

ional or chaplaincies. The increase in church memberships in the diocese during the past 10 years had been 22,340; of communicants 6348, of S. S. teachers 943 and of scholars 6159; and Baptisms has been 181 more in 1891 than in 1890. The ordinary gifts for Mission work had increased from \$10,000 in 1881 to \$29,000 in 1892. The contributions to domestic missions for the past year had been \$9,545 an increase of over \$2,000, and to foreign missions \$3,553 a decrease of \$500. His Lordship expressed regret at the tendency of designating contributions for mission work to particular objects instead of leaving the appropriation to the Mission Board.

### Diocese of Niagara.

**ORDINATION.**—At Chirst Church Cathedral, Hamilton, on Friday morning last the Lord Bishop of the diocese ordained Rev. J. W. J. Andrew, of St. George's church, Hamilton, and Rev. T. P. Mignot, of Tapleystown, to the priesthood. Messrs. R. H. Archer and Wm. Webb were ordained deacons. There was a large attendance of clergy and a fair attendance of the laity. The Bishop was assisted by Archdeacon Dixon, of Guelph, examining chaplain of the diocese, who preached the sermon taking as the text the last two verses of the last chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, containing the divine Commission given to the Apostles, and the comforting promise, to be with them always.

Canon Worral, of Oakville, read the Epistle, and one of the candidates, Mr. Archer, read the Gospel. The choir of the cathedral took part in the service, and the boys of St. Matthew's school under Rev. Mr. Whitcombe, occupied seats in the body of the church. Amongst other clergy present were: Rev. E. P. Crawford, Rural Dean Forneret, E. M. Bland and J. Massey, of Hamilton; J. Morton, Port Colborne; T. L. Aborn, Norval; Mr. Bevan, Mount Forest; E. A. Irving, Dundas; Rural Dean McKenzie, Milton; James Ardill, Merriton; P. L. Spencer, Thorold; M. W. Britton, Dunnville; J. Bonny, Nanticoke; W. J. Pigott, Port Robinson; J. Bennets, A. Henderson, Canon Bull, Niagara Falls South; E. J. Fessenden, Chippawa.

Mr. Webb is at present at Trinity college, Toronto, but goes as curate to Calgary, N.W.T. Mr. Archer was formerly manager of the Molson's bank at Exeter and will be stationed at Stamford and Niagara Falls South as curate.

The services were of a most impressive character.

### SYNOD MEETING.

The eighteenth session of the Synod of the diocese opened in Hamilton on the 21st of June with service in the Cathedral.

The delegates elected to the Board of Domestic and Foreign and Domestic Missions on the 2nd day were: Clerical: Revs. Canon Houston and E. P. Crawford; Lay: W. F. Burton and Judge Senkler.

The delegates elected to represent the diocese at the Provincial Synod are the following: Rural Dean Belt, Canon Belt, Rev. E. M. Bland, Canon Bull, Rev. W. R. Clark, Rev. E. P. Crawford, Archdeacon Dixon, Rural Dean Forneret, Canon Houston, Canon Read, Canon Sutherland, Rev. C. E. Whitcombe and Canon Worrell. Substitutes—Revs. E. J. Fessenden, Robert Kerr, W. J. Armitage, Canon Curran, F. E. Howitt and A. Henderson and Canon Read. Lay delegates—J. J. Mason, Judge Senkler, Wm. Bell, Alex. Gaviller, John Hoodless, Hugh James Thomas Keys, Archdale Wilson, Wm. Nicholson C. Rissby and Hugh Roberts. Substitutes—W. Barr, W. F. Burton, E. Kenrick, B.A., Maitland Young, George Elliott and G. Heaven.

**THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE CHURCH.**—The committee on this question reported in favor of the Winnipeg resolutions as affording a just and reasonable basis for the constitution of a General Synod. The adoption of the report being moved an amendment was made by the Rev. Canon Southerland submitting a new Canon or scheme for such consolidation; and subsequently a sub-amendment was made to the effect that the time had not arrived when the organization of a general Synod was either necessary or expedient. After considerable discussion a further amendment was moved to the effect that the Synod, whilst feeling the importance of having a General Synod was not in a position to recommend any specific constitution, but finally the three amendments were rejected and the original motion approving of the Winnipeg Conference Resolutions, was adopted.

The Executive Committee of the diocese was elected by ballot as follows: Clerical: Rev. W. R. Clarke, Archdeacon Dixon, Canon Houston, Rev. P. L. Spencer, Rev. E. P. Crawford, Canon Worrell, Canon Belt, Rev. E. M. Bland, Rural Dean Belt, Rural Dean Forneret, Rural Dean Mellish and Canon Sutherland. Lay delegates: Judge Senkler, W. A. H. Duff, W. F. Burton, John Hoodless, W. W. Stanley, Hugh James, C. A. F. Bull, Wilson Barr, Archdale Wilson, S. J. Taylor, Wm. Nicholson and Wm. Bell, Q.C.

