

MEETINGS OF DIOCESAN SYNODS.

MISSIONARY REFERENCES.

NIAGARA.

The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara met in the School House of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, on Wednesday, May 26th.

At the opening of the Synod the Bishop delivered an able and practical address in which the support of missions was by no means forgotten. His Lordship said :

"The information conveyed in the two appeals issued by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, will soon interest and influence our people to unite intelligently, and heartily, and systematically in contributing generously towards the extension of the Church in Algoma and the North-West, and in Pagan and non-Christian lands. I would ask my Reverend brethren to think how much force and reality may be imparted to these two annual appeals by a few hearty, earnest words from them, urging their people to consider their responsibilities as well as the blessedness of promoting the Redeemer's work amongst men. I must ask you all to study the column in the "Abstract of Receipts" headed "Foreign Missions." For although the letter at Epiphany, in January last, must have been read to each congregation, yet 31 Parishes and Missions have sent in no contribution. I hope both Clergymen and Laymen will look and see where their congregations stand in this important matter. What can the state of any congregation be which makes no offering whatever during the whole year towards carrying out the Saviour's command that we should send into all the world and make disciples of all nations? The total amount contributed by the 27 Parishes and Missions which responded to the appeal is only \$371. Now remember that we are only called upon once a year to aid in extending the Gospel amongst the heathen ; and then think that \$371 represent all that our appreciation of the blessings of Christianity, and our love for Him who gave His life for all, moved us in this Diocese to contribute. The secret may be discovered here of our being so straitened in all our Diocesan and Parochial Funds, of our being so little removed from starvation point in the support of our Missionaries and of our other Clergy too, and in the erection and maintenance of our Churches. We have not yet given ourselves unto the Lord, who gave Himself for us, and so we really care for none of these things which are so dear to Him.

"I desire to urge you all, my Reverend brethren, to promote the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary Committee to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, in each of your congregations. The effect of even two or three devout women in each Congregation meeting once a week, or once a fortnight, to say together the short Litany and the Collects provided for their use, to read together the account of the Church's Missionary efforts,

and to work for her advancement, will be most beneficial in many ways. Spiritual life will be promoted and developed in the community. The narrow spirit of congregationalism will disappear before the interest which will be awakened in the efforts of the Church in the Diocese of Algoma and the North-West, and amongst the heathen nations of the east. Even if you and they should be at a loss as to the particular way in which they should work, let them meet and pray together, and read about Missions. They will soon discover how they can most effectually and actively promote the blessed work of Christian Missions."

A Missionary Service was held in the Cathedral, in connection with Niagara Diocese, on the evening preceding the meeting of the Synod, at which Rev. O. J. Booth, of Buffalo, read a short paper on missionary work, and stirring speeches were made by Rt. Rev. Bishop Coxe and the Venerable Archdeacon Pinkham. An epitome of Bishop Coxe's eloquent address will be found on page 7 of this issue.

MONTREAL.

The Synod of Montreal met on the 15th of June.

THE LORD BISHOP stated in his charge that the Church of England in the Diocese of Montreal was never stronger or more prosperous than at the present time. He urged his clergy to put the mission fund strongly, and as the matter of prime importance above all things before their people. The time of the Synod was occupied for a long time in debating the powers that should or should not belong to the Diocesan Theological College, with regard to conferring Degrees. The synod, by a large majority, declared in favor of the action of the Faculty in petitioning the Legislature for power to grant degrees.

The Synod came to an abrupt termination by attention being called to the fact that there was no quorum present, and in consequence a large amount of important business was left untouched.

HURON.

The Synod encountered very warm weather for its session, and many of the members remained outside to avoid the closeness of the room, but for all that, some good and important business was transacted. The disagreeable litigation which has existed for some time between Rev. Joel T. Wright and the Diocese was brought to a happy termination and all proceedings were abandoned. Bishop Baldwin congratulated the Synod warmly on the restoration of peace, and attributed it largely to the fervent prayers that were offered by faithful men on its behalf.

The resolution regarding the appointment of a day of intercession on behalf of Christian Union, was lost by a vote of 34 to 28.

The Bishop urged strongly upon his Diocese the importance of forming Woman's Auxiliaries to Missionary Work. His Lordship said :—

The power, indeed, and utility of such associations have been demonstrated in too clear and convincing a manner to need any arguments from me to prove their efficiency ; all