

sided at the organ; and the sermon, a most appropriate and impressive one on the relative duties and responsibilities of pastor and people, was preached by the Rev. Jas. Carmichael, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, the text being taken from the 2nd Epistle of Timothy Ch. iv. verses 1 and 2. The collection, a liberal one, went to the Improvement Fund of the Parsonage, the outside wood work of which, including blinds and sashes, has been thoroughly repaired within the past few weeks.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., the festivities were brought to a close by a most enjoyable picnic to the lake near Nanticoke, the weather being all that could be desired. Everything connected with the "decennial" passed off to the seeming delight and satisfaction of all who had taken part in it.

#### HURON.

CHATHAM.—A missionary meeting in the interest of the Diocesan Church Society was held in the Sunday School House of St. Mary's Chapel, on Thursday evening Rev. D. Forsyth, Rector of the Parish, in the Chair. After prayer and singing, the Chairman stated the object of the meeting, which was to place before those present the claims of the Society, in view of the collection which was to be made on the following Sunday in aid of its funds. The resolutions of the evening were then moved, and unanimously adopted as follows:—

By G. A. Blair, Esq., seconded by W. B. Howard—That the Local Committee of the D. C. S., in the Parish desires to acknowledge the enjoyment of the inestimable blessings which it is the purpose of the D. C. S., to extend to all parts of this Diocese, and that the Com. realizes its debt of gratitude to Almighty God for continual participation in these blessings.

By Wm. Wilkinson, Esq., seconded by Mr. D. G. Smith—That in the opinion of this local Com. the sentiments expressed in the foregoing resolution, should be practically exhibited in the liability of contributions to general purpose of the D. C. S., and that it is the duty and privilege of all Churchmen to give of their substance towards the accomplishment of these purposes to the Glory of God and the extension of His Kingdom.

By R. Carman, Esq., seconded T. F. Gillespie, Esq., M. P. P., F. E. Winslow and Chas. Sergeant Esqrs.—That in consideration of the rapidly extending missionary work of the Church in our Diocese, and the consequent increased demand upon the funds of the D. C. S., and in consequence of withdrawal in aid from the venerable S. P. G.—which aid this Local Committee desires duly to acknowledge—therefore resolved: That every possible effort be made to secure increased contributions to the Society's funds in the present year.

Between each of the addresses, hymns were sung by the choir, and at the close G. A. Blair and W. Wilkinson, Esqrs., were elected delegates to the D. C. S., and Messrs. B. Carman and W. B. Howard as substitutes.

The above meeting being closed, a meeting was held pursuant to notice given the previous Sunday by the Rector, for the purpose of considering the question of making the seats in St. Mary's Chapel and the Parish Church free. The Rector occupied the chair and F. E. Winslow, Esq., stated that at the Easter meeting of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry the question referred to had been discussed and the following resolution passed: "That a committee of three persons be appointed to ascertain the views of the parishioners and pew-holders in both churches as to abolishing pew-rents and making the churches free, and that the committee report at a general meeting of the parishioners to be held some time in June at the school house—the day and particulars to be arranged by the Rector, and that Wm. Wilkinson, F. E. Winslow and D. G. Smith be such committee."

Mr. Winslow, for the committee, submitted the following:—The committee report that after consulting with the pew-holders and parishioners generally they find them quite willing that steps should be taken to carry into effect the proposed change of making the churches free.

He also moved the following:—Resolved, that

we the pew-holders and parishioners of St. Mary's Chapel and St. Paul's Church hereby affirm the principle of free seats, and request the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry, as soon as practicable, to declare the sittings in both churches free.

Speeches were made by Messrs. Winslow, Carman, Blair and Wilkinson, each of whom affirmed the principle involved in the proposed change, Messrs. Winslow, Blair and Wilkinson, expressing themselves freely in favor of the change, and the two latter speaking at some length in reply to a fear expressed by Mr. Carman, that the adoption of the free system might not be productive of sufficient income to meet the ordinary charges in connection with the maintenance of the churches. It was shown that the history of the system was one that promised success wherever it might be adopted, besides which it was the only one in accord with the declarations of Christ and his Apostles in reference to the Gospel and ordinances of the Church being made free and available to all. It was confidently hoped that the voluntary offerings of each Sunday would amount to a larger sum each year than is now derived from the pew system.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Rector and Messrs. Blair and Gillespie were appointed a Committee to ascertain the cost of changing the present seats in St. Mary's Chapel so as to render them more comfortable and better adapted to the free system.

The meeting then closed with the singing of the Doxology and prayer by the Rector.—*Miramichi Advance.*

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MEETING OF SYNOD AND ORDINATION.—The 21st Annual Session of the Synod of the Diocese commenced its business on Tuesday, 18th inst. Prior to the opening of the Synod his Lordship the Bishop ordained to the ministry the following candidates:—Priests: Revs. J. Barefoot, P. B. DeLorn, W. Henderson, Wm. Johnson, J. P. Lewis, S. Edelstein, D. J. Caswell; Deacons: Messrs. W. Beven, Jas. Ward, A. C. Forbes, W. J. Taylor, J. H. Moorehouse, R. Hicks, J. Edmonds, W. Stout and T. B. Brown. His Lordship was assisted in the service by very Rev. Dean Boomer, Ven. Archdeacons McMurray, Sweetman, Ellewood, Sandys, Rev. Drs. Stocking and Harris of Detroit, and Rev. Dr. Sullivan of Chicago. Rev. Dr. Sullivan was the morning preacher, taking for his text St. Luke xvii. 20, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." In the course of his address he referred to the progress of the Church in the Diocese of Huron, where in twenty years the number of churches that was then fifty is now two hundred. He then addressed himself to the candidates for ordination, urging them to take up the banner of the cross boldly, and to preach Christ and forgiveness of sins through His blood, above everything else. The congregation was large and the service and sermon evidently made a deep impression on all present.

