

A spirited debate ensued, but on taking the vote the canon was rejected by a large majority.

The following gentlemen were nominated as Diocesan representatives on the Provincial Board of Missions: Revs. Canon Dnmoulin and J. D. Cayley, and Hon. G. W. Allan and Mr. A. H. Campbell.

The Bishop then vacated the Chair, while the report of the See House Committee was being considered; Canon O'Meara acting in his absence.

Mr. A. H. Campbell read the report which stated that the subscriptions received to date amounted to \$11,280.38. The See House has been erected and so far paid for, but there are numerous expensive items to be yet provided for.

Rev. I. Middleton moved, seconded by Rev. John Langtry, "That the sum of \$1,000 be paid to the Bishop out of the General Purposes Fund towards furnishing the See House, and that the assessment for this fund be extended over two years."

After some discussion the resolution was changed and adopted *unanimously* as follows:—"That the sum of \$1,000 be expended out of the General Purposes Fund under the direction of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese towards providing the permanent furniture for the See House and to be attached thereto, the assessment for the same to cover a period of two years."

The Synod took recess.

#### EVENING SESSION.

At this session the Bishop announced the names of those appointed by himself on the Executive Committee as follows: Ven. Archdeacon Boddy, Provost Boddy, Canon O'Meara, Revs. J. Pearson and S. Jones, Messrs. A. H. Campbell, Dr. Hodgins, R. W. Biggar, Dr. Snelling and Hon. J. Patton.

#### DUTIES OF CHURCHWARDENS.

The remainder of the session was devoted to the consideration of a report on this subject, which passed in the form of a Canon or concise memorandum. The report was adopted and the Synod adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

#### DIocese OF HURON.

LONDON.—The Memorial Church Sunday-school picnic was held at Port Stanley on the 8th. There was a good attendance, and all passed off pleasantly, excepting an accident which befel a little son of the Rev. J. B. Richardson, who rolled down the high bank to the foot of the hill. He was taken up unconscious, and a doctor called, who said he had a slight concussion of the brain. He was brought to London by the evening train, and soon rallied.

The Bishop, before leaving for England, appointed the Rev. P. B. de Lom to the charge of Petrolia parish during the absence of the Rector, the Rev. E. Hutobinson.

Christ Church Sunday-school held its picnic in Queen's Park. The scholars, to the number of 300, occupied the time until noon with various games, when a bountiful repast was served. In the afternoon a capital programme of races, etc., was entered upon, the prizes being keenly competed for. After tea an exciting tug-of-war took place, and then the picnickers returned home, having enjoyed a pleasant day.

Rev. Mr. Chance, of Tyrconnel, has gone on a trip to England, and will be absent about two months.

St. Johns.—The Venerable Archdeacon Marsh, who has not been feeling well for some time, is absent at the lake side; and the Rev. Mr. Checkley is doing duty in this parish for the time being.

LONDON EAST.—St. Matthews' Church will

be closed for some time, as an addition is being put to it. The congregation has grown too large for the present building.

WOODSTOCK.—The Rev. Mr. Hill exchanged duty with Rev. Mr. Holmes, of Thorndale, on Sunday. Rev. W. A. Young has been taking duty in the old Church, Woodstock East.

INGERSOLL.—Increased life and activity are evident in St. James' Church. The communicants have increased from about forty to over eighty, and on one Sunday lately 145 participated. At the confirmation services held in April, forty-one were presented to the Bishop. The system of collecting for the Diocesan Mission Fund has been done away with, and this year without any personal solicitation the receipts were \$105 as against \$58 last year. The Church is about to be repaired at an estimated cost of \$800.—*Com.*

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.—St. Stephen's.—At a Garden party and Fancy Table held by the ladies of this congregation on Monday, the 24th ult., in the spacious grounds of Mrs. M. C. Brown, Huron Road. Nearly ninety dollars were taken, leaving, after payment of all expenses, a net balance of \$75.50. The proceeds will be applied to Sunday-school purposes, and for making repairs and improvements on the parsonage.

