

the Synod, should be referred to the Secretaries as a committee to condense them, and then print them as an appendix to the annual report of the Synod proceedings.

Moved by Rev. Dr. FULLER, seconded by Dr. BOVELL.—That the report now presented, in regard to parochial reports, be printed in the Proceedings of the Synod, and by this Synod be recommended to the Clergy for their future guidance.—*Carried.*

CONSOLIDATED REVENUES.

On motion of Dr. BOVELL, a committee was appointed on the subject of the Consolidation of the Revenues and resources of the Church.

The Bishop remarked that the Synod was under great obligations to Dr. Bovell for the documents on this subject which had been prepared with care, and which would be submitted to the Committee.

Ordered to be referred to the Mission Board for their full consideration.

THE MISSION BOARD.

J. W. GAMBLE, Esq., moved the following resolution:—

"Whereas the funds placed at the disposal of the Mission Board are insufficient to meet the numerous applications under the by-law constituting that Board, and it is necessary that immediate steps be taken to render the Mission Fund commensurate with the demands made upon it, be it resolved that every member of the United Church of England and Ireland in this Diocese be called upon to contribute annually over and above all other collections and subscriptions, the sum of 20 cents for himself and not less than 10 cents for each member of his family, to be applied solely to the support of missions, to be payable before the 20th October, of each year, and that it shall be the duty of the Churchwardens and their associates in every parish to ask for the payment of the same and remit the money to the Secretary of the Board as soon as it can be collected."

After some discussion, the resolution was adopted for one year.

THE COMMUTATION FUND.

Rev. Mr. BLEASDELL asked for information as to the effect which the removal of a clergyman from one Diocese to another had with respect to his commutation money. It had been contended by some that a clergyman could not take his commutation money with him from one Diocese to another.

Rev. T. S. KENNEDY said the question had been referred to the Solicitor of the Church Society and Executive Committee of the Trust, and they would report upon it in the course of a few days.

ALTERATION RESPECTING LAY DELEGATES.

Moved by the Rev. E. H. DEWAR, seconded by W. D. SIMPSON, Esq.,—That the sixth clause be adopted, and the remaining clauses be referred back to a committee for fuller consideration.

The Bishop re-appointed the same committee.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. LERR, seconded by the Rev. T. S. KENNEDY,—That the Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Diocese of Toronto to the Provincial Synod, be hereby appointed, a committee to draft a valedictory address to the Rev. Dr. Lewis, Bishop designate of Ontario, on his arrival at Kingston, after his consecration.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Rev. Dr. O'MEARA, seconded by Rev. Mr. MULKINS, moved a vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided an elegant repast for the members of the Synod, each day, at the Orphans' Home.

Rev. T. S. KENNEDY, seconded by Rev. Dr. PATTON, moved a vote of thanks to the Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway for having voluntarily restored the privilege tickets, so valued by the Clergy, which had been withdrawn last year.

C. J. CAMPBELL, Esq., seconded by J. W. GAMBLE, Esq., moved a vote of thanks to the energetic Lay Secretary, Dr. Bovell, also to the Treasurer and Auditors.

Moved by the Rev. E. DENROCHE, seconded by Mr. BRENT,—That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the Rev. Dr. Read for his able sermon on the first day of its present Session.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. PATTON, seconded by Rev. Dr. FULLER,—That the sum of twenty five pounds or, be paid to the late Clerical Secretary as a gratuity for his services.

The business of the Synod having been brought to a termination by six o'clock, it was dismissed by the Bishop with the benediction.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

The Lord Bishop of Huron will hold his next general Ordination, on Monday, October 28th.

Candidates whether for Deacon or Priest are requested to communicate without delay with his Lordship's examining chaplain Rev. J. W. Marsh, London, and to present themselves for examination on Wednesday, the 28th, with the *si quis* and testimonial attested in the usual manner.

The Bishop requests a personal interview with every candidate for Deacon's orders, previous to his presenting himself for examination
London, August 12, 1861.

