

religious bodies may respectively desire to impart to the children of parents of their own communion.

5. Pupils, in either case, not to be required to join in religious exercises or receive religious instructions objected to by their parents or guardians.

Mr. Baldwin, after a few remarks, put his motion, and in this was seconded by Rev. Dr. Langtry. As the expected opposition to this resolution did not transpire, the Synod passed it unanimously, and thus referred the entire subject back until the next Synod. The special committee were as follows:—Revs. Archdeacon Allen, Provost Welch, Canon Sweeney, Canon McNab, J. C. Roper, T. C. Street Macklem, Septimus Jones, T. W. Paterson, Rev. W. H. Clark; Messrs. Hon. G. W. Allan, J. A. Worrell, Columbus Greene, N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., James S. Cartwright, Frank Hodgins, A. M. Dymond, L. H. Baldwin, H. T. Beck.

**Evening Session.**—The principal item of business was the receiving of the St. Albans Cathedral Committee report. This proposed, in brief, to appoint a committee who would use their best efforts for the purpose of arranging a plan to get rid of the floating debt. To this end the following committee was appointed:—Dr. Langtry, Rev. Septimus Jones, James McL. Ballard, Rev. T. C. Street Macklem, Hon. S. H. Blake, R. H. Tomlinson, R. N. Gooch, H. J. Mason, N. F. Davidson, and R. T. Gooderham.

It was decided to continue the present stipend from this diocese to the Bishop of Algoma for the term of three years. After the passing of a number of complimentary resolutions, among which was one to the press for their able reports of the Synod proceedings, the bishop, in a few words, expressed his satisfaction at the successful session they were about to close. The growing missionary spirit was a cause for congratulation, and he especially wished to express his approval of the course taken in regard to St. Albans Cathedral. At the conclusion of his Lordship's address, the session of the Synod was closed by the singing of the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction.

**St. Peter's.**—A very pleasant garden party was held on the grounds of Archdeacon Boddy, on Winchester street, when the gardens were beautifully illuminated with electric lights, and music by an orchestra was listened to with great pleasure. Refreshments were served to a large gathering of the congregation of St. Peter's Church. The Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. Boddy gave this delightful entertainment to introduce to the congregation the Rev. Rawlings A. Robinson, the new assistant minister, who will now officiate in this well-known church.

**St. Stephen's.**—A large meeting of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood was held in the school-house on Tuesday evening of last week, and presented Canon DuMoulin with an address congratulating him upon his elevation to the bishopric of Hamilton, all the city Chapters being represented. The presentation was made by Mr. R. Taylor. Canon DuMoulin made a feeling reply, speaking in terms of the warmest commendation of the order, and giving a brief sketch of its history from its inception.

**COLLINGWOOD.**—The closing meeting of the Band of Hope, which was held in the court room, on June 6th, 1896, will long be remembered, as on that occasion, Mr. Miller's silver medal was presented to the girl who had been most successful at the Bible study competition. After the usual opening with prayers and hymns, the secretary gave a summary of the past year's work, showing "from 170 to 200 names on the roll, but giving a poor attendance, which is partly owing to the impossibility of securing a room to meet in, the Band having to move so often, and at present meet in the court room, which is given for a time." The need of a room in connection with All Saints' Church in which to hold the Sunday-school, the Band of Hope and other Church organizations, is urgent. After the vice-president had given a short address on Band of Hope work, there followed a pleasing programme of singing and recitations, which had been prepared, at some trouble, by the musical and managing directors. An address on Bible study by the president—the rector—followed, and then came what all were anxious to see—the prize giving. Mr. Miller's silver medal was presented to Minnie Cottrell. The second prize—Scott's poems from the W. A.—was presented to Gracie Dowse, and then a special one, from a lady of the congregation, to Agnes Byford, "who for five years has not missed a weekly meeting, and who has worked with untiring zeal and energy for the prosperity of the Band of Hope." Then followed much clapping of hands, and after the National Anthem had been sung, and the benediction pronounced, the pleasant evening came to a close. We must mention that Mr. Miller has generously given two very handsome silver medals, one for the boys, and one for the girls, for Bible study. The boys' medal and other prizes are to be given at the reopening of the Band after vacation.