It appears from the Auditor's report that the amount to the credit of the various Synod accounts in bank or invested was \$303,638.47.

### Diocese of Huron.

The Synod of the diocese opened in London on the 21st of June, but we are without full report of its proceedings and hope to give it in our next number. On the evening of the 22nd, the Very Rev. The Dean of Montreal preached a missionary sermon in St. Paul's Cathedral, a very large congregation being present. The Bishop of the diocese, the Dean of Huron, and Revs. Canon Smith, Young and Richardson also took part in the service.

### Diocese of Algoma.

Mr. Wilson of the Montreal Diocesan College has been appointed by the bishop to take summer duty at Callendar, Sturgeon Falls and other places of the C. P. R.

Miss Alberta Howard, daughter of George Howard, Esq., of Baysville secured the funds for an organ for the Church of the Holy Trinity here, and has presented same to it.

**PORT ARTHUR.**—Since the return of the Incumbent the Rev. C. J. Machin, M. B., the weekly communion has been re-established and also more frequent week-day service. At the early celebration on Easter Day 33 persons were presented. The Athanasian Creed was sung as appointed the Athanasian taken alternately by the Incumbent and the choir. In the evening the service was entirely choral and well rendered.

**NEPICON.**—The Rev. Mr. Renison has resigned this Mission to the great regret of the bishop and all concerned. It will be remembered that only a short time ago we chronicled the death of Mrs. Renison and this with the absence of his children so isolated and cut him off from domestic companionship that he felt constrained to resign his position, accepting an appointment for one year as assistant in the Church of the Ascension; Toronto. The Algoma Missionary News speaks feelingly of the loss to the diocese through his removal but hopes that he may again return to work therein.

The Rev. L. Sinclair has removed from Ilfracombe to Sudbury.

The Rev. W. B. Mangnan formerly Incumbent of St. Saviour's, Kingston, Jamaica having returned to Canada, has, after a short residence in Brighton, removed to Thessalon in this diocese; he will reside at Burk's Falls.

### Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

The Ninth Synod of the diocese opened at Qu'Appelle Station on Wednesday June 15th., being begun with a Choral celebration of Holy Communion in the pro-cathedral at 9.15 A. M. the Lord Bishop of the diocese being celebrant and there being 41 communicants. The Roll of the Clergy and delegates being called after service, the following were present: Reverends J. P. Sargent, W. E. Brown, O. Owens, W. Nichol, F. V. Baker, Leonard Dawson, G. W. Dobie, T. G. Beal, T. W. Canliffe, W. H. Green, T. Greene, H. S. Akehurst, T. Teitlebaum, Herbert Bowers, Sen and Johnson. Lay delegates. Messrs. Brown and Gordon, Regina; Boyce and Sheppard, Qu'Appelle Station; E. Stewart, S. Chads, E. W. Miller, H. Boyce and T. G. Vidal, Fort Qu'Appelle; Captain Price and F. S. Young, Moosomin; F. B. Baker, C. Christee, Moose Jaw; C. Nichols, English Village; T. E. Drinkwater, Medicine Hat; R. S. Lake, S. Taylor, Grenfell; H. T. Hanson, D. Boissevain, Cannington; W. S. Clarke, J. J. Butler, White-wood; J. Sumner; Hilton Keith, Touchwood Hills; H. Dee, Gordon's reserve. The Rev. J. P. Sargent was unanimously elected clerical secretary of the Synod. The Bishop in delivering his charge referred to the last census of the Dominion and pointed out the small increase in numbers the Church had made as compared with other religious bodies. His Lordship attributed this to several causes partly to influx of foreigners already settled in their religious beliefs; the weakness of the Church numerically in Ontario, from whence a great number of settlers came to the West; also the want of united action on the part of several branches of the Church in Canada. His Lordship also referred to the title "Church of England in Canada" as meaningless and erroneous holding that the true name should be "The Church of Canada."

**RESIGNATION OF THE BISHOP.**—The event of the meeting, however, was the announcement by his Lordship with much feeling of his resignation of the See; such resignation being actually in the hands of the Metropolitan, the Bishop of Ruperts Land, and His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and which was to take effect on the appointment of his successor. He referred to his appointment, work and the causes of his retirement at some length subsequently an address was presented to the Bishop expressing the deep regret entertained by the Synod on hearing of His Lordship's resignation and expressing the great loss which the diocese would sustain through his departure.

The amount of local collections for the year was reported as \$4772 being a slight increase on that of the previous year; there was, however, a small falling off in the sum raised for the Indian Missions.

The report of the Executive Committee showed five meetings held during the year and that the grant from the S. P. G. had been the same as in former years \$4000 but that from Eastern Canada only one half of that for 1891.