

it. There is no doubt that in addition to proving a rich treat as a speech, to those who heard it, interest in mission work will be deepened, not only in Trinity Church, which has during the last year done so well for the Missionary cause, but amongst the members of the other religious bodies of the town who were at the social. A short programme of instrumental and vocal music was well given, and the refreshments received ample justice. The Rector expressed his great pleasure at the success of the gathering, and gave a warm "God speed" to Miss Ling in her work.

#### PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

*Including the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Moosonee, Athabasca, Qu'Appelle, Mackenzie River and Calgary.*

#### DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

##### SYNOD OF RUPERT'S LAND.

The Diocesan Synod assembled in Trinity Church, Winnipeg, on Tuesday morning, at 10 a.m. The service began with a hymn. The library was monotoned by Rev. Canon Coombes. The Bishop delivered a most important charge mainly on the question of primary education, which is now agitating the Province. It was a most able argument for religious instruction, by one who has devoted a life time to the cause of education, and whose enthusiasm for teaching is as great now as in his younger days. To listen to Bishop Machray on education, is to listen to a specialist who has no superior in Canada.

The Holy Communion was then celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Dean of Rupert's Land, Canon Coombes, Archdeacon Fortin and Rural Dean Cook.

The Synod organized in Trinity School House. Dean Grisdale was elected Secretary, and Mr. R. W. E. Goodridge, assistant. Forty-three clergy were present, and a large number of Lay delegates. Scrutineers were appointed or the balloting for delegates to the Provincial Synod and members of the Executive Committee, and the voting was ordered to be taken at 3:30 p.m. After some routine work the Synod adjourned for lunch, which was provided by the ladies of the city congregation at the Clarendon hotel.

##### TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

After routine business the Bishop appointed as a Committee on his charge: Archdeacon Fortin, convener; Canon O'Meara, Revs. Rural Dean Pentreath, Standen and Flewelling; and Messrs. Longley, Eden, Mulook, Girdlestone and James. Rev. W. H. Barnes, of the Diocese of Honolulu, was welcomed to a seat on the floor of the House.

Mr. L. M. Lewis submitted his report as hon. Treasurer, and in doing so referred in fitting terms to the work of his predecessor, the late Mr. C. J. Brydges. He stated that since the preparation of the printed report, \$336 additional had been received from overdue interest, &c., leaving only \$575 to come in.

Canon Matheson moved, seconded by Dean Grisdale, that the report of St. John's College be received and accepted. The mover observed that during the past three or four years the interests of the College had been taken up warmly and enthusiastically in the Synod. He intimated, however, that further practical help was needed. The collections for the College in the parishes only amounted to \$230.

Dean Grisdale read the following report of the committee on a Metropolitan See:

Your Committee met on the 11th of October, and it was unanimously decided to move the following recommendation: That although this Diocese has now obtained the right of electing its own Bishops, yet with a view to the retention of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, as the permanent Metropolitan See, it is willing that

in case of a vacancy occurring at any time in the See, the Bishop (who shall also be Metropolitan) be chosen in the following manner, viz.: Three names to be chosen by the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, of whom the House of Bishops must select one to be both Bishop of Rupert's Land and Metropolitan of Rupert's Land.

The Dean moved that this report be received and adopted, and that His Lordship the Bishop be requested to name a committee on the Metropolitan See, which shall meet before the Provincial Synod, the committee appointed by the Provincial Synod on the same subject.

Mr. Lewis seconded the motion; its consideration was, after some discussion, deferred until the following morning.

Canon Coombes read a report on Sunday Schools, recommending Diocesan inspection, and Nov. 3rd as the day of Intercession.

Ven. Archdeacon Fortin read the report of the committee on closer union, which was adopted as follows:

That this Committee sympathizes very cordially with the movement for the promotion of closer ties between the various sections of the Christian Church. They have watched with deep interest the steps which have already been taken towards the attainment of that object in another portion of the Canadian Church, and whilst they recognize the importance of vigorous and steady action in the premises, yet they are of opinion that in a matter of this magnitude, embracing as it does, all the dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province, it is advisable to stay all proceedings for the present, beyond requesting the Provincial Synod to deal with the question at its meeting next year.

The annual Missionary meeting of the Synod was held on Tuesday evening. The speakers were: Rev. A. E. Cowley, on Indian Mission work in the Diocese; Rev. Rural Dean Pentreath, on Self-Support; and Mr. Thomas Clark, on "The Duty and Privilege of Giving."

A new departure was made by the organization of a Diocesan Sunday School Convention, which met on Wednesday evening and Thursday. It was well attended and several admirable papers were read by Rev. W. Walton, S. McMorris, Mr. D. J. Goggin, Principal of the Normal School, Mrs. Roy and others.

