

stating, however, that he desired to attend Wycliffe College, Toronto (an Evangelical College), the Archbishop intimated that in that case he would have to look elsewhere for ordination than to the Diocese of Ontario.

The correspondence in connection with this case having been laid before a small meeting of representative Churchmen from different Churches in the city, a Committee was appointed to take steps for the organization of a Churchman's Union in the Diocese. A circular letter was sent out to all parts of the Diocese, setting forth the facts of the case, and the danger which threatened the Church should discrimination against evangelical teaching continue.

A meeting was called for March 1st, 1895, in the School Room of St. George's Church, which was very largely attended. At this meeting "The Anglican Churchman's Union" was formed, which lasted until the division of the Diocese in the following year, when, under the changed conditions, it seemed unnecessary to continue its meetings.

In November, 1895, the Parish had a visit from a deputation sent out from England by the Church Missionary Society,—Mr. Eugene Stock and Rev. Percy Grubb. They held meetings in the Church on Nov. 10th, 11th and 12th, which resulted in a very marked increase in the interest shown in the Foreign Missionary work of the Church.

A Mission was held from Jan. 1st to Jan. 15th, 1896, by Rev. W. Hay-Aitken and Rev. J. Stephens, eloquent and persuasive preachers, to hear whom great crowds came, overflowing the Church. Great good was the result, in the awakening of many, and the strengthening of others.

The organ having been for several years a source of trouble, and expense for repairs, a new one was put in by the firm of Casavant Bros., of St. Hyacinthe, in 1895, costing \$3,230.00; less \$700.00, which the builders allowed on the old instrument. The balance was met in part by subscriptions from the congregation, in part by the Vestry.

In 1896, the division of the Diocese of Ontario into the two Dioceses of Ottawa and Ontario was effected. At a Synod held in St. John's Hall, Ottawa, composed of the clergy and lay delegates representing the Parishes of the new Diocese, the Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, Bishop of Niagara, was elected Bishop.

A new election of lay delegates for the new Diocese was now necessary. The election of those for St. George's Parish took place on June 8th, 1896, the former lay delegates, Messrs. Macfarlane and Macnab, and Lt.-Col. Anderson, being re-elected for their respective terms, one, two and three years.

The Rev. W. J. Southam was appointed Curate, after the departure of Rev. F. B. Hodgins, in 1896. He resigned at Easter, 1898, to take the Secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. at Hong Kong. Appreciation of his valuable services was expressed by the Vestry by resolution.

During the year 1898-99, the interior of the Church was renovated and decorated at a cost of \$939.00, which was covered by subscriptions from the congregation. There was also expended in repairs to the exterior of the building, \$316.00.