

would afford a measure of justice to the old and faithful servants of the Church in the most backward missions or charges. The sub-committee appointed for the work had, so far as he knew, mastered the principles of the work, and the canon which they proposed would fully recognize length of service, and by a combination of the surplus Commutation Fund and the Mission Fund, a scale of stipends and pensions would be provided, while at the same time those who received more than the proposed standard of remuneration would not be adversely affected. He paid a high tribute to the self-denial of his ministers, who have suffered much without complaint, and he thought no work in which the laity could engage, would be more acceptable than their efforts to cheer the lot of these faithful ministers. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund had greatly increased, but it required careful attention to extend its usefulness, and, at the same time, advance at sufficient ratio to keep up with the rapidly extending calls on it. Under the present able and efficient management of Rev. Principal Fowell, the Huron College was fast taking a place of great usefulness in the diocese, and if God spares the very efficient Principal, the institution would, he doubted not, take a high place amongst the institutions of learning of the country. The appointment of Rev. Mr. Williams on the staff added to the efficiency of the College, and for the future the Council had decided that candidates for admission to it must submit a medical certificate of their physical capacity for ministerial labor, and also satisfy the Council or a select committee of their financial standing, and such details as may be considered necessary, and of their purpose of entering the ministry on the completion of their course. His Lordship spoke of the great need of the Church as, not money or men, or learning or influence, but that warm, living Christian spirit which comes from near communion with Christ, the centre of the Christian life. On the Cathedral question, he announced that by agreement with the Rector and Wardens of St. Paul's, he had decided to make that Church the Cathedral of the diocese, under the conditions of the Montreal agreement. This arrangement, however, would not destroy the older plan for the building of a new Cathedral as soon as the intervening obstacles were overcome. The charge spoke in the warmest approval of the enlistment of the assistance of women in Church work, under the laws approved of by the Venerable the Metropolitan of Canada, for Women's Auxiliary Societies. The vast and overwhelming work which yet remained for the Church to do in the North-west amongst the Indians, in China, India, and the vast populations of the older countries, showed us that no help should be overlooked. He announced that next spring Rev. Cooper Robinson would (God willing) go forth into the foreign mission field as a gift from the diocese of Huron for the work, he having been ordained a deacon by His Lordship a few months ago. He recommended the Church of England Temperance Society as affording scope for those who, from conscientious motives, could not go the whole way. The one thing that they as ministers could not do in view of the awful ravages of the liquor traffic was to do nothing. He recommended the promotion of temperance societies and bands of hope amongst the children in each congregation, etc. The Queen's Jubilee—Under this head the character of Her Majesty was eulogised; her religious influence spoken of as proving, in connection with her long and prosperous reign, that God was not, as Napoleon blasphemously said, on the side of the biggest forts of artillery, but with those who honored His name. The obituary notices contained brief sketches and affectionate words to the memories of the Right Rev. W. Binney, Bishop of Nova Scotia, Ven. Archdeacon Elwood, and Rev. Adam Townley. His Lordship had held 57 confirmations during the year, at which 496 males and 846 females were admitted to the Church—a total of 1,342. Since his ordination 5,716 individuals had been confirmed. He had lately adopted the principle of entering the names of such persons on the diocesan records. Two ordinations had been held in June and November of last year.

At the recent Synod of the diocese, the Rev. W. J. Taylor brought forward the following motion:—"That His Lordship the Bishop be requested to appoint a Sunday, in the season of Advent, if he deem it best, when the grand truths underlying the words of the Church Catechism, 'To keep my body in Temperance, Sobriety and Chastity, may be brought before the different congregations. Then following in this respect the example of the Mother Church.' In a brief and earnest speech the mover showed the importance of the question of intemperance, spoke of the number of sermons preached in England, upon the subject on 'Church Temperance Sunday,' and referred to the fact that all the teaching and objects of the 'C.E.T.S.,' and of the 'White Cross Society,' were found in the Church Catechism. His Lordship, Bishop Baldwin, expressed himself as in hearty sympathy with the mover, and earnestly hoped the mo-

tion would pass, and that the debate that had taken place would prove that the C. of E. was not afraid to express her mind upon the gigantic evil of intemperance. The motion was then passed unanimously.

WINDSOR.—Great as has been the rejoicing of the Church in Canada for the jubilee of our Queen, not less great has been the enthusiastic joy of our sister Church over the border. The jubilee services were held on Tuesday, June 21, at All Saints, Windsor, and were conducted by the Right Rev. Bishop Harris, of the diocese of Michigan. He was accompanied by seven leading clergymen of the city of Detroit. The 21st Fusiliers with their band took part in the service, and all the societies in Windsor were well represented. The following telegram was sent to the Queen that evening: "The Deanery of Essex, together with the Bishop and clergy of Michigan now assembled at All Saints, Windsor, to celebrate the Jubilee of her Most Gracious Majesty, send their congratulations to our Queen, and invoke God's blessing upon her." How great the contrast to the Parnelites even of Canada!

WINGHAM.—The Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Wingham, have appointed a deputation to interview the Bishop of the Diocese with reference to the appointment of a minister for the parish, the committee to take no definite action in the matter until their report be laid before the vestry.

The Cathedral.—His Worship, the Mayor of the city, received an invitation from his Lordship, the Bishop of Huron, asking himself and the corporation to attend the Jubilee Service in St. Paul's Cathedral, on Wednesday evening last, when special arrangements were made to receive them. Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, of Montreal, conducted the services. The mayor accepted the invitation subject to the approval of the council.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod.—The regular meeting was held at the Chapter House, Monday p.m., June 27th. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop presided. After prayer the roll was called, there were present 45 members:—25 clerical and 20 lay. The minutes having read the report of the mission Committee, was considered clause by clause including assessment of parishes, and rearrangement of boundaries. Report adopted and will be printed for circulation. The reorganizations recommended last meeting were confirmed. The annual report of the Executive Committee to Synod was read. The report of the work of the Bishop's commissary, Rev. W. A. Young, shewed that every mission in the diocese, four excepted, has been visited, and a large number of new stations opened, and several missions hitherto upon the mission fund have become self-supporting. The discussion of the several clauses occupied a great portion of the afternoon.