The Bishop of Rupert's Land acknowledges with thanks, receipt of the letter, dated Oct. 9th, enclosing \$20, which he will distribute as desired.

#### DIOCESE OF BRITISH HONDURAS.

##### BELIZE.—ST. MARY'S.

*Acknowledgements with thanks.*—S. Wolfosom, Esq., Rectory and Church Fund, \$10; Juan A. Hoven, Esq. and wife, en route for New York, from Nicaragua, touched in here in the mail steamer, and having to remain for some time visited St. Mary's, having been attracted by the practice of the choir. The result was the tendering the Rector a \$5 note towards staining the windows, so as to reduce the glare. Ninety windows all with a glare, needing the light to be subdued. Help wanted. Who next? \$7 00 from the Belize Minstrel Troupe for the sick and poor.

The St. Mary's Schools for boys and girls are now at work; the former with six pupils, and the latter with seven; but these numbers will be considerably augmented at Christmas, especially as Churchman are awakening up to the need and necessity of having schools of their own, and not before time when the feeling in the past has been, owing to the supineness and indifference of members of the Church, that the pupils who attends the day schools of the sects shall attend their Sunday-schools, and those who attend the schools of the Jesuit Fathers, and the Sisters shall be under a certain obligation occasionally to attend the Roman Catholic ser-

vices. The result hitherto has been disastrous to the work, growth and energy of the Church. May the Catholic Church of the country in the Diocese of British Honduras, a true branch with Her Apostolic Ministry of the old Catholic Church of England, have her full life and vigor vouchsafed to her in all her works and ways; so that Dissenters of all kinds, Roman or Protestant may be drawn under her maternal shadow, and thus in act breathe the prayer of the Head of the Church—our King Jesus—"that they may all be one"; so that every barrier towards external and internal unity may be dissolved by the power of the Holy Spirit, and thus prepare for the coming of the Bridgeroom.

*General Quarterly Statement.*—Subscriptions \$280.50; offertories for clergy \$261.60; Pew Rents \$174.99; General Sustentation Fund \$23.75; Fees \$41.00; New Church Fund \$31.62; Rectory Fund \$571.41; Organ Fund \$24.75; Magazine Fund (old) \$2 00; Sunday Amounts \$1.50—Total, \$1413.12.

*Special.*—Shingwauk Home \$466; Sunday School \$1261; Unappropriated Fund \$345; *Church Guardian* \$3055; Poor Fund \$1083; S.P.C.K. \$050; S.P.C.K. Sales \$6.00; S.P.G. \$1.75; St. Stephen's Guild \$4.31—Total \$7466. Grand Total—\$1487.78.

*Sunday School.*—Owing to the retirement of Mrs. Braddick, on her marriage, as a teacher in the Blue Standard Girls' Department, Miss Margaret Gibbs has been appointed to succeed her.

*Church Committee.*—At a meeting of the Parish Committee, held on Oct. 21st. A. R. Gibb, Esq., was duly elected to succeed James E. Fuller, Esq., as a member of the same, and also to act as Secretary.

Except the announcement of the quarterly statement as above, the finances were left over for consideration until the Nov. meeting.

On the application of the Rev. H. Nethercote and the St. John's Church Committee, the Rector with the consent of the St. Mary's Church Committee has agreed to alternate several of the Sunday Services to carry out any ordinary clerical duty of the week during the absence of the Rector of St. John's Church, who will be absent on sick leave for six months. This arrangement to continue until the arrival of a Curate or *Locum Tenens*. To aid in helping the Rector of St. Mary's to fill up his spare time by increased visiting, the Church Committee according to the precedent of both parishes has appropriated \$50 per month.

At a meeting of the parishioners held in St. Mary's Hall, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 29th, A. R. Gibb, Esq., was elected as representative to the Diocesan Synod, vice James E. Fuller, Esq., resigned.

*St. Stephen's Guild.*—The regular monthly meeting of this Guild was held on Monday evening, 28th Oct., in St. Mary's Hall, where there was a capital attendance; thirty-five of the members being present.

Three candidates were proposed and one admitted to membership. The Warden delivered a short address, prior to the initiation and the obligation of the Guild, and based his remarks upon those parts of the obligation which referred to soberness, temperance and chastity.

Several of the members of the Guild afterwards engaged in an earnest discussion upon the work of the Guild, and especially that which calls upon them to influence others for good.

*FANCY FAIR.*—Our Parochial World's Fair will take place at the end of the year, but on looking round we don't find Astor with his \$20,000,000, ready at hand to bear all cost. So we have the done next best thing, we have appointed a very strong committee of willing helpers, who are resolved to make it a regular success. It will not do to divulge secrets, but perhaps by-and-bye we may lift the curtain to peep in to let outsiders know what is going on.