

Proceedings of Synod Committees.

The Regular Quarterly Meetings of the Standing Committees of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, were held at the Synod Office, Toronto, on Thursday and Friday, the 10th and 11th February, 1876.

Executive Committee.

Present—Ven. Archdeacon of York, Chairman; Revds. Rural Dean Lett, Canon Brent, J. H. McCollum, W. Stennett, G. A. Anderson. Vice-Chancellor Blake, S. B. Harman, Alex. Marling.

Letter having been read from the Rev. W. Logan (who was unable to attend) urging the necessity of reducing the Synod expenditure after the division of the funds between the Dioceses of Toronto and Niagara, the Secretary was requested to furnish the Committee with such information as would enable them to make the required reduction.

The subject of the reference to the Committee of the Ven. Chairman's resolution in regard to Biennial Synods (*Journal of Synod*, 1875, page 184) having been mentioned, the Chairman stated that the resolution was referred to the Committee merely for the purpose of insertion as a notice of motion for the next meeting of Synod.

Clergy Commutation Trust Committee.

Present—The Rev. Dr. Lett, Chairman; Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, Revds. Canon Brent, A. G. L. Trew Vice-Chancellor Blake, A. H. Campbell, Richard Snelling, Peter Paterson, Archibald Cameron William Ince.

Report was received from the Solicitors in regard to the various matters in their hands.

The Sub-Committee reported that having examined the claims of thirteen Clergymen on the list of non-commuting Clergy furnished by the Bishop in accordance with the new Canon, they find the order of Seniority and amount of claim to be as follows, subject to further information to be received from the Revds. Dr. O'Meara, and S. Briggs, viz:—

(1) F. A. O'Meara, (Toronto) ... \$160	(7.) N. Disbrow, (Niagara).... \$100
(2.) T. T. Roberts, (Niagara).... 100.	(8.) William Grant, (Toronto) .. 400
(3.) A. J. Broughall, (Toronto)... 200.	(9.) R. H. Harris, (Toronto) ... 400
(4.) S. Briggs, (Toronto)..... 400.	(10) A. J. Fidler, (Toronto).... 400
(5.) S. Housson (Niagara)..... 400.	(11) D. I. F. MacLeod, (Niagara) 270
(6.) R. Arnold, (Niagara)..... 270.	(12.) John Creighton, (Toronto). 400
	(13.) George Nesbitt, (Toronto)... \$400.

Resolved—That Dr. O'Meara's claim be referred to the Sub-Committee with instructions to ascertain the nature of the services for which his pension from the British Government was conferred and to allow his claim, if it be found that the pension is given on grounds which do not preclude his right to share in the Commutation Surplus

Resolved—That his Committee refer to the Sub-Committee the consideration of the claim of the Rev. S. Briggs to be placed on the Commutation List, and that they determine whether he is legally entitled to be put on or otherwise; and if so entitled, to place him on such list.

The Report was received and adopted, subject to the resolutions affecting the cases of the Revds. Dr. O'Meara and S. Briggs.

Endowment of See, Rectory Lands, and Land and Investment Committee.

Present—Rev. Canon Brent, Chairman; Revds. W. Stennett, Canon Osler, J. H. McCollum, F. Farucomb, C. H. Greene, I. M. Chafee, Hon. James Patton.