

of the Master in Chancery, but the Committee are not at present able to give fuller information regarding the position of this debt, and they have therefore not taken any account of it in setting forth the assets of the Trust.

The Committee have to record the death, on the 10th of September last, of the Reverend H. C. Cooper, one of the original members of the Commuting Clergy, whereby an annuity of \$486.64 fell into the Fund. They were thereby enabled to place the following three clergymen on the Surplus Fund, viz.: the Rev. Richard Harrison, for \$400; and the Rev. Alexander Williams for \$164; and the Rev. W. E. Cooper for \$200. The Rev. Mr. Williams, after the receipt of his first quarterly allowance, withdrew his claim on the Fund, his congregation having increased his income to an amount sufficient to enable him to do so.

The Rev. Dr. O'Meara's application to participate in the surplus being still undisposed of (pending further information), and the Rev. John Carry having given notice of his intention to return to this Diocese on the 1st of July next, and claim the annuity of \$400 which has been withheld from him during the past year, the Committee have retained sufficient surplus income to meet the claim of the Rev. Mr. Carry, and to pay such amount (if any) as the Rev. Dr. O'Meara may be found entitled to receive.

It becomes the duty of the Committee to call the attention of the Synod to the fact that dissatisfaction exists in regard to the present mode of distributing the surplus funds of the Trust under the provisions of the new Canon adopted by the Synod in 1874, and confirmed in 1875.

Your Committee has been urged to prepare and recommend an amendment to that Canon, with a view to meeting the objections which have been raised. It has, however, been thought better to allow the member of the Committee, who has given special attention to the matter himself, to bring it before the Synod, when it is hoped that such an amendment will be made as shall render the Canon more generally satisfactory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. INCE, Chairman.

Synod Office, May 31st, 1878.

Rev. J. H. McCollum moved that the report, being unsatisfactory as failing to inform the Synod on the cause why the Rev. Richard Mitchell, late of York Mills, was still on the fund, contrary to section 5, page 286 of the canons, on the duty of the Clergy, in order that the Synod might be more fully informed on the matter.

Mr. Ince said Mr. Mitchell was one of the original commutators, and as such he did not think the Committee had any authority at all under any circumstances to deal with his case.

His Lordship said the case was very carefully considered by the Committee, and the Synod would not go back on that decision.

Rev. Mr. McCollum said Rev. Mr. Mitchell, who was in England in charge of a parish, was receiving the benefit of a fund, while others of the clergy who were labouring here could not get the benefits of the fund.

Rev. Rural Dean Givins said that Mr. Mitchell was one of the original commutators, and he was obliged to retire from this country owing to the climate being too severe for him. He did not think Mr. Mitchell had a charge in England.

The amendment was then withdrawn, and the report was allowed to stand.

WEDNESDAY.

Dr. Hodgins announced that the following gentlemen had been appointed members of the Executive by the Bishop:—Dean of Toronto, Archdeacon of York, Archdeacon of Peterboro, Rev. Alexander Sanson, Rev. W. T. Smithett, the Chancellor (S. B. Harman), the Registrar (R. Snelling), Clarke Gamble, Hon. G. W. Allan, A. H. Campbell.

Mr. W. Ince read the report of the Commutation Trust Committee presented the day before.

Mr. A. H. Campbell objected to Mr. Cooper's claim because he was engaged in teaching.

Dr. Hodgkin thought it would be ungracious to say that Mr. Cooper should lose his commutation money because he had entered on the work of Christian training and teaching. It was highly important that high Christian teaching of the

young should be encouraged, considering that the system of public education did not recognize the Bible as a necessary factor in education.

Rev. Mr. Darling thought that the Synod overlooked the fact that the School, although not connected with the Synod, was really a diocesan institution, and under the most distinct control and patronage of his Lordship. The clergy of the school were under the direction of the Synod, and were doing a noble Christian work—a work that, if it had been done in the past, would have rendered impossible the unseemly scenes that had occurred lately in the Synod. It was mainly for want of instruction that certain persons forgot themselves in this Synod. He could not understand how a clergyman's rights could be interfered with, simply because he was not under the direct control of the Synod itself.

Rev. C. J. S. Bethune, headmaster of the school, said that the whole point was, were the clerical masters of the school doing parochial work or not? The question then, what was parochial work? There was the performance of divine service in the Church, the visitation of the sick, the celebration of the marriage ceremony, the burial of the dead, and the catechizing and training of the young. All these things the school clergymen had been doing. It would have been unfortunate had no clergymen been connected with the school. Till the school became large the clerical masters of the school assisted Dr. O'Meara in his church ministrations, but after that time it became necessary to establish a chapel in connection with the school, and this, he believed, had been recognized as a parish in the Synod. One of the clerical masters was exempted from taxation in an appeal to the Port Hope Court of Revision, on the ground that he was doing *bona fide* parochial work.

The report was adopted.

Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker moved that the amendment to the Constitution regarding the reconstruction of Standing Committees be concurred in.

