

Rev. G. Abbott Smith's prize for unseen translation—N. C. Lyster. Honourable mention—F. G. Vial.

Rev. Dr. Allnatt's prize for sermons—1, A. H. Moore, B. A.; 2, C. E. Bishop, B. A.

Diocese of Toronto.

SYNOD NOTES.

The long standing dispute in regard to the distribution of the Rectory Surplus Fund was settled at the last Synod by the adoption of the following resolution upon a report introduced by the Rev. Provost Body, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Pearson, and assented to, at the time of presentation, by Revs. Dr. Langtry, J. P. Lewis, T. W. Patterson, W. H. Clark and J. C. Roper:

That the whole amount of the Toronto rectory surplus be divided into 10 times as many shares as the number of beneficiaries, 10 shares thus representing an equal share of the whole sum.

That 10 shares be assigned to the following rectors severally, namely, to the rectors of St. Stephen's, of the church of the Ascension, of St. Mark's, Parkdale, of St. Philip's, of the church of the Epiphany, of St. Margaret's, and of St. John's, Berkeley.

That nine shares be assigned to the following rectors severally (who have consented to the same), namely, to the rectors of St. Peter's, of the church of the Redeemer, of St. Luke's, of St. Paul's, of St. John's, Portland street, of St. Simon's, of St. George's, of All Saints', of St. Thomas'.

That to the rector of Holy Trinity (who has consented to the same) be assigned three shares and one-third.

That the sum so left for distribution, viz., fifteen shares and two-thirds, together with one share additional guaranteed by the rector of the church of the Redeemer, and the sum released by rector of the church of Trinity, east, declining to receive in the future any portion of the fund, making in all twenty-six shares and two-thirds, shall form a special fund from which, divided into 118 parts, the following allocation shall be made in addition to an equal share of the whole surplus to be assigned to each rector in the following list, viz.:

- To the rector of Grace church, 12 parts.
- To the rector of St. Mary the Virgin, 12 parts.
- To the rector of St. Bartholomew, 12 parts.
- To the rector of St. Mary Magdalene, 8 parts.
- To the rector of St. Matthew, 8 parts.
- To the rector of St. Barnabas, 8 parts.
- To the rector of St. Matthias, 8 parts.
- To the rector of St. Mark's, West Toronto Junction, 8 parts.
- To the rector of church of the Messiah, 8 parts.
- To the rector of Christ church, Doer Park, while serving the missions at present attached to his church, 8 parts.
- To the rector of St. Anne, while serving the missions at present attached to his church, 8 parts.
- To the rector of St. John's, West Toronto Junction, 6 parts.
- To the rector of St. Cyprian, 6 parts.
- To the rector of St. Martin, 6 parts.

It is further resolved that the above arrangement, with the approval of the Synod, shall remain undisturbed for a period of five years.

On the report of the Committee charged with the matter, it was decided that memorials should be prepared and sent in to the Governor-General and the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, urging that action be taken immediately in the direction of the proposal of the Prisoner's Aid Association.

In the discussion which took place upon the report of the Mission Board Committee, some members expressed strong disapprobation of appropriated offerings as showing a discrimination in favour of this or that particular object, instead of leaving this to the General Association. A graceful tribute was paid in the course of the discussion to the work of the Woman's Auxiliary.

An incident occurred on the afternoon of the third day which is not without considerable importance. It appears that an effort, partaking of a party character, had been made to form in the Diocese an Association of some sort in connection with the C.M.S. of England, and a circular letter with a prospectus signed by five Clergy and two Laity had been issued, one of which had been sent to the Bishop, asking him to give his consent and sanction to the Society. *The Mail* says that on the afternoon of the 3rd day his Lordship referred to the matter in these terms: "He had been asked in an accompanying letter to give his consent and sanction to it (the Association), which he most emphatically declined to give. (Loud applause.) He could only regard it as an interference with the work of the Synod. It appeared to be a distinct act of disloyalty towards the Church of England. This document was signed by Rural Dean Septimus Jones, Rev. H. G. Baldwin, Rev. T. H. DuVernet, Rev. Principal Sheraton, Rev. T. O'Meara, Mr. N. W. Hoyles and Mr. Stapleton Caldecott, and those seven Toronto gentlemen dubbed themselves the Canadian Church Missionary Association. (Laughter and applause.) He thought that they had no right to assume such a title. The city of Toronto was not the Church of England, and he distinctly deprecated any attempt to divide the Church in this work."

