

creditable to their energy the handsome sum of \$171 being netted on this occasion.

KEMPTVILLE—According to the request of the Rector, young and old, could be seen carrying house plants in pots to St. James' hall, Kemptville, on Monday and Tuesday, June 3rd and 4th, for the flower show and sale, to take place the two next days, Wednesday and Thursday. On the floor of the hall were four large tables each twelve feet long crowded with lovely plants for sale,—all the offerings of the people; whilst to the front of the stage was a long bank of choicest plants on exhibition. The hall was gay with flags and bannerets. The addition of thirteen exquisite singing birds and instrumental music, together with ice-cream and lemonade resulted in one of the brightest and most enjoyable times to the multitudes who came to see, purchase and enjoy themselves. All classes and denominations lent a helping hand and united in praising everybody and everything. Some were anxious to have an extension of two or three more days. Very few plants were left, the Rector had them placed on the graves of the Revs. J. Harris and John Steinwege, former rectors, and on the graves of the family of the Rev. A. Spencer, formerly curate. The proceeds amounted to \$85.05. The outlay was small.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

THE SYNOD.

TORONTO.—The annual meeting of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Toronto was convened on Tuesday morning, 11th of June, in St. James' Cathedral. Holy Communion was celebrated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Venerable Archdeacon Baddy, Rev. Rural Dean Langtry and Rev. J. D. Cayley.

The Synod then repaired to the school-house of the Cathedral, and the Bishop having taken the chair the credentials of delegates were produced.

The Bishop then delivered his charge. In his opening remarks His Lordship said that it became him to look back upon his first utterances on a similar occasion. He found himself able, with all honesty, to reaffirm every statement which he then made as to his convictions and principles, and to review his administration of the diocese with the consciousness of undeviating consistency with those avowed convictions. The last ten years had brought many changes and many blessings, there being noticed material growth and progress, a deeper and more spiritual life and the putting forth of a more earnest missionary endeavor. The Bishop then referred feelingly to the deaths recorded in the ranks of the working clergy during the year, eulogising the life and labors of the late Rev. Ogden P. Ford, Rev. F. A. O'Meara and Rev. Walter Stennett. To compensate for the losses by death and removal to other countries and dioceses, fourteen accessions were made to the clerical staff during the year, which stand as follows:—Engaged in Parochial work, 130; engaged in tuition, 11; retired and on leave, 15; total 156.

Two ordinations had been held, at which ten were ordained to the diaconate, and seven advanced to the priesthood. There had been 73 confirmations; the candidates confirmed numbering 1,654; three churches were consecrated and two new churches opened.

The Bishop on referring to Diocesan statistics severely rebuked those of the clergy who, notwithstanding that attention had been frequently and forcibly drawn to the importance of rendering full and accurate returns to the statistical questions annually asked of them in the reports of the Rural Deans had nevertheless sent in this year returns still more defective and unintelligible than usual. He thought the Bishop had a right to expect from his clergy, on their canonical obedience to him, an honest

answer and a painstaking answer to such reasonable questions as he demands of them touching the state of their parishes.

The Bishop then entered at considerable length into a review of the statistics of the Diocese as far as they were available, and to show the progress made by the Diocese during the last ten years, saying in leaving the subject, "I feel that I need not pursue this comparison into other details of Church work. Enough has been given to show that the blessing of God rests upon a Church that has had grace to lay aside the animosities and strifes of faction and to sink minor differences in an earnest striving together for the extension of His kingdom among men in the spirit of brotherly peace and concord."

After alluding in terms of disappointment to a falling off of \$4,472.50 in the Mission contributions, his Lordship referred in most happy terms to the Lambeth Conference, and to the recent conference of Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist clergy in this city, and in reference to THE JESUITS ESTATES agitation said:—"The subject which at the present moment fills the mind of the religious world in this Province and Dominion is the allowance by the Government of the Act of the Quebec Legislature, re-endowing the recently incorporated Jesuit Society with a portion of their former estates, which had lapsed to the Crown, and been devoted to the furtherance of public education. The Clergy of the Church of England have not hitherto taken any prominent or united part in the agitation which has arisen on this subject. I have not found myself in a position to express any decided opinion upon this particular point, not being possessed of all the arguments in the case and believing it to be to a large extent a political question of considerable perplexity. But I am quite sure that neither the Clergy nor myself fall short one whit of any Protestants in Ontario in the intensity of indignant feeling on the general question of Jesuit incorporation and Roman Catholic aggression. I greatly regret that the Conference called by the Citizens' Committee to take action on this question should unfortunately be coincident with our session of Synod, thus debarring our Clergy and lay representatives from taking part in it."

