

Diocesan Intelligence.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The editor requests that all Diocesan matter be sent in at the latest by Monday evening.

TORONTO.

CHRIST CHURCH.—A most successful concert, in aid of the Parsonage Fund of this Church, was given a few days ago in the Town Hall, Yorkville. This concert, sustained almost entirely by local amateur talent, was an unmistakable success in every way. The music was good, the audience full and appreciative, and the Fund augmented by something over a hundred dollars.

ST. PAUL'S, YORKVILLE.—On the retirement of Miss Alice Murray from the leadership of the choir, she was on Friday last presented by the incumbent the Rev. S. Givins, with a handsome Family Bible—by the choir with an affectionate address and a silver salver and waterjug. The Churchwardens, also, on the part of the congregation generally, presented her with a drawing-room clock, costing \$100, and expressed at the time the readiness of all, poor as well as rich to join in shewing their appreciation of her services.

NOTICE.—To the clerical and lay delegates to Synod to be held in Toronto on the 18th inst, who may travel on the Midland Railway:

On my applying to the authorities of the above railway for a reduction of fare on behalf of delegates to Synod from this district, I was informed by Mr. McKetchie, the manager of such matters, that he had, in compliance with my request, advised the various station-masters on the road to grant to each delegate, on presenting his certificate, a ticket entitling the holder to a double journey for one fare. I am sure this kindness will be appreciated by my brother delegates.

T. W. ALLEN,
Rural Dean of Durham and Victoria.

PRESENTATION.—The Rev. A. C. Shaw, M. A., who has resigned his Mission of Grantham, Homer, and Merriton for the purpose of spending a few years in England, was the recipient of a purse and the following very kind address from the congregation of Christ's Church, Grantham:

"*Reverend and Dear Sir,*—We, the members of the congregation of Christ's Church, who have enjoyed your personal friendship and profited by your ministrations during your Incumbency, cannot permit you to remove from among us to other fields of duty without expressing to you our deep regret at your departure, and our warm and heartfelt appreciation of those genial qualities and Christian sympathies which have endeared you to all of us, and of which we assure you we will deeply feel the loss, and shall ever remember them with feelings of pleasure. We ask your acceptance of the accompanying purse as a slight mark of our affectionate esteem, and we devoutly pray that God, Whose ministering servant you are, may bless you in the future, and that you may find in your new sphere of duty as warm a welcome as from those friends who now bid you an affectionate farewell."

To this pleasing surprise Mr. Shaw gave a reply as follows:

"*My Dear Friends,*—I thank you most heartily for this culminating proof of the sympathy and kindness which you have ever shown me. The difficulties which I had to encounter in first entering upon the charge of your Mission were, as you know, greater than ordinary; and while by God's help they have been chiefly overcome, my labours and responsibilities have been greatly cheered and lightened by the cordial and kindly co-operation which I have always met with from the members of your congregation. It is with the deepest sorrow that I find myself called upon to take my leave of you; and I am well assured that, wherever in the future I may discharge the duties of my holy vocation, these earliest years of my ministerial life will be remembered among the happiest and the most pleasant.

While the harmonious nature of our intercourse has never been broken, the life of the parish has been, I humbly believe, a progressive one; and I take my leave of you with the assurance that never again in the future will your beautiful Church remain closed for any length of time as it has in the past. May God bless you and yours, and build you up and confirm you in His most holy faith, and bring you all at last into the rest of His kingdom.

Your affectionate Pastor,
(Signed) A. C. SHAW."

Grantham, Homer and Virgil were at one time the stations in Mr. Shaw's Mission. Afterward the service at Virgil was discontinued, and that at Merriton assumed by him in its place, and these three now comprise the Mission.

MEETING OF SYNOD, 1872.

The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Toronto, having signified his intention to assemble the Synod of his Diocese on Tuesday, 18th June next, the Executive Committee hereby notify the Clergy and Lay-Delegates of the Synod that they are summoned to meet at the City of Toronto on that day.

The usual general order of proceedings, as arranged by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, will be carried out.

The following are among the

NEW NOTICES OF MOTION.

TIME ALLOWED TO SPEAKERS.

The Synod in 1870 passed the following regulation in regard to the time to be allowed to gentlemen who may address the Synod during its Sessions:—

"That every speaker, except in moving and seconding any motion, be limited to *ten minutes*; and that all speakers be timed by an Assessor or Assessors, to be appointed by the Bishop, to aid in the maintenance of order and obedience to the rules of the Synod." Session of 1871, page 36.

NOTE.—The Bishop appointed the two Archdeacons to be his Assessors.

Consideration of Notices of Motions in the following order, as arranged by the Executive Committee:

1. REV. RURAL DEAN LETT.

a. That in the opinion of the Synod the present Diocese of Toronto is too extensive for the supervision of one Bishop.

b. That, with a view to subdivision, it is desirable that the Diocese of Toronto should comprise the several Counties named in schedule A, hereunto annexed.

c. That the remaining portion of the Diocese be divided into three Districts, Northern, Western and Eastern, comprising respectively the Counties and territories named in schedule B.

d. That as soon as an Episcopal Endowment Fund producing an annual income of \$2000, (and a suitable house), shall have been provided for each such District, it shall be declared a Diocese by an instrument under the hand and seal of the Lord Bishop of Toronto; and that then his Lordship be requested to hold an election for a Bishop of the same Diocese, according to the canon.

