

DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

COMPTON LADIES COLLEGE.—The closing exercises of the College for the year, took place on Monday evening, 13th inst., and the Rev. John Foster, M.A., presided, and briefly sketched the later history of the institution, referring to its present condition in terms of thankfulness and encouragement. The past year had been one of difficulty. The College re-opened in September last, under serious disadvantages; various trials had been met with, not the least among them the unavoidable changes which had occurred in the management. But now, under the singularly able and judicious management of Miss M. Ross, who had been acting Lady Principal for the past term, it had won a place in the esteem and confidence of its patrons which augured well for its future. It now is on a fairly promising basis, and though not yet out of financial difficulties bids fair soon to become so.

A pleasant programme of music, readings, &c., was rendered, and after the distribution of prizes which were numerous, and among which were two silver medals taken respectively by Miss Susan Carter and Miss Elsie Pomeroy, addresses were made by the Chairman, Rev. Dr. Adams, of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Rev. A. A. Von Iffland, Quebec, and Rev. G. H. Parker, Compton.

The College will re-open in September next.

WINDSOR MILLS.—The Bishop, accompanied by Mrs. Williams, has just closed his visitation of Brompton and Windsor missions. On the 13th inst., the rite of Confirmation was held at Windsor Mills, at 3 p. m., when His Lordship very earnestly impressed upon the minds of the candidates (eleven in number), the necessity of making their Christian life a subject of daily consideration, ever seeking the aid of the Divine Master in prayer, and regular participation of the Holy Eucharist.

The members of the vestry present remained after service to consult with the Bishop concerning the steps to be taken in furthering the building of a parsonage.

In the evening a meeting of the Ladies Association was held in the Town Hall. The Windsor Brass Band very kindly furnished some choice selections, and several gentlemen present assisted with songs and recitations. In a short address, the missionary on behalf of the ladies, presented Mrs. Williams with a toilet sett in crimson satin, delicately painted by Mrs. Mansbridge. The Bishop having expressed his surprise at what he had seen and heard, with thanks for the kindness tendered to Mrs. Williams, went on to say, as he was expected to make a short speech, no easy task, he could not do better than follow the advice of an old friend of the place, that "when you had nothing to say, to be satisfied and not say it."

Tuesday 14th, was devoted to Brompton, when the Bishop was equally surprised and delighted to find the approach to the Church very tastefully decorated with trees and a handsome arch over the gate-way. Confirmation, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion, to which the newly confirmed (8 in number), were admitted. The most of the congregation accompanied the Bishop and Mrs. Williams to Brompton Falls, where a social reception was held in Mr. Clark's beautiful grove, the ladies of Brompton having furnished a bountiful repast, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Divine service was then held in the grove. The offertory for the day \$6.50, was for the Endowment Fund, which it is hoped will become available next year, R. Hamilton, Esq., Quebec, having kindly offered again to supplement \$50 raised in this parish with \$100.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

GLoucester.—The Rev. J. M. Snowdon, B.A., Incumbent of this Mission, having been

been appointed by the Lord Bishop of Niagara to the Incumbency of Grand Valley, in the Diocese of Niagara, has resigned his present charge. Mr. Snowdon has occupied the position of Incumbent at Gloucester for but a brief period, but during the time he has endeared himself to all, by his self-denying labours, his kindly manner, and his warm sympathy. His departure will be much regretted by the members of the Church of England throughout Gloucester, and also by his numerous city friends. He leaves the Mission both spiritually and financially, in a flourishing condition.

KINGSTON.—On the 21st instant, a united Jubilee Service was held in St George's Cathedral, a large congregation being present. The clergy present in their robes were: The Ven. Archdeacon Jones, of Napanee; Rev. J. H. Nimme, Pittsburg; I. J. Christie, Wolfe Island; R. L. Jones, Barriefield; F. W. Dobbs, Portsmouth, and A. Spencer, A. W. Cooke, C. E. Cartwright, J. K. McMorine, F. Prime, R. T. Burns, of Kingston. The preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon, the sermon was an eloquent one. Many remained to partake of the Holy Communion.

On Sunday the 19th inst., the 14th Prince of Wales own Rifles, attended St. Paul's Church, the preacher was the Chaplain of the regiment, the Rev. Rural Dean Carey.

The Rev. Dr. Wilson, of New York, preached in St. George's Cathedral on the 19th instant, the Church being crowded to the doors, benches had to be placed in all the aisles to accommodate the mass. The Dr. has lost none of his popularity since he left here three years and a half ago.

