

His blessed will; a responsive attitude which should be that of every member of the Woman's Auxiliary in our Dominion.

**SARNIA.**—Sunday, June 22nd, was the 6th anniversary of the opening of St. George's Church. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, administered the rite of Confirmation to a large class at the Morning service. The Rector, Rev. T. R. Davis, was assisted in the service by Rev. Canon Davis, of London, and Rev. W. Stout, of Point Edward. The Church was crowded, chairs were placed in each aisle, but even then, crowds were unable to gain admittance. His Lordship's address was most pointed and touching. The whole congregation as well as the candidates feeling that there was much in it for each and every heart.

At Evening service the Rev. Canon Davis preached an anniversary service, and while reviewing the past stated that few congregations had done as much as St. George's during the past five years. They had a beautiful Church property which cost them about \$27 000, over 20 000 had been paid during that time. The congregation stood prominently to the front in connection with the support of Diocesan work, only four congregations having given more during the year. But the most encouraging and cheering feature of all was the spiritual life that was evidenced throughout the parish. This to the Rector must be a source of the greatest joy and encouragement. The offertories during the day amounted to nearly \$155.

In the afternoon the Bishop visited Mooretown, preaching and administering the rite of Confirmation to a fair sized class.

On Monday the Bishop returned by way of Sarnia and addressed the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association on the great subject of Christian Missions and Women's work in the Church. He shewed very clearly that the objects of the Association were Missionary, and God was making wonderful use of consecrated women. There was a good attendance and all were deeply interested.

#### SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF HURON.

On Wednesday morning the report of the Committee in regard to names eligible for position of Secretary-Treasurer, was made. Twenty-eight applications had been received, and amongst these one from a lady; but the names submitted to the Synod were Messrs. C. F. Complin, London; J. S. Geddes, Toronto; J. M. McWhinney, Chatham; J. J. Rooney, Peterboro'; and Wm. Swaisland, Glencoe, from each of whom a large number of testimonials had been received. Balloting having taken place upon those nominations Mr. McWhinney was elected on the first ballot, by a majority over the next highest competitor of 36.

The report of the SUNDAY SCHOOL Committee showed a total of officers and teachers 2137; and scholars 16,956; money received for Sunday schools expenses \$7,937 99; given to Missions \$1,439 59. There were 25,599 books in the Sunday school libraries. The report recommended amongst other things "the pressing upon all superintendents and Sunday school teachers of the great importance of making the Church catechism the basis of doctrinal instruction." A member inquired what cause there was for such recommendation, and was answered by one of the clergy that he knew of a school where the catechism had not been taught at all. The report was adopted.

On the question of the WINNIPEG CONFERENCE the Bishop having read the resolution of the Provincial Synod and the report of the Toronto committee a discussion of some length took place; but ultimately it was resolved to appoint two representatives, one of each Order with substitutes and to guarantee the expenses of these delegates and also of those sent from

the Diocese as members of the Provincial Committee; and the Very Rev. Dean Innes and Mr. W. J. Imlach were appointed delegates, with Canon Richardson and Mr. Wilson as substitutes. The remainder of the day's session was occupied with the consideration of proposed amendments to canon 99. At the Evening Session the report of the Committee on LAY HELP was taken up. It mentioned as obstacles in the way want of spirituality, want of fitness, lack of definite training, difficulty of keeping the laity so employed in their proper place, prejudices of the people against any substitute for an ordained ministry, etc. The committee made the following recommendations all of which were adopted after being considered clause by clause:—

1. That this Synod is deeply impressed with the conviction that the more general participation of the laity in the spiritual work of the Church is demanded alike by her needs and the duty of her members to her supreme head.

2. That it is expedient that in every parish, where practicable, youths and young men be associated together in guilds, brotherhoods or other societies, and that such definite work be assigned to them by the clergyman or vestry as they may from time to time be suitably required to perform.

3 That it is desirable that in every parish where practicable, one or more persons be appointed and licensed by the Bishop as lay readers under Canon IX. to assist the clergyman in the discharge of his duties, subject in all particulars to his direction; that such appointments be, when convenient, made orally by the Bishop and accompanied by an appropriate service, and that the licenses of lay readers be ruditecanal in their scope in order to supply the wants of vacant parishes or such as have no lay readers.

4 That parochial congregational meetings of all members of the Church are a most useful means of quickening Church life, of promoting fellowship and good will, and of encouraging a spirit of Christian activity.

