

wishes all the Clergy in the city to adopt the same practice. Acting upon the recommendation, it was resolved, at a meeting of the Vestry of St. George's, to favor the use of the Surplice as the proper vestment for the pulpit. It is also used in Trinity Church.

**MONTREAL.—ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.**—At the usual fortnightly meeting held on the evening of the 16th inst., there was a very good attendance, and a well varied programme was successfully carried out. The Rev. Jas. Carmichael occupied the chair. Mr. Mills sang a song very finely and was encored. Mrs. Patterson gave two recitations, and addresses were given by the Revs. Messrs. Roy and Fleck. The latter gentleman stated that the first voice that was ever raised on the temperance question was that of an Irishman—John Edgar.

**MONTREAL.**—On the evening of the 16th inst., a well attended meeting was held in Synod Hall, when some very interesting information was given in regard to the mission in the Diocese of Algoma.

His Lordship the Metropolitan presided, and on the platform were the Bishop of Algoma, very Rev. Dean Bond, Rev. Canon Ellegood, and Rev. R. W. Norman.

His Lordship the Metropolitan said, in the course of the opening address, that the Diocese of Montreal took the lead in affording aid to the cause of Algoma missions, and considered that other dioceses should follow suit. The progress during the last three years had been retarded for lack of funds; however, the Bishop of Algoma had introduced no less than thirteen lay readers to keep the congregations going until clergymen could be supplied, and what was more they worked with no pecuniary remuneration. He felt satisfied they would give a hearty welcome to the Bishop of Algoma. (Applause.)

The Bishop of Algoma then addressed the audience, and made reference first to the fact that they had been enabled so far to meet the claims of the clergymen in his diocese, and that this diocese had responded nobly, and had contributed an amount of \$800 which he had expected. He showed that as a missionary diocese Algoma was entirely dependent on extraneous aid in carrying on its work. There were in the neighborhood of \$5,000 of liabilities when he had taken charge. During the year he had received from the eight other dioceses of the ecclesiastical province \$4,704.29 for the clergy fund, and aid from England which brought receipts up to a total of \$6,187.89. The salaries of clergy and teachers amounted to \$5,551; \$330 had been given to the Shingwauk Institute fund, and printing and incidentals made up a total of \$5,606, leaving a balance on hand of \$581. Their financial position was better this year from the fact that their liabilities had decreased, with one less missionary. He gave details regarding the different mission stations. In Muskoka or the Free Grant District, there were first, Severn, a backward mission station; Gravenhurst, the Northern Railway terminus and lumber centre, where a church was in process of repair; Bracebridge, 1,200 inhabitants, a mission and a church free from debt. Two more stations were progressing. Mara Lake, a picturesque place, with a partially completed church, and newly erected parsonage. Huntsville, an outpost mission, with a church hall. Lake Rousseau, a vacant mission with a newly-completed church. Parry Sound District—Parry Sound, a good church to be erected and a site promised. There were also a number of missions in this district. A missionary to the Indians was stationed on Manitoulin Island, which

was rapidly filling up, and a large church at Manitowaning, which, however, required \$800 to put it into a state of repair. A catechist was to be appointed here to aid the missionary. He hoped soon to have a Sunday-school on St. Joseph Island. Garden River Mission and Sault Ste. Marie had a nice stone church, and the incumbent was opening up stations, one seven miles back of the Sault in a most flourishing state; a comfortable parsonage was being erected at the Sault, and here were openings for several Indian missions along the Lake Superior shore, and missions to fishermen and miners who locate for a time along the shore. Thunder Bay District—Prince Arthur's Landing; the young missionary here had succeeded in building a church, and with a parsonage in process of erection. Pigeon River, the boundary of his diocese and the Province of Ontario: there were about here a number of silver mines, which received a missionary's visits. He could also report some material progress. The people were very poor, though hospitable. Graphic descriptions of a missionary's trials in the new settlements were given. The settlers were hungering for religious instruction, and their feelings were well represented by the poor woman who remarked, with tears in her eyes, to the first clergyman she had seen for three years: "We all feel like heathens." The Shingwauk Home was doing a great work among the Indians. It was in charge of Rev. Mr. Wilson. He gratefully acknowledged the fact that three of the children in the Home were supported from Montreal. He hoped soon they would be able to institute a girls' home; the few girls who had been brought into the General Home having to be returned for want of means. He gave the Indians up there an excellent character, and illustrated it by an Indian's remark, when he discovered that a white man had found and appropriated his wampum belt: "Indian never find what is not his own."

