

ers to meet their assessment, that it will be impossible for them to induce their parishioners to make up their assessments in the future, if they see other parishes or missions evincing such culpable indifference to the just claims of the Diocese on them. On page fifteen of the paper issued last week and sent to every clergyman and every lay delegate, will be found the assessment made on every parish or mission in the Diocese, and also the total amounts contributed by those parishes or missions during the last year. I trust that the clergymen of those parishes or missions which are shown by that report to have fallen very far below their assessments will see the injustice done their Christian brethren in the Diocese in their failure to induce their people to contribute as they ought to have done, will humble themselves before Almighty God and will seek grace to do better for the time to come.

TRACTS FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION.

In accordance with a resolution adopted on the last day of the last session of the Synod, I applied to the "Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge" for a grant of tracts to be given away to any clergyman of the Diocese who will distribute them amongst those under his charge, and some weeks ago I received a letter from the Secretary, stating that the Society had granted tracts to the value of £20 sterling for that object.

CHURCH BUILT.

The only church built since last we met here is the new stone church at Georgetown, which reflects great credit upon the Churchmen of that town. The foundation stone was laid last summer by that zealous Churchman, George Elliott, Esq., of Guelph, and was opened by me in January last, and the announcement made on that occasion by the worthy incumbent that of the \$4,000 which it had cost they had raised \$2,900 from the voluntary offering of the people, without having had recourse to bazaars, soirees, etc., and that he hoped they would be able to pay the balance of the debt in the same way—was most gratifying to me. The offertory at the services that day amounted to \$365. In connection with the building of churches I should be glad if some member of this Synod would carry through the Synod a by-law requiring that before a church or parsonage is contracted for the question of the site—if a new one—the style, size and cost of the building, together with the prospects the people interested have of paying for it, with estimates and specifications, should be submitted to a committee, consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean of the locality, one disinterested clergyman, and one disinterested layman in each Rural Deanery for their consideration and advice, before the contracts are signed. By submitting such matters to such a committee a great deal of money might be saved, and good, churchly, suitable edifices might be erected for less money than is now often paid for unsightly, barnlike structures, many of which are so wretchedly built that they must soon tumble down.

THE CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS AT LAMBETH.

In the earlier part of this long address I stated that before its close I would make a few extracts for the information of those who had not had the opportunity of reading the letter issued by the Lambeth Conference.

His Lordship then proceeded to make some extracts from the letter, which have already appeared in the DOMINION CHURCHMAN. His address concluded as follows:

I have detained you longer than usual, but as by request of the Executive Committee the usual sermon has been omitted, and as I considered it very desirable that the important principles laid down by the conference should be as widely known as possible, I have extended my address to an unusual length.

I will detain you no longer from the work for which you have assembled; but will pray God to give you His grace, so that your deliberations may be conducted in the spirit of brotherly love and concord, and that what you say and do may redound to the credit of the Diocese and to the glory of Almighty God.

The minutes of last meeting of Synod were then adopted as read.

MEMORIALS, CORRESPONDENCE, &c.

Memorial from All Saints' Church, Hamilton—

asking for leave to borrow from the Diocesan Funds \$600—on the security of a chattel mortgage on the furniture of the Church. This was referred to a committee, and at a subsequent hour the Synod declined to make the loan.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

By the following Committees—Executive, Special Trust, Mission Board, Commission on Division of Funds with Toronto Diocese—W. and O. Fund Canon—Canon for the Discipline of the Clergy.

Executive Committee's Report.—The eighth clause elicited a warm discussion.

By this, The Committee advised that the rule at present in force regarding the Synod assessment and affecting the seat of a parish on the floor of the Synod, be applied also to the Synod parochial appointment. This meant that any parish that had failed in the preceding year to make up the amount of the Synodical appointment, should forfeit the right of its lay representatives to a place in the Synod during the session. The committee explained that they had inserted this clause, with no thought or even desire that it should be carried, but as the most striking means by which to call the attention of the Synod to the failure of the great majority of parishes to return the amount of parochial and special collections apportioned to them. 6 o'clock having arrived, the Synod adjourned.

Evening.—Missionary Meeting was held in the School-room. The Bishop in the chair. Interesting addresses were delivered by Canon Robarts, Canon Houston, and the Rev. Dr. Stocking of Detroit. The proceeds in aid of Algoma.

Tuesday.—Holy Communion celebrated in the Cathedral at 7.30, followed by morning prayer, and the Synod re-assembled at 10 a.m.

DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

12 Clerical.—Rev. Canon Read and Rev. Dean Geddes, Rural Deans Bull, Holland and Osler, Canons Houston, Robarts and Dixon, Archdeacon McMurray, Canons Worrell and Belt, and the Rev. C. E. Thomson. *Substitutes.*—Revs. James Carmichael, E. J. Fessenden and C. Ingles, Revs. Caswell and W. J. Mackenzie. *Lay Representatives.*—Messrs. Plumb, Kilvert, A. Brown, Elliott, C. Brown, Biscoe, Gates, McLareu, W. Y. Pettit, E. Martin, A. H. Pettitt, J. J. Mason. *Substitutes.*—J. H. Ball, C. Donaldson, Lampman, W. W. White, McGrath and Meakins.

