

pected and the full Synod and house packed with visitors were not disappointed. Mr. Burton's motion as it appeared on the Notice Paper read as follows:—

"That this Synod do memorialize the Provincial Synod at its approaching session, to pass a Canon confirming and removing all doubt as to the effect of the resolution passed by the Provincial Synod in 1868 respecting certain practices therein referred to and dis- countenanced."

He gave as the first reason for the existence of the Church Defence Association and the introduction of his motion certain ritualistic features which he declared had been introduced to the Diocese in a certain church in the city of Hamilton. This gave an opportunity to call the Church Defence Association to account for its action in the deputation to the Bishop and its circulation of literature in certain parishes with the effect of agitation. Rev. Mr. Bonny followed—desiring that this matter might be brought before the Provincial Synod for its discussion on its merits. He caused intense excitement by stating that the English Church Union and the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament had declared that their ulterior object was the restoration in England of the supremacy of the Bishops of Rome. Quiet was not restored for some time, a large section of the Synod daring Mr. Bonny to give his authority for such an assertion. The gentleman did not give any authority but said that he had seen it in print. This outrageous assertion gave several speakers an opportunity of showing to the Synod the real objects of these societies. A number of the E.C.U. leaflets were next morning distributed. Mr. Elliott, of Guelph, made an attack on incense, quoting from the fathers; but as Rev. Mr. Beaven showed the gentleman's quotations were very partial, and mention being taken from the article in Smith's Dictionary of Antiquities—Rev. A. Henderson at this juncture moved an amendment, viz:

"That this Synod do memorialize the Provincial Synod at its approaching session to pass a Canon removing all doubt as to whether the Church within this ecclesiastical province is bound by the Ornament's Rubric or by the resolution passed by the Synod in 1868 respecting certain practices therein referred to: or if we are not bound by either the Ornament's Rubric or the resolution referred to, that they pass a Canon defining exactly the manner of conducting the services of the Church to be observed within this ecclesiastical province, and the ornaments to be used, and requiring a greater degree of uniformity than has hitherto been the custom."

Mr. Kirwin Martin, delegate from St. Mark's Hamilton, brought out some home truths concerning the Church Defence Association. He said that this Society was formed with the avowed purpose of putting down what they considered Ritualistic practices, and the promoters of those practices and that the Association was fully organized before it approached the Bishop. Therefore, the deputation which waited upon the Bishop to protest against the practices of St. Matthew's Church was not a deputation of members of the Church of England, but of the Church Defence Association. It was worthy of remark that it did not contain one member of the church of St. Matthew. Rev. Mr. Beaven took up the Ornament's Rubric, showed how the so-called Ritualistic clergy were the real law-keepers and warned the opposition that if these gentlemen (Ritualists) do not remain in the ship (the Church of England) its salvation was doubtful. Mr. Kilvert, Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, Rev. Mr. Armitage, Rev. R. G. Sutherland, Mr. Keys, Mr. Tinsley, Rev. W. R. Macnab, and Mr. Outtriss contributed to the debate. By this time, the afternoon of Thursday, the house was as full as on Wednesday evening. The speaking power had been all on the side of the opposers of the motion. Adam Brown, M.P. had made an attempt in the morning to have the regular business of the house interrupted in order that this debate might be resumed as the appearances were all for a long continued discussion. This motion was outvoted. At 4 o'clock, it was evident that Mr. Burton's motion could never pass the house. There were at least a dozen men who were prepared to speak on this subject. The supporters of the motion seemed to fear further discussion for at 4 o'clock about 20 of the laymen marched out of the Synod in a body. On the departure of this phalanx Rev. Canon Curran seconded by Rev. Rural Dean Forneret asked that the house be counted. This raised a storm of dissent, more than one member not hesitating to declare that the going out of 20 men and the immediate call to count the house was a preconcerted plot to stifle further discussion. Several laymen brought to the notice of the house that the Church Defence Association had brought on this discussion, had flooded the diocese with literature to influence the lay delegates on this subject, had put up a ticket for the election of Provincial Synod and delegates in every way sought to bring on the floor of the house this burning question, and that at this stage of the proceedings when the whole matter was evidently going against them and no hope

