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EDITORIAL.

The Synod of the Diocese was held during the third week of June. The fact of its being a week later than usual has delayed the publication of the Chronicle, as it is desirable that the June number of the paper should be to a large extent a record of the Synod's work and reports with reference to business. The Synod was largely attended and proved useful and interesting, and the Bishop in adjourning it at one o'clock on Saturday, remarked upon the spirit of unity and amity which had prevailed throughout the session.

On the second day of the Synod meeting a gloom was cast over the whole assembly by the sudden and unexpected death of the Rev. H. B. Owen, of Markham, which had occurred on the previous evening, the result of heart failure. Mr. Owen was attending the Synod on the Tuesday in apparently his usual health. Service was held at Grace Church at three o'clock, the Synod adjourning over the hour, and a large number of the Clergy and others accompanied the body to the station whence it was conveyed to Unionville for interment. How truly all felt that "In the midst of life we are in death."

The Synod sermon was preached in St. Alban's Cathedral on the 20th June, Accession Day, by the Rev. Canon Sweeny, and was of a very interesting character. It referred to this year as the "Diamond Jubilee" of the Diocese of Toronto, and was rich in statistics showing the growth of the Church in the Diocese since, ten years ago, we celebrated the Jubilee. "Then the number of Clergy was 156, now it is 189; then the number of Parishes and Missions was 113, now it is 144; then the number of communicants returned at Easter was 8,934, this year it is 14,523; then the number of candidates confirmed at Easter was 1,654, this year it is 2,038; while in these ten years 17,766 have been thus added to the communicants of the Church. In these ten years, moreover, 192 have been ordained to the ministry, 93 to the priesthood, 99 to the diaconate, and 64 received from other Dioceses. As an off-set 21 deaths and 100 removals have taken place."

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE SYNOD.

His Lordship's address opened with a brief yet full sketch of the late Right Reverend Bishop Sullivan, the only one of the Clergy of the Diocese who had died during the year. His closing remark was "May his memory live as an inspiration to us in our life of Christian service and warfare as it will live in the hearts of thousands of grateful subjects of his care in his beloved missionary Diocese (Algoma). "He being dead yet speaketh."

Seven Clergy have during the year left the Diocese, while eleven have been received, eight by ordination and three from other Dioceses. Seventeen changes have been made in the location of the Clergy, and Rev. J. H. Talbot has been appointed Rural Dean of East York, Rev. Canon Tremayne, Rural Dean of Peel, and Rev. J. H. Teney, Rural Dean of East Simcoe. The present list of the Clergy in the Diocese numbers 189, classified as follows:—

Engaged in Parochial work	155
" " Tuition or Chaplaincies.....	15
On leave or retired	12
Superannuated.....	7

The Church population of the Diocese and the number attending the Sunday services has somewhat decreased in the country parts and correspondingly increased in the city of Toronto. The number of communicants has increased by 187, while the number of communicants on Easter Day shows a small decrease amounting to 482 out of 15,000. The number confirmed reached the large total of 2,038, 802 males and 1,236 females. There is an increase of 1,440 Sunday School scholars. But on the subject of baptism the Bishop says: "I have drawn attention more than once to the disproportionately small number of baptisms returned throughout the Diocese. This year it is only 2,810, 78 less than last year, and the smallest number ever recorded; the highest being 3,513 in 1892. This is a matter calling for serious enquiry, and I would earnestly request