

wardens. I hope my lay brethren will look into it and consider their duty in the matter. Church-wardens are not representative of the congregation in the sense in which members of Parliament and Synod delegates are representatives. They are not a legislative body to frame laws, but officers to carry out laws already made for the comfort and peace of the congregation out of which they are chosen. Printed copies of the duties of church-wardens, as set forth in the canons of our Synod, were circulated by the Synod secretary before Easter, with instructions to read them at the regular Easter vestry meeting before proceeding to the election of church-wardens. It is hard to believe, if this were done, that any failures to insure would occur, but if from any cause any of our Church property is uninsured, I trust that incumbents will inform themselves on the subject, and lend their influence and assistance to secure attention to the fact, and that church-wardens will take immediate steps to fulfil their duty. In the case of churches in missions I would remind the representatives in this Synod that failure to insure deprives them of all right to claim their appointed grant from the mission fund.

With the exception of this matter of insurance, I have no fault to find with the general management of the temporal affairs of the Church so far as they come under my notices in the course of my annual visitation. They are conducted, for the most part, by men of business who thoroughly understand what they are about. But in matters spiritual I am not so well satisfied. There lacks in some missions a spirit of piety (discouraging to the clergy) which ought to be quite as apparent as the power of business. The Church does not exist for the sake of her treasure, but to bring souls into union with Christ. It is religious men she wants, spiritually minded men amongst the laity to uphold the clergyman's hands, to support him in his battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to extend his usefulness amongst the young by an example of Christian virtue and honour. Vestries fail, too frequently, to show the pattern and power of religion. Instead of helping they too often hinder and coerce the clergyman, sitting in judgment upon his words and deeds, dealing with him regardless of his profession and without respect to the Bishop to whom the clergyman is more immediately responsible. In the Primitive Church the lay officers were chosen for their piety. You remember the words, "Look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom ye may appoint over this business." Would to God it were so now everywhere. The blessing to the Church would be immeasurable. Let it be so with you, brethren, in the future, that when I come and see you I may perceive the spirit of Christ pervading the congregation to which you belong.

There is still much doubt and difficulty attaching to our present mode of appointment to rectories, and the Bishop is constantly placed in a false position. While the appointment is finally made by him, and is by many supposed to be the expression of his judgment and goodwill, as a matter of fact he has little voice, and no power either for or against. If before the submission of names by the vestry he presumes to advise, he is liable to be reminded that he is overstepping the boundary of his office: and if he should object to the candidate upon whom the vestry has set its heart, a bad feeling is engendered which interferes greatly with the general welfare and progress of the Church. If you force a Bishop to receive into a diocese a clergyman whom he does not approve, or even oblige him to make an appointment which in his judgment is injudicious, you deprive him of reasonable liberty, and compel him to be answerable for grave and important actions, without allowing opportunity even for consultation unless he is prepared to quarrel with the Church authorities and rend the body of Christ. The rigidity of the canon concerning appointments to rectories, as it rests at present, leaves room for no action on the part of the Bishop, except such as is morally, if not actually, compulsory upon him.

Death has removed from his high calling to his great reward the Right Rev. Frederick D. Fauquier, first Bishop of Algoma. His eminent piety and noble work accomplished on behalf of the diocese, over which, in the providence of God, he was set by the voice of the Synod of this ecclesiastical province, have won for his memory our grateful respect. All who knew him loved him, and in his frequent visits to this diocese he made many personal friends, by whom he is sincerely and affectionately mourned. Of Dr. Fauquier's work in Algoma, too much praise cannot be said. The extension of the Church of England in our missionary diocese in the course of the eight years of his episcopate is most encouraging, and the continuous flow of emigration to Muskoka promises an equal field of usefulness to his successor. The election of the Rev. Dr. Sullivan to the vacant Bishopric, has filled us in the diocese with mingled hope and sorrow. We cannot but regard his elevation to the House of Bishops with entire satisfaction, for we have in him the confidence which proceeds from an intimate know-

ledge of his principles. That he will accomplish the work for which he, on St. Peter's day, is to be solemnly set apart, no one here doubts; he is a friend amongst us, and we know his piety and faith. God never fails those who depend upon Him, and He will not forsake the Bishop-elect in the arduous work to which he has been called. If there be a fear in the matter, it is lest we should permit our interest to decline when the natural excitement of the present moment has passed away. Dr. Sullivan is a great loss to this diocese as well as to St. George's congregation, but we must remember that he is not separated from us in spirit; rather, we may say that he has undertaken on our behalf to supply our service to the brethren in the less favoured parts of the ecclesiastical province. I hope you will redeem at this meeting of the Synod the pledge given on behalf of this diocese in Provincial Synod, and that you will vote the sum of \$500 per annum towards the stipend of the missionary Bishop, either for a term of years or the duration of Dr. Sullivan's Episcopate.

#### ONTARIO.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LYN.—A Strawberry Festival and Concert was held here on the 5th inst., under the auspices of the ladies of the congregation of St. John B. church, and in spite of an unfavourable evening was a complete success. Proceeds in aid of the church.

#### TORONTO.

City subscribers will please notify the office immediately, either in person or by postal card, if they do not receive the CHURCHMAN regularly.

Messrs. S. R. Warren & Son, the eminent organ builders of this city, have recently placed a very handsome instrument, containing three manuals and forty-six stops, in the English Cathedral at Quebec. It proves to be an instrument of rare merit, and has received the unqualified praise of all who have heard it. Messrs. Warren are very busy at present, they have just shipped a large organ to Fredericton, N. B., and recently one to Winnipeg, they are also constructing instruments for St. Catharines, Ottawa, Deseronto, London and Peterboro.

