

were only giving a premium for meanness. Parishes, completely cut off, had been put on their mettle and did well. The bulk of the mission fund was raised in the cities and towns, and now dissatisfaction was being felt that such could not be continued unless greater aid is given by the rural parishes.

The sum of \$50 was restored to Eganville with the understanding that greater efforts must be made to increase the mission fund on the mission. The mission board was asked to amend their report. The claims of Edwardsburg, Archville and Renfrew were referred to the mission board for consideration at the September meeting. The capital fund of the mission board is \$34,500. A number of the defaulting parishes were called, and the clergymen asked why they had not made the collections. Christ Church, Belleville, came up for discussion. It had not sent Advent Sunday or parochial collections. Regret was expressed by the Synod at the conduct of those clergymen and parishes that neglected to take up the collections called for by the Synod. The amended report of the mission board was adopted.

The reports of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Committee, Episcopal Trust Fund Committee and the committee on duties of registrar and Clergy Trust Fund Committee were adopted.

The committee on memorials recommend that leave be granted to sell the parsonage at Milford for \$800 and purchase another property for \$1,100, and that St. Augustine church, Beachburg, be mortgaged for \$600.—Report adopted.

The report of the committee on the division of the diocese came up. It was declared that the synod had committed itself to the principle of a division, and that the report was the last act in completing the arrangements for the division. The provincial synod had granted leave for the division.

The report as follows was adopted:

1. That the present Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Ontario be divided in the following proportions, viz: Two thirds to remain with the Diocese of Ontario, as hereafter to be constituted, and one-third to go to the proposed Diocese of Ottawa.

2. That the parts which are to constitute the new Dioceses be respectively required to raise, each, the sum of \$20,000, so that the new Diocese of Ontario shall have an Episcopal Capital Fund of \$61,000, and the new Diocese of Ottawa shall have a minimum capital of \$40,000.

3. The committee would also recommend, that the Bishop be requested to visit England, and make an appeal to the church societies, and otherwise, on behalf of the new Sees.

4. The committee also suggest, as a means of raising funds locally, that the confirmation candidates of the diocese be invited to contribute a minimum sum of 50 cents each, to be capitalized, for the benefit of the fund, until the amount required be collected.

5. That a private appeal be sent to every adult member of the church, together with an enclosed envelope, requesting a contribution of at least, \$1 toward the Episcopal Fund.

It is proposed that the Diocese of Ontario shall consist of: The counties of Addington, Lennox, Hastings, Frontenac, Prince Edward, Leeds and Grenville. Church population 42,338. The Diocese of Ottawa shall consist of the counties of Carleton, Dundas, Glengarry, Lanark, Prescott, Renfrew, Russell, and Stormont. Church population, 42,983.

At 12:45 o'clock Rev. E. A. W. Hannington moved the confirmation of a canon amending the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. There was opposition and Rev. A. Phillips rose and questioned whether a quorum was present. Then a feeling was created. Mr. Reynolds declared that it was unjust to choke off the discussion. The canon was framed for the purpose of placing the fund on a sound basis. Revs. Messrs. Nesbitt, Phillips, Tighe and others urged the deferring of the report for a year. It was the clergy who had to pay into the fund. Rev. Mr. Spencer shewed cause why the canon should be delayed for a year and it went over.

The synod then adjourned.

The Synod resumed its session at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon. The attendance was very small.

The canon on the better enforcement of the discipline in the church, and for the administration of the diocesan court, was confirmed. Several notices of motion by Rev. Canon Bleasdel were laid over. The one presented by Rural Dean Nesbitt, relative to the burdensome character of the special Sabbath collections, was shortly discussed. His lordship said there was no remedy, the provincial synod having ordered them. He sympathized with the clergymen who had only to depend upon the offertory for support. After conversation, it will be in future admissible to deduct the ordinary revenue from the collections and transmit the balance to be applied to the special funds.

Rev. W. B. Carey's canon to admit of females voting for the election of lay representatives was confirmed.

The assessment levied on the parishes was increased by 20 per cent. to meet necessary expenses.

The treasurer's salary was fixed at \$200.

Archdeacon Lauder reported that \$2,500 had been collected towards a See House. This was not creditable to churchmen or the diocese. The committee regretted that the recommendations to pay the rent of the Bishop's house had only secured \$330 last year and 158 this year. This was humiliating. Most of the money raised came from country parishes. Nearly all the towns and city parishes declined to pay anything. A scheme was set on foot to raise \$10,000 for a See House, and thus mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of his lordship's episcopate.

The people of Kingston were thanked for their generous hospitality and at 5.30 o'clock the synod was prorogued.