The following motion respecting the Bishop of Algoma was carried: "That this Synod, having learned from the Bishop's charge of the forthcoming resignation of the Bishop of Algoma, desires to express its sympathy with him in his prolonged illness. This Synod would further recommend to the Provincial Synod that, until further provision be made for him, the Bishop of Algoma be allowed to receive the interest of \$52,000 collected for the Algoma Episcopal Fund."

The Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee in its report expressed regret that more persons did not avail themselves of the advantage of the Inter-Provincial School Examinations in connection with the C.E.S.S.I. Only 52 persons presented themselves last year, namely: 19 teachers and 33 scholars, representing six Dioceses out of the nine in the Ecclesiastical Province.

The Report of the Committee on Public School Text Books stated that a substantial part of the amendments in the Public and High School readers desired by the Synod, had been approved of by the author of the book and the Minister of Education. Negotiations were still in progress.

A motion was adopted appointing a special committee to report to the next session of the Toronto Synod as to "the steps which should be taken to resolve the present Ecclesiastical Province of Canada into ecclesiastical Provinces co-terminus with each Civil Province.

Regarding St. Alban's Cathedral debt, the following resolution was adopted: "That this Synod has learned with pleasure that some of the parishes in the city of Toronto have responded liberally to the special appeal of His Lordship the Bishop respecting the interest fund of St. Alban's cathedral, and desires to express the earnest hope that those of the Toronto parishes which have not already sent in their contributions for this purpose will use every effort to do so with as little delay as possible, so that there may be no further danger as to

the stability of the Cathedral, and to prepare the way for a wider effort on the part of the whole diocese to meet the other obligations resting upon it."

Diocese of Niagara.

SYNOD NOTES.

The Rev. Dr. Prall, rector of St. John's church, Detroit, was the preacher at the Synod service, and delivered an eloquent address on Missions.

The Bishop's address, after mentioning affectionately to the late Venerable Archdeacon McMurray, whom he described as in Holy Orders before he, the Bishop, was born, referred to the formation of the General Synod of Canada; Marriage, the Church's relation thereto; the necessity of teaching the young upon this question, and the insufficiency of the law as to publication of banns, suggested that friendly and social gatherings should be provided for the young people in the several parishes by their parents; urged the keeping of an accurate Register in every parish; the insurance of Church properties, and that they be kept in proper repair. His Lordship reported that two clergy had been admitted to the Order of Priest and two to the Diaconate during the year; that he had held 67 confirmations, confirming 809 persons, of whom 116 were brought up outside of the Church of England. The Rev. Canon Houston had been advanced to the dignity of Archdeacon, and the Revs. John Gribble and E. M. Bland appointed Canons. His Lordship acknowledged the receipt of the first instalment of the grant from the trustees of the Colonial Bishops' Fund of \$1,614.79 towards the Episcopal Endowment Special Fund, and reminded the Synod that the balance, which represents two-thirds of £1,000 sterling, must be claimed before December next year, or it would be lost to the Diocese. To do this the Diocese must raise \$5,200. It appeared from the returns of the Executive Committee that the Synod now holds in Mortgage investments of \$152,400 at an average interest of five and three-tenths per cent.; in Debentures, \$139,167.

There had been remitted to the D. and F. M. S. of the Church of England in Canada for Domestic Missions, \$2,143.73; and for Foreign Missions, \$1,362.37.

Rural Dean Clark reported that he had raised \$2,005 of the \$10,000 required for the See house, and he expressed the opinion than in less than three months a sufficient amount would be subscribed to justify the Committee in securing a suitable property.

The question of appointments to vacancies was considered upon the report of the Special Committee appointed at the Synod of 1892, and re-appointed in 1893, and its recommendations, as follows, adopted:

[1] When a vacancy shall occur in any rectory or parish, except a parish receiving aid from a mission fund, a meeting of the vestry shall be called for the purpose of nominating to the Bishop a clergyman to fill the vacancy, and at such meeting a clergyman may be so nominated by the majority of the members of the vestry present and voting there.

[2] At such meeting a committee of five persons shall be appointed, one of whom shall be elected by the members of said committee as its chairman, and said chairman shall forthwith deliver or transmit to the Bishop a copy of the resolution of the vestry containing the name of the clergyman nominated, attested by the chairman and secretary of the meeting, and also a statement of all the proceedings at such meeting attested in the same manner; and if the clergyman so nominated be licensed by the Bishop, he shall be inducted by the Bishop into the rectory or parish, but, if the Bishop do not