

connected with the church, being given the power of conferring degrees, and so depraving the standard of ministerial scholarship.

Delegates to the American Synod.—The following delegates to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Chicago, were appointed: The Prolocutor, Dr. Langtry, the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, the Archdeacon of Niagara, the Rev. Canon Medley, the Hon. B. R. Stevenson, C. J. Campbell, R. T. Walkem, Q.C., and E. Baynes Reed.

The Bishops of Nova Scotia and Toronto, were appointed, by the Upper House, on the delegation.

After a short debate in which some things were said sadly deficient in charity as to sisterhoods, a Canon was adopted, prohibiting any work by women except under Episcopal control.

The question of the union of Christian Churches, was relegated to a committee to report at next Synod. Permission to use the Revised Version was refused.

The Ritual Question.—After the Canon on Deaconesses was adopted, the prolocutor was asked to appoint the committee on Christian unity. At a later hour, a long discussion arose on the question of ritual raised by a motion of Mr. Elliott, of Guelph, prohibiting altar lights and all other vestments except surplice and stole. To this Chief Justice Allen moved as an amendment, that the Niagara memorial be considered, which leaves the question for each diocesan to decide. Mr. Ford, in this debate, uttered a good phrase, worth remembering, he said "We had not only schools of thought but schools of thoughtlessness." After a somewhat heated discussion, the amendment was carried, which recommends the clergy of each diocese to submit to the Bishop in all questions of ritual provided his wishes do not conflict with the Prayer Book.

Address to Bishop Hamilton.—The Bishop of Niagara was presented to the Lower House and was warmly welcomed. The reply of the Bishop to an address presented to him, was especially happy.

Dean Carmichael moved the following resolutions, which stood in the name of the Prolocutor:—

1. "That the House of Bishops be respectfully requested to nominate a committee for the purpose of carrying out, as far as may be practicable, the prayer of the memorial, from the diocese of Toronto, on the subject of 'Christian Unity.'"
2. "That a committee be appointed to consider and report to this Synod on the practicability of the Church taking under her protection and direction, so far as her own members are concerned, the tendency of men in our time to associate themselves for the purpose of mutual protection and help."
3. "That a committee be appointed to prepare and report to this Synod, if possible, a canon of discipline for the clergy and laity, which shall operate throughout the Canadian Church."
4. "That a committee be appointed to prepare and report to this Synod, a canon for the guidance of clergy in the treatment of persons who shall hereafter contract marriage within the prohibited degrees."
5. "That a committee be appointed to prepare and report to this Synod, a scheme for bringing into the field of practical and missionary effect, 'the reserve force' of the Church."
6. "That a committee be appointed to consider, and if possible, report, upon the duty of the Church with reference to the great questions of sociology, which are more and more forcing themselves upon the attention of this age."

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Synod took recess until 8 o'clock.

A motion in favour of missionary brotherhoods, was allowed to lapse. Delegates were appointed to attend the centennial celebration of the founding of the colonial episcopate, and a report adopted, fixing the last Sunday in 1887, as a day of thanksgiving for the progress made by the church, and for instructing congregations with respect to the history of the Colonial Church.

The motion of the Rev. Dr. Carry, prohibiting the use of fancifully decocted liquids, in place of wine at Holy Communion, was passed unanimously.

Women's Missionary Society.—A general meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, was opened in the Diocesan College hall, Dorchester street, Thursday morning, there being a fair attendance. Mrs. Williams, wife of the Bishop of Quebec, presiding. Mesdames Houghton and Gregory acted as secretaries, and Miss Gildersleeve as treasurer for the meetings. After prayer by Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Henderson, as representing the home diocese, read an address of welcome to those present. This was followed by an exceedingly able reply on behalf of the visitors, by Mrs. Tilley, of Huron diocese. A hymn being sung, Mrs. Tilton, secretary of the society, read the report of the provincial committee, which was most encouraging. The report, which showed careful preparation, dealt with the way in which the work had been received. The election of committees

for the routine work of the meetings, followed, the doxology closing the session.

An adjournment was made for the purpose of attending the Synod now in progress. Returning to the hall, lunch was provided by the ladies of the various congregations of the city of Montreal. After lunch the session was resumed, being opened with a hymn and prayer. The work of the afternoon was the reception of the reports of committees and representatives. They were as follows: Fredericton district by Miss Murray, Quebec by Mrs. Williams, Montreal by Mrs. Henderson, Ontario by Mrs. Grant Powell, Toronto by Mrs. Leneau, Huron by Mrs. Tilley, Niagara by Mrs. Gregory. All the reports dealt with the subjects treated, those of Mesdames Tilley and Grant Powell being of especial merit, going into the work very minutely, and dealing with it in a way which threw much light upon the subject. A most interesting session was brought to a close by the doxology.

HURON.

Woodstock.—Oxford Deanery.—The vacancy in the rectory of St. Pauls, E. Woodstock, has not been filled. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Rev. W. A. Young, who has added to the list of the Huron clergy who are in the sister diocese of Michigan. The Woodstock church is, consequently, depending on casual supplies. Rev. W. A. Young, the diocesan commissioner, officiated on the ninth Sunday after Trinity.

LONDON.—Memorial Church.—Rev. H. D. Steale, author of "Lectures on the Historic Church," is officiating at the Memorial Church, the rector, Rev. J. B. Richardson is enjoying a few weeks vacation with his family. Rev. Evans Davis, of St. James, London South, is also on his vacation tour. We, the lay folk of the churches, rejoice to see our pastors enjoy the vacation of a few weeks, and returning refreshed and invigorated.

