89 Articles. This will be a great encouragement to the young people, who show by their attention a diligence that they quite appreciate the painstaking and constant efforts, on their behalf, of the worthy superintendent and zealous teachers.

**VESPERA.**—The Church at this place was recently burnt down by a man supposed to be a lunatic. He states that, as he did not wish a young woman to whom he was attached to attend church, he plugged the keyhole up; and finding that had no effect he set fire to the building.

—We wish to call attention to the removal of Mrs. D. Murray's "Pinafore" to No. 54 Oiler Howel Street.—See Advertisement on 1st page.

#### NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

**HAMILTON.**—Receipts at Synod office during the month of November, 1879:

**MISSION FUND.**—*Offering Collections*—Welland \$2, Palmerston \$5.50. *On Guarantee Account*—Palermo \$40, Rockton \$28.25, Lowville \$52, Carlisle \$25, Harriston \$14.50, Fergus \$62.97, Alma \$8.50.

**ALGOMA FUND.**—Nanticoke \$5.69, Dunnville \$6.55, Elora \$8.

**WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.**—Acton, Rockwood and Eramosa, \$25. *Offering Collections*—Palmerston \$10.80, Fort Erie \$18, St. Catharines, St. George's, \$17.02; Niagara \$15.39; Drummondville \$14.80, Stamford \$5.42; Dundas \$17.17, Bertie \$2.67, Fergus \$1.77, Guelph \$5.25, Elora \$5. *Thanksgiving Collections*—Chippewa \$26, Welland \$7, Ancaster \$6.10; Drummondville \$18.14, Stamford \$7.87; St. Catharines, St. George's \$9.55, St. Thomas \$9.75; Caledonia \$12.50, York \$14, Cayuga \$21.95; Fergus \$2.08, Alma \$2.18, Hamilton, St. Thomas \$44; Wellington Travelling Mission \$6.50.

The Lord Bishop of Niagara has appointed the Rev. Robert C. Caswall, M. A., Incumbent of Fergus, to be Rural Dean of Wellington, as successor to the Rev. Harry L. Yewens, who has accepted a parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, U. S.

**GUELPH.**—The Rev. Canon Dixon has just closed a series of five lectures in St. George's Church, of a very interesting character, in relation to science and revelation, and which attracted much general attention. The subjects were: