

aspect of the Church's work, especially in the deanery of Bromo. Mr. McFarlane has a faculty of making a good speech on such subjects as are suggested by figures which is not given to every one. The collections at the several meetings were about as usual. In connection with these Missionary Meetings some one has suggested that instead of having a sermon, at one time (as we do now in September), for the Mission Fund, and then a Mission Sunday (for Envelopes), on another (February), and then at another the Missionary Meeting, and yet again at some other, but undefined time, a house-to-house collection, we should have the Sermon Sunday followed by the Envelope Sunday, and the Missionary Meeting come between. We would thus have a concentration of effort, and be able to "strike the iron while it is hot."

**MONTREAL.**—The Church of England Women's Missionary Society, held their monthly meeting in the Synod Hall on the 3rd inst., Mrs. Henderson presiding. Mrs. Leach read an interesting paper on African Missions. Acknowledgment was made of a number of articles for the Zenana box, which is to be sent next week. Also illustrated papers for Diocesan missions.

**St. James the Apostle.**—The Choir of this Church gave a musical entertainment on Thursday evening last, when a good programme was rendered consisting of solos, duets, glees, and readings. Mr. Harriss, the organist, acted as director.

**COTE ST. PAUL.**—On the evening of "All Saints," a Special Service was held in the Church of the Redeemer here, at which a large congregation attended; flowers adorned the altar which was vested in white. The hymns (all joined in most heartily) and reading (given by the lay reader) related specially to the Festival.

#### DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

**PRESCOTT.**—The Annual Thanksgiving Service was held in St. John's Church, on Sunday, October 30th inst., when the Church was reopened, after having been cleaned and painted. The Church was beautifully decorated with appropriate harvest symbols. The decorations were under the charge of Mrs. French and Mrs. Hoag assisted by some of the young ladies of the congregation, and were very beautiful and effective.

The Rev. Rural Dean Carey, Rector of St. Paul's, Kingston, was the preacher both morning and evening. Both sermons were forcible, vigorous and eloquent. The subject of the morning sermon was the dedication of holy places set apart for the worship of Almighty God, as shewn in Holy Scripture. The evening sermon was on Thanksgiving Services, clearly and eloquently illustrated by the Feast of Tabernacles as ordained by God and described in Holy Writ. The musical portion of the service was rendered with exquisite taste by the efficient choir of the Church. That rendering reflected the greatest credit on the industry, and ability of the choir. It would be invidious to mention the names of the individuals when all the members of the choir did so well, and what is still more did it heartily as unto the Lord. The offerings of the day were above four hundred dollars. The congregation both morning and evening were very large and as will be seen by what has just been said, gave of their substance liberally. Like the Apostle of old, they have reason to thank God and take courage.—*Prescott Messenger.*

#### SYNOD—Continued.

On the afternoon of the 19th ult., the question of the division of the Diocese came up, under the Report of the Committee appointed in the Synod. It expressed satisfaction at the success of the Bishop's appeal in England for

contributions towards the endowment of the Ottawa diocese, and the hope that the work of completing the endowment will be prosecuted with vigor. Fifteen years ago the Committee declared that a division was necessary. If it was necessary then, a division is tenfold more necessary now; but if the work is to be done, it must be by the more active co-operation of clergy and laity with the Committee. For some reason the clergy who, fifteen years ago, were enthusiastic in their desire for a division, seem to be indifferent or actually opposed to a division now. The Committee felt that the hearty support of the Synod is due to a work which was initiated by the Synod, with every evidence of unanimity, and which should be either promoted with vigor or be abandoned as a mistake. The Committee suggested that the Bishop hold meetings in every Rural-Deanery to convince the people of the necessity of a division of the diocese, and that he organize a regular canvass to raise the endowment.

The Bishop made a few remarks, saying that a division of the diocese was necessary. This he might be able to preside for a few years longer over it in its present shape, but he would like very much to see the division made before he passed away.

Section ix, clause 3, of the Canon on Vestries, was amended by the addition thereto of the following words: "Provided always that, in any case of such new appointment by the clergyman, such clergyman may, if he thinks fit, instead of a vestry meeting being called for the purpose, nominate and appoint another Churchwarden during divine service on any Sunday within the time specified for making such appointment."

A motion to the effect that the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested to issue a pastoral urging upon the members of the Church in this Diocese to abstain from the many questionable modes of raising money for religious purposes which are so common now-a-days, created considerable discussion, in the course of which the Bishop remarked that he had always frowned upon the practices complained of and did his best to abate them, but without effect. He had no objection to making another effort however, and therefore hoped that the motion would pass unanimously, which it did.