Obituary.—Rev. R. V. Rogers, whose death in Kingston we have just seen announced, was a few years since one of our Huron clergymen. He was of the Low school and of the old evangelical. He was a useful member of the church society and the diocesan synod. Very few of the old school now remain.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron is expected home in a few weeks. He will arrive in Montreal to take part in the deliberations at Provincial Synod, and leave for Huron at the close of the session. There will be a dearth of clergymen in the Forest City during the synod week, seven clergymen of the city and suburbs having been elected clerical delegates.

Fraternal Visits.—The manifestations of the unity of the church throughout all lands is hailed with delight by all who love the old Church of England. There was a very pleasing instance of this oneness in Nova Scotia a few days since. The Bishop of Iowa visited Yarmouth, the gate city of Nova Scotia it is called, and officiated and preached in the church there. He is the first American bishop who ever visited the city. In 1807 the first church was built in Yarmouth. There were two meeting houses besides two Roman Catholic chapels. The loyalists were almost without exception churchmen. The first rector was Rev. Ranna Cossitt, a refugee from New Hampshire. The site of the old church is still occupied by a burial ground and a Sunday School building, while the finest church in Nova Scotia, built of brick and accommodating nearly 800 worshippers, attests the church's growth in members and wealth.

LONDON WEST.—This week the Sunday school of St. George's church held their picnic. They had a most pleasant afternoon. There were about one hundred scholars on the grounds. Platt's grove, the scene of the festivities, is a very handsome ground and well adapted for such a pleasant meeting.

ALGOMA.

HILTON, ST. JOSEPH'S ISLAND.—The Rev. H. Beer, acknowledges, with many sincere thanks, the receipt of thirteen dollars and two boxes of clothing and reading matter from a lady at Niagara. Also a parcel of reading matter and clothing from Mrs. Sullivan, Sault Ste. Marie.

RUPERT'S LAND.

WINNIPEG.—Archdeacon Pinkham, for the Bishop of Rupert's Land, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$5.00 for missions, and \$2.00 toward furnishing the church at Musselboro, from "H."

FOREIGN.

Three great-grandsons of Charles Wesley are now clergymen of the Church of England. In this they are following the precept and example of their distinguished ancestor.

It is announced that the Rev. G. Austen, M.A., rector of Whitby, has received a request to permit his name to be placed in nomination for the Bishopric of Melbourne, vacated by Bishop Moorehouse.

The high altar of St. Paul's Cathedral has been temporarily moved into the centre of the choir, owing to the commencement of the work connected with the erection of the long-contemplated reredos.

In Greenland there are seven thousand Esquimaux converts under the fostering care of the Danish Missionary Society.

The number of men ordained in the Church of England, up to this time in the present year, is 749, as against 670 in the corresponding half of 1885.

Remains of the ancient Church are at last coming to light in North Africa. A large Christian basilica has been discovered near Philippeville in Algeria; and a Latin epitaph recording the martyrdom of Digna—probably in the persecution under Diocletian.

The sum of £200 has been offered to the Council of the English Church Union for the publication of a manual of Church teaching in catechetical form, the answers to be taken from Dr. Pusey's writings. The proposal has been referred to the Publication Committee, who will make known their decision after the Recess.

Abyssinia, according to the Massowa correspondent of the *Afret*, is now pervaded by "Greek" priests from the Holy Land, Mount Athos and Egypt. They are well off for money, and are doing much toward assimilating the Ethiopian Coptic service to the Eastern Orthodox rite.

The Bishop of St. Albans has given great pleasure to the nonconformists by assigning to their clergy, in a procession at the consecration of a new cemetery, a position between the Established clergy and immediately before the bishop and his chaplain, and by specially recognizing one of their most venerable and esteemed ministers. The bishop's address at the close of the service was full of kindly feeling toward those who conscientiously differed from him in religious opinions.

In Paso del Norte there is a cathedral 325 years old, built by Spanish Jesuits. It is not that the general plan is elaborate; on the contrary, it is one of beautiful appropriateness and simplicity, offering in this respect a lesson to the moderns. The walls are of adobe, plain and straight, and neither the walls nor the massive timbers are any the worse for their three centuries of wear. But the heavy woodwork everywhere is beautifully carved. In the cathedral are records of great historic value, reaching back hundreds of years. Some of the decorations and religious emblems are presents from the monarchs of Spain.

A correspondent of the *People* writes that the Cornish men, "Methodists though they are in such large numbers, are proud of having a bishop all to themselves, and proud of the beautiful new cathedral which is slowly rising in Truro. A week passed in the country lately enables me to say that this is so, without any sort of doubt. If Cornwall had had a bishop one hundred years ago, and such a bishop as it has got to-day, the Church would have been as strong as in any part of England—perhaps stronger, for the Cornish people are naturally, like Celts in general, a religious folk."

A meeting of the committee in charge of the presentation to the Lord Primate of all Ireland, formerly Bishop of the Diocese of Down, Connor and Dromore, was lately held in Belfast. It was reported that \$600 has been collected for the testimonial; and it was afterward resolved to present his Grace with "a carriage and four horses, with arms, crest, etc., engraved on the same." This is the Irish way of putting it. We imagine that the engraving of the "arms, crest, etc.," will be dispensed with in the case of the horse.

A Wesleyan reader of the *Family Churchman* writes to that paper to say that, entirely loyal to the Methodist body, he concurs with it in deploring the separat-