

climate, but little idea can be entertained of the greatness of the task imposed on him in Newfoundland, of the toil and exposure he underwent in his yearly visitations along those rock-bound coasts. The great and important fruits of his labours have never been sounded forth to the world for purposes of ostentation or display; but by those who are very familiar with them, they are said to have been very remarkable. We have not material before us, just now, to enable us to speak particularly of the Bishop's work in his large Diocese; but as we expect to receive them from our correspondents shortly, we hope to be able soon to lay them before our readers.

Every one who knew the departed Bishop were able to speak of his personal holiness and devotedness of character, of his consistent walk with God, of the time spent by him in private devotion, of his exemplary employment of the public means of grace, of his humble trust in the alone merits of the Saviour. We cannot doubt that he is one of those whose works do follow them; first in the grateful remembrance of those for whose spiritual welfare he so diligently laboured; and, in the faithful record of the most High, whose gracious declaration respecting the man who acts from love to Him is this:—"Verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

SYNOD COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Reports presented at the Synod of Toronto during its Session furnish a mass of information relating to the progress of the Church among us, together with suggestions for its further advancement.

The Report of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund refers to a condition which is any thing but satisfactory.

The income of the past year shewed a falling off of about \$467 from that of the previous year, and was insufficient for the demands upon the Fund; for while the total expenditure to be met was \$5,434.98, the total receipts were only \$4,792.99, leaving a deficiency, or overdrawn balance, of \$642.

In addition to this, the payments on account of pensions on the 1st July will be \$1,242, by which the indebtedness of the Fund will be increased to \$1,884. Such being its position, the Committee felt themselves compelled, however reluctantly, to notify the annuitants that, while the payments due on the 1st July would be made in full, seeing that the seven weeks between the May meeting of the Committee and the 1st July did not afford sufficient notice of a reduction, no payments could be made on the 1st October unless some provision for the same should be made by the Synod.

The amount required for the present year will probably not be less than that of the last, viz., \$5,291,

augmented by re-payment of the above overdrawn balance (\$642) to a total of \$5,933. The proportion of this to be borne by this Diocese will be about \$3,600, as six of the widows and five families of orphans will be transferred to Niagara.

It should be understood that the present Report has reference to the Widows' and Orphan's Fund of this Diocese as constituted previous to the separation of the Diocese of Niagara, the Fund being still administered by this Diocese. The invested and productive capital of the Fund stands at—

\$14,456 29	General Account,
4,170 00	Special do.
2,000 00	Niagara District,

Total, ... \$20,626 29

The Theological Students' Fund is stated at being \$846.50 for the last year, and \$1173.96 for the preceding period; but as the income of 1875 had been increased by a re-payment of \$120 from one of the Exhibitors, the actual falling off has been \$207.46. The balance in hand to meet the payments, amounting to \$280, for the present, or Easter term, is only \$134.22; consequently the account must be overdrawn to the amount of \$145.78, or the payments for the term be proportionately diminished. Since the meeting of the Synod, in June last, two students have been ordained, viz.: Mr. Ledingham, in October last, to the mission of West Mulmur, and Mr. Hannah, in January, to that of Perrytown. The present Exhibitors are Messrs. Colwell, Hart, Leslie, Gibson, Moorehouse, Foster, and Fletcher.

The General Purposes Fund, last year, amounted to \$7,017.61 (including a balance from the previous year of \$275.71, and \$163.95, received on account of the assessment for the current year). The expenditure has amounted to \$623.26, which includes \$215.27 repaid for arrearages. The Committee recommended that the Synod assessment during the present year, should be one-half the assessment for 1875, and that all new parishes be assessed, in the country, for \$1, and in Toronto, at the rate of their lowest city assessment, none being under \$1. The Parochial Statistics' Questions have been revised and amended, and the Committee recommend that some scheme be adopted for the purpose of making the answering of these questions obligatory.

The Report of the Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee states they regret that, during the past year no Sunday School Convention has been held, except in the Deanery of East Simcoe, of which they communicate a report. The Clergy of the Deanery assembled at Orillia on

Wednesday and Thursday, the 12th and 13th of January. On the former day a Ruridecanal meeting was held, with Divine service in the evening; and on Thursday, at ten a.m., a Sunday School Convention was held by the Clergy in St. James's Parochial School House. After prayers by the Rural Dean, Canon Morgan, in the absence of the appointed essayist (Mr. French), delivered a practical address on the subject of Sunday School Training. The discussion was well kept up by the Clergy. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Fletcher urged the importance of preparation by the teachers. Mr. Bradshaw spoke on the advantage of special services for children. Mr. French having just arrived, delivered his address on Sunday School Training. He shewed himself master of the subject, having had a long experience in England. Mr. Harris spoke of the importance of teaching the children to respond as a means of producing heartiness in Divine worship. The Chairman then requested any of the teachers who were present, to take part in the discussion, on which, Captain McNamara illustrated the difficulty of answering many of the questions asked by the scholars, and requested the names of books which would be useful in assisting teachers to prepare themselves for their work. The Rural Dean strongly condemned the neglect of due discipline in respect of children, and urged on Sunday School teachers the importance of endeavouring to counteract this evil. Mr. Bradshaw recommended a book to be kept in which the name, age, residence, etc., of each child is recorded, on its entrance to the school. At seven p. m., a service for the children of the Sunday School was held in St. James's Church, well attended by persons of all ages. All the clergy present again took part. A sound and practical sermon, addressed to the parents, teachers, and children, from St. John xvi. 15, "Feed My Lambs," was delivered by Mr. Anderson. A pleasing feature of the service was the singing of several appropriate hymns by the children of the Sunday School. The manner in which they performed their part, reflects great credit on their teacher, Miss Stewart. The unusual number of clergy each cheered by the presence of his brethren, the hearty response that arose from all sides of the church, the exquisite service of song so ably performed by the choir, and the beautiful decorations, so symbolical of sound Church doctrine, all combined to give a heartiness and solemnity to the services, which cannot fail to leave a lasting impression upon those who were privileged to take part