

in order to carry such resolution into effect."

Moved by JAMES BOVELL, M.D., seconded by REV. W. S. DARLING—

That a respectful memorial be again presented to the Legislature, setting forth the continued desire of the Church of England and Ireland in Canada, to have separate Schools in Cities and Towns, as stated in the Resolution adopted by the Synod of June, 1861.

"That a committee consisting of seven members be appointed to consider what means can best be adopted in addition to petitions to the Legislature to secure to the United Church of England and Ireland the right of having separate Schools in Towns and Cities where their establishment is desirable, and their maintenance is practicable."

And further to respectfully remind the Government that they seek not any improper interference with the Common School System as established by Law, but claim to be entitled to the same privileges and to have a similar measure of justice meted out to them as members of the said church, as have been accorded to their Roman Catholic fellow-countrymen.

Moved by DR. BOVELL, seconded by S. B. HARMAN, Esq.—

"That a committee be appointed to consider the best constitution for the court for the trial of offenders, under the Church Discipline Act."

The Rev. F. L. OSLER gives notice of motion, that there be added to sec. 2, in the canon for the division and formation of parishes, the following—

"And that the expenses attending the commission be borne by the parishes interested in such proportions as the commissioners may deem just."

Moved by REV. W. S. DARLING, seconded by S. B. HARMAN, Esq.—*Resolved*—

"That the speedy accomplishment of the strongly expressed wish of the Lord Bishop for the endowment of the See of Toronto, is a matter of such deep importance to our future peace and welfare, that the select committee appointed on the subject, be directed to proceed to action without delay."

Moved by REV. W. STEWART DARLING, seconded by DR. BOVELL.—*Resolved*—

"That in view of the feeling that exists in England in favour of a union between the Conventions of Canterbury and York, and in view moreover of the action of many of the Bishops and Clergy of Ireland, in seeking not only the restoration of their rightful powers of convocation, but especially in calling for a general synod of the whole united church in the mother countries, it be an instruction to the delegates of the provincial synod, to bring the subject before that body, and to use all proper means to secure for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, its due representation in such general synod, in event of its being hereafter called together."

Rev. W. FULLER gives notice that he will move—

"The synod, at its ensuing session, to adopt blank forms for parochial and missionary reports, to be furnished the Synod at its regular meetings."

Moved by REV. DR. BEAVEN—

"That a commission be appointed to examine and report on the prayers for the Governor-General and the Provincial Legislature, with a view to their modification."

Rev. A. PALMER gives notice that at the next meeting of synod, he will move—

"That the 15th clause of title No. 1 of the constitution of the synod be amended by substituting the words, 'may desire to submit for their consideration,' for the words, 'may desire to bring forward;' such alteration being neces-

sary, in order to obviate any apparent inconsistency between said clause and rule No. 3 of the rules of order."

To be moved by DR. BEAVEN—

"That in the case of any new edition of the Chant and Tune Book being required, the Church Society be requested to undertake the publication, and to manage any funds arising from it."

Rev. Dr. FULLER gives notice that the Synod ask the Church Society of this Diocese to furnish to the Synod the Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the investments made of the funds intrusted to the commutation trust committee, and furnished said committee in February last.

Rev. S. GIVINS gives notice that he will move at the next meeting of synod—

"That measures be taken to secure certified copies of all Marriages, Baptisms and Burials, within the Diocese for Registration in the Diocesan Register Office."

Rev. S. GIVINS gives notice that he will move—

"That the act for defining the limits of parishes within this diocese be amended, by omitting the words in the 1st clause, 'do within six months after the adjournment of the Synod,' and inserting instead the words, 'now or hereafter to be established, shall from time to time,' &c."

#### THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NIAGARA DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

During the past year, we have had much cause for thankfulness for infinite mercies vouchsafed to us by our heavenly Father. While a neighbouring nation has been sadly convulsed by a most lamentable intestine war, we have gone on enjoying those blessings incidental to a state of peace. And whilst fears had for a season been prevalent that this peace was likely to be disturbed, we rejoice in the hope that, by the overruling providence of the great God of battles, the horrors of war may be entirely averted from our country, and that the Almighty in His own time will in mercy allay the strife now existing on this continent.

