

Standing Committee as able to pay its clergyman the sum of \$800 per annum, and to provide him with a suitable residence or its equivalent shall receive any grant from the Standing Committee.

Annual Revision of Grants.—3. The Mission Fund Grants shall be only in force until March 31st of each year, and shall be revised annually. It shall be the duty of the Standing Committee at their meeting in September, to revise the Mission Fund Pay List, and to decide what grants shall be made therefrom for the year commencing April 1st following.

Considerable discussion took place upon the smallness of the stipends allowed to missionary clergymen in the diocese, many of the younger claiming that such a salary as \$700 was altogether too little to enable them to work efficiently and provide for their families.

The Bishop, in putting the motion, reminded the brethren that he was willing to give to the utmost of his resources, but that much depended upon themselves. One clergyman was not like another any more than one lawyer or doctor was like another. Some had a happy facility of stimulating the people of their parishes to give liberally, and in such cases clergymen had come to him and said they did not want more aid from the mission fund. He further stated that it would be found on comparison, that the clergy of this diocese were better paid than those of other dioceses in the country. He deprecated putting on record a resolution which would be impossible to carry out.

A Superannuation Canon was passed; also some amendments to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Canon.

The greater portion of the Evening Session was occupied with the 6th Section of the Canon on the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. After considerable discussion, the following amendment, moved by the Rev. Mr. Gemley and carried almost unanimously: "That any clergyman marrying while he is on the Superannuation List of the Diocese shall forfeit all claim whatever upon the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, saving and excepting the rights of children by a former marriage; nevertheless, the same may make a grant for a limited number of years to the widow of any clergyman." The latter part of this resolution constitutes the amendment.

FOURTH DAY.—The Synod met at 7.30, and, after prayers, the rule of order was suspended, in order to give time for the introduction of a reference to the St. John fire, this resolution was moved by Judge Kingsmill, seconded by the Very Rev. Dean Boomer.

Moved by Mr. Beard, seconded by Archdeacon Sweatman, that the proposed alterations in the constitution be adopted, as follows:—To add to clause No. 3, "Each representative shall continue in office until his successor is appointed;" to substitute for No. 6, "It shall be the duty of the Secretaries to forward to each clergyman, before Easter in each year, a copy of the form of certificate printed below for each parish or mission under his charge, and in case of a parish or mission being vacant, the certificate shall be forwarded to the address of the Churchwarden." Carried.

Moved by Rev. W. H. Tilley, seconded by Rev. Mr. Davis, that the report of the Committee on Temperance be adopted. Carried.

This report recommends the formation of Temperance Societies in every parish and mission. These societies to be similar to those of the Church of England in England. They include teetotalers and non-teetotalers.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Rev. H. A. Patterson, that the canon introduced by M. Beard, with reference to the Archdeacon fund, be laid on the table. Carried.

The recommendation of this canon contemplates the division of the fund among the four Archdeacons, upon the death of the present recipient, by whom the whole amount is received according to a present canon.

Moved by Judge Kingsmill, seconded by Wm. Collins, that section No. 9 of the constitution be amended so as to read, after the word "annually on the third Tuesday in June." This is in reference to the meeting of the Standing Committee.

Moved by Ven. A. Sweatman, seconded by Mr. E. B. Reed, that the following resolution, passed

in substance by the Synod of 1872, be adopted as a canon of the diocese, numbered xxi, and headed "Synod Rectories." That every parish which contributes not less than \$800 per annum towards the stipend of the clergyman, and provides him with a suitable residence or its equivalent, shall be classed as a rectory, and its clergyman entitled to be styled Rector. Carried.

A proposal to exchange \$800 for \$1,000 was lost.

Moved by Judge Kingsmill, seconded by Mr. H. Crotty:—"That this Synod, before dispersing, desire again to testify their heartfelt and thankful appreciation of the earnest and faithful services, and increasing courtesy, of their indefatigable Secretary, John Baird, Esq., hereby tendering him our heartfelt thanks, and express the hope that we may long have the benefit of his valuable services." Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Tilley, seconded by Mr. W. Grey, the report on Sunday Schools was adopted.

Moved by Rev Mr. Gemley, in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Evans, and at his request, seconded by M. R. Reed,

"That a Committee be appointed to draft a scheme for providing a fund from which to grant assistance towards the salary of those clergymen who have families, and to report to the next Synod." Carried.

The Bishop appointed the mover and seconder and Mr. Evans as a Committee.

The motion by Rev. J. T. Wright upon Rectorial Surplus then came up for consideration.

Mr. Wright requested that its consideration should be laid over till next year. Request granted.

"Widows' and Orphans' Fund."—Moved by Rev. J. T. Wright, seconded by Newsom,—That whereas by the legislation of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron held in the year 1875, an account was opened, called 'The Mission Fund Debt Account'; and whereas the grant from the General Purposes Fund, which had been annually placed to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund was by resolution carried to the credit of the 'Mission Fund Debt account'; be it resolved, That such resolution be rescinded and whatever sum or sums have been placed to the Mission Fund Debt Account (and whatever sum or sums would have been placed to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, save and except for the said resolution,) be replaced to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the entire amount be charged to the Mission Fund. Furthermore, that a subscription list be opened to pay off the Mission debt.

