

Hope is also entertained that in Toronto at least, and we trust in every town and considerable village, a system may be set on foot and steadily carried out, of collecting weekly, monthly and quarterly, from the less wealthy members of our Church, offerings which we are satisfied they will in most cases very gladly make. The Board report with pleasure that, by the receipt of subscriptions specially made for the purpose, they have been enabled to pay the missionaries one-half of their April quarterly stipend, and the balance will, they trust, very shortly be paid.

Rev. J. Langtry was sorry that the matter had not been left until the question under discussion this morning was settled. It was a fact that 566 of the prescribed collections had been omitted, owing to dereliction of duty on the part of clergymen and he hoped some means would be taken to urge upon them to have the regular collections taken up.

Col. Boulton—I move that all clergymen who are derelict in their duty be not allowed to take their seats in the Synod.

His Lordship suggested that it would be well not to be too peremptory in a matter like that.

The report was adopted.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS AND THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

Rev. Canon Tremayne moved the adoption of the report of the Widows' and Orphans' and Theological Students' Fund:—

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

The committee are sorry to be obliged to report the insufficiency of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund to meet the demands upon it during the past year, and their consequent inability to repay any of the capital (\$2,085), borrowed from the Special Fund.

The balance at present on hand is only \$1,298.47, and as it will require \$1,080 to meet the pensions on the 1st July, leaving only \$268.47, it will be impossible to pay but a very small proportion of the pensions due on the 1st of October.

The total income of the Fund during the past year, exclusive of the sum borrowed, has been \$3,384.13; the amount paid in pensions \$3,725; other disbursements \$170.05; making together \$3,895.05; an excess of \$510.92 above the income.

The October collection, 1876, amounted to \$2,552.96; in 1877 to \$2,059.66.

The Committee finding at their meeting in November that so large a proportion of the October Assessment had not come in, issued in December an urgent appeal on behalf of the Fund. This received but little response. After their meeting in February a still more urgent appeal was sent out, which also met with but little response. The assessment amounted to \$3,508, the receipts on account of it to \$2,059.66, leaving a deficiency of \$1,448.34.

The Committee also recommended that the resolution of the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, respecting the collection made on the death or a clergyman, be rescinded, as they are of opinion that it interferes with the regular collection for the fund.

The receipts during the past year for the Theological Students' Fund comprised \$180.87, on account of April (1877) collection; \$188.48, on account of April (1878) collection; and \$40.00 subscriptions and donations, making altogether \$359.95.

The expenditure embraced payments of \$120 each to two exhibitors, and \$17.96 on account of Synod assessment, leaving a balance of \$133.34 to the credit of the fund on the 30th April, 1878.

The Committee consider it only proper, while reporting on the state of this fund, to draw the attention of the Synod to the fact that notwithstanding what fell from the Lord Bishop in his charge to the Synod last year respecting the Theological School of the Church Association, in which his Lordship stated that he "had felt it his solemn duty to withhold his recognition" from the same, collections have nevertheless been taken up within a few weeks past in more than one of the churches in the City of Toronto, if not elsewhere, in behalf of the students attending that school, thereby publicly recognizing the school in question in defiance of his Lordship's express declaration regarding it, and no doubt inducing many to contribute towards its funds under the supposition that it had received his Lordship's sanction.

Such a step, in the judgment of the Committee, has unquestionably the effect of damaging the recognized fund of the diocese, and tends to subvert the system of diocesan institutions which the Synod has organized.

Rev. Rural Dean Allen said he had made legitimate exertion to meet the assessment, but nevertheless he was a defaulter, although he had made special appeals to his people. The spirit of charity in the country had been chilled when it was heard that the Widows and orphans of incumbents of large and wealthy parishes had been placed on the fund.

S. S. BOOKS AND TRACT COMMITTEE.

Rev. Mr. Cayley presented the report of the above committee, which was adopted. The following is extracted from the report:

The committee have the pleasure of stating that the recommendation contained in their report of last year in regard to holding Sunday School Conventions, was successfully carried out in Port Hope and in Toronto in the months of October and November last—as will appear by the reports of the Special Committees of the Synod to which the preparation for and management of these Conventions were entrusted.

The following parishes and schools were aided during the year, viz.: Alliston, Apsley, Ashburnham and Otonabee, Batteaux, Beaverton, Brighton, Brock, Brooklin, Carleton, Cartwright, Charleston, Craighurst and Waverley, Hastings and Alnwick, Innisfil, Leslieville, Manvers, North Douro, North Essa, Parkdale, (St. Anne's, Toronto,) Penetanguishene, Port Perry, Stanhope (Minden), Stayner, Sunderland, and West Brock, and Tullamore—in all, twenty-five, to which the following grants were made: For churches and stations—Eight octave Bibles, four octave prayer books. For Sunday Schools and for distribution—one hundred and nineteen prayer books, eighteen Testaments.