of passing the motion was left, this means of choking off further discussion, was adopted. It is fair to say that the two clergymen who attempted to count out the house at this juncture repudiated any collusion with the 20 men who left the house *en masse* and the house had therefore to be content with the assumption that it was a remarkable "undesigned coincidence." In a few minutes an informal message was brought in to the Bishop that the gentlemen outside would like to have a committee of three selected from the members inside to confer with the members outside and to bring about a compromise. This, the house looked upon as not only informal, but simply insulting, that gentlemen should get up and leave in the middle of a debate, and send from without a message of compromise. However, in the interest of peace, a gentleman volunteered to go out and interview this gentleman. He found many had gone away, and the few who were standing in knots without had no message to send in. Mr. Burton, the mover of the resolution had left the house, Rev. Mr. Bonny, the seconder, asked leave of the house to withdraw the resolution. It was granted, and so the matter ends; and there will be no repetition of what was done in 1888—the sending of a petition to the Provincial House for settlement of doubts about the six points of Ritual.

Lay Delegates to the Provincial Synod.—J. J. Mason, George Elliott, Adam Browne, W. F. Burton, B. R. Nelles, F. B. Kilvert, A. R. Goodman, E. Morris, C. F. Ball, Jas. A. Keys, Hugh Roberts, Addin Hunt. *Substitutes*, Henry McLaren, A. Bruce, W. G. Pettit, Dr. Ridly, Kirwin Martin, F. Irwin.

A motion introduced by Rev. Mr. Bonny on the Jesuit Question, was amended by a motion placed in a milder form and passed the house. A petition to the Government on the subject of better observance of the Lord's Day was carried.

The usual votes of thanks were awarded and late on Thursday night the Synod was dismissed.

OAKVILLE.—Consecration of St. Jude's Church.—On Sunday, 23rd, the Lord Bishop of Niagara visited Oakville for purpose of consecration of the Church of St. Jude. This handsome brick church was erected in 1888 at a cost of \$14,000. The act of consecration means that it has now been freed from all debt. Before Morning Prayer, the Bishop, Rev. Canon Worrell, Rector, and attending clergy were received at the West door by the lay officers of the church, when the request for consecration was made by the churchwardens on behalf of the communicants and parishioners. The prayers and formal act of consecration was then proceeded with, a procession being made to the chancel. The sermon was preached by Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, of Church of St. Matthew, Hamilton. In the afternoon a children's service was held, and the Bishop addressed the children. At evening the Bishop preached. The day's offerings amounted to \$189 and was devoted to the new Guild house erected contiguous to the church. This is a handsome brick building, cost \$2,000 of which \$800 is yet to be raised. This will easily be done during the present year. We hope that a completion will be made to the parish buildings by the purchase of land adjoining the church and erection of a clergy house thereon. St. Jude's parish, Oakville, with church, school room and cemetery is to be congratulated on having one of the handsomest churches and most complete arrangements for conduct of parish work in the Diocese.

ORANGEVILLE.—The Lord Bishop of Niagara visited this parish and administered the rite of confirmation on the 12th to forty-seven persons. As usual his Lordship's addresses were most impressive and were listened to with deep interest by a very large congregation: the church being filled to its utmost capacity, and many were obliged to turn away who were unable to find seats. The above was a large number to be confirmed this year, as there was a confirmation in this parish last year when about forty received the sacred rite.

HURON.

Huron Synod.—The annual session of the Synod of Huron opened on the 15th June. In the morning the representatives attended divine service and holy communion at St. Paul's cathedral, the sermon being preached by Principal Fowell. The principal business at this afternoon's session was the delivery of the bishop's charge. His Lordship referred with particular emphasis to the aggressions of Jesuitism in Canada, and urged upon the synod the necessity of resolute action to show that it was on the side of Protestantism and right. The charge also referred at length to the iniquity of sending Protestant children to Roman Catholic schools and convents. The year had been one of great success and prosperity to the synod, the clergy maintenance and missionary funds showing the debt thereon abolished and a balance now on hand of \$2,467.

The report of the Executive Committee was read. The clergy maintenance and mission fund had now a surplus of \$2,467, and a debt of \$586 on the same had been paid off, besides \$1,576 having been passed over to the widows' and orphans' fund. An increase of about \$140 was noticeable in the domestic and foreign mission funds, the former amounting to \$2,581.55 and the latter to \$1,962.18. The total capital of the widows' and orphans' fund is now some \$68,815.88. The sum of \$14,276 is still owing on the See house. A total of 161 collections had been remitted by the various parishes during the year.

