

Lerichoux as one of the official auditors, and that the books of the clerical Secretary are in perfect order and a most satisfactory condition.

Rev. Mr. Spencer was re-elected Clerical Secretary; Mr. R. V. Rogers, Lay Secretary; and Mr. R. T. Walkem, Q.C., Treasurer.

Memorials were received from Bell's Corners; St. James Church, Morrisburg; St. Paul's Church, Caledonia; St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee; all of which were referred to the following Committee: Rev. Messrs. Lauder and Jones, Dr. Henderson, Judge Macdonald, and Mr. R. T. Walkem.

The Synod then adjourned.

At the afternoon session, Bishop Lewis, who wore his new vestments, delivered his charge. He said:—It is with gratitude to Almighty God that I meet you at the twenty-fifth Session of the Synod of this Diocese. My lengthened stay in England was caused by inability to discharge the duties through ill-health, but by God's mercy I have returned to my diocese in renewed health and vigor. I believe that at the diocese has not suffered by my absence, as all necessary official duties have been performed through the great kindness of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and especially of the Lord Bishop of Niagara. Since last addressing you at re-ordinations have been held, one by myself, August 23rd, 1886, at which William Webster Burton, of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, was ordained deacon. The second ordination was held at Napanee, by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, on December the 20th, 1886, at which Messrs. Robert Atkinson, of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, and David Jenkins, of the Gloucester Theological College, were ordained deacons, and the Rev. Messrs. Burton, Gorman, Young, Snowden, and Baylie, were promoted to the priesthood. A third ordination was held by the Lord Bishop of Niagara in his Cathedral, Hamilton, on the 29th of June, 1887, when George S. Anderson, of Trinity College, Toronto, and James Robinson, of St. Augustine's College, were ordained deacons for work in this diocese. His Lordship then referred to the assistance kindly given by the Lord Bishop of Niagara, and to the confirmations held by him; the total number confirmed by both being eleven hundred and eighty, of whom seven hundred and forty-nine received their first communion.

His Lordship continuing his address, said: On the 16th of February last, I made application to the Council of the Colonial Bishopric fund for a grant in aid of the proposed new Diocese of Ottawa, and the Council, with the Archbishop of Canterbury in the chair, made a grant of one thousand pounds, conditionally, on a sum of nine hundred pounds being raised from other sources before the 31st of December, 1893. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, also made a grant of one thousand on similar conditions. This Society is entitled to our warmest gratitude not only for this fresh proof of munificence, but also for the great aid it has rendered to the diocese in the building of our Churches and the supplying of service books to them when they have been built. Let us express the hope that the Committee on the Division of the Diocese and the Churchmen throughout the diocese, may be stirred to exertion by those handsome but conditional grants from our brethren in England, and organize some machinery for a thorough canvas in order to the completion of the endowment fund for the new diocese. The addition of the District of Nipissing to this diocese by the House of Bishops, at the last Provincial Synod, made the necessity for a sub-division of the diocese more imperative than ever, and I shall be glad to co-operate with the Committee in their work; so far as I can consistently with the performance of my other duties. Let me remind you, dear brethren, that on the 25th of last March, I completed the 25th year of my Episcopate, so that the Diocese has had a quarter of a cen-

tury of sustenance. It is given to but few Bishops to preside for so long a period over a diocese, since among the seventy-five Colonial Bishops, there are only *three my seniors by consecration*. The retrospect is to me sad, but hopeful. Sad in the thought that so few of those who took council with us in the first Synod remain unto this day; sad also in the feeling that so much more might have been done for God's glory and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, had every member of the Synod in his vocation and ministry more truly and godly served the Master. Still we have not been without indications of God's favor, if we apply those tests which are usually considered proofs of success. Twenty-five years ago there were but *fifty* licensed clergy, parochial and missionary, in the diocese; there are now *one hundred and twenty*, while *two new* parishes or missions have been created *every year*. One hundred and fifty-six new Churches have been built within the same period, and sixty-one parsonages have been either built or purchased. *Twenty-five thousand, two hundred and thirty-nine persons* have been confirmed, the vast majority of whom became communicants. There has been a marked improvement in the support given to the clergy, though it is still sadly inadequate. A Sustentation Fund amounting to \$34,500 has been created, and the gradual growth of the Trust funds administered by the Synod, cannot but be considered satisfactory when we compare the earliest financial reports of the Synod with that of the present year. This retrospect is not made in a boastful or self-satisfied spirit; far from it; it is rather to remind us that our blessings have been much more than our deserts, and to stimulate our best energies in that greatest of all works the extension and edification of the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood.