#### NIAGARA.

**ST. CATHARINES.**—The quarterly meeting of the Diocesan Board of the Woman's Auxiliary to Foreign or Domestic Missions, which took place on Friday week, was one of the most interesting meetings ever held in this diocese in connection with the W. A. M. A. So far as weather and surroundings were concerned, there was nothing wanting, and the departure of Mrs. Hamilton, wife of the late bishop of the diocese, gave additional interest to the proceedings. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. George's at 11 a.m., the rector officiating. About seventy communicants were present, and the service was most impressive. At the conclusion of the communion office, there was an adjournment to the rectory, where the large drawing-room had been arranged for the meeting. The president, Mrs. McLaren, took the chair, and Miss Ker presided at the piano. After devotional exercises Miss Ambrose, the very efficient secretary of the diocese, called the roll, and among the branches represented were the following: Hamilton—Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Ambrose, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Sutherland, Miss Counsell, Mrs. Sewell, Mrs. Webster, Miss Ferris, Miss Gaviller and Miss Maria McLaren. Dundas—Mrs. G. Gwyn. Grimsby—Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. Hagar and Miss Ida Nelles. Niagara Falls—Mrs. Houston, Mrs. A. Brown and Mrs. Rogers. Niagara-on-the-Lake—Mrs. Garrett, Miss Beaven, Miss Best and Mrs. Best. Queenston—Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Durand, Miss Durand, Mrs. Dæ, Miss Shepard, Miss Wray, Mrs. and Miss Cooper. Stamford—Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Tusignan. Port Robinson—Mrs. Saunders, Thorold—Mrs. and Miss Baxter, Mrs. Blackstock, Miss Lampman and Miss Spencer. Oakville—Mrs. McGill and Miss Smith. St. Catharines—All the members of St. George's branch were present. Toronto—Mrs. Williamson, Miss Halson, Miss Turner (Millbrook), Miss Horkin and Miss M. Halson. Homer—Mrs. Woodroffe. There were many others whose names could not be ascertained. Mrs. Ker, president of St. George's Branch of the W. A. M. A., delivered a short address of welcome. She said: "It is with feelings of no ordinary gratitude that the Branch of the W. A. belonging to St. George's Church bids you for the second time a hearty welcome to our parish and city. It is almost four years since we last had the pleasure and stimulating influence of a quarterly meeting of the Diocesan Boards in this parish, and we feel thankful that we are again enjoying the privilege. The intervening period since your last meeting here has been one of steady work, and we are happy to believe of considerable progress. Many changes have necessarily taken place bearing more or less directly upon the general life of the Auxiliary, and chief among them, we are sorry to learn, of the removal of the removal of the Bishop of Ottawa and Mrs. Hamilton to another field of labour. The severance of the happy ties which have bound us together is the cause of widespread regret to the membership of the Auxiliary. When we gathered here nearly four years ago, Mrs. Hamilton was our president, and we all cherish an affectionate and loving memory of our intercourse with her; of her gentle and unwearied patience, and her zealous interest in our work. We now join in the sincere hope that the future of the Bishop of Ottawa and Mrs. Hamilton may be crowned with manifold blessings. We consider that we have been specially favoured on this occasion in having with us Mrs. Williamson, president of the Toronto Diocesan Board, of whom it may be said that her name, if not known in "all the churches," is familiar to all Branches of the Auxiliary, and we cordially welcome herself and Miss Turner, who is also with us, and thank them for having honoured us with their presence. Miss Turner comes to us fired with zeal begotten of personal knowledge of the work in our great North-West, and we are sure to derive much help and benefit from two such distinguished and devoted members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. McLaren, the president, said in reply that she thanked Mrs. Ker and the members of St. George's Branch very warmly indeed for their cordial welcome, and the helpful words to which they had all listened with so much pleasure, and she quite agreed that these meetings were, as Mrs. Ker had said, of the greatest benefit to every one of them, although, on looking at the large gathering present, she felt sure that Mrs. Ker had been put to much inconvenience for their accommodation, and yet she had no doubt whatever that Mrs. Ker was equally pleased with themselves to see such a large number of interested workers. Mrs. Hamilton said she could not trust herself to say much, but on behalf of the bishop and herself she heartily thanked Mrs. Ker and the members of St. George's Branch for the kindly words spoken on the eve of their departure; it was to them both a source of deep satisfaction that they had secured a place in the affections of the members of the W. A. She again thanked Mrs. Ker and assured her that her kindly words would be long remembered (applause). Mrs. Williamson also