Further let us all rejoice in this, that, however disturbed we politically may be, we as christian churchmen can rejoice in an incarnate manifested Saviour, who came to redeem not us alone, but all mankind without exception. For the spreading this glorious news—that a Saviour has been provided for us sinners—we have within the bounds of this Diocese the organization of "The Church Society," by means of which many a dark spot has been illumined, and, we humbly trust, many a soul brought to know "the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent."

For the proof of this we need not go beyond our own limits. We have a missionary who up to the period of his leaving in September last, was entirely engaged regardless of his personal comfort in building up the scattered lambs of the fold of Christ in their most holy faith. And the gentleman whom he has left in charge of his mission will not prove himself wanting in so glorious a work, as will appear from the very satisfactory report he has sent to our chairman.

To the Rev. the Chairman of the M. D. B. of the C. S.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

Having been appointed substitute for the Rev. John Stannage, during his absence in England, I have much pleasure in reporting to you on the state of the mission. Divine Service is celebrated at Welland, every Sunday morning, and every alternate Sunday the Evening Service is performed at Marshville and Fonthill. I am

happy to say I have been able to keep all my appointments, and at all places the congregations have been regular and satisfactory. Notwithstanding the zealous labours of the Rev. Mr. Stannage, sufficient funds have not yet been collected to commence the erection of the church at Marshville. The want of a suitable building is very much felt, as the service is conducted in a most uncomfortable log school house, which is often completely filled. The work however is progressing, and there is every reason to hope that the building will be commenced in the course of the ensuing summer. At Fonthill the services were commenced the last Sunday in December, and have been continued fortnightly. We have been able at a very low rate to secure a very commodious room in which the services are conducted at present. But it is hoped that before the end of the summer we will be in possession of a small frame church. The munificent donation of a village lot has been made by D. D. Everardo, Esq., and by the indefatigable energy of Alfred Willet, Esq., nearly \$700 have been subscribed. From this I think we may reasonably hope, that though, hitherto, all attempts to build a church, and establish a congregation at Fonthill, have failed, the present one will be successful, and that many who have for years been strangers to her courts will return to their long forsaken church. At my next service there, I hope to baptize and receive into the congregation of Christ's flock 9 children, whose parents, though church people, have neglected this holy sacrament. It is to be hoped that this is only the beginning of a good work. Upon which, that Almighty God, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, may shed his abundant blessing, is the fervent prayer of

Yours, very truly,

(Signed) D. F. McLEOD, M.A.

Thorold, Jan. 30th, 1862.

The Rev. J. Stannage, our indefatigable missionary, has for several years been engaged in the endeavour to recover what was believed to be the legitimate endowment of portions of his mission. To some extent he has hitherto failed; but having obtained from one, whoever should trust in such matters, an opinion that he might possibly be allowed to purchase the glebe lots not yet patented, he with the permission of the Bishop of the Diocese, undertook during the last autumn to visit England for the purpose of raising what funds he could for the purchase of such lands as might form a reasonable endowment for his mission. He has, since landing in our dear mother country, issued an appeal to churchmen, whom we have ever found ready and glad to aid in any work which has for its object the extension of Christ's kingdom in this country. Considering the work he has undertaken we cannot sufficiently thank him for the untiring zeal he is displaying and we pray that God may prosper "his work and labour of love," and bring him again to his family and his mission.

Your Committee arranged for a series of Parochial meetings to be held in behalf of the society, during the months of October and November last. On October 15th, we met at St John's, Thorold, where we were joined by the Rev. Dr. Read, of Orillia, and Mr. Gaviller, a layman of Tecumseth, who as a deputation from the parent society came, at much inconvenience to themselves, though benefit to us, to advocate the claims of the society in our midst. On the 16th we were at Stamford in the morning, and Drummondville in the evening. In the evening, the Rev. W. O. Jarvis, of W N J, and the Rev. Dr. Garrison, of New Jersey, kindly came over and aided us in enforcing the duties of church-