

contributions towards the \$4,000 per annum stipend of the Bishop, and that the sum of \$2,500 be paid him so long as he is not engaged in permanent Episcopal or other work; if he be engaged in such work, that the Provincial Synod desire the several Dioceses to provide for, *pro rata*, such a sum as, with the stipend or emolument attached to such permanent work, will make up \$2,500 per annum, and the whole sum to be revived in case of his health obliging him to withdraw from such work. As to the question of the stipend of the Bishop's successor, if the need for such appointment arose, it was recommended that the matter be left to the Synod which must be called, according to Canon, to elect such successor.

Subsequently a communication was received from the Upper House to the effect that it had adopted the report of the committee on the Diocese of Algoma, and requested concurrence of the Lower House in the same.

The concurrence asked for was granted, and at a later stage the Bishop of Algoma was accorded the privilege of addressing the House. He said that he wanted, for himself and his Diocese, to simply thank them very, very gratefully for all they had done and were doing, both for the Diocese and himself personally. He thanked them for the time they had given to discussion on Algoma, for the financial aid they had given it and for the legislative action they had taken to allow it the privilege of representation in that House. He appreciated most gratefully, he said, the action of the House in regard to himself, and which action had been concurred in by the House of Bishops. Especially did he thank the Synod for the provision it had made for the possible contingencies in the future. As the Diocese of Algoma had no superannuation fund and no claim on any other Diocese, and as he had by his removal to Algoma forfeited the claim he once had on the Diocese of Montreal, he had with some apprehension looked forward to the future, so far as regarded himself and his family. The action of the Synod had, however, removed all apprehension on that score, and he should go home not only satisfied, but happy.

Rural Dean Renaud moved that the report of the immigration committee, presented to the Synod a few days ago, be adopted and printed in the *Journal*, and that a thousand copies be struck off for circulation in Canada and England.

The Prolocutor thought that Churchmen would be glad to hear, as was mentioned in the report, that they now had in Montreal a first class institution, unequalled in Canada, if not on the continent, for dealing with immigrants. It was a well defined Church home, to which every Church of England man, woman and child could go and receive a hearty welcome, and an effort would be made to place them in proper positions.

The motion for the adoption of the report, etc., was agreed to.

Ven. Archdeacon Bedford-Jones moved that the report of the Sunday School Diocesan committee be received and adopted; that the concurrence of the Upper House in its recommendations be asked, and that the Upper House be requested to take such action as may constitute its representatives members of the committee *ex officio*.

This was seconded by Canon Bland and agreed to. On the motion of Dean Partridge, it was decided to take up the report of the committee on the state of the Church, the main features of which have already been published, and discuss it clause by clause.

When the sixth clause was reached considerable discussion ensued thereon. It dealt with the very grave position of the relations of the Church to the uneducated portion of her people, and said it could hardly be denied that she was losing in many places, and especially in the towns, her hold upon them. Revivalism caught and utilized them; the Salvation Army flattered and glorified them, and the Church lost them. The Church might well spend her most earnest thought and counsel upon this alarming fact. One remedy was to be found in bodies like the Church mission, by the restoration of the permanent diaconate, in the Association Evangelical, in free seats in churches, or in house to house visitation. It was also suggested that the matter might be dealt with by developing and systematizing an order of lay-readers by putting them under the charge of some competent clergyman in each Diocese, whose duty it would be to utilize and instruct them and strive to make them a real evangelizing agency, until the day that the Church awoke to the truth that she had practically lost the permanent diaconate.

Mr. L. H. Baldwin did not think it was true as a whole that the Church of England had been losing ground in the cities; so far as Toronto was concerned, the matter was exactly the reverse, for the Church had gained enormously. He was of opinion that the Church of England could never fail; he believed that it was the true scriptural Church, the Church to which everyone one ought to belong.

Rural Dean Bogert felt that they would like to see the Church improving more rapidly than she did.

