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DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

MEETING OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, June 13th, a meeting of the incorporated members of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto was held at the St. James' school-house.

The chair was taken by His Lordship the Bishop, who was supported on either side by the Ven. the Archdeacons of York and Kingston.

The meeting having been opened with prayer, the Secretary, the Rev. T. S. Kennedy, read a statement of the income of the Society for the past year, of which the following is an abstract:—

The income of the Parent Society amounted to £8,206, of which amount £1,448 has been received and expended by Parochial Branches, and £1,853 has been received for various trusts. The General Purposes Fund amounted to £1,234, the Mission Fund to £313, and the Widows' and Orphans' Fund to £795.

The Rev. Mr. Stuart, of Kingston, then read the report of the committee entrusted with the management of the Trust Fund for the endowment of the Bishopric of Kingston, from which it appears that cash and securities to the extent of \$35,595.82 are now in the treasurer's hands, a portion of which consists of mortgages taken in exchange for notes, and the committee are not earnestly engaged in carrying out the necessary arrangements for further investments.

In addition to this amount, interest, estimated at \$16,000, has accrued upon the promissory notes and mortgages, and there are subscriptions not yet paid amounting to \$4,223.33, inclusive of the sum of £500 sterling promised by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

Were it not that a large deduction will have to be allowed on account of losses upon the promissory notes, the committee would be able to report that the minimum amount required had been made up.

The Rev. E. H. Massey Baker moved, seconded by the Rev. Chas. Forest, that the Eastern Episcopal Trust Fund Committee of the past year be re-appointed.—Carried.

The Hon. J. H. Cameron then read the report of the Commutation Trust Fund, from which it appears that the investments of the fund now amount to £223,177, secured chiefly on debentures and mortgage.

The interest in the investments on mortgages is further secured by personal bonds with surties. These several investments yield an aggregate income of £14,598 Os. 5d., while the charges on the fund for the current year are estimated at £14,300, leaving a surplus of income over expenditure of £298 Os. 5d.

The sub-committee, (Thomas C. Street, Esq., and Rev. Saltern Givens), appointed by the Trust Committee, certified that they had carefully examined the securities held for the Clergy Trust by the Commercial Bank of Canada, and that they had found the same to be correct.

Moved by Rev. T. S. Kennedy, seconded by R. B. Denison, Esq.,—That the report be adopted and entered on the minutes.

Moved by Rev. Dr. McMurray, seconded by Rev. E. Denrocho, —That a vote of thanks be given to the Manager and Committee of the Trust Fund.

Mr. Cameron moved that the Trust Committee for the ensuing year shall be composed as follows.—The Archdeacon of York, the Rev. Drs. Fuller, Patton, McMurray, and Lett, the Rev. Messrs. Givens, Osler, Palmer, and Lewis; and the Hons. P. B. DeBlaquiere, J. H. Cameron, G. S. Boulton, and G. W. Allan, and Messrs. J. W. Gamble, C. J. Campbell, Street, Ford, and Simpson.

The Ven. Archdeacon of York read the report of the "Committee to report on the Constitution, &c., of the Church Society."

Mr. J. W. Gamble moved,—That the report of the Committee on the Constitution of the Church Society be not adopted, but that it be referred to a select committee to be named by his Lordship the Bishop; such committee to consist of nine persons, members of this corporation and also members of the Synod, whose duty it shall be to revise the Constitution and By-laws of the Church Society, extending its provisions so as to include the members of the Synod, and to submit such further provisions for constituting the central

boards, executive committees, &c., as may be deemed advisable, and report at such time as this Society may deem fit to require.

Dr. Borell moved in amendment,—That the report be received and put to the Society *sciatim*, and that the meeting do not adjourn until a determination be arrived at with respect to the report which he supported.—Carried.

After some discussion upon various clauses, Mr. Dewar moved his amendment to clause VIII., which was carried.

The clause recommending quarterly meetings of the Society, instead of monthly, was carried.

Article XVIII., District Associations, was referred to a special committee.

At six o'clock the meeting adjourned.

The Congregation of St. James' Chapel, Fergus, though very few in number, and not rich in this world's goods, have with commendable zeal and energy exerted themselves in the cause of Christ's Church. Commencing in a very small way, they have within a little more than two years, built and finished a stone chapel, free—capable of accommodating one hundred persons, bought and paid for a melodeon, established a Sunday School, built a shed for teams, and are now engaged in raising money to fence their church lot. The congregation this year have averaged 61, the offertory has averaged \$2 61. They have always showed great kindness and consideration to their minister, so far as their means and opportunities allowed, and they have just presented him with a substantial proof of their feelings towards him, in the shape of a very neat and commodious buggy—a vehicle which the country parson finds more conducive to his comfort, and more economical of his strength, than might be at first supposed.

In our report of the Toronto Synod, last week, we inadvertently gave the names of the delegates elected to the Provincial Synod in a wrong order. The order, according to the number of votes, was as follows: 1. Rev. Dr. Lewis; 2. Rev. G. Whitaker; 3. Rev. Dr. Beaven; 4. Rev. Dr. Fuller; 5. Ven. Archdeacon Bethune; 6. Rev. J. G. Geddes; 7. Rev. Dr. Patton; 8 and 9. Rev. E. Denrocho; and Rev. S. Givens (aq.); 10. Rev. Dr. Lett; 11. Rev. A. Palmer; 12. Rev. Dr. Shortt.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

The third session of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron was opened at London, on Tuesday, June 19. In the forenoon, divine service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral, at which the clergy, lay delegates and others, were present. Prayers were read by the Rev. F. W. Grant, of Onondaga. The holy communion was administered to the clergy and laity by the Lord Bishop, assisted by his chaplains.

At two o'clock, p. m., the clergy and delegates assembled in St. Paul's school-house, to enter upon the duties of the Diocesan Church Society. The Lord Bishop presided, and the proceedings were opened by prayer by his lordship.

On the roll being called, forty-six clergymen and the same number of laity answered to their names, being about two-thirds of the whole number of the former, and one-third of the latter.

The Revs. Dr. Lett, Dr. Lewis, J. S. Lauder, A. Palmer, and Dr. Patton, of the Diocese of Toronto, were also present.

His Lordship then addressed the Synod. He congratulated them that Providence had brought so many together during another Synod, and alluded in a touching manner to the loss of one of their number, which sad event had already been commented upon by the Lord Bishop of Toronto. The reverend chairman urged them to calmly consider all the questions that would come before them, and hoped that brotherly love would continue to prevail during their deliberations. Eleven clergymen had been added to their number within the last year, showing an increase of twenty-eight since the formation of the diocese. His lordship detailed what he had effected for the benefit of the church throughout the diocese during the past year, and was pleased to state that at the present time it was in a most flourishing condition, although there was yet room enough for other missionaries to extend their labors, should the funds of the Society allow of it.

Rev. J. W. Marsh was appointed clerical secretary for the Synod for the ensuing year.—L. Lawrason was chosen lay secretary.

The reverend secretary next read the minutes of the last meeting of the Synod. They were confirmed by the bishop.