

MONTREAL.—The services in Trinity Church were resumed on the first Sunday after Trinity, and will continue, as the property has now been secured to the Bishop. His Lordship preached at morning and evening services.

THE SYNOD OF ONTARIO.

[Our printers last week made a mistake as to the day on which the opening service of the Synod was held. Our readers will please substitute Monday, 5th, for Tuesday, 6th, and Tuesday, 6th, for Wednesday, 7th.]

(From our own correspondent.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, June 6th.

This afternoon a rather novel question was taken up, and somewhat warmly discussed. A delegate elected last year for one of the churches in Kingston for three years appears to have given up attending there and gone to a suburban church, whereupon the congregation had elected another delegate. They both claimed the seat, and the matter was referred to a committee. The report of the committee, that the former had a right to the seat for the city church, was strongly contested, and the Synod finally rejected the report. It is difficult to understand at a distance how this decision was arrived at, or how it turned out at last that he was duly elected for the church he had been attending of late; but that was the "happy solution," according to the Bishop, of the case.

After the various officials for the year had been re-elected, another lively discussion arose about the management of the sale of Rectory Lands in Belleville. The matter appears at length to have been satisfactorily settled by referring it to a committee named by the Rector.

A resolution was carried requesting Rural Deans to furnish annually a statement of the condition and needs of the Missions in their respective Deaneries—a most capital idea if it be carried out on any uniform system, but of very little use otherwise.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 7th.

The Bishop re-appointed the Standing Committees of last year, except, of course, where death or absence necessitates a change.

The Synod, by resolution, expressed the deep regret of the Diocese at the death of Rev. Canon Forest, R. D., whose loss is more felt than that of any clergyman since the departure of the late Ven. Archdeacon Patton.

The Report of the Divinity Students' Fund Committee showed a balance of over \$300 and only one student aided in his studies at present. This must be considered favorable or the reverse, according to circumstances of which we are not aware.

The Mission Board reported a gross income of about \$10,000, the debt gradually being paid off, money enough to pay the present Missionaries and the opening of a new Mission on the Mattawan River, a tributary of the Ottawa, about 150 miles above Pembroke, (our furthest Mission in that direction), and about 350 miles northwest of Ottawa. This Mission has been opened by Rev. C. V. Forster Bliss, whose name will be familiar to many in the Maritime Provinces. In connection with this Report, the Bishop announced that he should make personal inquiries throughout the Diocese as to how the clergy were supported, and if a parish became vacant he would make no appointment until satisfied that the people were prepared to give their minister a proper remuneration.

The remainder of the morning session was taken up by the election of members of the Mission Board and Delegates to the Provincial Synod. As party spirit exercises hardly any control in the Diocese of Ontario, the only thing noticeable in these elections is that in both the same gentleman, Mr. A. J. Matheson, of Perth, polled the entire Lay vote.

DIocese OF NIAGARA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

HAMILTON.—A few days after having the offer of the appointment of the Rectory of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, Canon Carmichael was unanimously and urgently requested by the congregation of St. George's Church, Montreal (where he had formerly laboured as assistant Minister) to return to them as their Rector. Canon Carmichael has declined the offer of the Bishop of Toronto, and is now taking into consideration the pressing invitation from his old parishioners.

The Rev. G. Osborne Troop, formerly of Halifax, has been appointed Assistant Minister of the Church of the Ascension in this city, and is to enter upon his duties on the 27th inst.

DIocese OF HURON.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The Bishop arrived at Essex Centre, from Morpeth, about 3 p. m. on Thursday, the 8th, and immediately proceeded to the hall, in which several societies hold their meetings, which had been lately renovated and tastefully decorated. His Lordship here confirmed six candidates, and delivered a practical and encouraging address to the newly-formed congregation. The offertory was in aid of the building fund. After service the Bishop, accompanied by the Rev. Arthur Smith, Incumbent; the Rev. Alex. S. Falls, Rural Dean; Dr. Drake and W. Golden, of Kingsville; Mr. Wilkinson, of Amherstburg, the Churchwardens and many others, proceeded to the site upon which the new church is being built, and in the presence of a large assemblage, hav-