Among the causes assigned in the report for this it seemed to him that there was a very serious omission, and that was that the labouring classes had an idea that the Church did not look upon them with sufficient favour, in fact, that it rather gave them the cold shoulder.

Canon Burke considered that more spirituality and earnestness was needed on the part of the clergy. If the clergy would learn to go to church more, it would be a great blessing. (Laughter and applause). None could estimate the power and the influence of a priest going to a service when he was not officiating. When the people saw that the clergy did not attend Church except when they were officiating at the service, they began to think that the clergy did not care. More humility was likewise needed on the part of the higher classes. When they were willing to back up the clergy and break down the barriers between the masses and the classes, things might be better; but as long as people shut the doors of their pews to prevent people getting in the clergy were handicapped very largely, and they would continue to be so as long as the pew system existed.

Rural Dean Mackenzie said that whatever might be the condition of the rural parts of the country, there was no question that in the West, so far as regarded the cities and towns, the Church of England was making a very decided progress. As to the rural parts, he supposed that they must face the truth; they were losing ground. Continuing, he said: "I don't think the clergy are to blame, or the Church; but I think the blame is chiefly here: the Church of England service appeals to intellectual people and spiritually-minded people, and it takes a certain status of intellectuality and spirituality to appreciate our service. Whatever may be said as to the progress or non-progress in rural parts, I say you take the service read in a country church, bare and unadorned, and without the environments and helps you get in even a Montreal Church, I should have said a new Montreal Church—the people are nodding, blinking and sleeping. Yes, many of them. Until the Church of England will give a simpler service, and one that can be participated in by the country people, we must expect this loss in our rural districts to go on. The rev. gentleman concluded by referring to the valuable help he had experienced from the use of lay-readers.

Mr. Strachan Bethune remarked that some of the speakers had alluded to the report as being pessimistic; for himself, he did not think that it was pessimistic enough. The Church had lost sight of those it called the poor. He would ask any clergyman filling a city pulpit, "Is the Gospel preached to the poor?" "I say most emphatically," he remarked, "in this city, at all events, it is not."

Rev. L. W. Williams said that in the city of Quebec the Church was not losing ground: the communicants were increasing largely, the children attending the Sunday schools were increasing, and the Church of England people outnumbered all the other Protestant denominations put together.

The subject was still under discussion when, at 6 o'clock, the Synod adjourned.

In the course of the day's proceedings the report of the committee on memorials to deceased members was presented. It stated that there had been no removals of clergy by death from the Provincial Synod during the past three years, and out of 98 lay-members, only two had passed away—Mr. Charles Fairweather, of the Diocese of Fredericton; Col. John Summer, of Carleton Place, Ont., regarding each of whom a few kind words were said.

Mr. J. A. Worrell submitted the report of the committee to which had been referred the memorials of the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron and Montreal regarding the reorganization of the Provincial Synods. It stated that as the House of Bishops had already adopted the memorial from the Diocese of Montreal, which, for the present, opposed the system, it was recommended that the matter be postponed until next session.

On the motion of Dr. L. H. Davidson, the memorial on the observance of the Lord's Day from the Diocese of Montreal was referred to a special committee, with instructions to report at the earliest moment possible.

Invitations from Prof. Bovey to visit the applied science buildings at McGill, and from Rev. E. Richards, chaplain on board H.M.S. "Canada," to visit that vessel, were ordered to be acknowledged by the Prolocutor.

The report of the treasurer, submitted a few days ago, was adopted, on the motion of Dr. L. H. Davidson, seconded by Mr. R. Bayly.

A proposed Canon in reference to the consecration of churches was referred to the following committee for consideration:—Canon Young, Archdeacon Smith, Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, Rev. J. C. Roper, Judge Hanington, Judge Fitzgerald, Messrs. R. T. Walkem and J. A. Worrell.

Concurrence in a message from the Upper House, to the effect that it was competent and desirable for each Diocesan Synod to adopt its own Canons on

discipline, was deferred until the report of the Committee on Canons on this subject had been received.