Very Rev. Dean Bond, subsequently addressed the audience and gave them weighty reasons why they should send the Gospel into Algoma, and that when any part of the body politic suffered in any way, it would have an indirect effect all through it; for political, social and moral reasons they should extend their missionary efforts.

Rev. Mr. Norman, whose Bible class supports a boy in Shingwauk Home, gave an idea of the useful trades learned in the institution, and said that religious instruction was combined; he spoke warmly on behalf of starting an Indian girls' school.

A collection was subsequently taken up, and the proceedings closed with the benediction.

#### ONTARIO.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**—I hereby give notice that the Regular Meetings of the Committees of the Synod of Ontario, also the Provisional Committees, will be held in the Synod Office as follows;

On Foreign Missions, Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 7.30 p.m.; Mission Board, Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 10 a.m.; Clergy Trust, Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 3 p.m.; Episcopal Trust, Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 4 p.m. On the Constitution of Vestries, Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 7.30 p.m.; Widows' and Orphan's, Thursday, Dec. 7th, 10 a.m.; Book and Tract, Thursday, Dec. 7th, 11 a.m.; Divinity Students, Thursday, Dec. 7th, 11 a.m.; Executive, Thursday, Dec. 7th, 2 p.m.; On Discipline for Lay Members, Thursday, Dec. 7th, 4 p.m.; On Settlement of parochial Disputes, Thursday, Dec. 7th, 7.30 p.m.; T. A. PARNELL, Clerical Secretary. Synod Office, Kingston, Nov. 15th, 1876.

#### NIAGARA.

**WELLINGTON SQUARE.**—The congregation of St. Luke's Church, Wellington Square, desire gratefully to acknowledge liberal contributions to their Parochial Library from Rev. A. Sanson, and other friends, through the Rector, Rev. Dr. Green—also a handsome crimson cloth cover for Communion Table, presented by a few kind ladies of Hamilton, through Mrs. Green.

**MOUNT FOREST.**—The Bishop of Niagara administered the rite of Confirmation in St. Paul's Church, on Wednesday 22nd of November, 1876. The Rev. Mr. Cordner of Harriston was present and assisted in the service. Seventeen persons received the Laying on of Hands, two of whom had recently been baptized by Mr. Yewens, the missionary in charge. The service was a very satisfactory one, and, all things considered, was well attended. The Bishop's address, which occupied an hour, was both interesting and edifying, its doctrinal instruction being illustrated by one or two well told facts and instances of the power of religious truth and principle.

*To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Niagara.*

**DEAR BRETHREN.**—The Bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Canada, in council assembled, having agreed to recommend to the faithful throughout the Province the observance of a day of Intercession, "for the great cause of Missions," and named St. Andrew's day, the 30th, or any one of the seven days thereafter, to be observed as such day of Intercession, in order to receive that Christian sympathy, which arises from many congregations uniting at the same hour in the same sacred services, I would recommend that, in this Diocese, the first Sunday in Advent should be observed as such day.

Trusting that God's gracious favor may be with you all, I am, dear brethren, yours very faithfully,

T. B. NIAGARA.

Hamilton, 24th Nov. 1876.

**MISSIONARY MEETINGS.**—The Rev. Messrs Mackenzie and Yewens, as a Deputation appointed by the Bishop of Niagara, attended Missionary meetings in the Missions of Lowville, Watertown, and Wellington Square, in the week beginning October 23rd.

The weather, most of the time, was unpleasant, and the roads were in a very bad condition. From these and other causes the attendance was in each case small, although the several Clergy of the Missions had evidently done their part to obtain goodly numbers at each place.

The Mission at Lowville is very extensive. The zealous Missionary, Rev. Mr. Massey, often holds five services on a Sunday, and travels a considerable distance in doing so. Here meetings were held in the churches at Lowville, Massagaweya, and Carleton Place. The second of these is quite a gem: a small stone edifice, thoroughly ecclesiastical in style, excellent in proportions, beautiful in appearance, convenient and suitable in arrangement, and admirably adapted to stimulate reverential feeling in the worshippers entering it.

At the first and last of these meetings the Rev. Canon Houston rendered valuable assistance. About \$11 was collected in the Mission for the Algoma Diocese.

At Watertown six Clergymen took part in the proceedings. The Rev. Mr. Osler, (Rural Dean) and Messrs. Massey and Spencer, from the neighbouring Missions, came to the assistance of the Rector, Canon Houston, and the Deputation, so that the Missionary Theme was presented to the assembled people with much variety, the