Debate on clause of Executive Committee Report anent parish apportionment resumed. Attention was called to the fact that only 10 parishes had come up to their apportionment. After many proposals, such as that the defaulting parishes should be advertized on the floor of the Synod; and one of true importance, that every parish should be given opportunity to make a regular protest against its assessment, before the Apportionment Committee. The Report was amended by striking out the clause and referring it back to the Committee. Subsequently the Committee brought in the Report amended by the expunging of this clause, and it was thus carried.

THE SPECIAL TRUST COMMITTEE REPORT,

Presented by Mr. Elliott, of Guelph, included the matter of the Episcopal Endowment Fund. A long debate ensued in reference to this Fund, carried on by Messrs. Plumb, W. Y. Pettit, Calvin Brown, the Chancellor (E. Kilvert), and Rev'ds Fessenden, The Dean, W. Boulton, and Canons Robarts and Read. Finally it was referred to a special committee, namely: Rev. J. Carmichael and Messrs. S. Martin, Q. C.; Geo. Elliott, and F. S. Kilvert, M.P. The Committee also reported that Rev. W. J. Mackenzie (Milton), Rev. A. Boulton (Georgetown), and Rev. R. J. Sutherland (Hamilton) had been placed on the list of commutants from the Commutation Trust Fund.

Mission Board.—The Report was adopted without dissent.

Division of Funds between Dioceses of Toronto and Niagara.—Toronto defers the settlement of the Commutation Fund, rendered necessary by the death of the Rev. W. F. Checkley, of Toronto, until all the funds are finally adjusted between the two dioceses. On suspension of the rules of order, by sanction of the Synod, his Lordship appointed the Rev. Rural Dean Osler, Rev. Canon Read, and Messrs. J. J. Mason and Adam Brown, a Com-

mittee on the Claim of the Diocese of Toronto on Moneys raised in the present Diocese of Niagara for the endowment of the See for the former Diocese.

Exchange between Dioceses.—The Committee re-appointed to further report at next session.

Widows' and Orphans' Fund.—The Canon upon this subject was last year brought before the Synod, but was re-committed for amendment. The new Canon was, after a long and animated discussion and many amendments, adopted by the Synod. It comes into effect at the close of the Synod. The amended Canon will appear in our next issue.

Discipline of the Clergy.—As might be expected, this Canon, introduced by Reverend Rural Dean Osler, as chairman of the committee, received close attention, and was narrowly watched as presented clause by clause. The Rural Dean, in some very beautiful words, full of Christian love and kindly courtesy, urged upon the Synod to give this matter a kind and candid consideration in the sacred cause of law and order.

WEDNESDAY.—Holy Communion at the Cathedral at 7.30; Morning Prayer and Litany at 9.30; and the meeting of Synod at 10. An address was passed by the house to the Rev. D. I. F. McLeod, late Hon. Clerical Secretary, expressive of the Synod's appreciation of his constant courtesy and close attention to the duties of his office for the first four years of the diocese's existence. To-day's session was taken up by the further consideration clause by clause of the Clergy Discipline Canon. We propose giving this Canon as amended to our readers in another issue. With some further formal business consisting of a by-law on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The election of the Committee from whom the Board of Trustees under the clergy discipline Act are to be selected. Votes of thanks &c., the Synod adjourned with the Episcopal benediction at 6.30 p.m.

HURON.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

WOODSTOCK.—The School-room of St. Paul's Church was the scene of a very pleasing event on Thursday evening, the 29th instant. The late assistant Rector, Ven. Archdeacon Swetman, now Lord Bishop of Toronto, having visited Woodstock, was most cordially welcomed to the place of his former ministerial labours, and was presented with a congratulatory address. With the address was presented to his Lordship a purse of money as a token of esteem and fond remembrance.

ADDRESS.

To the Right Reverend Arthur Sweetman, M. A., Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto.

The members of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, beg to offer you their sincere congratulations on your elevation to the Episcopate. They cannot but express their gratification that the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto has made selection of a gentleman so eminently fitted as yourself to fill the high position to which you have been called, and they feel thankful that a happier, more cordial, and brotherly feeling now appears to prevail in that Diocese than has been the case for some time. The unanimity shown in your election is an evidence of this and is an assurance that you will be received as the head, not of a party, but of the whole Church, as we feel convinced you would under any circumstances have proved yourself to be. We cannot, however, lose sight of the great loss which the Diocese of Huron, and especially this parish, will sustain, nor refrain from giving expression to our very great regret at your departure from amongst us. You have been many years identified with every movement of importance in the Diocese, and your services have been so valuable in many capacities, especially so in the Synod, that your loss will be greatly felt and your place difficult to fill. Although you have had charge of this parish for a comparatively short time, the hold you have obtained on the affections of the congregation can only be accounted for by their sense of the value of your ministrations. Further, this high esteem in which you are held is not confined to the congregation, but your talents, amiability and courtesy have endeared you to the community at