

APPENDIX D.

Report of the Mission Board, for the year ending 30th April, 1875.

During the past year the receipts from the July, January, and Thanksgiving collections, and from collections at Missionary meetings and services, amounted to \$3895.79, being \$128.31 less than the previous year's receipts (\$4024.10) from the same sources. The receipts from Parochial collections amounted to \$5577.11, being \$2752.76 less than the previous year's receipts from the same source. The chief cause of this deficiency, although other causes have operated to produce it, has been the stringency of the times and the unusual scarcity of money. Yet it is hoped that a special appeal in the early autumn, especially if it follows a satisfactory harvest, will to a large extent, if not fully, supply this deficiency. We shall entertain the confidence that our Missionary operations will not be allowed to be crippled or retarded, much less that a necessity should arise for diminishing the annual grants to our Missionaries.

The expenditure during the past year embraces \$12,995.90 granted to sixty-three missions; \$553 paid to missionaries in the Diocese of Algoma up to 1st July, 1874; \$144.30 for Diagrams from England to be used at Missionary Meetings, \$530 on account of the Mission House at Sheguaindah, Manitoulin Island; and \$129.81 on account of the stipend of the Bishop of Algoma; and in order to meet the demands upon the Mission Fund, it became necessary to overdraw the account at the Bank to the extent of (on the 30th April, 1875,) \$2875.31.

In June, 1874, the Synod *Resolved*—

"That, referring to the passage in the Lord Bishop's address at the opening of the Synod, recommending an assessment upon the various parishes on behalf of the Diocese of Algoma, the matter be placed in the hands of the Mission Board of which his Lordship is Chairman."

Pursuant to that resolution, the Mission Board, at its meeting in August, 1874, *Resolved*—"That this Board, in accordance with the resolution of Synod in reference to the grant to the Diocese of Algoma, hereby request his Lordship the Bishop to issue an appeal to the parishes of the Diocese of Toronto to raise the amount of \$2,400." Also, "That the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to advance one quarter's salary due to the missionaries in Algoma on the 1st of October next, in accordance with the quota allotted to this Diocese, and charge the same to the special fund to be raised for that purpose."

Since 1st July, 1874, the missionaries in the Diocese of Algoma have been paid at the rate of \$1,600 per annum up to 1st April, 1875; but inasmuch as the receipts from the parochial collections, in answer to the Lord Bishop's appeal, and from the collection on the Day of Intercession, have not sufficed to meet this expenditure, (the Algoma Mission Fund account being overdrawn to the amount of \$502.91), the payments to those missionaries must be discontinued unless further special provision is made to meet that expenditure. Every effort, however, must be made to meet this engagement, inconvenient as it may prove; and as it was assumed by the Diocese of Toronto, as it stood a year ago, it is but a just conclusion that the Diocese of Niagara, recently separated from us, should assume its proportionate share of it.

In June, 1874, the Committee appointed to consider in what manner we may evince our duty as Churchmen, to aid, to some extent, in furnishing the ministrations of religion to our brethren who have made the Province of Manitoba their home, recommended that this Diocesan Synod make a grant of \$500 for this object, with an earnest prayer that the Great Head of the Church may bless this humble effort to advance the spread of the Church in the Province of Manitoba.

That recommendation having been adopted by the Synod, one-half of the collection on the Day of Intercession was, by the Lord Bishop's direction, applied to this object.

The receipts from that collection were only sufficient to allow a payment of \$250 in aid of those missions, and of the balance at credit of that account, (\$129.28) one-half is available for the same purpose, \$64.64, leaving \$185.36 still due on account of the grant of \$500. It will be necessary for the Synod to make provision for the payment of this balance.