GALT.—On his resignation of the rectorship of Trinity Church, the Rev. Canon Hincks was presented with a purse of over \$260 by the members of his congregation. In his reply the Canon referred to the fact that throughout all the years he had gone in and out among them, the bond of Christian brotherhood had remained unbroken—that the leave-taking was unmarred by one resentful word, or so far as he was aware, one unfriendly feeling, adding, from the hour I set foot in the parish the treatment I have received at your hands can only be described as an unbroken chain of kindness; permit me to take this opportunity of acknowledging your munificent farwell testimonial of respect and affection.—*Com.*

#### DIocese OF ALGOMA.

The Mission of Sheginaudah have sent the Bishop a letter of thanks, acknowledging very gratefully the kindness of their friends in Toronto and elsewhere, who supplied the funds for the erection of their new Church. We append a literal translation, made by their minister, the Rev. F. Frost. It will, doubtless, be read with much interest:

SHEGINAUDAH, Manitoulin Island,  
June 25th, 1886.

*My Dear Friends,*—I, the Chief Manitowassing, at Sheginaudah, rise up with pleasure, because the beautiful Church is finished, the building which is called the House of God and wherein His holy religion is preached and where the great and good Spirit discovers blessings to the worshippers, and where the Lord Jesus Christ abides. He is the Almighty one. We, poor Indian, praise God for His house, and we thank the Bishop that he was able to do what he thought of, and also we thank the kind givers of Toronto. It is very good to know that the work has succeeded. I conclude, trusting that God's blessing may rest upon us.

Your grateful friend,

MANITOWASSING.

I am also pleased that the new Church is done. I, who am poor, I pray that God, the good Spirit, may bless us all.

JANE MANITOWASSING,  
(Wife of Chief.)

And I also am very pleased that the poor and needy can worship the Good Spirit and be all happy.

ELLEN MANITOWASSING,  
(Daughter.)

I also, a poor cripple, know the same, and I to know the Saviour loves me.

MARY JANE MANITOWASSING,  
(Daughter.)

And I also am grateful that you helped us, who needed assistance in religion, and also thank God as well.

WILSON GALLUZHOOUGA.

PORT ARTHUR.—The Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation service here on June 27th, when eleven candidates were presented. Two of them had received their instruction at the most distant station yet reached by the clergyman, nearly eighty miles from Port Arthur. They had travelled expressly for the confirmation. The Bishop's address to the candidates was very brief, but also very pointed and earnest. The instructive sermon he gave was on the subject of the "Trinity in Unity." In the afternoon, while the clergyman was gone, as usual, to a station several miles away, the Bishop visited the Sunday-school, and afterwards held a service at the gaol. In the evening he again preached in St. John's Church, delivering a sermon of unusual power and interest from the text: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." It is scarcely necessary to say the church was crowded. No confirmation was held elsewhere in the Mission, the clergyman having decided to defer the presentation of several candidates.

#### DIocese OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

VANCOUVER.—A meeting of the congregation of St. James' Church was held on June 2nd ult., when it was decided to move the Church on to two lots generously donated by the C.P.R. The Vancouver fire has moved the Church for us, for it shared the fate of most of the other buildings of the city. A more swift, sudden and complete destruction was perhaps never before wrought by any fire. The point whence the fire started its fearful race was that which was well to the windward and commanded the whole city. Springing thence like some fierce monster all before it was its prey, and within little more than an hour heaps of ashes and debris alone marked the place where the city had been. Providentially a few buildings near the two lumber mills and near False Creek bridge escaped, as well as the mills and lumber yards. The loss of property in which all had a share, some even to losing their all, is however as nothing compared with the loss of lives. Eight, it is known, suffered death, and four more were so burned that they had to be carried to the New Westminster Hospital, where they are being well cared for and will probably all recover. That more did not suffer is a matter of deep thankfulness, so awful in its swiftness and fierceness was the course of the fire. Many we know to have had very narrow escapes, and we fear it is likely that others have perished of whose fate we know nothing yet. The sympathy and help which have come in from all quarters is a matter to be most thankful for.

It was a strange coincidence, with perhaps some hidden sign of blessing, that the fire occurred on the day that the Church was commemorating the gift of the Holy Spirit through the outward sign of tongues of fire. Sunday-school was just beginning in the little Church when the alarm was brought; fortunately they were all got into places of safety, though some were separated from their parents for the rest of the day and were for a time a cause of anxiety. Within a quarter of an hour after leaving the Church the building was burned down, and we regret to have to add that nothing was saved out of it. The insurance of \$600 upon the Church will enable us to put up a temporary building; and we can then wait for better days to make it more worthy the worship of God.

The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world.