

This corporate life now is asserting itself, and the General Synod is its expression.

The first department of Church work which naturally claims attention is the *general mission* work. The parish regulates its own missions. The ordinary diocese attends to its own local mission work, but such missionary districts as the dioceses of the great North-West and Algoma require the joint efforts of the whole membership of the Church in the Dominion. We have the experience of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the Province of Canada to show how interest in missions can grow and active effort in the cause increase, but when we have the direct influence of those true missionaries, the pioneer bishops and clergy of our own North-West exercised amongst us, our people will be stimulated to increased exertions, and our apprehensions of missionary work will be proportionately enlarged. Our part also in foreign missionary work will be regulated by the General Synod, and this great missionary duty of the Church will have its true importance still better realized in the future than has been possible in the past, and if there is one department of Church work wherein the strong stimulating central influence of the whole Church can beneficially act on the individual churches and members of our communion, it is the department of large missionary effort.

*Second.*—The Church, as a whole, has to see to the most complete possible *education of her ministers*. By endowment and private beneficence, our universities and theological colleges are equipped as they are, but increasing wants make it imperative that the entire membership of the Church should feel the obligation of the support of these institutions.

The importance of this subject demands that it be specially set forth by those best qualified to do it, and we would suggest that the General Synod recognize the solemn duty of the Church, as a whole, to actively support her own educational institutions, and order such information to be compiled as shall show the actual position of our various colleges in the Dominion, and a full statement of their immediate wants, with the view of stimulating the liberality of our people in this direction.

(To be continued.)

#### CHURCH CHOIR GUILD.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Church Choir Guild, Canadian Branch, was held on Monday in the vestry room of Grace Church, Brantford. A considerable amount of business was gone through. The meeting opened with the Guild Office and prayers read by the Rev. R. L. Macfarlane, Chaplain *pro tem*.

Mr. J. Morton Boyce, organizing secretary and warden of the Canadian Branch, gave a somewhat lengthy report of the steps taken to establish the Guild in this country and the work already accomplished. It was exceedingly gratifying to hear of the success which had attended the effort.

The "Constitution" which has been passed by the Home Guild was next submitted. It is composed of many eminent and influential men. Among the clerical patrons are the Lord Bishops of Niagara, Huron and Quebec; the Ven. Archdeacons of Kingston, Nova Scotia, Montreal and Quebec; the Provost of Trinity College, Toronto. President, Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Precentor St. George's Cathedral; Vice-Presidents, H. J. Petry, Esq., M.A., Bishop's College Lennoxville; Rev. Robert Ashton, Brantford.

Upon the Council are the Rev. L. G. Stevens, B.D.; Rev. Wm. Craig, B.D.; Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, B.D.; Rev. R. L. Macfarlane, B.A.; Chas. Davies, Mus. Doc.; Percival J. Illsley, Mus. Bac., F.C.O.; J. Morton Boyce, Mus. A., F.C.C.G.;

Fred G. Rogers, F.C.C.G.; Vincent E. Green, F.C.C.G.; Alfred J. Wilkes, Esq., Q.C. The agreement of amalgamation of the Canadian Branch with the Home Guild, and signed by Jas. H. Levis, Mus. Doc., D.C.L., warden for and on behalf of the latter, and Mr. J. Morton Boyce, warden for and on behalf of the former, was then read and approved of.

The Organizing Secretary made the statement that "as a considerable number of candidates were making application with a view of sitting for diplomas of the Guild, the examination must at once be established." He was already taking steps for the examinations to be held in Toronto. It was decided to hold the examination on Sept. 5th and 6th.

The appointment of representatives of the Guild in Canadian cities was next discussed. Progress is rapidly being made in this direction.

It was proposed by Mr. F. G. Rogers and seconded by Mr. J. Morton Boyce, to institute an Annual Festival of parish choirs to be held under the auspices of the Guild. The success of such gatherings in England sufficiently warrants the attempt to establish the same in this country. The scheme met with unanimous approval, and it was decided to hold the first festival early in October in Grace Church, Brantford, permission being kindly granted by Rural Dean Mackenzie.

In view of the rapidly increasing popularity of the Guild in this country, it is safe to predict that ere long the "Church Choir Guild" will be recognized as the leading Church musical institution of the land.

Letters were received by the warden from the Right Rev. A. Hunter Dunn, D.D., Bishop of Quebec; Rev. C. M. E. Body, M.A., D.C.L., Provost Trinity College, Toronto, and Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, L.L.D., Brockville, expressing sympathy with the objects of the meeting. The meeting closed with prayer and the Guild Office.

#### THE STORY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

MR. GLADSTONE'S TESTIMONY.

