

Rev. Dr. Townley, in a few remarks, submitted the report on ministerial incomes, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by J. A. Panton, Esq. Some discussion took place thereon, and considerable opposition was manifested towards the clause referring to the laity awarding a fixed part of their income for the support of the church, some gentlemen characterizing the method as a plan to bring into force the old tithing system, as adopted in Ireland.

The main features of the report are, that when a parish shall fail to provide a parsonage or residence, or to pay the incumbent's salary, or such portion thereof as has been required at the said visitation, the Lord Bishop remove him, and unite the parish to the nearest travelling mission. Unless, from special circumstances, it be decided to make up the deficiency out of the "Diocesan Fund"—that the income of a clergyman in a settled town should not be less than £200 to £300 currency—and that every disabled clergyman should receive an allowance of £100 currency per annum from the Diocesan Fund.

The report was ultimately withdrawn.

#### SECOND DAY.

The Synod was opened by the Lord Bishop, by prayer.

The Bishop addressed the Synod on the necessity of the observance of rules.

The committee on parsonages announced that they would be prepared to report at the next session of the Synod.

Rev. C. C. Brough submitted a report on temperance, and gave notice for its adoption. The report is a voluminous one, and treats on the subject of the introduction of a prohibitory liquor law, as the best means of ridding the Province of the curse of intemperance.

Rev. Dr. Townley brought forward the resolution with reference to Trinity College, which we mentioned last week.

The reverend gentleman explained, at some length, the necessity of a Church University for the Province, and he could not see why the Synod could not give it their hearty support. We, as a diocese, were not in a position to endow a university ourselves; and while Trinity College was such an institution that could not fail to meet our wishes, we should give it our entire sanction.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ryland.

His lordship said he could not put the resolution to the meeting without expressing an opinion thereon. He differed with Dr. Townley in some of his remarks. He had studied the working of the Toronto University, and he considered at the present time there was no power vested in the hands of any of the bishops to interfere in the teachings of this college. This was not the case formerly, but a late statute had altered it. He objected to the teachings of that university, and if he had a son to educate, this would be the last place he would send him to. In the present state of things, the supreme power was vested in the chancellor; and so long as such was the case, his lordship could not give it his support.

Dr. Townley asked permission to withdraw his resolution. This was not granted.

His lordship put the resolution, and it was lost, a large majority voting against it.

Rev. Dr. Townley, in a few well-timed remarks, moved a resolution to the effect that the Bishop should appoint a committee to draft a petition from his lordship and this Synod to the legislature, praying that a law may be passed next session of parliament, securing to every religious denomination those civil and religious educational rights and privileges at present vouchsafed only to our Roman Catholic fellow subjects; and that such committee do report to-morrow.

After a protracted debate, Mr. Keefer rose to propose an amendment, as follows:—

"That this Synod petition the legislature of Canada to so amend the common school act, that it will secure to the Church of England population of Upper Canada the same privileges as those accorded to the Roman Catholics."

His lordship put the amendment of Mr. Keefer, which was carried by a large majority.

Rev. Dr. Salter brought forward a resolution to the effect—

"That an assessment be made upon each congregation of the diocese, for the purposes of defraying all expenses incurred by the Bishop in the discharge of the duties of his office."

After some discussion, Rev. Dr. Salter withdrew his resolution, and proposed, "that the Church Society be requested to appropriate annually a sufficient sum to the credit of the Bishop, to defray his lordship's travelling expenses, in visiting the various parishes of the diocese."

This was carried almost unanimously.

Rev. Mr. Marsh submitted the following resolution.

"That a committee be appointed, consisting of clergymen and laymen, whose duty it shall be to report to the Bishop, on every church proposed to be erected in the diocese. That every congregation about to build a church be requested to report the estimate cost of the building proposed to be built, and all other statistical information which they may require concerning the congregation or parish in which the church is about to be built."

The resolution was carried.

#### CHURCH PLANS.

It was moved by Mr. Keefer, seconded by Rev. Dr. Townley, that this Synod do request the Church Society to procure a series of plans, specifications and estimates for the erection of churches in the Diocese of Huron, capable of seating congregations of from 200 to 500 persons.—Carried.