About six thousand copies of the Sunday School Scheme of Lessons have been sold throughout the several dioceses in the Dominion of Canada and the United States.

In addition to the above, the usual grants have been made of books for Sunday School libraries, and of catechisms and miscellaneous books and tracts, in response to those applications which were approved by your Committee.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. Mr. Porter presented the report of the Audit Committee. The report showed that the balance sheets and statements of securities pertaining to the various funds under the management of the Synod were satisfactory.

The report was adopted.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Rev. W. F. Checkley presented the report of the Special Committee to prepare a scheme for the better support of the widows and orphans of the clergy. The scheme recommended (1) that each parish should be urged to contribute so much annually, according to its ability, to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Synod for the purposes of the fund; (2) that each clergyman be required to make an annual payment to the Secretary-Treasurer of Synod, according to the rates in the following table, apart from the general or special collection made in his parish:

AGE.		AGE.	
25.....	\$ 8.44	41	\$17.04
26.....	8.76	42	17.99
27.....	9.11	43	19.06
28.....	9.47	44	20.22
29.....	9.85	45	21.50
30.....	10.25	46	22.95
31.....	10.67	47	24.47
32.....	11.14	48	26.60
33.....	11.62	49	28.13
34.....	12.14	50	30.33
35.....	12.69	51	32.83
36.....	13.29	52	35.72
37.....	13.93	53	39.08
38	14.62	54	43.04
39.....	15.36	55 and upwards...	47 78
40.....	16.16		

(3). That the non-payment of his subscription for 30 days after the same fell due, by any clergyman should deprive his widow and children of all claim on the fund, but that it should be never-

theless, within the power of the standing Committee to place such clergymen again on the lists under certain conditions. (4). That the lives of a certain number (say 40 or 50) of the clergy under the age of fifty-five years) should be assured for such amounts as may be determined on by the Standing Committee, in the Confederation or other Life Assurance Company doing business in this city. (5.) That the amounts to be paid to the widows and orphans of clergymen from the fund should be determined each year by the Standing Committee according to the interest and amount contributed, etc. There were a few other minor clauses in the scheme.

Rev. Mr. Checkley said that the table submitted had been obtained from the Confederation Life Assurance Company, and was calculated on \$1,000. They were, however, about 20 per cent. below what they would be under ordinary circumstances.

After some discussion, the report was referred to the Widows and Orphans' Committee, with the instructions as suggested by the Rev. Mr. Checkley.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

The Conference, which had met, reported that an arrangement had been arrived at accepting the principle of assessment with respect to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and providing that the Church Association should subscribe through the Synod in support of missionaries, of whom it and the Bishops approved.

THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Archdeacon Whitaker brought up the report as follows: "The committee report that the majority consented to introduce the system of assessment proposed in the report of the Executive Committee in respect to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, and that it was intimated that the Church Association were prepared to pay over to the Mission Board the stipends of certain missionaries designated by the Board on the nomination of the Lord Bishop."

Colonel Boulton said that after much discussion the Special Committee had arrived at the conclusion which had been reported to the Synod by the chairman. The committee, he thought, considered the subject with a great deal of natural good feeling and a desire as much as possible to work in harmony one with the other. They desired that the fact should be recognized that there are men of evangelical feelings, and men of High Church principles existing in the Diocese, and that there was no use in contending further against acknowledging it, and that they should endeavour to work together harmoniously as brethren, conceding a perfect right to exercise their individual opinions. He then moved "that the Synod for this and every succeeding year shall order an assessment upon the several parishes *pro rata* for an amount sufficient to provide for the sums voted to the widows and orphans, less the sums accruing to the Synod from legitimate sources." If this assessment was not collected from any of the parishes they should have the right to deny those parishes representation at the Synod. The Evangelical party did not claim that their money should be devoted to Evangelical clergymen. (Cries of "Yes, yes.") He did not so understand it. The Bishop has a vacancy in this Diocese, which he wants filled. It is represented that an Evangelical clergyman will fill the vacancy. The Bishop says he wants \$200 a year. The Evangelical party say they shall be happy to furnish that amount, and there was an end of the matter. He would ask the Vice-Chancellor if he was right or wrong.

Vice-Chancellor Blake—You are half-and-half. Colonel Boulton thought if he was half and half, he was right. He believed that the solution of this difficulty had been arrived at, and he did not think he had said anything with sounder policy, and hopes for a better future hereafter.

Archdeacon Whitaker said that he had made the important omission of moving the reception of the report. As Col. Boulton had already spoken, he would take this opportunity of saying a few words. He would be sorry indeed to say anything which might even seem to mar the harmony which prevailed in the Synod at that moment, but he felt that it was his bounden duty to say what he believed to be truth. He would take as his