These are the words of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone: "I can find no trace of that opinion which is now common in the mouths of unthinking persons, that the Roman Catholic Church was abolished in England at the period of the Reformation, and that a Protestant Church was put in its place: nor does there appear to have been so much as a doubt in the mind of any one of them (the Reformers) whether this Church legally established in England after the Reformation, was the same institution with the Church legally established in England before the Reformation."\*

Again, the historian, Freeman, tells us: "It is certain that no English ruler, no English Parliament, thought of setting up a new Church, but simply of reforming the existing English Church. Nothing was further from the mind of Henry VIII. or of Elizabeth, than the thought that either of them ever thought for a moment of establishing a new Church or of establishing anything at all. In their own eyes they were not establishing, but reforming: they were not pulling down or setting up, but putting to rights." Again, "If there was no one particular moment when, as many people fancy, the State endowed the Church by a deliberate act, still less was there any moment when the State, as many people fancy, took Church property from one religious body and gave it to another. The whole argument must assume—because the facts of history compel us to assume—the absolute identity of the Church of England after the Reformation with the Church of England before the Reformation."†

#### REVIEWS.

APOLOGETICS: A Christianity apologetically stated. By Dr. A. B. Bruce. Price 10s. 6d., Edinburgh, T. & T. Clark, 1892.

Dr. Bruce has earned the confidence of students of Biblical and theological subjects by his previous works; and the present volume is a valuable addition to the International Theological Library. What we may call the distinctive character of Dr. Bruce's book consists in its adaptation to the present state

\* *The State in its Relations to the Church*, 1841.

† *Freeman: Disestablishment and disendowment*.

of controversy. He very properly declines, as an apologist, to commit himself to either side in regard to what is called the Higher Criticism; but he adapts his arguments to either conclusion. This seems to us the right course. It is absurd to defend positions which may afterwards be taken, and thus bring discredit upon the whole defence. Dr. Bruce's book is one of real value and of convincing force.

THE ORGAN. By Geo. Molineux, 10 East 14th street, New York. This is a bi-monthly musical publication, published by the above house.

The advantages of it are that the music is arranged for either organ or piano. The number before us is exceedingly good, and the price, \$1 per year, is very moderate.

The *Expository Times* for July has an excellent set of "Notes on Recent Expositions," dealing first with the service of women in the Gospel, and then, more briefly, with a so-called new theory of the atonement. Professor Gretillas completes his excellent memoirs of Professor Godel, and Bishop Ellicott brings to a conclusion his essay on the Old Testament, concluding that it is better "to stand upon the old ways." The members of the Expository Times Guild of Bible Study—an extremely useful organization—are informed that the subjects for next session (November, 1898, to June, 1899) are Isaiah xl.—lxvi., and the Epistle to the Romans. Books for study on these subjects are recommended.

#### Home & Foreign Church News

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

##### FREDERICTON.

The first public meeting in connection with the annual meetings of the Diocesan Church Society and Synod was held on Monday evening, July 3rd, under the auspices of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. The first speaker of the evening was Rev. Canon Forsythe; he spoke of the wonderful progress of missionary efforts during the past decade, as instanced by the triennial reports. Mr. A. P. Tippet spoke specially of the work that was being done by the S. S. children; he considered that we should arouse and maintain a good healthy enthusiasm. With that he said the success of our mission work during the next decade will be more than half assured. Jacob Khadder, a native of Jerusalem, who is now entered as a divinity student at King's College, Windsor, was the next speaker. His account of the need for increased assistance in converting the Jews was listened to most attentively. Speaking with the authority of an eye-witness, the impression which his simple earnestness created will doubtless be noticed when the offertories are again made for Bishop Blyth's work at Jerusalem and in the East. The last speaker was Rev. John Parkinson; he maintained that the want of missionary zeal and the lack of sufficient effort in the past have been due to a wandering away from those Catholic lines upon which at the very first it was designed that the world should be evangelized.

On Tuesday morning, July 4th, the D. C. Society met in general committee, His Lordship the Bishop presiding. Roll call brought forth the fact that the lay delegates from the country parishes had not assembled in as large numbers as usual. Many of the clergy were also absent at the opening of the meeting, but, with few exceptions, they reached the city during the day. The first business before the committee was the receiving of the reports; this was, on motion, for the moment delayed, however, to admit of the Bishop appointing a committee to draw up a memorial respecting the death of the late Metropolitan, Bishop Medley.

The reports from the several parishes were, on the whole, of an encouraging nature, showing an increase in the number of communicants, and, as well, an increase in the number of services held. The secretary in his report paid a loving tribute to the work which had been done for the Church through this society by the Reverend Metropolitan. As a testimony to the amount of work done during the last 47 years, it is to be noted that whereas at first the parishes were almost altogether maintained by grants from the D.C.S. and from the S.P.G., there are to-day in the diocese twenty-five self-supporting missions, the greater number of which contribute largely towards the support of the poorer missions.

From the annual statement of the parishes to the S.P.G., it was made evident that the results for the past year were satisfactory as compared with 1892, the increase in communicants being 277, and that of confirmed 378, while 84 more had been baptized.

The statistical return showed that on account of the withdrawal of part of the grant to the diocese by the "S.P.G.," an increase would have to be made in contributions for the ensuing year. It was also reported that nine of the missions of the diocese