From Sunday School Committee Report the following statistics are gleaned: In the diocese 227 congregations have Sabbath schools and 40 have none. Reports were received from 164 schools, which have 1,848 officers and teachers, and 14,895 scholars in attendance. Twenty-five schools are open for only a portion of the year; seventy-five schools are supported entirely by the Sabbath school offertory. In 47, the offertory is supplemented by grants. One hundred and thirty-one schools have apparently no offertory, and are supported by the congregations. Several schools (probably six) give their entire collection to mission or outside work. Libraries in 118 schools numbered 22,578 volumes. The report recommended that \$1,000 be appropriated for the establishment of a book depository in London, which was approved by the synod. A clause was inserted decreeing that the Prayer Book be used in the opening and closing exercises of Sunday schools.

Very Rev. Dean Innes presented resolutions formulated on the recent Jesuit legislation on behalf of the committee appointed therefore by the bishop. The resolutions were exactly like those passed at the meeting of the Synod of Toronto, and were carried by a standing vote of the entire Synod, Dr. Armstrong alone objecting.

The following elections took place:—

Clerical Representatives to Provincial Synod.—Rev. Principal Fowell, Canon Davies, Dean Innes, Canon Hicks, Archdeacon Marsh, Canon Richardson, Archdeacon Mulholland, Canon Smith, J. H. Moorehouse, J. O. Mackenzie, W. A. Young.

Lay Representatives.—Messrs. V. Cronyn, Richard Bayly, Wm. Grey, Matthew Wilson, A. S. Gurd, James Woods, W. H. Eakins, A. C. Clark, Chas. Jenkins, Jasper Golden, Robert Fox, C. O. Ermatinger.

Executive Committee.—*Clerical Members.*—Rev. Rural Dean Craig, Principal Fowell, Dean Innes, Canon Hicks, Canon Davies, Canon Smith, Canon Hill, G. C. Mackenzie, W. A. Young, Canon Richardson, Archdeacon Marsh, J. H. Moorehouse, A. Brown, Jas. Gamley, T. R. Davies, Archdeacon Mulholland, R. Ashton, John Ridley, R. S. Cooper, Jeffrey Hill, R. Hicks, Canon Patterson, J. T. Wright, F. Harding, Archdeacon Sandys, W. Davis, C. R. Matthews, G. B. Sage, D. J. Caswell, D. Deacon.

Lay Members.—Messrs. Matthew Wilson, R. S. Gurd, A. C. Clark, Wm. Grey, James Woods, V. Cronyn, R. Bayly, W. H. Eakins, Jas. W. Ferguson, Jasper Golden, Charles Jenkins, Robt. Rox, T. D. Stanley, C. O. Ermatinger, J. F. Hellmuth, A. H. Dymond, Thos. Moyle, J. E. Brooks, Orwell Wilson, W. J. Imbach, E. B. Reed, Lawrence Skye, B. Stanley, John Rainford, R. S. Strong, Adam Spence, Dr. Bradley, Judge Kingmill, G. D. Sutherland, W. R. Davis.

Rural Dean Cooper moved this resolution:—

Resolved. That in the opinion of this Synod the educational affairs of Ontario have not been administered with that regard for the rights and interest of the majority of its people which should have prevailed. That we have observed with concern that in a considerable number of the schools of this province the English is treated as really a foreign tongue, while the encroachments of the Papal hierarchy on our school laws is most wanton in relation to the assessment of property and the rating of Public and Separate school supporters.

Rev. Principal Fowell seconded the motion. The Bishop expressed himself strongly in favour of the motion and the sentiments expressed therein, and hoped the Synod would pass it. The resolution after a debate was carried.

Huron Divinity College.—At the closing exercises of the Huron Divinity College last week, at which Sir Daniel Wilson, of Toronto University delivered an address, the Bishop of Huron, at the request of Rev. Principal Fowell, distributed certificates entitling the holders to free tuition for a year to the following students:—H. R. Diehl, L. W. Diehl, and R. W. Howard. The Bishop's prize for the best paper on the Greek Testament, won last summer, was given to Messrs. (now Revs.) M. G. Freeman and T. E. Higley. The Haensal reading prize was won by Mr. (now Rev.) M. G. Freeman, and consisted of \$20 worth of books. Dean Innes' prize for a paper on church history was won by Mr. L. W. Diehl. The prize by Rev. T. R. Davis, Sarnia, for the best sermon, was carried off by Mr. G. W. Woodward.