

5. The periodical to be of such portable dimensions, and to be provided with an index, so as easily to be bound and form an Annual Register of the Diocesan Proceedings.

Should the proposed plan meet the sanction of the Synod, the following practical questions will remain to be disposed of. By whom shall such *Gazette* be conducted? Under whose supervision shall it be issued? What shall be the nature of its contents?

On these points your Committee are strongly of opinion :

1. That the publishing should be under the supervision of the Printing Committee.
2. That the editorial supervision should be entrusted to the Honorary Secretaries.
3. That the general character of the publication should correspond closely with the description given in the resolution under which the question was referred to this Committee, with the addition of a very clear and stringent caution that on no plea whatsoever shall its pages be used for purposes of controversy.

PROSPECTUS OF THE TORONTO DIOCESAN GAZETTE.

There has been for some years a growing conviction upon the part of the members of the Church in this Diocese that the Synod should possess some official organ, periodically issued.

At our last meeting of Synod, the Report of the Printing Committee recommending such a publication, was unanimously adopted; and the issue of the *Toronto Diocesan Gazette* will at once be proceeded with.

It will contain the following information :—

- (a) The Journal of the Proceedings of Synod.
- (b) A summary of the Proceedings of the Quarterly Meetings of the Committees of Synod, with the names of members present.
- (c) Pastorals, and other Episcopal and official notices from the Officers or Committees of Synod.
- (d) Copies or abstracts of Reports of Committees submitted to the Synod by the Executive Committee, as provided in the 20th section of the Constitution.
- (e) Acknowledgements of Moneys received for Synod objects.
- (f) In general, all Notices and Circulars relating to the business of Synod.
- (g) Reports of Episcopal and Archidiaconal Visitations, Kuridecanal Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, Reports from Missionaries, and the like.
- (h) Register of Births, Marriages, Deaths, Opening and Consecration of Churches, Ordinations, Ecclesiastical changes and appointments, and all Church News likely to promote the interests of the Church.

All topics and expressions of a controversial character, whether in editorial or communicated articles, will be studiously excluded.

The periodical is to be called the *Toronto Diocesan Gazette*, and will resemble in size and general appearance the present Journal of Synod. It will be provided with an index, and when bound will form an Annual Register of the Synodical proceedings, and a continuous history of the Diocese.

As stated in the Report laid before the Synod: "The immense advantage of such a periodical over the present dry and desultory mode of communicating with the parishes and missions, must be evident. Instead of a volume of unquestionable value indeed, but unavoidably heavy, bristling with statistics, and largely composed of tardy acknowledgments and meagre outlines, with a few stale items of ecclesiastical intelligence, we shall possess in such a periodical as that proposed, something more generally readable, and containing a fullness and freshness of information suited to foster an intelligent interest in all the operations of the Church, and to stimulate the energies of her members, and call out their liberality in her behalf."

It is proposed to issue the *Gazette* at first every two months, four of the numbers to consist of 32 pages, and the other two as double numbers of 64 pages.