Sarnia.—In the case of the old church no satisfactory arrangement had as yet been made. The vestry asked permission to sell said property and to apply the proceeds to the new church, they having advice that they might take such a course. Granted, reserving the portion reserved as a burial ground.

St. Marys.—The vestry asked leave to sell the old parsonage and to apply the proceeds to the erection of a new parsonage. Granted.

Oulden.—The vestry asked leave to mortgage the church property to enable them to pay off the debt, the sum to be raised not to exceed \$150. Referred to commissioner to visit and report.

The case of Mrs. Dillon was brought forward, the Sec. Treasurer stating that suit had been entered by Mrs. Dillon against the Synod to obtain the usual pension from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. After discussion, the Solicitor was instructed to take the necessary steps to defend the suit.

London Rectory Fund.—This subject evoked a lively discussion. The judgment of Vice-Chancellor Ferguson gives the London Township churches a claim. Notice of appeal had been given, and it was for the committee to say whether the judgment given should be accepted or the case go to appeal, and meantime the distribution to be made as heretofore, until the final decision is reached.

Dover East.—Application for consent to the expenditure of \$150 of these funds towards improvements was granted.

Clinton.—Leave was granted to raise money on security of certain church lots to improve the Church and Rectory.

Strangfield.—Permission was granted to build a church.

Mitchell.—The vestry petition for leave to raise money on security of the parsonage to improve the church. Granted on condition of personal bonds.

Caradoc.—Application for leave to use part of the endowment to improve the church could not be entertained, as not being in accordance with the terms of the trust.

Paris.—A petition of the vestry for leave to sell a certain lot, and the Synod to invest the proceeds in accordance with the terms of the trust. Granted.

Comber.—Leave was granted on the usual conditions to raise a sum of money on security of the Church.

Townshend.—Leave was granted to use the interest derived from the endowment towards paying for the services at Watford. Several other matters having been disposed of the Bishop pronounced the benediction at 12 o'clock.

Meeting of the Synod.—The annual meeting of the Synod opened on Tuesday. The inaugural services were held in St. Paul's Cathedral at 10 a.m., and Rev. Principal Fowell preached the sermon. In the afternoon the Synod met for business, when his Lordship delivered his charge. Bishop and Mrs. Baldwin gave an "at home" to members of the Synod from 5 to 8 p.m., and the Synod met again for the transaction of business.

SARNIA.—On Sunday, July 3rd, the Bishop of Huron held a confirmation in St. George's Church. The Rector presented a class of thirty-six, which makes the number confirmed in this church during the last four years, 199. The Bishop mentioned this as an evidence of life and activity in the parish. In the afternoon his Lordship addressed the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School, and preached in the evening. The day was intensely hot, but the congregations were large—the church in the morning being full in every part.

ALGOMA.

NORTH BAY.—The Rev. G. Gillmor acknowledges, with thanks, "Jubilee gift of five dollars from John S. Scarlett, Esq., of Nipissing, for Algoma Widows' and Orphans' Fund."

FOREIGN.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has received the following letter from the Patriarch of Constantinople:—

"Dionysius, by the mercy of God, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch, to Edward, the Most Reverend Archbishop of Canterbury, Exarch of All England and Metropolitan, peace from God and brotherly salutation in the Lord. We received with gladness your welcome letter of the 13th March, by which your reverence, in the spirit of the love that is in Christ, generously addressing us with congratulations upon that the Lord hath wrought with us in elevating our weakness to this most holy Ecumenical throne, which so many glorious shepherds before us shining like lights in the time of their Episcopacy ennobled and illumined with ageless glory, informs us that, with the knowledge and assent of the most blessed Patriarch of the Holy City Jerusalem, the Lord Nicodemus, you have appointed to be a Bishop the Lord beloved of God, George Francis Popham Blyth, a man adorned with understanding and piety, and are sending him to the Holy City to govern the English clergy ministering in Palestine and other places of the East. Now, since your Reverence, in the spirit of Christian love and for the confirmation of the good relations which, from long past, bind together by the grace of God, the Prince of Peace, the Anglican Church with our own, further adds that the said Bishop will make it a first care to express both in his life and works the desire which fills the hearts of many excellent members of both the Churches to see them fraternally joined in the unity of the faith, and that he will disapprove all endeavour after proselytising in the Orthodox Churches of the East, we joyfully receive these good assurances dictated by the true spirit of the Christian faith, and assure your Reverence that the Orthodox Church among us ceases not night and day to beseech her Author and Founder that there may be on earth one elect flock under one God-man and Chief Shepherd, our Lord, knitting together the sundered, and guiding all to think and say and work the same thing, to the increase of His own Kingdom upon earth; and that she is always glad to seize upon every opportunity to express such her disposition. Wherefore, also, we now warmly receive the request of your Reverence, and by our brotherly commendatory letter handed to the illustrious Britannic Embassy here, we hasten to commend the aforesaid Anglican Bishop to the most blessed and Holy Patriarch of Jerusalem, the Lord Nicodemus. And we hold ourselves in readiness, also, for the future, to exhibit our brotherly sentiments for your Reverence in other similar requests. With this reply to you, we pray to the Author and finisher of our salvation to enlighten the minds of all men with the light of the knowledge of Him, and to open the hearts of all men to the one faith, love and hope of His Gospel, that, with one