Mr. A. H. Campbell moved, "That the subject be referred to the Executive Committee, to report at the next meeting of Synod a reduction in the number of members of such committees, so that the total number of members of the Executive and Standing Committees shall not exceed 81; also such amendments to sec. 19 as are required to reduce the number of the Executive Committee, and to provide for the election to the same of one-third by the Bishop, one-third by the Bishop, one-third by the clergy, and one-third by the laity."

Rev. Septimus Jones seconded the motion.

Rev. Mr. Broughall would move in amendment that the following words be omitted from the motion, "and provide for election to the same of one-third by the Bishop; one-third by the clergy, and one-third by the laity;" and that the following words be added instead: "And that the honorary secretaries of the Synod be ex-officio members of the Committee."

The motion as amended was carried.

Mr. Harman read the report of the Court on contested seats, giving the decisions on several cases. One delegate was disfranchised owing to his having only communicated twice, others whose seats were in question were allowed to take their seats. It was with much pleasure, he said, that he made the announcement of the withdrawal of protests against a large number of seats. Gentlemen interested had met in the morning and with a kindly spirit towards one another had decided not to press objections.

From one o'clock till three, the balloting for the Executive Committee, went on.

At 3 o'clock Archdeacon Whitaker presented the report of the Executive committee, which stated:—In November last, at the suggestion of the Mission Board, and acting under the advice of the solicitors of the Synod as to the legality of the transaction, the Committee authorized the transfer to the Canadian Bank of Commerce, as collateral security for the payment of the sum overdrawn on the Mission Fund account, on the following debentures, viz, those held on account of the Mission Fund, and amounting to \$6,717.14, as set forth on page 66 of Journal of Synod for 1877. This transfer was accordingly made. In accordance with a resolution moved at the meeting

of Synod in June, 1877, by Mr. Clarkson Jones, seconded by the Hon. James Patton, and carried, the Executive Committee took the necessary steps to procure an Act to be passed by the Legislature of Ontario "amending the Act passed A.D. 1866, respecting the sale of rectory lands, and the Act of 1876 amending the same, and incorporating in said Act clauses similar to the Act passed in 39 Victoria, chapter 109, (statutes of 1876, page 372,) respecting sales of rectory lands in the diocese of Ontario, with a proviso in the same, enacting the amount to be paid to any future incumbent of the rectory of St. James', in the City of Toronto, out of all the moneys of said rectory from all sources, shall not be less than \$5,000 annually;" and they have to report they the said Act has passed the Legislature of Ontario. The Committee have further to report that a resolution moved at the meeting of the Synod in June 1877, by Alderman Boswell, and seconded by the Chancellor of the Diocese, respecting a change in the mode of electing lay delegates, was referred to them, and that they are not prepared to recommend any such change as that which the resolution proposed. We further report that a sub-Committee of the Executive Committee having been appointed to report "on the mode of providing for the collection of the revenues and assessments of the Synod," it was, on the presentation of the report of that sub-Committee, at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, resolved,— "That the report be adopted, and recommended in the report of this Committee to the Synod for its adoption."

The report of the sub-Committee is as follows: "Your Committee are of opinion that the sums of money voted annually by the Synod in aid of stipends to the clergy on the mission list, likewise that the supplementary supplies voted to the widows and orphans, should be assessed upon the parishes and missions of the Diocese, *pro rata*, under the provisions of clause 30 of the Constitution (page 68 of the Canons.) It will be observed that, under the Constitution, no representative shall be entitled to take his seat in the Synod until the assessment upon the parish shall have been paid. Under the existing system, the annual deficit is a chronic complaint, to relieve which your Committee have been unable to devise other or better remedy, in the absence of more reliable assurance of revenue than hitherto, the stipends of those clergymen and widows and orphans rest on a very doubtful basis." (Signed), D. E. Boulton, Convener.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by Synod in June, 1875, your Committee present as part of their report, the list of names set forth in Appendices A1, and A2, recommended by them to serve on the several standing committees for the ensuing year. GEORGE WHITAKER, Chairman.

In a discussion which took place, Col. Boulton said: There were something like eighteen or twenty parishes which paid nothing at all, and he ventured to say that it was those which paid nothing which gave the most trouble. There was a great many people who spoke on a great many subjects, and who would not put their hand in their pockets for a single cent, and it was a fact that out of the nineteen parishes here in the City of Toronto there were eleven which did not pay a single sixpence in the shape of a parochial collection throughout the year. At the same time there were many who would say, "We won't pay to the Mission Fund;" but they were found not paying to funds of any association at all, and therefore in his opinion the idea that the divisions in the Church were the cause of the deficiency fell to the ground. They did not pay anything, however, and he found that many of the wealthiest people in this Synod gave liberally to the support of another association, while the parishes they represented would not give one single sixpence to meet the engagements of the Synod. It was not that they could not give to the hated Mission Fund because it was managed by other people; it was that they would not give to any fund. The deanery of Haliburton alone contributed about half the amount that Toronto did. He had prepared a resolution based upon the report which he would move at the proper time, viz.:—"That this Synod shall for this and every succeeding year, order an assessment upon the several parishes and missions of the Diocese, to be rated *pro rata* by the General