The following were elected Delegates to the Provincial Synod: Clerical—Arch. Lauder, Revs. J. J. Bogart, Pettit, E. P. Crawford, Archdeacon Jones, A. Spencer, J. W. Burke, G. W. White, W. Lewin, E. H. M. Baker, H. P. Hard, B. L. Stephenson. Substitutes, Revs. R. B. Smith, A. C. Nesbitt, C. P. Emery, K. L. Jones, W. B. Carey, E. A. W. Hannington.

Lay—Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, R. T. Walkem, Q.C., J. A. Henderson, Q.C., R. V. R. Rogers, Dr. Wilson, A. J. Matheson, M. A., James Shannon, Judge Reynolds, E. H. Smythe, LL.D., Q.C., Hon. Thomas White, Judge MacDonald, Judge Senkler. Substitutes—S. Keefer, C.E., Judge Carman, Dr. Ruttan, H. Hartney, J. B. Walkem, and J. J. Watson.

**On the Mission Board.**—Clerical—Rural Dean Baker, Rural Dean Bogart, Revs. E. P. Crawford, Canon White, Rural Dean Nesbitt, Rural Dean Grout, Rural Dean Pettit, Rev. J. W. Burke.

Lay—Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, E. H. Smythe, LL.D., Q.C., Judge Reynolds, A. J. Matheson, H. Hartney, Judge Carman, and Judge Senkler.

#### THURSDAY.

Chancellor Henderson introduced a Canon providing that after the death or resignation of Dean Lyster, all over \$3 000 of the revenue of the rectory of Kingston, be divided among the incumbents of the different Churches in the city and township of Kingston. The revenue is between \$5 000 and \$6 000. The Canon passed unanimously.

It was resolved, "That this Synod do now appoint a Committee to fully consider the re-

lations now existing between the various Dioceses and the Provincial Synod, and also the possibility of uniting the whole Church of British North America under one ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and further to consider how far the interests of the Church in this diocese may be affected by the objects embraced in the resolution of the Provincial Synod on the same subject. The said Committee to be authorized to confer with any similar Committees that may be appointed by the other dioceses, and to report at the next meeting of the Synod."

It was resolved, on motion, "That the Bishop nominate a Committee to report at the next regular meeting of Synod as to the stipends of the incumbents of the various parishes in this diocese, and amounts paid, sources whence derived, and regularity of payment, the adequacy or inadequacy of these amounts in proportion to the services rendered and the resources of the several parishes, the best course to be adopted by this Synod for the reform of any evils that may exist in our present system of paying the stipends of the clergy, also that there be appointed a Committee on religious instruction in the public schools of this province," and the Committees were subsequently named by His Lordship.

The usual vote of thanks having been passed the Doxology was sung, and the Synod was dismissed by the Bishop.

#### DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

**SISTERS OF ST. JOHN.**—The members of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine are setting on foot a movement to erect and endow a new hospital for sick women in connection with their Order. The present institution is situated at the corner of Euclid avenue and Robinson street, and is capable of accommodating twelve women, though occasionally it has had as many as sixteen. The new one will be on Major street, and will have capacity for accommodating 25 or 30 women. Of the endowment of \$12 000 raised some time since for the Sisterhood, the members of the Order propose devoting \$7,600, or sufficient to purchase a building site, to the cause of the hospital, but in addition to this, at least double that amount will be required to accomplish this desirable object. Women of all denominations are admitted to the hospital, and, though it is supposed by some that its benefits are confined to members of the Church of England, as a matter of fact only four per cent. of the inmates it has hitherto contained are of that denomination. A number of the patients, generally six, have been nursed and treated free of charge. The only expenses paid in connection with the hospital are the wages of the cook and laundresses. Among the trustees of the friends of the Sisterhood are Mr. Robert Bethune, of the Dominion Bank, Mr. John C. Kemp, of the Bank of Commerce, and Mr. John Carter, of 47 Queen street west (treasurer), any of whom will accept subscriptions.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**LONDON.**—"All Saints' Chapel," in the South Eastern part of the city was formerly opened on Nov. 1st, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Huron. This is a neat little brick Church, formerly used by the Methodist body, now improved and fitted for the Church services. It is in the Memorial Church parish, and will be worked by Rev. Canon Richardson in connection with the Memorial Church. It is conveniently situated on the "Hamilton Road"—a section of the city where there is a good opening, and we believe "All Saints' Chapel" will be the means of strengthening the Church in the city.

The Services connected with the opening as announced were Tuesday 8 p.m., "All Saints' Day," sermon by the Lord Bishop; Thursday 8 p.m., sermon by Canon Innes; Sunday, Nov. 6th, 4 p.m., sermon by Rev. Evans Davis; at 8 p.m., sermon by Canon Richardson.