

ligious education in the schools here could be easily settled.

Mr. George Elliott (of Guelph, Diocese of Niagara) complained of the Bible lessons as recently issued by the Education Department in Ontario. He did not know who prepared the book; but whole passages were expunged in the lessons, and there was nothing to show what part of the Holy Bible they were taken from. The Roman Catholics, with only quarter the population, had obtained concessions which Protestants could not get in Ontario.

During the debate a message was received from the Upper House in reference to the Montreal Theological College matter, which, based as it was upon the statement and promise of the Bishop of Montreal, is in startling contrast with the terms of the protest of the Montreal Theological College. The message was in these terms:—

"Whereas the Bishop of Montreal has undertaken to say that he will not consent to the taking of any steps towards the renewing of the application to the Legislature to confer power on the Montreal Diocesan College to confer degrees before next triennial meeting of the Provincial Synod;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the consideration of the proposed Canon on Degrees of Divinity be postponed until the next Provincial Synod, and that the Metropolitan be requested to appoint, out of the House, a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Lower House to decide on definite action;

"The Committee to be composed of their Lordships the Bishops of Nova Scotia, Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Algoma and Niagara."

The Synod adjourned at 6 p.m. until Friday at 10 a.m.

### THIRD DAY.

After the session had been duly opened the Prolocutor appointed a committee to draft a reply to the greetings of the Methodist Conference, and also one on the memorials of the W. C. T. U., and routine proceedings over, the debate on the Education question was resumed by Mr. Geo. Elliott and continued until 11 a.m., at which hour it had been resolved that the House would suspend business in order to allow of taking up the Report and business of the *Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society* of the Church of England in Canada—and the remainder of the day was occupied with this; the Synod resuming its session on Saturday morning.

The members of the Upper House in their robes took their places on the platform accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Langford, General Secretary of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the P. E. Church of the U.S.; Rev. Canon Cooper, representing the old and beloved Society, the S.P.G. of England.

The Metropolitan presided, and the meeting having been opened with prayers from the special form appointed by the Society, under direction of the Bishops; the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Mockridge, who was continued in that office, read the list of members of the Board for the several Dioceses as follows:

Fredericton—Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. D. Forsyth, R. T. Clinch and G. Herbert Lee.

Nova Scotia—Rev. Dr. Partridge and Rev. F. R. Murray, of Halifax; Mr. W. C. Silver and Mr. J. W. Wilde.

Quebec—Rev. Mr. Fothergill and Rev. A. A. Von Iffland, Judge Hemming and Capt. Carter.

Montreal—Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Rev. Canon Norman, Hon. Thomas White and Dr. Leo Davidson.

Ontario—Ven. Archdeacon Kingdon, Rev. E. B. Crawford, Mr. R. T. Walkham and Judge Reynolds.

Toronto—

Niagara—Archdeacon Dickson, Canon Houston, Mr. H. McLaren and Mr. M. Sutherland Macklin.

Huron—Canon Innes, Rev. W. Short, Mr. B. Cronin and Mr. E. Baynes Reid.

J. J. Mason, Esq., of Hamilton, was re-elected Treasurer.

The Secretary read the Report of the three years work of the Society, as follows:—

The Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, in presenting their first triennial report to the General Board of Missions, point with great joy to three facts which are full of happy encouragement for all to whom our Church Missionary efforts are dear:

1. The constitution of the society as provided under the canon adopted by the Provincial Synod has been proved, and no change in it is sought for. Already, in the brief space of three years, the society has realized the aim of its constitution, and has proved itself co-extensive with the Church.

2. All the congregations in each of the nine dioceses have been reached.

3. The congregations, with such rare exceptions as a glance at the admirable tabulated statements of the Treasurer will discover, have responded to the Epiphany and Ascensiontide appeals by contributing to our Church Missionary work, both domestic and foreign.