OPENING OF TRINITY CHURCH, MITCHELL.

The new church erected in the thriving village of Mitchell, County Perth, was opened on the tenth Sunday after Trinity, (August 4th,) by the Lord Bishop of Huron, assisted by the Rev. I. E. Sanders, Incumbent of Walkerton, and the Incumbent of Mitchell, the Rev. W. B. Rally. There were three services, at the first and last of which the Bishop preached, selecting for his text, on both occasions, the passage in Heb. xii. 1, 2. "*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus.*" The sermons were able, earnest and eloquent, glowing with the thoughts and teachings inspired by the occasion. After the sermon, at Morning Prayer, the Bishop administered the rite of Confirmation to forty-two persons, and addressed them in his usual felicitous manner. The music was throughout of the best character, the *Te Deum* being chanted antiphonally, G. R. Jervis, Esq., ably presiding at the melodeon. The volume of earnest and hearty voices, well practiced, and in spirited tone, carried up the spirit of those who listened, as well as of those who took part in it. The interest of the occasion was enhanced by the presence of the Rev. Mr. Sanders, who had in former years been a member of the parish and a teacher in the Sunday School. His numerous friends were glad to see him, and to listen to an excellent discourse from Haggai, 1, 8.—*Build the house, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord,* delivered at the second service by Mr. Sanders. The new church is a very neat edifice,

without any pretension to architectural perfection, but church like, and adapted to the sacred purposes for which it is designed. It is a frame building, 40 x 60, with a tower at the west end. The church is calculated to accommodate about 350 persons. The pews are three feet wide: roomy enough to make them convenient for kneeling. The position of the church, on an eminence overlooking the village and surrounding country, is exceedingly beautiful. The plans and drawings were prepared by a member of the Building Committee, Mr. William Smith. The church has been erected by the united exertions of the congregation, with very little extraneous assistance, at a cost of about \$1800. The interior arrangement being provisional, it appears unnecessary to refer to it, except to say, that the entire eastern extremity of the church is raised three steps, the choir occupying stalls to the north of the chancel. The whole of the service, with the exception of the Communion Service, is read, for the present, from a movable desk just outside of the chancel. The collections at the three services amounted to \$81. They were taken up in two handsome alms basins of carved oak, the gift of a friend in New York, bearing the appropriate inscriptions: *Honour the Lord with thy substance; freely ye have received—freely give.* The Incumbent and his congregation may well contemplate with satisfaction this beautiful church, which has been erected at the cost of so much "time, thought and labour."

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THIRD SESSION (CONTINUED.) APPENDIX

EXTRACT FROM THE CIRCULAR OF THE LORD BISHOP, OF 10TH APRIL, 1860.

"Under the system at present in force, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel makes it an invariable rule to effect a reduction on the occurrence of every vacancy; and it has happened, repeatedly, that the poorest settlements are, by the operation of this rule, taxed the most heavily, while nothing is exacted for the support of the ministry in quarters where much ought to be done. In addition to this, the uncertainty of the occurrence of such vacancies leaves us of necessity, continually in doubt as to what the Diocese has to depend upon. Again, it has been, in several instances, found impossible to remove a Missionary from one sphere of labor to another, however much such removal may have been desired, both for his own sake personally, and for that of the interests of the Church. Thus it will be readily seen that the present system works most unsatisfactorily, and I must be permitted to add in some instances most unfairly. And if it should be thought that the terms offered by the Society are not sufficiently liberal, taking into consideration the deep poverty of this Diocese generally, and the enormous extent of country over which our scattered flocks are spread, it will be found on the other hand, that, in a pecuniary point of view, the proposed change will not be for the worse, while it has advantages which, in my own judgment, would even serve to counterbalance some loss in this point. This will appear from the fact, that the system of reduction, which has been going on for the last five years, has already affected no fewer than ten Missions, or nearly one-half of the whole number supported by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. These ten Missions, at the rate which subsisted five years ago, would be drawing £1000 per annum. They now draw £620, and are liable to still further reduction.