After the charge the Synod proceeded to elect the sessional officers, when Rev. John Pearson, M.A., and Dr. Hodgins were elected Honorary Secretaries and Mr. David Kemp, Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion of Rev. J. Langtry, the privileges of the house were accorded to the Rev. J. Kitto, of London, England, to a number of clergy from other Canadian dioceses, and to Dr. L. H. Davidson, Q.C., of Montreal, Lay-Secretary of the Provincial Synod. His Lordship announced that the Rev. Mr. Kitto would deliver the special Synod sermon at the service in the evening.

At the afternoon session the report of the Executive Committee of the Diocese was taken up and its recommendation as to the division to be made of the surplus of the Rectory Fund, and in regard to the augmentation of the Episcopal Fund elicited considerable discussion. As to the former the committee advised that the surplus, after providing for the sum payable to the Rector of St. James' and the expenses of management, be divided amongst the present and future incumbents of parishes in the city of Toronto and Township of York, share and share alike—the suggestion being finally adopted. On the Episcopal Fund, the committee said that they were confronted in entering upon their work with an obstacle arising out of the claim of Niagara Diocese. This was to the effect that when the Episcopal Endowment Fund of Toronto should yield an increase of more than \$4,000 a year, then the sums originally subscribed to this fund from parishes now included in the Diocese of Niagara, should, in part or in whole, be refunded out of the surplus capital. The Diocese of Niagara would accept \$5,000 as an equitable extinguishment of its claim, and the committee recommended that

steps be taken to raise this amount throughout the Diocese of Toronto.

It was moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to take such steps as they deem desirable for carrying out the proposed settlement embodied in the sub-committee's report, and that a special committee of seven on Ways and Means be appointed to obtain the necessary funds, and to carry out the settlement as soon as it has been finally sanctioned by the Executive Committee, and after a short explanation by several members the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Rectory Lands.—The report as to these having been read it was moved, that a Standing Committee be appointed to take charge of and manage all lands, property and investments connected with the Toronto Rectory Endowment, such committee to consist of four rectors, interested in said endowment, and four laymen, who shall be residents of the city of Toronto; and that the management of said endowment be withdrawn from the Rectory Lands Committee, and that the Canon be amended accordingly. The resolution was carried and the Synod adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 10 a.m. on the 12th.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

MOUNT FOREST.—Friday, Saturday and Whitsunday were indeed red letter days in the history of the Church of England in Mt Forest, as on those days the Right Rev. Dr. Hamilton, Lord Bishop of Niagara, paid Mt. Forest a visit for the purpose of holding confirmation in St. Paul's Church. On Friday evening the church was well filled, when thirteen candidates were presented to his Lordship and the impressive rite of Confirmation was administered. The Sunday following the Bishop drove out to North Arthur and confirmed a candidate. In the evening a right royal and hearty reception was tendered to the Bishop at Mr. E. C. Wood's handsome and roomy residence, to which the congregation were invited, and many of our esteemed townspeople, including the Rev. Messrs. D. Bickell and W.S. Walker. The following address of welcome and confidence was read to the Bishop before a large and distinguished company, by Mr. W. C. Perry, a trusty and faithful church-warden of several years' standing:

To the Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, Lord Bishop of Niagara.

We the members of St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, desire to take advantage of your Lordship's visit amongst us at this time, in a brief address, to give expression to the reverence and respect that we entertain from your Lordship personally; and also to advise your Lordship of the feeling of satisfaction and thankfulness, existing amongst the members of our Church here, with the zeal and loving regard manifested by your Lordship, at all times and in all seasons, in the Diocese, for the welfare of our people and The Church, and we pray that you may long be spared to work in this part of the Master's Vineyard, and in the enjoyment of health and happiness to exercise your high and holy office of a Bishop in Christ's Church Militant here upon earth. Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's Church,

W.C. PERRY }
THOS. WOOD } Church Wardens.

Mt. Forest, June 8th, 1889.

The Bishop responded in his usual hearty and cordial way, thanking all for their kind and loving sympathy with him in his work for God. Whitt Sunday morning the Bishop preached very ably, and everybody who has come in contact with him during his brief visit have gone away charmed with his earnestness and devotion to his great work.—Com.

The members of Court Unity, Ancient Order of Foresters, to the number of fifty, including their efficient band, marched to St. Paul's