

THE synod of the diocese of Ontario, held in Kingston, June 17th to 20th, was a very satisfactory one in all respects, except in the attendance of lay delegates. From Ottawa only four were present, only two parishes being represented. It is hoped when the synod is held in Ottawa, as the seat of the new diocese, more will be found to take an active interest in church matters. The reports were nearly all favorable, and that on the state of the Church most valuable and interesting. It will be worth getting the synod report, when published, in order to read the account the Rev. Mr. Macmorine has compiled from the returns. A discussion took place on a resolution favoring separate schools for the Church of England, but the only result was the appointment of a committee to act with those from other synods. One of the chief points of interest was the division of the funds, when the diocese of Ottawa is formed. Now that this is drawing near, the details of the division have to be arranged, and although in most of the funds there is little difficulty, yet with the Clergy Trust Fund it is not so easy. From this fund the senior clergy draw \$400 per annum, as far as the income will allow. As one is taken away, another is added to the list in order of seniority in the diocese. With those who are already annuitants, there will be no change, each diocese paying one-half the amount. But with the "expectants," after the division, how are they to be dealt with? Perhaps most of the next half dozen are in one diocese, and would, if things remained as they are, be placed on the list in due time, but when there are two dioceses, others who are junior would be annuitants before them, and so there is a difficulty in arranging this matter. The committee reported, but the whole subject is so complicated, although all desire to do what is right and just, that the synod only adjourned and can be called together at any time by the Archbishop, before the actual separation takes place. It was announced that three-fourths of the required sum had been paid in (\$30,000), and the subscriptions were being received daily, so that there was reasonable ground of hope that before the end of the year a synod may be called in Ottawa, for the election of a Bishop. Of course a great deal depends upon the promptness with which church people respond to the call. It may be added that it will be necessary to collect a couple of thousand dollars more than is already subscribed to defray the expenses and the percentage of loss which is always experienced in collecting such a sum. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has already paid a fourth of its grant of \$5,000, upon receiving assurance that \$13,000 has been permanently invested in good securities. The investment committee are trying to obtain good investments for the remainder of the sum now on hand. The grant of \$100 to

the mission of Archville was made this year, with the understanding that His Grace the Archbishop would arrange to separate it from the parish of St. Barnabas and make it the centre of a separate mission.

G.F.S. NOTES.

Though our picnic tea is uppermost in our minds just now, we must not omit some notice of our meeting on June 6th, especially as it will be our last till September 6th. At this meeting one of our associates gave us a most instructive and interesting paper on "Moths, and Other Household Pests," and an excellent recitation was given by a new associate, whom we were glad to welcome among us. We had also the pleasure of hearing, from a visitor, of the G.F.S. work in New Brunswick.

Our picnic on the 25th was a great success, and most of us agreed that it was the very pleasantest of our four annual picnics. The afternoon was lovely, and so was the view from Mr. Keefer's terrace, where tea was laid on the grass. We mustered a party of about forty, and as two of our members waited at the street car terminus till 6 p.m. to act as guides to any late stragglers, we hope none were left behind. Grace was sung soon after six, and then we proceeded to enjoy the many nice things spread before us, the crowning glory of our little feast being, as usual, an iced cake with our G.F.S. monogram as its ornament. Both after and before tea, the gathering of many wild flowers and making up bouquets was a delight to many of us. Shortly before eight the chaplain paid us a visit, and, before separating, we had a short open-air service, with the setting sun lighting up mountains and river as they lay stretched before us, touching all the lovely scene with an added glory.

THE British Museum has received an interesting addition to the Egyptian antiquities—a picture 4,000 years old. It is the portion of a wall painting discovered by the officers of the Egyptian Exploration Fund in excavating the tomb of Tetute-Netep. This prince ruled in Egypt during the time in which it is supposed Abraham went down into Egypt. It represents a procession of men bearing weapons, a palanquin, and other objects.

THE Church of England statistics show a continued progress each year in the mother land: Baptisms—1893, 527,295; 1894, 552,562; communicants, 1893, 1,607,930; 1894, 1,701,499; Sunday School scholars—1891, 2,061,407; 1894, 2,270,418. The total voluntary contributions to church work for last year amounted to \$27,956,000, an increase of nearly one million dollars over 1893.