ing offered a most suitable prayer, invoking God's blessing upon the work now happily commenced, laid the corner stone of the new church in due form. In a niche out in the stone a tin case was inserted containing a formal document, stating the circumstances, etc., a copy of the constitution and canons of the Diocese of Huron and several of the Church papers. The assemblage then proceeded to a temporary stand which had been erected, and the meeting was regularly organized with the incumbent in the chair, who first called on the Bishop to address the meeting. Appropriate speeches were also delivered by Mr. J. C. Patterson, late member for the County—now a candidate for the North Riding—by Mr. McGregor and Mr. Wigle, candidates for the South Riding, and by Mr. White, member for the Local House. Dinner was afterwards served by the promoters of the Church Building, which was largely patronized, and must have swelled the fund by at least \$100. The Bishop at 6 p. m. started for Kingsville, and held service in St. John about 7.30 p. m., when a number of candidates presented by the Rev. H. Banwell, were confirmed. An earnest address was delivered by His Lordship. After service a reception was held at the parsonage, which was largely attended.

DIocese OF ALGOMA.

BISHOP FAUQUIER MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

[To the Editor of the Church Guardian.]

SIR,—I am exceedingly disappointed that there has been so little response to my—not appeal, but—proposal to build a Memorial Chapel to the late Bishop and Mrs. Fauquier. Out of the \$3,000 asked, \$1,535 only is as yet contributed, and the bulk of this, as usual, from England. Unless the purses of those who profess to have felt such great regard for the late Bishop are opened immediately, building operations must be deferred until next year.

I remain yours truly,

E. F. WILSON,

Commissary Diocese Algoma.

[Canadian Churchmen, will you not do something at once to show your regard and affection for the late noble-hearted Bishop? Send Mr. Wilson what he asks for and help a great work.]

DIocese OF TORONTO.

(From our own Correspondent.)

RURAL DEANERY OF WEST SIMCOE.—The plan proposed by the Mission Board for increasing the Mission Fund was the first thing considered. As the subject is to be brought up in Synod, no resolution was adopted, but the opinion of those present was that a part of the plan was quite impracticable in country Parishes, and the other part they pledged themselves to carry out energetically and heartily. The new constitution to be brought up at Synod this year for confirmation was next taken into consideration, and an official letter on the subject from the Rural Deanery of Northumberland (speaking unfavourably of the proposed constitution) was laid before the Chapter. However, as the members at their last meeting had agreed to oppose it, and as they were still of the same mind, no formal action was taken. In the evening the Rev. W. F. Swallow read an essay on the Proper Manner of Conducting the Church's Services, which elicited frequent applause. He thought that all other public worship should be made to lead up to the Holy Eucharist, that upon this too much care and attention could not be lavished, that there was a glaring anomaly in having "glorified Matins," followed by a plain celebration, and that there could not be too much music of the best and most devotional character. He distinguished between reading and "saying," and gave some valuable hints on tone, pitch, pauses, and emphasis. He also recommended plain music, and gave a decided preference to Gregorian chants as distinguished from Anglican. A paper on Sunday Schools was to have been read, but the appointed essayist (having been very busy with candidates for Confirmation) was not prepared. The next meeting is to be held at Bend Head. It may be gratifying to you to know that several members of the Chapter, subscribers to the CHURCH GUARDIAN, spoke of the paper in the highest terms, some of them saying that it had not its equal in the Dominion. Evenson was said at seven o'clock, the Rev. A. W. Sprague, B. A., preaching an admirable sermon on the Holy Eucharist the Christian Service. Instead of the usual vote of thanks to the preacher, so highly was the sermon regarded, that the Rural Dean asked for a copy that he might read it for some of his parishioners who were absent when it was preached. Next morning there was an early celebration, the Rev. W. Bates, B. A., being celebrant, and the Rev. A. Fletcher, B. A., acting as Deacon. The first part of the hymn, "Now, my tongue, the mystery telling," was sung as an introit, the second part, "Therefore we before Him bending," as the office hymn, and the *Nunc Dimittis* as recessional.

After breakfast, conveyances, provided by Foster, (an inimitable host), conveyed the clergy and others to a very fine cascade, sixty feet in height, about seven miles from the Rectory. The drive, though an extremely picturesque country, seen at this time of the year to greatest advantage, was very enjoyable. The scenery in the immediate neighbourhood of the Falls approaches the sublime. The river rushes with great rapidity through a deep and narrow ravine, the hills on each side of which might almost be called mountains, and are clad from base to summit with the primitive forest. Here the party dispersed in various directions. Some made their adventurous way down the

steep banks and behind the sheet of water, where on such a sultry day the gentle spray was cool and refreshing; others sat beneath the grateful shade of wide spreading trees, undisturbed by the fierce heat overhead, and listening as one of the group recited the opening verse of Evangeline—

"This is the forest primeval, the murmuring pines and the hemlocks," &c.;

whilst others sought for specimens, botanica and geological.