BARRIEFIELD.—The Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation in St. Mark's Church on the Friday of the week during the Synod. 26 candidates received the rite.—St. Mark's has lately undergone a wonderful transformation, the old square pews being removed, and new ones being substituted, very handsome and of a modern pattern. The incumbent, the Rev. Prof. Jones, is doing an excellent work.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MEETING OF SYNOD.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS CONTINUED.—STIPENDS OF THE CLERGY.—The Bishop then alluded to the voluntary contributions of the congregations. He said, at each session of the Synod it had been his painful duty to make a strong, even an indignant protest against the utterly inadequate support rendered by the people to the faithful men who labor among them and minister to them the blessings of the Gospel of grace. Out of 163 separate congregations, the Bishop said 120 contribute less than \$200 to their clergyman's support: 71 contribute less than \$100: 43 less than \$50: 31 less than \$30: 26 less than \$20: and 20 less than \$10. All these, representing 74 endowed parishes or missions, are enjoying the ministrations of an ordained clergyman. And it is these congregations who are most difficult to satisfy—who demand the highest qualities—who are most exacting in their requirements from the clergyman. I ask whether it is to be expected that there should be a supply of educated gentlemen, possessing talents which can command both position and ample comforts, to offer themselves for a service so ill-requited, so lowering to their self-respect. Our country congregations may look to themselves; their ungenerous treatment of their clergy will bring its own retaliation; they will find themselves unable to secure the supply of their spiritual wants on such unfair terms.

The clergyman who not only ministers the Word and Sacraments to his people on the Lord's Day, in the Lord's House, but constantly visits them, in sickness and in health, is as justly entitled to a fair compensation for his labors as the doctor is entitled to his fees who is occasionally called in

when sickness invades the house. But it is plain, brethren, that more than argument is needed to bring people to a just recognition of their pastor's claims to their loving esteem and liberal support. We need a large out-pouring of the Holy Spirit of God upon His Church to awaken them to a true sense of the value, beyond all price of silver and gold, of the spiritual blessings they so lightly esteem.

The contributions for parochial objects show a large increase this year over last—\$83,062.60 as against \$59,886.52. To Diocesan objects, the returns, which are very imperfect, show a total of \$14,586.75, as against \$20,369.73 last year. For other miscellaneous Church objects, the contributions have been \$14,289.41, as against \$7,163.80. The total sum contributed in the Diocese for all Church purposes during the past year is \$171,190.99, as compared with \$156,113.32 last year.

THE MISSION FUND.—The income of this fund shows a very serious falling off. If you compare the balance of the account as printed, you will see that the fund is in a worse position at the close of the financial year than at its commencement, by no less than \$4,052.44. Analyzing the receipts, I find that the sums placed at the disposition of the board for diocesan and general purposes, and those designated for domestic and foreign missions are as follows:—

General.....	\$10,128 64
Domestic	1,369 91
Foreign.....	860 16

Our grants to home missions have exceeded our income by \$1,000. To domestic missions we have given \$1,000 less than last year, but still \$1,000 more than we have received. To foreign missions we have only sent \$51.85, against \$1,716.28 last year, but hold to hand \$800 of the amount entrusted to us for that object. The Bishop spoke of the large number of parishes neglecting to make the enjoined collections. He also gave details respecting the working of the Parochial Missionary Association, and said there was a waning of interest on the part of many parishes which had commenced well and a failure of those which had held aloof to come into line with the arrangement.

In the embarrassed condition of the Mission Fund, commencing the year with a deficit of \$3,787.51 it will be manifestly necessary to make retrenchments, and it would seem to be equitable that this should commence with the relinquishing first of those missions, which, as I have pointed out, betray such a complete indifference to the privileges of the means of grace as to make no worthy contribution for their maintenance.

The Bishop then alluded to the "Society of the Treasury of God." He said, "I welcome it heartily. To expect that it should be the means of bringing about a universal recognition of, and obedience to this primeval law of tithes in this mammon-worshipping age would be, of course, to regard it as the harbinger of the millenium, come into the world before its time; but I do hope and believe that it will be the means of leading many earnest Christians to examine into the subject more seriously and prayerfully than they have before, and to come to the conviction that this is the true answer to all our wretched heart burnings, and grudgings, and soreness, and meanness on the subject of giving."

The Bishop then referred to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, to the Jews' Society, and to the appointment of a new Secretary-Treasurer, who he said was admirably fitted for the position.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The present state of the Society as returned is, branches, 50; abstaining members, 4,905; temperate members, 1,087. Bands of Hope 26, with a membership of 2,843. The need of friends to prosecute the work was pointed out.

The Bishop closed his address by a reference to the progress made in securing a suitable site for St. Alban's Cathedral, particulars of which have already appeared in the GUARDIAN. He also briefly alluded to the death of Bishop Fuller and the election of the Rev. Charles Hamilton, to the holding of the second Church Congress in Toronto