

faction. This increase has been, no doubt, in part due to the change of the Week of Intercession and consequent occurrence of two periods for Mission Services in the year.

*Receipts, 1875-79.*—The estimates of the sum remitted through the Board of Foreign Missions since 1875, are as follows:

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| 1875, ..... | \$ 277 00 |
| 1876, ..... | 991 00    |
| 1877, ..... | 1708 00   |
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*Salary of the Bishop of Algoma.*—The Board respectfully wishes to draw attention to a section of a letter addressed by the Diocesan to the Synod at its last session. The passage is as follows: "It is my duty to apprise you that I was informed in Montreal that each Diocese was expected to contribute annually \$200 to the salary of the Bishop of Algoma, and that our Diocese was the only one which had not so contributed. I had never heard of such an agreement before, nor do I know how the sum can be provided. But if the Synod should think fit to pass a resolution on the subject, I can only say that I will readily co-operate in any practical measure to accomplish the end proposed. The sums hitherto collected in this Diocese have been given to Missionary objects in the Diocese of Algoma, not to the salary of the Bishop."

No definite action having been taken by the Synod, the Board feels at liberty to state the facts of the case, as well as to express an opinion.

It was by the deliberate action of the five Dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, first in Diocesan Synod, and then, by their representatives in Provincial Synod, that the Missionary Diocese of Algoma was formally set apart from the Diocese of Toronto, with the express understanding that the Bishop and Missionary Staff should be supported by these five Dioceses. Bishop Fauquier was elected at a special session of the Provincial Synod in September, 1873, the following Dioceses being represented, viz: Quebec, Toronto, Montreal, Huron and Ontario. It was not until July, 1874, that the Diocese of Fredericton united itself with the Provincial Synod of Canada.

Bearing this in mind, the Board, while most anxious to help in its branches Church work in Algoma, most respectfully declines to recognize any *claims*, and can only urge the wants of this Missionary field as one of its many voluntary undertakings.

The Board gladly circulated among the Clergy of the Diocese a Pastoral Letter from the Canadian Bishops, dated May 1st, 1879, in which they "earnestly call upon all, both clergymen and laymen, according to their ability, systematically and continuously to give of their work and substance to the Missionary Fund of the Diocese of Algoma."

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