

upheld the Prayer Book interpretation, because it was based on the Holy Scriptures. The Rev. T. O. Ruggles took the subject of Apostolic Succession, and demonstrated its necessity, and how that now even Dissenters require to be sent. The Rev. G. F. Maynard delivered a thoughtful and earnest address on the work of the Holy Ghost. After the benediction, pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Maynard, the congregation of about eighty persons dispersed at 9 o'clock. The day's proceedings were eminently successful, and the amount of good done by this Ruridecanal visit will be felt for some time in the parish of Newport, which at present requires to be well attended to before the Church attains the vigorous health which it once enjoyed.

ONTARIO.

BELLEVILLE.—One of the very pleasantest excursions of the season was that of the St. Thomas Church Sunday School, to the Lake on the Mountain on Tuesday. It is surprising that this resort is not more patronized by excursionists and picnickers than it is. Without doubt it is the most beautiful spot on the bay, the prospect from the summit of the "Mountain" is one of rare beauty, and the vicinity affords unsurpassed picnicking grounds. Certainly the party that visited it on Tuesday could not have spent a much more delightful day than they did, the trip home by moonlight was not the least enjoyable part of the day's pleasure, and it was prolonged until about 1 o'clock a.m., when the excursionists arrived at the Belleville wharf. The boat used on this occasion was the *City of Belleville*.

TORONTO.

SYNOD OFFICE.—Collections etc., received during the week ending August 24th 1878.

MISSION FUND.—*July Collection.*—Oakridges, 87c; Thornhill, \$4.25; Richmond Hill, \$2.50; Stanhope, \$1.25; Atherley and Beaverton, \$2.46; Sunderland and West Brock, \$1.00; Albion and Mono, \$4.50; Tecumseth, \$3.61; Penetanguishene, \$4.00. *January Collections.*—Sunderland & West Brock, \$1.00; *Parochial Collections.*—Hastings and Alnwick, \$50; Atherley & Beaverton, \$5.15. *Special Appeal.*—Atherley & Beaverton \$19.75; Sunderland and West Brock, \$5.60; **DIVINITY STUDENTS' FUND.**—Sunderland & West Brock, \$1.00. **ALGOMA FUND.**—Donation for Algoma Bishopric Fund, from Mrs. Sharpe, England, per Mrs. Wm. E. O'Brien, Barrie, \$7.33 (80/- stg.).

TORONTO.—*St. George's.*—The congregation of this Church had the unexpected pleasure of a sermon from Rev. J. Carmichael, M.A., of Hamilton, last Sunday evening. His ability as a preacher is certainly of a high order.

St. Luke's.—The Rev. George Thornloe, B.A., Incumbent of Christ Church, Stanstead, Q., preached morning and evening at this church. The sermons were very plain, very practical, as well as very pointed and impressive.

The Rev. T. Godden, Incumbent of North Augusta, diocese of Ontario, has been spending a few days in this city.

ST. GEORGE'S PRIVATE SCHOOL.—The following is the prize list of the above school for midsummer. There was no public examination or distribution of prizes, owing to the illness of the teacher at the time. *Division I.*—1. Stephen Burns; 2. George Benjamin Coleman, and Fred. Jones (equal). *Division II.*—1. Fred. Hugh Leach; 2. Edward Lyall Morton, Leonard Leath, McMurray and Judson, France Davidson (equal). *Division III.*—1. Arthur Gilmore Hime; 2. Archibald Denny. *Division IV.*—1. William Craven Vaux Chadwick; 2. Richard Lyon Cowan.

ST. ANNE'S, TORONTO.—*Parkdale Mission.*—The excursion in aid of the funds of this growing mission took place on Wednesday 21st inst. The weather being all that could be desired excursionists to the number of 357, 256 to the Falls, and 101 to Niagara, left town during the day, those going to the Falls leaving by the *Rothsay* at 7 a.

m. and taking the Canada Southern Ry., from Niagara. On arrival at the Falls the excursionists separated into parties, some going to view the different points of interest, others to discuss the merits of the contents of the baskets they had brought with them. After spending nearly six hours rambling about the Falls the party returned to Niagara by the train in time to take a trip up the Niagara River to Lewiston on the steamer "City of Toronto." On returning to Niagara the party were reinforced by a few who had come over by the *Rothsay*, leaving Toronto at 3:30 p.m. The sail home by the "City" was most enjoyable it being a clear star light night with scarcely a ripple on the lake, the enjoyment was greatly increased by the music of the fine band of the Toronto Field Battery, which had come by the 2 p.m. boat. After calling at the Young St. wharf on the return trip the steamer returned to the Queen's wharf, where a train was waiting at the Gray & Bruce Ry., to convey those excursionists who live in Parkdale, and the west end to the Queen St. crossing, which train had conveyed them in the morning.

The regular quarterly meetings of the Standing Committees of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto were held at the Synod Office on Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th August, 1878.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Present.—The Archdeacon of York (appointed chairman for the current year); the Dean of Toronto, the Archdeacon of Peterborough, the Chancellor and the Registrar of the Diocese, Revs. W. Logan, J. S. Baker, and Dr. Smithett; Hon. G. W. Allan, Dr. O'Reilly, Messrs. A. H. Campbell, Marling and Crombie.