replied briefly, saying they would hear from her later on. Miss Ambrose read the minutes, and after some routine business the members adjourned for luncheon. At this stage there were nearly one hundred present. The ladies of St. George's Branch and the young ladies of the Junior Branch waited on the tables, which were beautifully decorated with flowers of all kinds. The rector presided, having on either side Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. McLaren. Every seat was occupied, and it was a matter of comment how easily the rectory accommodated the large number present. It is unnecessary to say that a lunch served by the ladies of St. George's Church was everything that it ought to be. When business was resumed in the afternoon, Mrs. Hamilton was presented with a beautiful India shawl. Mrs. Sutherland made the presentation, and was suitably replied to by Mrs. Hamilton. Most able and interesting addresses were delivered during the afternoon by Mrs. Williamson, president of the Toronto Diocesan Board, and Miss Turner, of Millbrook. The addresses were full of practical information and very inspiring to the members. On motions by Mrs. W. G. Thompson and Mrs. Bixby, seconded by Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Haynes, cordial votes of thanks were passed to both speakers, after which Mrs. McGill said she was sure that all present had received much help and profit from their meeting together that day, and she felt that they were all indebted to Mrs. Ker and the members of her branch for placing such an opportunity within their reach. All the arrangements were perfect, and must have entailed a good deal of trouble, and she therefore moved a very cordial vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ker, which was seconded by Mrs. Sutherland and carried on a standing vote. The rector said Mrs. Ker wished him to reply and to assure the members that it gave herself and the St. George's Branch of the W. A. the greatest possible pleasure to meet them on an occasion like the present. He could not speak too warmly of the work in which they were engaged, and he hoped it would not be long ere they paid them another visit. The benediction was pronounced and the members engaged in friendly conversation, during which tea and coffee were served, and shortly afterwards the members left for their respective homes, pronouncing the meeting to have been one of the most enjoyable they had ever attended.

**HAMILTON.**—An important meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at Mr. Mason's office, the Rev. Canon Sutherland in the chair; there being present of the clergy Rev. Archdeacon Dixon, Guelph; Rev. Archdeacon Houston, Niagara Falls; Rural Dean Armitage, St. Catharines; and Rev. Messrs. Gribble, Irvine, Lee, Spencer, Belt, Clark, Forneret, and A. G. Heaven, J. J. Mason, W. F. Burton, J. H. Land, Judge Senkler, C. Lemon and E. Kenrick. The time of the meeting was largely taken up in considering the best mode of increasing the Episcopal Endowment Fund, which was between \$4,000 and \$5,000 short of the amount, \$75,000, to which it must be raised before the bishop-elect can use the whole income thereof. The question also of acquiring a suitable See house for the bishop was discussed. The feeling of the committee was largely against taking any action in respect to the latter question at present, but a committee was appointed to actively canvass the diocese for the purpose of bringing up the Episcopal Endowment Fund to the required amount with as little delay as possible. The new mortgage upon the Church property of the Church of St. Thomas, Hamilton, authorized by a special Act of Parliament, was approved and the usual consent endorsed. A special committee was appointed, consisting of the legal members of the committee, to deal with the claims of Rev. T. Geoghegan. The Auditor's annual report was presented, and passed after some detail work. The committee adjourned at 1 o'clock, it being understood that no meeting of the Synod would take place until September, and notice to that effect will be given to the members of the Synod. A meeting was held the same afternoon in Mr. Mason's office to consider the proper mode of receiving the bishop and Mrs. DuMoulin on their arrival.

**Church of the Ascension.**—The Very Rev. Dean Carmichael preached a most eloquent sermon in this church last Sunday evening to a crowded congregation. During his stay in Hamilton, he has been the guest of Mrs. McLaren.

#### HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

**LONDON.**—The Bishop of Huron has made the following appointments: Rev. R. McCosh, to be Rural Dean of Kent, in room of Rev. Rural Dean Smith, removing from the Deanery; Rev. D. H. Hinde, to be Rural Dean of Essex, in room of Rev. Rural Dean Matthew, superannuated.

**St. Paul's.**—The Wednesday evening Synod ser-