

Anniversary Missionary Meetings and sermons.
 July.—Southampton, Wednesday, 18th; Port Elgin, Thursday, 19th; Paisley, 11 a.m., and 7 p.m., Pinkerton, 3 p.m., Sunday, 22th; Chesley, Monday, 23; Walkerton, 11 a.m., and 7 p.m., West Branch, 3 p.m., Sunday, 29th; Invermay, 7 p.m., Tuesday, 31th. August.—Warton Wednesday, 1st; Bass Lake, 10 a.m., Presqu'isle, 2.30 p.m., Thursday, 2nd; Meaford, 11 a.m., and 7 p.m., St. Vincent, 3 p.m., Sunday, 5th; Chatsworth, Monday, 6th; Markdale, Tuesday, 7th; Shelburne, Wednesday, 8th; Clarksburg, etc., Sunday, 12th; Walpole Island, Wednesday, 22; September, —Sarnia, Point Edward, Sunday 2nd; Perche, Monday, 3rd; Camlache, Tuesday, 4; Forest, Wednesday, 5th; Thedford, Thursday, 6th; Parkhill, Friday, 7th; Boston, Saturday, 8th; Christ Church, McGillivray, 11 a.m., St. Mary's, 3 p.m., Ailsa Craig, 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9. Special collections at each service in aid of Diocesan and Domestic Missions.—W. F. CAMPBELL, *Missionary Agent of the Diocese.*

DIOCESE OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Synod of the Diocese met on Friday, (St. Peter's Day), the 29th June, in the Synod Hall, St. John's, the Lord Bishop presiding.

After prayers the roll was called, and 18 of the Clergy and 25 of the Laity were found to be present.

The Rev. A. Heygate was elected Clerical Secretary, and Geo. T. Rendell, Esq., Lay Secretary. H. Cooke, Esq., was elected Treasurer.

After several notices of motion had been given, the Synod adjourned until Monday, July 2nd, a number of the clergy from the West not having yet arrived.

Synod resumed its labours on Monday, and after prayers by the Lord Bishop the Secretary called the roll of members, and 38 of the Clergy and 37 of the Laity were found to be present.

A large amount of business was transacted on this and five subsequent days. Among the most interesting and important business was the Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools presented by the Rev. W. Pilot. It appears that there are 9,706 scholars, engaging the active help and co-operation of 740 superintendents and teachers, making in all a total of 10,446 in connection with Sunday School work. The report ably dealt with the difficulties attending the conduct of these schools, and contained suggestions calculated to ensure a large measure of success in the future. Practical questions, such as teacher's meetings, children's services, Sunday School libraries, and collections were well ventilated, and altogether the report was of permanent value, and showed the Sunday Schools to be, as a whole, in a flourishing condition and doing a good work.

On Wednesday, after Morning Prayers at the Cathedral, the Bishop read an able and valuable charge to the clergy of the Diocese. [We hope to obtain this for publication.]

The Report of the Executive Committee was an exceedingly interesting document. It referred in feeling terms to the loss sustained by the Church in the death of the Revd. T. M. Wood, Rector of St. Thomas', and an active clergyman for over half a century past; in the decease of the Revd. John Bishop, Missionary for 12 years at Belloram, in Fortune Bay; and of the Revd. C. H. Forster, the young and promising Missionary at Trinity West, who was cut off by the catastrophe which in the winter of 1882 befell the S. S. "Lion."

The Report expresses great cause of thankfulness that the Bishop has been able to fill two Missions—one on the coast of Labrador, and the other at Flower's Cove in the Straits of Belle Isle.

A scheme for the general use of the Sunday Schools has been drawn up and sanctioned by His Lordship for adoption throughout the Diocese.

The Committee deplores the fact that the Temperance Society has not made that progress which all well-wishers of the cause would like to see.

The Committee also urged on the laity the necessity of establishing a "Clergy Sustentation Fund," in view of the probable reduction of the grant from the S. P. G.

The Home and Foreign Mission Fund receives the hearty approbation of the Committee, with recommendations that greater efforts be made during the coming years.

The Women's Mission Fund, which amounts to £158 16s. 3d., shows an evidence of zeal in a noble cause. It has enabled the Executive to give valuable aid to several Missions.

The General Church Fund has been somewhat increased, grants have been made towards building two churches and eight parsonages.

The Clergy Widows' and Orphans' Fund is at present in a flourishing condition; 37 clergy are entitled to the benefit of the fund and 11 persons are receiving pensions. The invested funds have been increased by a legacy of £100 bequeathed by the late Mrs. G. M. Johnson.

A large stock of books is kept at the Depot to meet the wants of the Diocese.

The completion of the Cathedral has been energetically pushed forward, and the Committee hope that before the next meeting of Synod it will be so far completed as to be

ready for use. Its cost is, however, greater than was anticipated; and they would again call on out-harbor clergy and laity to give their assistance towards the completion of this great work.