Rev. Mr. Brough moved the adoption of his report on temperance.

It was put to the meeting and carried.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Townley, seconded by Rev. Mr. Caulfield, that the Church Society be requested to print the address of the Lord Bishop to Synod, with a brief statement of the proceedings of Synod, along with its own report.

Rev. Mr. Brough moved, seconded by Rev. Mr. Smyth, "That the Lord Bishop be instructed to name a committee to draft an address to the government, praying for a prohibitory liquor law." Carried.

His Lordship appointed the following committee for this purpose—the mover and seconder of the resolution, and the sr. Messrs. Gunn and Sullivan, and Mr. Ryland.

His Lordship here remarked that this closed the business of the Synod, and he was pleased to witness the interest the laity took in the proceedings; and in their remarks, he would add, they had acquitted themselves better than some of the clergymen who had spoken. His Lordship then closed the proceedings with prayer, and the Synod adjourned until June of the next year.

#### DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

The annual Meeting of the Diocesan Synod of Montreal was held on Tuesday, June 19. Service was held in the Cathedral and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Scott, Chaplain to the Lord Bishop. In the afternoon the Synod met in the Mechanics' Hall, where his Lordship delivered his charge. It is short, dwelling chiefly on some points of difference in the service of the church and the spiritual condition of the Diocese. The order of proceedings was then read, also the report of the Finance Committee, which we give.

The Finance Committee appointed to inquire into the subject of the better sustentation of the Church, the increase of existing endowments, the dilapidation of Church property, and the best means of providing for the expenses of the Diocesan Synod, beg leave to report as follows:—

1. That the minimum salary of the Clergy should be \$800.
2. That not less than one-half of the above amount shall be raised by the parishioners.
3. That the contributions of the parishioners shall be collected by the Church Wardens of each parish.
4. Such contributions to be for no shorter period than three years.
5. These contributions to be paid over by the Church Wardens to the Clergymen, who shall report the same to the Church Society or Synod.
6. That a Sustentation Fund be raised—1st, by an annual sermon, to be preached in each Mission, by the direction of the Lord Bishop; 2nd, by voluntary contributions; and in addition, each Mission is earnestly recommended to create a local endowment fund.
7. That the Synod do apply to the Legislature to repeal any statute or statutes which now prevent the payment of fees for marriage licenses to the Bishop of the Diocese; and that the right to receive the same be reinvested in the Bishop, and the proceeds thereof to form a portion of the Sustentation Fund.
8. That the expenses of the Synod, such as printing, &c., be defrayed by the ordinary collection made in each parish on the Sunday preceding the meeting of Synod.
9. That all repairs and dilapidations of Church property shall be defrayed by each parish individually.

On the second day the first business taken up was a resolution concerning the election of Bishops, in which it was provided that the election be made by ballot. Some other motions were brought up, making a two-thirds majority the rule, but they fell to the ground. The provisional rule of last year was then adopted as a permanent one.

A long discussion took place on the subject of electing a Standing Committee of Advice, for the purpose of conferring with the Bishop with reference to the appointment of clergymen, or any other important matter brought before them. After several speakers had expressed their opinions on the subject, an amendment to the original motion was put and carried as follows:—"That the names of Candidates to each officiating clergyman are to be published by him in the place where he officiates, at least one month before the period of admission."

The resolution, with this amendment, was carried.

An Address to the Prince of Wales was read and adopted, and a resolution was tabled for some modifications of the act for registration of marriages, Baptisms, and Funerals, as will make the signature of the Clergymen to each act alone sufficient. A slight amendment was made on the motion, and it was then carried.

A motion for the registration of Communicants was passed, the report of the Finance Committee was adopted, and other miscellaneous business was transacted, when the Synod closed its session.—We regret that our space compels us to abridge our report.

The income of the Irish Ecclesiastical Commission for 1858 is shown by a recent return to have amounted to £164,379 (sterling.) Among the disbursements are the following: building, enlarging and repairing churches, £44,717; requisites for divine service, including organists' salaries, £34,535; stipends of ministers, schoolmasters and vicar's choral, £8,735; instead of ministers' money, £12,720.