

the Clergy to use all diligence in searching out unbaptized children and adults throughout their charges."

The Bishop points to the falling off in the contributions to several of our most important funds, and attributes it partly, though by no means wholly, to the great special effort made in the preceding year on behalf of our Diocesan Mission Fund. There may be another reason for it. The Bishop writes: "The rush into the whirl of amusements and the reckless lavishing of money upon pleasures seem to threaten the very life of religion among our people and to lead them to forget the principle of giving in the passion for spending," and he adds, "I hope that our Clergy and faithful laity will not cease their prayers to God, for a larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit that our Church may be delivered from this cankering deadly root of worldly-mindedness."

A report, educational and financial, of Trinity University was presented to the Synod and attention drawn to the affiliated College of St. Hilda for the higher education of women. The corner stone for the new building of St. Hilda's was laid in the grounds of Trinity College on the 14th of April by her excellency the Countess of Minto.

Three of our Church Schools have just lost their heads. Rev. Dr. Bethune, for twenty-nine years head master of Trinity College School for Boys at Port Hope, Miss Grier, for nearly as long a period principal of Bishop Strachan School for Girls at Toronto, and Rev. Thos. L. Aborn, for five years principal of the Church School for Boys at Toronto, having resigned their positions, the last named from a desire to return to active clerical work, the two former through a wish for rest after their many years of arduous labor.

The Bishop paid a most graceful tribute to these faithful and able educationists, whose careers have throughout been marked with the greatest success, and added: "For the three schools which are to undergo a critical change of government, I wish to bespeak the active interest and co-operation of the members of the Church both clerical and lay. This has not been given, hitherto, justly as it might have been expected. At a time when so much stress is being laid in the speeches made at our Synods, on the importance of religious instruction in our schools, it does seem inconsistent and unaccountable that these schools, founded and maintained for the express purpose of bringing up our children in the principles and practices of the Church, should receive so little support from our Church mem-

bers, and especially so little advocacy from our Clergy. The opportunities of the parochial Clergy in this respect are very great, and I earnestly hope that they will take the pains to recommend our Church Schools to such members of their congregations as have children to send to school. This will be doing much effective work for the upholding of the Church in the coming generation."

It may be added that Miss Acres, who has been for some years assistant to Miss Grier, and who has had a thorough experience as an educationist has been appointed to succeed Miss Grier at the Bishop Strachan School, and that the Rev. W. J. Moody, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, has received the appointment of headmastership at the Church School for Boys.

In conclusion, the Bishop quoted the following resolution which had been adopted by the House of Bishops at the late meeting of the Provincial Synod: "That it is the opinion of this House that the marriage of a divorced person, during the lifetime of the other party, is entirely to be deprecated, and that the Clergy of the Province should not perform such a marriage," and the Bishop added, "I desire to notify the Clergy that that is the opinion by which I purpose to be guided in dealing with such a case."

## REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1899.

In presenting their annual report the Board are glad to note that the appointment of the large Deputation Committee to plead the mission cause throughout the Diocese, has again been crowned with success, and a sum exceeding by at least \$100 the allotment to the country Parishes has been obtained.

They regret, however, to have to state that there has been an alarming falling off in the contributions from the city Parishes, amounting to \$5,882.02.

The total Parochial Collections last year . . . .	\$16,299 54
With overdrawn balance of . . . . .	984 95
This year the total contributions are . . . . .	10,971 52
With adverse balance . . . . .	1,548 07

### GENERAL MISSIONARY AGENT.

In pursuance of the direction of the Synod last year (Journal, page 51), the Board considered the matters referred to them and passed the following resolutions:—

That the duties of the Missionary Agent, amongst others, be:—

1. To familiarize himself through personal visits with the Missions throughout the Diocese.
2. To plead the cause of Missions throughout the Diocese by sermons and personal interviews, and where practicable to canvass for funds.
3. To co-operate with the Deputation Committee.
4. To qualify himself to give information and competent advice to the Mission Board, attending, when possible, its meetings.
5. To see that all Mission Fund Collections are made in all Parishes and Missions and promptly remitted according to the rules of the Synod.
6. To be the editor on the part of the Board, of the DIOCESAN CHRONICLE, and so far as practicable secure its widest distribution.