5. That annual conventions of Church workers from the several parishes constituting a rural deanery, or more than one deanery, held in connection with ruditecanal meetings, for the discussion of such subjects as may bear upon the work of the Church and further its best interests, are particularly recommended.

6. That an association be formed of the male lay workers of the Diocese, for the purpose of mutual correspondence and co-operation, to meet annually at such place or places as may hereafter be determined upon; that the Bishop be President *ex officio*, and that His Lordship be requested to call a meeting of the male lay workers of the Diocese in the fall of the present year, for the organization of such association and the adoption of a constitution.

7 That the Bishop be respectfully requested to issue a pastoral expressive of his views and those of the Synod in respect of the subject matter of this report; inviting the active co-operation of the clergy and laity in furthering the object thereof; and giving such advice in regard to the selection and appointment of lay readers as his Lordship may see fit.

8. That a committee to be named by the Bishop be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting of lay workers as above provided.

The Bishop before putting the adoption of the report made an eloquent and telling address in favor thereof. In the course of the debate one of the clergy reminded the laity that they were oftentimes seriously in fault in taking their "Amen" and in responding in their parts of the service. A layman remarked as to lay preaching: "Do not sit on a young man if he wants to go in the pulpit—he won't do it again if you allow him one trial! But we are afraid that experience contradicts the assertion. Young men unfortunately are too

fond of apeing to themselves the privileges and position of the duly ordained and recognized teacher.

On Thursday Messrs. G. F. Jewell and C. F. Complin were appointed auditors, the remuneration being fixed at \$150 and \$100 respectively. Several notices of motion having been given and memorials read, a memorial from Grace Church, Brantford, asking the amendment of the Constitution so that women might be accorded the right of voting at congregational meetings and in vestry was taken up; and a motion was made to expunge the word *male* from Canon 19 so as to admit women duly qualified as members of vestry. A long discussion occupying the whole morning and part of the afternoon followed. The sentiment of the Synod was evidently against the proposal; the motion being characterized by several as decidedly revolutionary and as objectionable in the interest of Christian women themselves; and ultimately the motion to amend the Constitution was withdrawn.

At the Evening session the members of the Executive Committee were reported and also the names of delegates to the Provincial Synod, the latter being Clerical—Very Rev. the Dean of Huron, Canons Richardson, Davis, Hill, Hincks, Smith, Rural Deans Mackenzie, Craig, Ven. Archdeacons Marsh, Revs. W. A. Young, C. R. Matthew and Rural Dean Gemley. Lay—Judge Ermantinger, W. Wilson, A. H. Dymond, V. Cronyn, R. Bayly, A. C. Clark, Jas. Woods, Chas. Jenkins, John Ransford, R. Fox, Wm. Grey, I. F. Hellmuth, R. S. Gurd, W. J. Imlach, W. H. Bakins, Crowell Wilson. Substitutes—Revs. J. H. Moorhouse, Rural Dean Cooper, T. R. Davis, Alfred Brown.

On motion of the Chancellor it was resolved that the *paid* officers of the Synod shall not be eligible to vote as members. The question of "prohibition" was again brought up this year, and after discussion the following amendment was passed:

That the communication from the Secretary of the Presbyterian Assembly on the subject of prohibition be acknowledged, and that the Synod express its entire concurrence in all action which tends to total abstinence, and rejoice in the success which has attended the temperance movement through the associations in connection with the Church.

Several committees having been appointed the business of the Synod was closed by singing the Doxology, and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

#### DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

**ALGOMA.**—A generous Churchwoman in Montreal handed the Bishop a cheque the other day for \$1,000, of which \$700 was to be applied to the erection of a church at some point destitute of Church of England service, and \$300 to the Endowment Fund. "Go and do thou likewise."—*Algoma News*.

Two generous Toronto Churchmen have provided for the expenses of a student to take charge, during the summer, of the mission of Port Carling, and but for their liberality the Bishop would have been unable to appoint any one to the charge of the district, which is a very important one for three or four months, owing to the number of tourists who spend their holidays in the village and among the neighboring islands.

Question (often asked in the Diocese of Algoma) "Why does not the Church of England allow the ministers of other denominations to occupy her pulpit, and so show herself as liberal as Methodists, etc.?" Answer (quite sufficient for all practical purposes without entering into details): "Because she cannot allow any one to occupy her pulpits who is not directly and entirely responsible to her for what he teaches."

The 'Evangeline' is once more afloat in her native element, and all but ready for a good summer's work. She will this year venture in-