At 3 o'clock the Synod assembled in the hall, his Lordship the Bishop presided, *ex-officio*. The Synod having opened with the appointed prayer the roll of members was called. There was a large attendance—140 members, clerical and lay—nearly equal number of each order. On motion of Mr. H. A. Patterson, seconded by Mr. J. D. Noble, the reading of the minutes of the Synod was dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed.

His Lordship then read the address, acknowledging gratefully the loving kindness of our God, and praying that the Great Head of the Church may be in their midst to guide and influence them in all their deliberations. The summary of all his public official acts is as follows:—Ordained to the order of Deacons, 11; ordained to the order of the Priesthood, 7; confirmed 1848, opened 4 new churches, consecrated 6 new churches, consecrated 2 new burial grounds, baptised 22 adults, baptised 3 infants, administered the Holy Communion 37 times, preached 79 sermons, delivered 116 lectures and addresses, attended 19 meetings, laid corner-stone of one new church. He spoke briefly in the address of the numbers confirmed, of the general activity and prosperity throughout the Diocese, of the increase of clergy, of the ordinations, referring especially to the number confirm-

ed that morning. He spoke at length of Huron College and the Western University and of Diocesan Missions.

His Lordship gave a very cordial invitation to the Delegates and their friends, to visit him that evening at his residence. The drawing rooms of the Ladies' College would also be open for their accommodation, and they would have a brief service in the new chapel.

Mr. Read, Secretary of the Synod, read the report setting forth that every fund which forms part of the Diocesan voluntary income shows an increase over the returns of the previous year. The expenditure for the year amounted to \$12,979.49. Fifty missions received assistance towards paying the necessary stipend for the clergymen beside the usual provision for Indian catechists and teachers. Superannuation.—In addition to the sum of \$3,674.99 paid over to the Mission Fund, the Surplus Commutation Fund was in the first place applied to the relief of nine superannuated clergymen, involving an expenditure for the year of \$3,018.88. Widows' and Orphans' Fund.—The collections during the year amounted to \$1,154.59, being an increase over last year of over \$7. Three more widows must be added to the pension list, making in all 14. Missionary Meetings.—The number of meetings held was 192. The total collections amounted to \$1,191.59.

Foreign Missions.—Seventy-four congregations contributed \$390.26, being \$149 beyond last year's receipts. The Hellmuth Ladies' College Missionary Association contributed their annual grant of \$48.67 to the African Mission work. St. Paul's, London, also gave a collection of \$90 to the Diocese of Saskatchewan. The S. P. G. gives its annual grant of £400 sterling to our Mission work. The Colonial and Continental Church Society places annually at the disposal of the Bishop and the Standing Committee the sum of \$551. The S. P. C. K. during the past year paid grants to five churches amounting to \$867, and has also placed at the disposal of the Bishop, for new churches, another grant for service books.

Thursday, 9 a.m.—The Synod reassembled, his Lordship the Bishop presiding. After Divine worship ballot papers were distributed for the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod and members of the several committees. The most keenly debated subject that occupied the Synod during the session was now brought forward—a motion by Rev. J. T. Wright, "that parliament be petitioned to permit the Synod to use all endowments which come originally from the crown for the ministry of the Church in the Diocese, in such a manner as from time to time may be considered most conducive to her interest, reserving however, to all who may be in possession of any of said endowments, their representative claims." This question had been brought up by Mr. Wright two years ago, and defeated by an overwhelming majority. He has been agitating the question since, and circulated a pamphlet advocating it. The discussion on it now was very animated and occupied the whole of Thursday's sitting, except the time of reading the report of the scrutineers for the election of delegates. It was resumed on Friday morning, and finally, at the close of the morning sitting, was withdrawn. This, we hope, is the end of this attempted act of spoliation.

A very important resolution was moved by Rev. H. Bartlett, seconded by Rev. G. C. Mackenzie. Moved.—That the Canon on Patronage be amended so as to provide that on the voidance of any rectory, parish or mission by the death, resignation or removal of the rector or incumbent, the appointment to all rectories, parishes and missions, shall be vested in the Bishop; and if any clergyman or candidate for orders shall in any way seek to gain the appointment by soliciting or receiving the aid of any clergyman or member of the church, in any movement of an irregular nature, such conduct if proved shall prevent such clergyman or candidate for orders from being appointed by the Bishop to the vacant charge; furthermore, before any appointment shall be made to a vacant charge under this canon, arrangements satisfactory to the Bishop shall be made in regard to any arrears of salary due to the late incumbent. A similar canon had been the law of the Diocese till the session of 1877, when a new canon was passed, vesting the appointment

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