

the so-called "grape-juice" theory. After a long and at times somewhat sharp discussion, arising chiefly from the introduction of matters which had no connection with the question—which as the Chancellor remarked was one of mere 'business' and common sense, and in carrying which in the Provincial Synod he and the Dean of Montreal had been chiefly instrumental,—the motion for confirmation was adopted, only some half dozen voting against it.

The other matter was the motion to adopt the Report of the Committee on the "Quebec Scheme." The principal features of the scheme are, (1) Provision whereby each Mission receiving aid from the Mission Fund is assessed for a fixed sum, which is to be paid by it to the Executive Committee, the latter adding thereto a sufficient sum to meet the full stipend of the Missionary, which he then receives quarterly direct from the Executive Committee. (2) Provisions whereby should the Mission fail in carrying out its part of the agreement, an examination can be made as to the cause or causes of failure; and if these arise from the fault of the people the clergyman may be withdrawn until all arrears are paid; and if from the fault of the minister he may be removed. The plan has been in operation for many years in the Diocese of Quebec, and in effect also in other dioceses. It has been discussed for years past in the Synod of Montreal, and though a long debate followed this year again the arguments pro and con were for the most part the same as in the past: and the result was the adoption of the committee's report by a considerable majority, and the appointment of a special committee to make arrangements for putting the plan into operation. This cannot be brought about till after next Synod.

An address of welcome to the new Governor General was adopted by a standing motion on the third day.

On the evening of Wednesday a Missionary meeting was held in the Synod Hall, the Bishop presiding, when addresses were delivered by Rev. E. J. Fessenden on behalf of the Church Emigration Society of England; by Rev. L. N. Tucker on "The Mission of the Canadian Church," and by Revs. W. Windsor and J. Edgecombe. The speech or address of Mr. Tucker was specially able and interesting.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

RENFREW.—A number of the members of St. Paul's Church congregation, with the members of the Musical Association, assembled to bid farewell and God speed to Mr. Robt. C. Scott, (formerly of Quebec), of the Merchants' Bank here, on his removing to fill a position in the Hamilton branch of that Bank. After a few remarks had been made by Rev C. J. Young, expressing his appreciation of Mr. Scott's services in connection with the Church during his (Mr. Scott's) three years' residence in Renfrew, an address was presented on behalf of the members and adherents of the Church of England, expressing regret at Mr. Scott's removal from the village, congratulating him on his promotion, and wishing him every prosperity and success. The address was accompanied by a tangible token of esteem (a very handsome dressing case) as an acknowledgment of his unvarying fidelity to the Church, and of the assistance he so often and so faithfully rendered.

Mr. Scott replied in a very suitable manner, expressing his regret at being obliged to sever his connection with the congregation, and wished the Church all prosperity.

The Musical Association also through Mr. Young, presented an address to Mr. Scott together with a beautiful album in acknowledgment of his past services as Secretary.

The merchants and tradesmen whom Mr. Scott has had occasion to meet in connection with his banking duties, all bear testimony to his attention to business and courtesy.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—*Sunday-Schools.*—According to the report of the Committee to the Synod at its last meeting, returns had been received from 173 schools in the diocese; 33 stations had made no returns, and in 56 stations or missions there were no Sunday-schools. The teachers numbered 1,774; the scholars on the rolls 17,648, with an average attendance of 12,692, and the total offertories for Easter, 1887, to Easter, 1888, amounted to \$5,132 58.

The S. S. Committee for 1888-9 consists of the following gentlemen: The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, (Chairman), Rev. J. D. Cayley, M.A., Rev. J. F. Sweeney, B.D., Rev. T. W. Paterson, M.A., Rev. C. L. Ingles, M.A., Rev. H. P. Hobson, and Rev. J. Farncomb, M.A., and Messrs. C. R. W. Biggar, M.A., George B. Kirkpatrick, J. C. Morgan, M.A., S. G. Wood, LL.D., Alex. Marling, LL.B., George M. Evans, M.A., and G. S. Holmsted.

The Committee also reported: that the circulation of the "Institute Leaflets," now in their seventh year, is about 18,000 copies weekly, and the "Teachers' Assistant" has a monthly issue of over 1,750 copies. Last year the Committee reported that the Leaflets were in use in almost 80 per cent. of the Sunday-schools of this diocese in which any Leaflets were used, and the proportion at present is even greater. In addition to this testimony to their value, and in proof of the soundness and moderation of the text books on which they are based, it is gratifying to be able to state that the Institute Leaflets have been adopted by the Synods of Montreal and Ontario, and are recommended by the Sunday-school Committees of the Dioceses of Huron and of Rupert's Land.