Mr. Wright, in defending his proposition, maintained the expediency of taking the amount originally given to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund from that Fund and bestowing it upon another. In anticipation of any objection to his motion, because it might be said it would injure the missions and diminish the salaries of missionaries, he urged that an appeal should be made in every part of the Diocese for the removal of the debt now resting on the Mission Fund. He instanced what had been done in Toronto City to liquidate the Mission Fund debt of the Toronto Diocese. They had given large contributions, and the other parts of the Diocese would be appealed to. We should follow this example.

In reply to the Rev. Mr. Wright, Mr. Reed the Sec.-Treasurer, stated that by the action of the Synod nothing had been taken from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund in the appropriation which had been made from the General Purposes Fund, towards the liquidation of the Mission Fund debt. This appropriation was made three years ago, and the debt was very much reduced. The Toronto Diocese, to which Mr. Wright referred, had no capital for their Widows' and Orphans' Fund as we had. To our fund for Widows and Orphans an addition of \$1,800 had been made to the capital during the last three years.

The Ven. Archdeacon Marsh supported the view of Mr. Reed. He said that the reduction of the Mission Fund debt was even larger than that mentioned by Mr. Reed. It was now only about \$5,000. He noted that the General Purpose Fund was at the disposal of the Synod. It had a perfect right to make a grant from it towards the liquidation of the Mission Fund debt. Hereafter the Synod could, and if it be required it will

make grants from the General Purposes Fund to that of the Widows' and Orphans'.

The Chancellor of the Diocese, M. V. Cronyn followed in the same strain. The Toronto Diocese, he remarked, had to cut down from want of funds, the grants to the Widows and Orphans of their deceased clergymen. Unhappily that Diocese was not working in due harmony, yet they were anxious to sustain the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Upon a recent Sunday, the collection for that Fund in the Cathedral in Toronto was \$400, but the congregation of the Cathedral would not give one dollar to the Mission Fund of the Diocese.

Judge Kingsmill moved, "That hereafter the Synod do meet on the third Tuesday in June in each year." It was urged that this is the most convenient date for many and inconvenient for none. The Bishop cordially concurred, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Beard, seconded by Mr. V. Cronyn, moved the adoption of the following report:—

"The Committee appointed to prepare a canon on the superannuation, when necessary, of the incumbents of what are known as Government rectories, beg to report their recommendations that in future appointments to these, as well as other endowed parishes, it is desirable that the incumbents shall be subject to the provisions for superannuation which may be in force in the Diocese, such additional provision being made out of the rectorial income of the parish of which the clergyman in question may have been incumbent at the time of his superannuation as the Synod shall think proper. As this latter provision cannot be effected without an Act of Parliament, your Committee recommend that authority be given for an application for an Act to enable this to be done." Lost.

The following notices were postponed till next year.

By Judge Kingsmill—Resolved, That it would be conducive to the best interests of the Church in this Diocese to change annually the place of holding the meeting of this Synod.

By Wm. Grey:—That the next annual meeting of this Synod be held at the town of Woodstock.

Moved by Mr. Beard, seconded by Rev. Mr. Gemley, that a Committee be appointed to provide for the more systematic discharge of the duty of the Synod with respect to the Diocese of Algoma. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Grey, seconded by Rev. Mr. Mackenzie, that the thanks of the Synod are given to the G.W.R. and G.T.R. for their liberality towards the members of the Synod. Carried.

Moved by Rev. W. Fletcher seconded by Rev. Mr. Magahy:—"That the thanks of the Synod are due to the friends in London for their kind liberality to the members." Carried.

The Bishop, in his closing remarks, expressed his gratitude at the unity which had characterized the members of the Synod during the session. It would enable them to return to their duty with such a spirit of hope as would assist them in their various duties. He was also gratified to find that notwithstanding these times—which had been generally characterized as "hard times"—the members of the Church in the Diocese had contributed very liberally towards the support of Christian effort. He was confident that the work was being carried on with an energy in many parts which was not generally known to the Church at large. Handsome churches were being erected in many places; the debt on others rapidly cleared off, and the work seemed to be prosperous all over. The erection of substantial structures such as that in St. Thomas, would have been creditable not only to the town of St. Thomas, but to a municipality of much larger proportions. Then they were erecting a very handsome and commodious church in Woodstock, and churches were springing up in other places. Their mission work has also been carried on energetically, although there are still many fields to occupy. The unity which had characterized their present proceedings, he doubted not, would act as a stimulus to future effort; that activity, energy, and earnestness, would continue to be shown by both clergy and laity; that God would prosper them in their labors; and that these would have a salutary influence on those with whom they come in contact.