Messages from the Upper House to the following effect were received and concurred in:—

"An addition to Canon xiv., that in all cases of the granting of a license to a clergyman who had already in the same Diocese signed the declaration and taken the oaths required for ordination or institution, it should suffice that he sign a prescribed form reaffirming the same.

That, having considered the proposed Canon on suffragan bishops, the Upper House was of opinion that the framing of a Canon on the election of a suffragan or coadjutor bishop was within the rights of Diocesan Synods.

(To be continued.)

NIAGARA.

CHARLES HAMILTON, D.D., BISHOP, HAMILTON.

ANCASTER.—On the Feast of St. Matthew, the church vested in pure white, its sweet scented altar flowers a fit emblem of the pure white soul, Lionel Victor, fourth son of the Rev. E. J. Fessenden, rector of St. John's Church, was laid to rest. The services were taken by the Rev. E. Irving, assisted by the Rev. Rural Dean Clark, and the Rev. J. Morton. Canon Sutherland and the Rev. C. R. Lee were also present. The choir rendered most tenderly the musical part of the service. The hymns sung were "On the Resurrection Morn" and "Jerusalem the Golden," the latter one chosen from the touching fact that on his last Sunday here spent with friends, Mr. Fessenden read to them this hymn of St. Bernard's and then turned the verses as he did into Latin, commenting on their beauty. Previous to this service at the church there was a celebration of the Holy Communion, at which only intimate friends of the family were present. Beloved by all who knew him for his high principles, Christian integrity and courtesy, with a brilliant record at Trinity, where he graduated with honours, and with the prospect of a distinguished and happy future, there was much for him to live for. He was returning to his college at Alleghany after a short vacation home, which had been a specially happy one to him, when the recurrence at Buffalo of a grave illness (from which it was hoped he had recovered), accompanied by utter confusion and loss of thought, came upon him, and after two days and nights shrouded in mystery, friendless and alone, at the mercy of every mischance, he met his death, certainly robbed, possibly murdered. Loving friends showed their affection by kindly sympathy and offerings of flowers. The pall-bearers were his two brothers, Messrs. R. and S. Fessenden, Dr. Farmer, J. W. and T. Farmer, Messrs. Egglestone, Gable, Roberts and Brandon. Under the spreading branches of an oak tree he rests "till the day dawn." We sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family in their sad affliction.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., BISHOP, LONDON.

GALT.—The local committee appointed in Galt to help in raising funds for wiping out the Mission Fund deficit in the Diocese of Huron, are: Mr. W. Keefer and Mr. Beaumont (the two churchwardens), Mr. Greenhill, Mr. A. Bisset Thom, Mr. James Woods, Mr. A. Warnock and Mr. R. S. Strong.

ATWOOD.—Special harvest home services were held here September 15, at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. The church was beautifully decorated and attendances were very large, the preacher being Rev. Mr. Griffin, of Brussels.

MILVERTON.—Rev. W. J. Hamilton, who has had charge of the summer services in Archdeacon Evans' church, Montreal, visited his parents at this place and conducted service at Milverton, September 15. He leaves to assist Archdeacon Nailer (Montreal Diocese) for the future.

ST. MARY'S.—Special harvest home services were held in St. James' Church, September 15. The church was beautifully decorated with fruits, grain and other results of the harvest. In front of the chancel was a very artistic pyramid of fruit and vegetables, which was greatly admired. The services were conducted and the sermons preached by Rev. T. Wright, of Brantford. The minister in his sermons dwelt largely upon the harvest and the many lessons to be derived from the same. Very large congregations attended both morning and evening services and heard delivered very impressive discourses.

QU'APPELLE.

WILLIAM J. BURN, D.D., BISHOP, QU'APPELLE STATION.

WHITEWOOD.—Sunday, Sept. 15th, was a red letter day at Forest Farm settlement, 10 miles north of here, the occasion being the dedication of a new