(To be Continued.)

THE TORONTO SYNOD.

(From our own correspondent.)

TUESDAY, June 13th.

The annual meeting of the Synod of Toronto began to-day. The usual choral service took place in St. George's Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. Reiner of Cobourg. This gentleman tho' only holding a Curate's position and recently imported from another Diocese is coming rapidly to the front here. On Sunday last he was chosen to preach in the ordination service in St. James's Cathedral; during the previous week he acted as the Bishop's Examining Chaplain, and to-day he held forth before the Synod. Nepotism is the alleged cause of this sudden advancement. It seems a matter for regret that this troublesome disease should break out not at Ottawa only but in our Ecclesiastical Councils and among our Bishops who should certainly be above suspicion. The affair is giving great dissatisfaction among the older and more experienced clergy who feel, and naturally, that they are slighted. Being Nomination Day the attendance at St. George's was much smaller than usual and the chief leaders and wire-pullers among the laity were conspicuous by their absence.

At 2.30 the Synod assembled for despatch of business in the school-house of the Church of the Ascension. There was a much fuller gathering of the clergy here, many of them being unable to reach the city for the morning service. About one hundred of the three hundred Lay Delegates put in an appearance. After the opening prayers had been said the Bishop delivered his annual charge. Referring at the outset to the deaths of two clergy since the last meeting of Synod he passed rapidly over recent clerical changes and then enumerated his official acts. The Synod met only last November, yet in the interval the Bishop held 39 Confirmations in which 817 candidates had been admitted.

The Bishop very naturally complained of the supineness of the clergy in neglecting to send in the annual statistical returns required by the Synod. Not two-thirds of the clerical staff are prompt in this respect, and consequently the opportunity for making some interesting comparisons and of testing our growth is lost.

In the absence of such returns the Bishop referred to the particulars as given in the recent Dominion census which shows, as the GUARDIAN has recently said, a state of things sufficient to rouse any earnest Churchman to lay aside our differences and to work faithfully for the living growth and expansion of the Body of Christ, the Church of the living God. The Bishop showed conclusively that the growth of the Church in the city of Toronto was healthy, and also that the present position of the Church in the Diocese was much more favorable than its position in the province at large. The figures showed that the actual increase of the Church in the city was far larger than the denominations, and while our Church ranked fourth in the Province it stood third in the Diocese of Toronto. This little modicum of comfort led him to say we were not quite so bad as our neighbours.

A statement of this sort would prove that instead of High Churchmen such as we have here retarding the work of the Church, the activity and zeal these clergy display is certain to produce satisfactory results and steady progress.

The Bishop referred to the prosperous state of the finances, especially the Mission Fund (which shows an increase over last year's contributions of \$1,400) to the strengthening of the clerical staff, and the more buoyant and satisfactory condition of matters generally. The Church Woman's Mission Aid, a branch of Christian effort which has been productive of much good, was referred to in the highest terms. The appointment of Dr. Sullivan to the vacant Bishopric of Algoma spoken of as being a splendid example of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty which would raise a new interest and enthusiasm in the cause of Missions called forth hearty and long continued applause.

The Bishop's charge closed with a brief account of the legislation likely to come before the Synod.

Rev. Jno. Pearson and Dr. Hodgins were on motion elected the Clerical and Lay Secretaries and Mr. W. P. Atkinson was again chosen Treasurer.

A communication from the U. C. Bible Society requesting the generous support and sympathy of the members of the Church was referred to a committee consisting of gentlemen favourably disposed to this question. A memorial respecting the use of the Bible in Public Schools from the Presbyterian Synod of Hamilton was also read, and is likely to provoke an interesting and profitable discussion.

It appears that many of the Lay Delegates are disqualified from taking their seats, their assessments for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund not being paid. The Synod solicitors have declared that the legislation by the Synod reacting the provision is *ultra vires*, and the probability is that those now disfranchised Parishes will all be admitted to vote. The matter will come up to-morrow morning.