These three facts proclaim more powerfully than words can declare that we have only to pursue the course provided for us and the work of missions of extending the Kingdom of Christ must advance and prosper amongst us. When we consider that the Redeemer has left it to His Church to make His name known upon earth; when, too, we remember how closely the life of religion in the individual and in the parish advances or recedes *pari passu* with active personal interest in missionary work, we must rejoice that a method has been adopted and commenced amongst us which actually unites every congregation, and affords the promise of uniting every member of our Church in missionary work. An acquaintance with the facts of the Church's efforts and progress throughout the world is essential to a living interest in the cause of missions. This acquaintance cannot fail to be promoted amongst us now by the appeals from your Board of Management, which are read to every congregation year by year at Epiphany and Ascensiontide, and by the monthly periodical, *Our Mission News*, of which we shall speak more freely later on, as the organ of your Board, the monthly visitor from our society in every home. Your Board cannot set forth in terms too plain their conviction that all the machinery and materials are now provided, and it only remains for the clergy and leading laymen in each parish and congregation to make diligent and faithful use of them. No organization or methods of action can make up for the absence of personal interest and personal efforts. Your Board would accordingly in the most earnest terms call upon each and every clergyman and each and every layman in all the congregations of this Ecclesiastical Province to take a personal, warm interest in the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada; to make a point of always being present at their parish church to hear the two annual appeals from the Board of Management to make their offering to foreign missions at Epiphany and to domestic missions at Ascensiontide, upon principle as to God Himself, and ever to be as liberal and generous in their offerings as their circumstances will permit.

The Board then appealed to clergymen and laymen to support the *Mission News*.

### THE FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY.

Although the sum total passing in and out of the treasury of your Board may appear in the eyes of many to be very small, there is no real

reason to be discouraged. The following seem to be sound reasons for hopefulness:—First of all, it was simply impossible for any one to form a true estimate of what amount of money might be fairly looked for from our congregations, so many of whom have been accustomed rather to receive aid than to extend it to others. Then the aid of nearly every congregation has been elicited. No doubt the sums received from each are small, but they will increase as more information is conveyed, and a more intelligent interest is extended. Moreover, our society and its organization were created only three years ago, and time is a very necessary and important element in establishing confidence and in inducing our congregations to give up in not a few instances old ways and methods and adopt the plans provided by our Missionary Society. The statements of our General Treasurer will show that there is solid foundation on which these facts rest, in the steady, if slow, increase of our funds.

Your Board adopted in the outset the principle of scrupulously observing the wishes of the donors in the appropriation of their contributions. While fully determined to adhere to this principle in the future, they appreciate the confidence placed in them by those congregations and dioceses who have left their contributions to be appropriated by your Board in accordance with their closer and wider acquaintance with the Missionary field.

### APPROPRIATIONS.

To the Domestic Field—Your Board have considered it their duty to appropriate to the Missionary Diocese of Algoma a large proportion of the amount contributed to domestic missions. This Diocese, as the creation of the Provincial Synod and the only Missionary diocese under its control, has undoubtedly the first claim upon the Board for maintenance and support.

The Bishop of Algoma gives the following statement: The total amount per annum needed for missionary stipends, \$16,000; the amount contributed by the societies in England, \$4,000; the amount contributed by the congregations in the diocese, \$4,000; the amount needed from the dioceses of Canada, \$8,000. Instead of placing at the disposal of the Bishop of Algoma \$8,000 per annum we have been enabled to pay him only about \$3,600 per annum. We understand that the Bishop of Algoma has been enabled to make up the amount needed for the stipends of his clergy by contributions both from generous individuals and from dioceses whose money has reached him directly in or through the Board. The amount, therefore, asked for from the dioceses of this ecclesiastical province has been fairly met, although the money has not passed through your Board, as seems to be the most desirable course, now that we have a Missionary Society co-extensive with the Church in this Province.

The claims of the dioceses in the Northwest which, in addition to Algoma, constitute our field of domestic missions have been deeply felt by your Board and as fully recognized as the funds at their disposal would admit. In Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan and Qu'Appelle dioceses there is a large and ever increasing white population.

The Report also expressed the thankfulness of the Society, and through it of The Church in Canada, for the assistance so liberally granted in the past, and specially to the S.P.G., without whose aid the work of the Church could hardly have been carried on. It also noticed, and that most favorably, the formation of the *Women's Auxiliary* to the Society, branches of which it was hoped would be formed in many parishes.

The Treasurer, J. J. Mason, Esq., presented his report, showing total contributions from 1st October, 1883, to 30th July, 1886, to have been for DOMESTIC MISSIONS \$26,507, and for FOREIGN MISSIONS \$16,453.27. Of the former sum \$11,621 had been appropriated to special objects by the donors or congregations forwarding the