The Bishop next made reference to the work of the Church in England, saying, "During my enforced absence in England, I had many opportunities of witnessing the work and growth of the Mother Church, and of contrasting her present condition with the Church as I once knew her. I was aware, of course, from reading newspapers, and such works as the 'Official year book of the Church of England,' of her growth and prosperity, but lo, the half of it was not told me. In every diocese, with few exceptions, and in the two great Universities I perceived earnestness, zeal and self-devotion, whether I applied the test of church building, works of charity or activity in parochial organization, and that amid commercial depression and agricultural disaster. But those seemed to be forgotten in the rejoicings of the Jubilee year. My impression was that these rejoicings were intensely national and fervently religious. The nation rejoiced before the Lord, and its festivities and pageants were preceded and sanctified by eucharistic joy *Te Deums*, general thanksgiving, culminating in the never to be forgotten scene in Westminster Abbey, when the grandest choir in England seemed to be hurling the benedictions of the 20th Psalm on the honored head of the kneeling Queen. No doubt the activity and earnestness of the Church in England was seen to the best advantage in the year of Jubilee, but even a superficial observer must perceive that never before has she so intensely realized the magnitude of the work that God has given her to do. The Jubilee thanksgiving was no lost service, for the outcome was memorial churches, parks and breathing spaces for dense populations, and hospitals, and asylums for all the ills and ailments of life. Of course, the machinery of the Church is worked in England under different conditions from those in Canada. There the vast wealth of the members of the Church enables them to glorify in a manner impossible with us. We can, if we like, have the same earnestness in giving to God according as he has blessed us. We can have the same motives to urge us as our brethren

in the motherland. We are of the same birthright, the same historic dignity and Apostolic lineage and we are engaged in a work that may well inspire us with enthusiasm—the work of laying deep and strong the foundations of the Church of England in the greatest of Britain's colonies. These remarks are, I believe, appropriate to this occasion when we have reached as a Synod a period in our history that is generally considered a fit time to pause and think, to see whether we cannot make the day a starting point for increased zeal in winning the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus; and while feeling that our best efforts are but feebleness itself, let us act on the principle that nothing has been done, while there remains anything for us to do; and so 'Let us thank God and take courage.'

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Toronto.—In the list of parishes about to hold Mission services, we omitted to mention St. Anne's. The Rev. Alex. W. Macnab, of St. Barnabas' Church, St. Catherine's, will be the Missioner.

ORILLIA.—The Rev. C. H. Marsh, Vice-President of the C.E.T.S. of this town, was presented by the members and their friends with a handsomely framed portrait of the Queen—one of the Patrons of the Society—as a memento of his worth. The Mayor in making the presentation expressed the regret with which the Society in common with the whole parish parted with Mr. Marsh. The latter made a feeling reply.

On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., the annual meeting of the Society was held in St. James' schoolhouse.

Toronto S. S. Association.—The fifth Annual Meeting of this Association was held at St. George's School House on Thursday evening, October 13th, and was well attended, about 200 being present. The Lord Bishop occupied the chair.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. John C. Wedd, showed a balance on hand from last year of \$33.83, subject to a liability of \$20, appropriated for the "Toronto Church Sunday-school Association Prizes," offered for competition at the Diocesan S. S. Examination to be held on the 10th of December next.

The report of the General Committee evidenced a steady growth in the number of affiliated Schools, which must be very encouraging to those who are interested in the growth of the Association.

The comparative figures are as follows:

	Schools, Teachers, Scholars.		
1842.....	20	circ. 500	circ. 5000
1881.....	24	62	737
1886.....	35	135	1830
1887.....	41	300	2,721

The Association now includes every Church Sunday-school in Toronto and in the suburban Parishes of Parkdale, Carlton and West Toronto, Deer Park, and Berkeley and Chester. It embraces 26 Parishes, with 46 Clergy. Of the 41 schools, 26 have Lay Superintendents. Seven are Mission schools.

The programme of meetings arranged by the General Committee for 1887-'8 is as follows:

2. November 10th, 1887.—St. Philip's Church—Annual service for S.S. Workers, Sermon by the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, Chairman of the Diocesan S.S. Committee.

3. December 8th next.—St. James' Schoolhouse, Sunday-school Lesson—Geo. B. Kirkpatrick, E. q. Paper, "The Order for Morning and Evening Prayer" (continued)—Rev. John Pearson.

4. January 12th, next.—Church of the Ascension School-house. Sunday-school Lesson—Rev. T. W. Paterson, M. A. Paper, "The importance of Sunday-schools and some features of S.S. Work," Rev. Canon Belt, M. A.