ODESSA.—The Church of England congregation held their Jubilee Service on the 19th inst., when a good congregation was present including some from Kingston. Proper Psalms and lessons were read. The choir were particularly happy in their selection of the hymns, The Rev. Mr. Burns preached from Isaiah lx. 3, "The Gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising." The altar was prettily decorated with flowers. The service was concluded with the National Anthem.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

SYNOD OF TORONTO.—*Second Day.*

The chief business transacted at the Morning Session was the appointment of the following Committees: Clergy Commutation Trust; Rectory Lands; Mission Board; Widows' and Orphans' Fund; Theological Students' Fund; General Purposes; Statistics and Assessments; Sunday-school and Book and Tract; Audit, and Committee to prepare an address to the Queen, which latter was moved for by Dr. Snelling, seconded by Provost Body and adopted by a standing vote and the singing of the National Anthem by the members.

At the Afternoon Session the Committee presented the draft of the address, which contained the usual expressions of loyalty, and also expressed the Synod's "heartfelt congratulations upon the auspicious completion of this Jubilee year of your Majesty's happy and beneficent Reign." Reference was also made to the marvellous growth of the Empire, and of the Colonial Churches; special mention being made in this connection of the founding of the Diocese of Toronto in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, and to its division since into five dioceses, "whilst the number of Clergy in the present reduced diocese makes it still one of the largest outside of the United Kingdom." The address was adopted and the Bishop was requested to make arrangements for its presentation to the Queen. In view of the proclamation of the Governor General calling for special services on the 21st inst., the Bishop requested

the Clergy to hold services on that day instead of that previously named, and a special Committee was appointed to arrange for a united service in one of the large churches, the Bishop himself presiding. The consideration of the "Rectory Land" Committee report occupied the remainder of the afternoon.

At the evening Session, the Report of the Mission Board was submitted, and discussed. The total receipts for the year, exclusive of the contributions for domestic and foreign missions, appeared to have been \$14,189.39, showing a slight increase of \$2,439.19. The expenditure in grants to diocesan missions had been \$1,300 less than in the previous year. This had occurred first, because certain missions, which had for along time been depending in part upon the Mission Board, had been thrown more upon their own resources, a process which the Board said "had in no case had an injurious result, and which, we think, may be carried further with good effect." Secondly, because certain missions had been left unsupplied. The debt of the fund had in consequence this year been reduced by \$1,050, leaving, however, a balance of \$4,820 still due by the Board. The report continued, "It would have been much more gratifying if your Board had been able to report a still larger reduction of the debt by means of larger contributions; and your Board cannot refrain from expressing in this connection their deep sense of the wrong inflicted upon the diocese at large by the persistent omission of so many of the prescribed sermons and collections for missions, and that, too, in cases where no earnest effort seems to have been put forth to swell the contributions by organizing such associations as the P. M. A. and the W. A. and the C. M. A. The ludicrous nominal returns, in some instances of a few cents, seem to call for close investigation and vigorous action on the part of the executive." The receipts for domestic and foreign missions were in 1887:—

Domestic missions \$2,865.12, an increase over 1886 of \$514; and Foreign (including Good Friday) \$2,583.79, an increase of nearly \$550.

The report added as to the question of the proposed Clergy House that after thoroughly examining the matter in detail by a sub-committee, a plan embracing a resident superintendent, with a staff of two or three assistants, and a location in such a neighbourhood as would fairly test the experiment had been advised. The missionary districts of Haliburton County, and the borders of North Victoria and North Peterborough, were selected as being one of the locations suggested during the discussion of the subject at the last session of Synod. The suggestion was adopted unanimously by the Board, and it was referred to the Bishop to be carried out, as soon as a competent superintendent and suitable clerical staff, could be secured.

The consideration of the Report and the discussion of the Mission affairs of the Diocese occupied the House until 10:30 p. m., when adjournment took place.

THIRD DAY.

The Committee on the Jubilee service recommended a united service on the 21st in the St. James' Cathedral, of as musical a character as possible; the offertory to be for the Mission Fund; that services be held in the Churches throughout the Diocese, and that the Centenary services be postponed to such time as the Bishop might appoint. The report was adopted.

The discussion on the Rectory Lands matter was resumed, and occupied the most of the morning; terminating by the adoption of an amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Patton postponing the further consideration of the report so far as it related to leases till the decision of the Privy Council in the Langtry-Dumoulin suit had been given.

At the afternoon Session the Report of the Committee on The Widows' and Orphans' Fund and Theological Students' Fund was presented