Diocesan S. S. Examination.—On the 10th of December, 1887, an Examination of Sunday-school teachers and scholars was held under the direction of your Committee at various centres, the subjects being the "Institute Lessons" of the preceding year upon the Church Catechism and "Israel in Egypt and the Wilderness." 107 candidates entered for this examination, of whom 35 appear in the Honour List.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

NIAGARA.—The Diocese of Niagara has at last a Sunday-school Committee, the following resolution having been adopted by the Synod:

"That a Sunday-school Committee be appointed, to consist of five clerical and five lay members of the Synod, whose duty it shall be to obtain statistics and report annually to the Synod the condition and progress of Sunday-schools throughout the Diocese, to make suggestions for their improvement, and to consider what steps can, from time to time, be taken to secure the publication of, or otherwise obtaining, books suitable for libraries and for instruction in Sunday schools, to have charge of Depository, should such be established, for sale of Books and Tracts, to make grants of Bibles, Prayer Books, &c., to Churches and Schools in poor neighbourhoods."

The Committee is as follows:

Rev. Canon Read, Grimsby, *Convener*; Rev. Canon Belt, Burlington; Rev. W. R. Clark, Ancaster; Rev. E. M. Bland, St. Catharines; Rev. E. A. Irving, Dundas; and Messrs. W. H. Nelles, Grimsby; Adam Brown, Hamilton; Kirwan Martin, Hamilton; Robert Stanley, St. Catharines; Henry Clarke, Elora.—*Teachers' Assistant for Trinity Tide.*

FREELTON.—We are requested to state that the address of the Rev. W. R. Blackford, will be for the future, Strabane, Ont.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

WINGHAM.—A ten days' Mission was held in

St. Paul's Church here, ending on Friday last. The Rev. Rural Dean Hyland was the preacher. The attendance was very fair considering the season of the year and the interest kept on increasing. It is hoped much good will be the result.

EXETER.—The Rev. Canon Davis, of London, preached to the Free Masons in Christ's Church on St. John's Day. Such advice and practical stirring information is seldom given to the fraternity. The congregation was large and deeply interested. The Rev. S. J. Robinson read prayers. Canon Davis again preached in the evening.

The new "Trivett Memorial Church," which is going to be one of the handsomest in the diocese, is nearing completion. Mr. Trivett has already spent about \$18,000 on the building.

LONDON SOUTH.—A Society known by the name of the King's Daughters was formed in connection with the Young People's Mission Board of St. James' Church some months ago. It now has a large and increasing membership. The badge is a Maltese cross with the letters "I. H. N. (In His Name). The mottoes are: "Looking upward, not downward"; "Forward not backward"; "Outward, not inward"; "Lend a helping hand for His sake"; "All Christian Work is done For His sake," and "In His Name." The members are divided into tens: known as the comforting ten, the visiting ten, &c.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association in connection with St. James Church was held on Wednesday. Rev. Canon Davis presiding. The annual report was read; \$125 was raised during the year and distributed between several Mission Fields, after paying for a Native Missionary in the Zenana work. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. Davis; Vice-President, Mrs. C. B. Hunt; Secretary, Miss Hunt; Treasurer, Miss Cornell.

THORNDALE.—A farewell address and presentation was given to Rev F. F. Davis, on the occasion of his leaving St. George's Church for to assume work in the Northwest. The address referred in touching terms to the good work done in the parish during Mr. Davis' short stay with the congregation, and expressed the deep regret felt by all at his leaving. The gift consisted of a handsome silver tankard, vase and goblet. Mr. Davis' reply touched the hearts of the vast crowd.

Mr. Ralph Seabourne has entered upon his duties as Rector of the parish.

ST. MARY'S.—The Rev. J. T. Wright has severed his connection with this parish. No minister yet appointed.

RECTORY FUND.—Judgment has been given by the Appeal Court, Toronto, in the case of the London Rectory Fund. It will be remembered that a claim was made about two years ago by the churches in London township, including St. George's, London West, St. Matthew's, London East, and Trinity Church, Birr, for a share in the surplus rectory funds, which hitherto have been enjoyed by Christ Church, the Memorial and the Chapter House congregations. In order to settle the claim it was agreed that a friendly suit should be entered into between the Synod of Huron as trustees and the existing beneficiaries. The suit was decided last year by Mr. Justice Ferguson in favor of the township churches. The case was then by consent carried to the Court of Appeal, and judgment has been given dismissing the appeal, and confirming the judgment of Mr. Justice Ferguson. The surplus will, therefore, be divided among the six churches above named in such proportion as the Executive Committee of the Synod shall deem proper.