Sub-committees were appointed to take into consideration several matters referred by the Synod to the Executive Committee, viz.: (1) the proposed amendments to the constitution in regard to the construction of the Standing Committees; (2) the resolution regarding the qualification and registration of parish voters; and (3) the resolution with reference to the erection of a See House: each sub-committee to report at the next meeting of the whole committee.

An application, endorsed by the Rev. George I. Taylor, Incumbent, was received from Messrs. Caston & Galt, solicitors, on behalf of St. Matthew's Church, Leslieville, in pursuance of the terms of the statute passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature, asking the Committee's consent to the church property being mortgaged for the purpose of raising money to pay off the present incumbrance.

Resolved.—That in dealing with such applications this committee lays down the rule that full information of the financial necessity and desirability, with authenticated evidence of the assent and desire of the vestry, must be presented to the satisfaction of this committee; and in the present as the first case brought up under the statute, and as one that is urgent, the Secretary-Treasurer be authorised to give the assent of this committee on full information and authenticated evidence as aforesaid being laid before a sub-committee consisting of the Chancellor, the Registrar, and Mr. Marling—and such committee authorizing the same.

The Secretary-Treasurer having reported that in regard to the balance of the debt due to the Bank of Commerce on account of the Mission Fund—the time for payment having expired, and the Bank refusing to extend the time—the Sub-committee had accepted an offer from the Bank to obtain a further loan for six months on the security of the Mission Fund debentures, at a lower rate of interest than that charged by the Bank,

Resolved.—That the time having expired within which the debentures named in the resolution of the 20th Nov. last were pledged to the Bank of Commerce, and the sub-committee then appointed having effected a new loan for \$6,000, on the same security, from Messrs. Hope and Temple at 5 per cent., and having therewith settled with the Bank—the transfer of the said debentures for said last-named loan is hereby approved as being the best arrangement under the circumstances that could be made; and that the said sub-committee be now re-appointed for the purposes of this matter.

CLERGY COMMUTATION TRUST COMMITTEE.

Present.—The Dean of Toronto (appointed chairman for the current year); Revs. W. W. Bates, W. R. Forster, A. J. Broughall, C. W. Paterson, Canon Brent and I. Middleton. Messrs. A. H. Campbell, Clarkson Jones, Clarke Gamble, Peter Paterson, Col. Grierson, and Dr. Snelling.

The Sub-committee of management for the current year was appointed as follows: The Very Rev. the Chairman, Hon. V. C. Blake, Messrs. A. H. Campbell, William Ince, Peter Paterson, and Dr. Snelling.

Resolved.—That the Rev. C. W. Paterson's notice of motion regarding amendments to the Commutation Trust By-Law, referred by the Synod to this committee, be referred to a sub-committee composed as follows—which sub-committee is to report at the next quarterly meeting, viz.: Revs. C. W. Paterson, W. R. Forster, Canon Brent, Messrs. A. H. Campbell, William Ince, Clarkson Jones, and Col. Grierson.

A memorial having been read from the Rev. John Vicars, in regard to the distribution of the income of the Sustentation Fund,

Resolved.—That inasmuch as it was decided at the last session of Synod, "that the Commutation Trust Committee be now instructed to distribute the proceeds of the Sustentation Fund, as far as it goes, according to the original resolution of the Synod;" and inasmuch as the Rev. John Vicars has memorialized this committee to participate in said fund—the question of such distribution and the said memorial be referred to the sub-committee to report thereon at the next meeting of this committee.

The Rev. John Carry having applied to be replaced on the pay-list on his return from England at the expiration of his leave of absence,

Resolved.—That on the Rev. John Carry satisfying the sub-committee of this Committee that he is licensed to a cure of souls from his Lordship the Bishop in this Diocese, he is entitled to receive the payments from the Commutation Trust Fund, as from the 1st day of July last, as he originally received such payments, and that the Secretary-Treasurer do make such payments accordingly. This resolution being without prejudice to the question as to the position a clergyman should take upon the list in consequence of temporary removal from the diocese.

ENDOWMENT OF SEE, RECTORY LANDS, AND LAND AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE.

Present.—The Rev. Canon Stennett, (appointed chairman for the current year); the Archdeacon of Peterborough, Rev. William Logan, W. T. Clark, and G. I. Taylor; Judge Scott, Messrs. Harman and Farncomb.

Penetanguishene Endowment.—On application from the vestry of All Saint's Church, supported by the recommendation of the Archdeacon of York permission was granted to sell the lots in Penetanguishene held in trust for St. James' Church, the prices offered to be approved by the committee; this permission being given on the understanding that the proceeds of the sale of the property are to be held as an endowment for the parish, that occasional services be held in St. James' Church, and that that church and the church-yard be kept in good order.

St. Stephen's Church, Toronto.—On application of the vestry, and with the consent of the donor (Col. R. B. Denison), the committee sanctioned the selling of a portion of the land adjoining the church, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of enlarging the Church.

Manvers Glebe.—The Committee acceded to an application for leave to sell this land, the price offered to be subject to the approval of the Committee.

Grace Church, Markham.—Complaint having been made of encroachment on the Church lot, by the proprietor of the adjoining lot on the south boundary, the Secretary was instructed to take all necessary legal steps to recover damages for such encroachment.

(To be Continued.)

KESWICK.—This delightful watering place now has the advantage of the regular ministrations of a clergyman. Since May last there has been Divine service every Sunday, morning and evening. Judging by the usual number of worshippers one