#### NIAGARA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ST. CATHARINES.—The Rev. Alex. W. Macnab, of St. Barnabas' church, who for more than a year has been suffering from severe throat weakness, is obliged to give up work for a few weeks, and intends seeking rest and change among the Muskoka lakes. The Rev. Robt. Nichol, of Trinity College School, Port Hope, will officiate at St. Barnabas' in the absence of the incumbent.

FONTHILL.—One of the best entertainments ever given here took place on Thursday evening, 29th June, at the residence of D. D. Everardo, Esq., in aid of the fund of Holy Trinity Church, of this place. The weather was delightfully fine. The beautiful grounds were brilliantly illuminated with Chinese lanterns. We are greatly indebted to Mr. D. D. Everardo, who so kindly lent his premises for the occasion. The following well selected programme was carried out in a highly creditable manner, eliciting loud and hearty bursts of applause during the intervals:—Instrumental solo, well executed by Miss Hattie Read, of Port Dalhousie; Glee, "Memories of Childhood," well rendered by Port Robinson church choir; Song, "The Cows are in the Corn," was sweetly sung by Miss Read, of Port Dalhousie; "The Celestial Railroad," an interesting and amusing reading, by the Rev. P. Gribble, of Port Dalhousie; Song by Mr. Horton, of Fonthill, given in his best style, the accompaniment being played by Miss Garner, organist of Holy Trinity Church; Song with chorus, "Drifting with the Tide," by Port Robinson choir, was received with much gratification; Song, "Old Dreams," by the choirmaster of St. Luke's Church, Toronto, Mr. D. Kemp, who has a magnificent voice highly cultivated; Song, "Who's at my Window," was sung with good taste by Miss B. Read; Glee, "Song of the Spring," by Port Robinson choir, was given with very good effect; Song, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," by Mr. Marchant, of Welland, who possesses a very good voice; Song, "The Flower Girl," by Miss B. Read, made a favourable impression on the audience; Song, "The New Church Organ," by Miss Bennett, of Port Robinson, was appreciated; Song, "Philip Falconer," by Mr. Kemp, the luminous star of the evening, was rapturously encored. The chairman then made a few remarks, in which he stated his great pleasure listening to an entertainment of so much excellence.

The proceedings were closed with the National Anthem, "God Save the Queen," after which the assembly dispersed, all, with the exception of a few confirmed grumblers, gratified with the evening's amusement.

#### HURON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.—The Standing Committee held their regular meeting in the Chapter House, on Thursday, 22nd ult., when the attendance was large. His Lordship the Bishop presided. The meeting having been opened, the roll was called. There were present twenty clergymen, including four archdeacons and nine rural deans. The laymen present were fifteen.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been approved of, the annual report was read by the Secretary-Treasurer. The report showed an increase of \$682 in the total voluntary diocesan contributions. Owing to the reduction in the grants from English societies, and in the rates of interest from invested funds, the income from these sources had been lessened, and this, together with the increase in the grants to missionaries, had caused the Mission Fund to be overdrawn to the extent of \$1,800. To meet this it was recommended that the amount usually taken from the General Purposes Fund, and applied to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, be paid direct to the Mission Fund during the next five years.

The following applications were brought before the Committee:

ST. THOMAS.—A deputation from the residents of the eastern portion of the city was present, and presented a petition, praying that steps should be taken towards a division of the parish of St. Thomas, and that a grant be made towards maintaining a separate service in the eastern part. Rev. Rural Dean Ballard, rector of St. Thomas, supported the application, which was in accordance with a resolution passed at his Easter vestry meeting. A resolution was passed placing \$300 in the hands of the Bishop for the purpose of carrying out the request, if practicable.

STRATHROY.—A petition from the vestry of St. John's church was read, asking permission to mortgage the church property in order to assist in building the new church. Carried.

BRANTFORD.—An application was presented from the wardens of St. Jude's church, to restrain the vestry of Grace Church from disposing of certain church lands, to a portion of which they laid claim. Laid over for further information.

Another clergyman, the Rev. E. W. Murray, of Dresden, has, on the production of a physician's certificate, had his name placed on the list of superannuated clergymen. A grant was in consequence made to him of \$300 a year.

Grants from the Mission Fund:—To Aldboro', an additional \$100; to Walkerville \$100; to Walter's Falls, an additional \$50; to Brussels, an additional \$75; to Delaware, an additional \$50; to Kirkton, an additional \$75; to Highgate, a special grant of \$50; to Oil Springs and Sombra, \$100 for one year; to Paris, an additional \$25.

Another effort has been made to establish a Church newspaper in this diocese. The history of the Church paper of Huron must be still fresh in the memories of the Church people. One after another tried his hand at the editing, but was all of no avail. The money was expended, and the talents were called into requisition, but they only proved the fact that a local Church journal will not receive patronage to furnish the ways and means for its existence. It was finally handed over to the organ of latitudinarianism, the *Evangelical Churchman*. And now as the amalgamation has not been satisfactory, at the meeting of the Standing Committee Mr. W. J. Imlach introduced the subject of a Church newspaper, and moved a resolution that the Bishop be requested to appoint a committee to consider this important question. Mr. G. M. French seconded, and urged the great desirability of such a paper being published in this city. After some explanations, the resolution was passed.

It will not meet with much favour as the DOMINION CHURCHMAN is rapidly increasing its circulation in this diocese, and is highly appreciated by its many supporters.

The special Litany service was held in St. Paul's church the last Sunday of the month, as is wont. Superior selections of music were rendered by the choir. An impressive sermon was delivered by the Rev. Canon Innes, upon the Parable of the two builders. Rev. A. Brown assisted in the service. A large congregation was present and found the service to be of great interest. So saith a dissenter.

The Rev. Canon Innes, of St. Paul's, has been appointed by His Lordship the Bishop his Commissary during his absence from the diocese on a visit to England.