A novel feature in connection with the meetings of the Synod this year has been the holding of a "Church Conference." This kind of gathering is common enough in England, under the name of "Church Congress;" the custom being to hold one such meeting annually, in some convenient town, the centre, perhaps, of a large mining district, or of some important manufacturing industry. The subjects usually brought forward on these occasions are not such as call for legislative action, but such as may give merely an opportunity for free interchange of ideas upon some topic of general religious interest. A good deal of the work of the Synod consists in the consideration of details of mere church business; and the opportunity afforded by the gathering of Clergy and Lay Representatives, for entering into matters more directly affecting the life and well-being of the Church was too good a one to be neglected. A committee was accordingly appointed, which prepared a list of subjects for discussion, under the general heading, "The promotion of the life and growth of the Church in this Diocese."—The several topics being; 1, The Supply of Clergy; 2, The Duty of the Laity; 3, Parochial and other Organization; 4, Personal Religion. The two former subjects were dealt with on the first evening (Wednesday, July 4th), and the two latter on the succeeding evening; the arrangement being to introduce each subject by three set addresses, to be followed by open discussion, in speeches not to exceed in length ten minutes each. Without entering into particulars, it may suffice to say generally, that the Conference, especially considered as a first attempt, was a decided success. The papers read were definite and to the point, and the speeches as a whole were excellent.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—CLOSING BUSINESS.

(From our own correspondent.)

Friday morning the Synod met as usual, the attendance however being very much reduced. The minutes of yesterday's proceeding having been confirmed, the first business taken up was Mr. Worrell's proposed canon respecting

FREE CHURCH VESTRIES.

This provided for the protection of vestries in free churches for all the purposes mentioned in the Church Temporalities Act and for the election and appointment of Church Wardens, &c. It appears that according to the decision of Mr. Justice Cameron recently given, there is no such corporate body as Church Wardens existing in free vestries. True, legislation upon this subject has unquestionably taken place in all our Diocesan Synods, and by our Diocesan Canons provision is made for the appointment of Church Wardens, &c., and all the powers of corporate bodies have been in this way conferred upon them. It has, however, been shown that such legislation has been *ultra vires*, the Church Temporalities Act providing that these and similar matters shall be altogether within the power of the Provincial Synod only. As this body meets next September, and as the matter is of the utmost importance, a committee consisting of Revds. Broughall, Baldwin, Septimus Jones, J. Parsons and Messrs. J. A. Worrell, Holmsted, Chadwick, A. H. Campbell, Dr. Hodgins, Hon. G. W. Allan, the Registrar and the Chancellor were appointed with authority to take such action as may be deemed desirable, either by reference to the Provincial Synod or by independent action in the way of obtaining legislation on the subject.

EVENING SERVICE AT OPENING OF SYNOD.

Mr. Cayley's motion that in future the service preceding the opening of Synod should take place in the evening was then taken up. After short speeches on the subject in which the change was spoken of as desirable; the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw stated that as the motion involved a change in the Constitution and it had not come from the Executive Committee in the proper way, the resolution proposed was out of order. He suggested however that the whole question might well be left in his Lordship's hands to carry out as he deemed best. The Bishop ruled that Mr. Bradshaw's objection was well taken, and said he would endeavour to fulfil the wishes of the Synod in the matter.

TEMPERANCE.

Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick then moved the following resolution:—

"That this Synod regrets to learn that more has not been done in the Diocese towards carrying out the organization of branch societies of the Church of England Temperance Society, to which it pledged itself at the last meeting of Synod; re-affirms its approval of the great desirability of immediate action, and urges the members of the Synod (Clerical and Lay,) to form societies at once in their respective parishes, so that the Diocesan Society may be forthwith organized. Resolved, That his Lordship the Bishop be authorized and respectfully requested to appoint an organizing agent for the carrying out of its objects."

After an interesting discussion in which many members joined the motion unanimously passed.

CONFIRMING THE CANONS.

Mr. Hopkins' motion to confirm the printed copy of the canons was then resumed and occupied the remainder of the sitting until adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Bishop took the Chair at two o'clock, the attendance being very thin. Several amendments to Mr. Hoskins' motion were proposed but the Synod rejected all and the original motion after a long and wearisome discussion passed.

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw then introduced his motion, "That the suggestion of the Lord Bishop in his opening address to this Synod, recommending the formation of a Diocesan branch of the Girl's Friendly Society be adopted, and that he be requested to name a committee to accomplish this desirable object." Mr. Bradshaw sketched the history of the Society as it exists in England, referred to its aims and to the good it was capable of accomplishing and showed that already in Canada the Society had a footing and was meeting with marked success.

The motion passed.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

Rev. A. J. Fidler moved a resolution of which he had given notice, in favour of appointing a committee to consider the question of the establishment of Separate Schools for Church of England children.

After remarks in its favour by Rev. O. P. Ford, and against it by Mr. A. H. Campbell, the motion was allowed to stand over as unfinished business for next session.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Rev. Septimus Jones had two motions respecting the present system of issuing Marriage Licenses and the expediency of issuing a Year Book for the Canadian Church both of which were adopted.

The next question was a resolution in favour of the appointment of a Missionary agent. Several addresses were made in support of the proposition, the speakers believing that not only would it extend and revive the work of the Church, but that it would so increase the subscriptions as to cover the additional expense it might involve.

The motion passed referring the subject to the Mission Board, with instructions to consider it.

It is a great pity this resolution was hurried through at the eleventh hour when only a handful of members was present.

In a full house, the question of a Missionary Agent would have met with many opponents. It has been tried in the Diocese and proved an utter failure. In Huron with an agent, the receipts this year are positively less than last year. The only man who can work up Missionary enthusiasm in a parish is the parish priest, and no one can do it, if he does not. It seems a waste of funds especially when under the present regime, the working of the monthly system of collections and the dissemination of literature is so satisfactory. The only thing it will do, is perhaps to provide an office for some one for a brief period who is not very highly adapted for other work.

The usual resolutions of thanks and the adoption of the minutes of the meeting in the ordinary way brought the business of the Synod to a close.

CLOSING ADDRESS.

In closing the Bishop before pronouncing the benediction said:—I feel that I cannot discharge you from your duties in the Synod, without thank-