e. That the members of this Synod, Clerical and Lay, and their successors, resident within each such district, are hereby declared to be a Standing Committee, to be designated "The Episcopal Endowment Committee of the ——— District." His Lordship appointing the Chairman, who shall also be convener; and that such Committee shall have power and authority by themselves, sub-committees or agents, to solicit and collect money, securities for money, and deeds of land for the endowment of each supposed See; and that all money so collected be from time to time paid in to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod, to be invested in Provincial or Dominion securities, or in trust by this Synod for the endowment of said district; and that the said Committee do present to this Synod, at each annual meeting thereof a report in detail of their proceedings, how much has been collected, how much has been promised, and generally what are the prospects of realizing the object in view.

f. That a communication be respectfully addressed by this Synod to the Lord Bishop of Huron, and to his Synod, to ascertain their views respecting the separation of the Counties of Grey and Brant from the Diocese of Huron, and aiding the said Counties to the proposed Northern Diocese, and to the Western Diocese respectively.

SCHEDULE A.

(1) **DIOCESE OF TORONTO:** To be composed of the Counties of York, Peel, Halton and Ontario.

SCHEDULE B.

(2) **THE NORTHERN DIOCESE:** To be composed of the Counties of Simcoe and Wellington.

(3) **THE WESTERN DIOCESE:** To be composed of the Counties of Welland, Lincoln, Haldimand and Wentworth.

(4) **THE EASTERN DIOCESE.** To be composed of the Counties of Peterborough, Northumberland, Durham and Victoria.

2. **REV. RURAL DEAN GIVINS,** seconded by the Rev. T. S. CARTWRIGHT, That in the opinion of this Synod

the establishment of a Missionary Bishopric in the Algoma District is a matter of immediate and imperative necessity; and that with a view of carrying out the arrangement for the appointment of a Missionary bishop, in accordance with the terms of the Canon proposed by the House of Bishops in the year 1868, a Committee be appointed to confer on the subject with a similar Committee, to be appointed by the Synod, of each other Diocese in the Province.

NOTE.—This Canon, as proposed by the House of Bishops, is as follows:

1. The House of Bishops may elect a suitable Priest to be a Missionary Bishop to the Indians and others not residing within any organized Diocese, and when the House of Bishops shall be satisfied that adequate provision has been made for the support of a Missionary Bishop, the Metropolitan or presiding Bishop may convene the House of Bishops for such election, and after election proceed to his consecration, and the evidence of the election shall be a certificate under the hand and seal of the Metropolitan or presiding Bishop, and of the House of Bishops, or a majority thereof.

2. In case it is thought expedient by the House of Bishops to appoint a Missionary Bishop over a District composed of a part or parts of one or more Dioceses; then, before the election of such Missionary Bishop, the consent of each Bishop whose Diocese is affected by the proposed arrangement, shall be presented in writing to the Metropolitan or presiding Bishop.

3. The Bishop elected as aforesaid shall exercise his Episcopal functions in such Missionary District in conformity with the Constitution and Canons of this Province, so far as they can be made applicable to the condition of his District, and under such regulations and instructions as the House of Bishops shall prescribe.

4. Whenever a Diocese shall be organized out of such Missionary District, if the Missionary Bishop shall be chosen Bishop of such Diocese, he may accept the office without vacating his missionary appointment, provided he continues to discharge the duties of Missionary Bishop within the residue of his original jurisdiction, if there be such residue.

5. Every such Bishop shall be entitled to a seat in the House of Bishops, and shall report to the House at every meeting of the Provincial Synod concerning the state and condition of the Church in the Diocese or Missionary District.

3. **VEN. ARCHDEACON FULLER.**—That the fifth section of the By-Law adopted at the last session of the Synod for the expenditure of the Mission Fund be amended by adding after the words, "The Synod of 1870," (in the 4th line of said section) the following clause: "Except that a less stipend shall be accepted by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and three-fourths of the members of the Mission Board present at any quarterly meeting thereof."

NOTE.—The section thus altered to read as follows, (the proposed addition being in Italics): "That whenever the Mission Board and the several Congregations of any Mission have agreed as to the amount which they shall severally contribute towards the stipend of their Missionary, (which stipend never shall be lower than that recommended by the Synod of 1870.) Except that a less stipend shall be accepted by the Bishop of the Diocese and three-fourths of the Mission Board present at any quarterly meeting thereof. Then it shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod to enter into a written agreement, in duplicate, with two or more members of said Mission Board, according to the accompanying form."

4. **VEN. ARCHDEACON FULLER.**—That in consequence of the many great changes effected in the country during the last thirty years, whereby the time when farmers dispose of the greater part of the produce of their farms has greatly changed, it is expedient to change the period at which the financial year shall close; and that part of the Constitution of the Synod which fixes the close of the financial year on the 30th April, be amended by substituting the 31st of December for the 30th of April.

7. **REV. V. CLEMENTI.**—That in consideration of the numerous and grave irregularities arising from the present mode of issuing Marriage Licenses, a petition is prepared and submitted to the Honourable the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada, in Parliament assembled, to the effect that so far as the Church of England in this Diocese is concerned, the office of granting licences for marriage, in lieu of banns, be hereafter in the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall have the power of appointing clergymen in various localities to act as his Surrogates for the granting of such licenses.

11. **REV. RURAL DEAN LETT.**—That the commutation By-law be so modified that the Synod, while electing the Commutation-Trust Committee, may select the clerical members thereof, not only from those who have commuted, but also from those who shall from time to time be placed on the list, and also from the twenty clergymen whose names appear as the Senior on the list of Non-Commuted clergymen who wish to be benefitted by the fund when the surplus permits.