

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

MABERLY MISSION.—An eight days Mission was preached here lately by the Rev. Reginald S. Radcliffe, Rector of Mount Forest, Diocese of Niagara, in St. Paul's Church Oso, which, following on the solemn and impressive Rite of Confirmation, was wonderfully blest in its results. At each evening a different aspect of the soul's progress was traced, increasing interest was manifested by the steadily swelling congregations which crowded the Church and seemed to drink in eagerly of the Word of Life. Twenty-seven received the Holy Communion on Sunday, and the offering of \$11.60 was given to the Missioner as a small token of the gratitude felt by the Clergyman and people of his labour of love amongst them. The interest taken in these services reached its full height when the people assembled for the last time on Monday evening to bid farewell to the Missioner who, though so short a time in their midst, had won all hearts by the manly and straightforward way in which he handled the grand old doctrines of the Church; it was indeed a touching scene, when about eighty people rose from their seats to testify to the reverend gentleman that they had received benefit from the Mission, and many were the sincere expressions of grief exhibited by these warm hearted good people as the time of the Missioner's departure drew nigh. The musical portion of services was conducted by Mrs. P. T. Mignot Catechist, Miss Mary A. Cavanagh, of St. Stephen's, very efficiently and kindly acting as Organist. The Rev. H. Farrer, Lanark, and Rev. S. Bennetts, Roslin, assisted in the offices of devotion. We can with full hearts pray that the day may come when in every Diocese in Canada men full of the Holy Ghost may be set apart as Diocesan Missioners to go from parish to parish stirring up the Spirit of Christ within us. On Tuesday, June 30th, before leaving for the West, the Reverend R. S. Radcliffe delivered by special request an able and instructive Lecture on "The Cross" in Maberly School House which was well attended. At the close, Mr. Atcheson moved a vote of thanks which was seconded and duly tendered to the lecturer, and thus a season of great spiritual refreshment was brought to a close. "LAUS DEO."

Maberly, July 6th, 1885.

TYENDINAGA.—In consequence of the failure of the Mohawks to fulfil the conditions upon which the Rev. Rural Dean Baker consented to retire from the upper Church, Mr. Anderson's appointment as his successor has been cancelled. This leaves Mr. Baker sole Missionary at this place.

BELLEVILLE.—Christ Church Bible Class presented the Rev. E. W. Sibbald with a very handsome writing desk, Mr. Sibbald warmly thanked the class for their kind remembrance.

MABERLY MISSION.—The Bishop of the Diocese lately confirmed 26 candidates at St. Stephen's, Bathurst, and 41 at St. Paul's, Oso.

KINGSTON.—The Church Women's Aid Society in connection with St. George's Cathedral, held a very successful Strawberry Festival and sale of needlework on the 7th inst. This Society is now doing a splendid work, thanks to the energetic efforts of the ladies and especially to Mrs. Jas. Agnew, their Vice-President.

The children of St. George's Sunday School have sent \$14.89 to Rev. T. W. Smithett, Omeo, as a partial contribution to the funds of the Irish Society.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Meeting of Synod—Third Day's Proceedings.

The Synod met at ten o'clock, the Bishop presiding. The Ven. Archdeacon of York read the opening prayers,

On motion Revs. C. H. Chandler and G. G. Ballard, of the Diocese of Huron, were invited to seats in the Synod.

The Audit and Printing reports, which contained nothing of importance, were received and adopted.

The Ven. Archdeacon Boddy read the report of the Committee on Sunday Observance. It stated that in the Dominion Parliament a bill on the subject had been introduced, but it was thrown out, being *ultra vires*. Subsequently, a bill, having for its object the prevention of Sunday excursions was passed by the Provincial Legislature. The Committee, therefore, asked to be relieved, their duty having been fulfilled.

A long and interesting report on Religious Instruction in schools caused a very animated discussion, in which several country members joined.

The Committee reported that an onward step had been taken during the year. The Ontario Government had authorized a new volume of Scripture readings for the schools, and had supplemented that order by a series of regulations rendering the work of religious instruction more effectual.

The Committee hoped that sufficient combined pressure would now be brought to ensure that weekly instruction be given in them during the hours of school teaching. The Committee was re-appointed.

In the afternoon session, Rev. John Langtry presented the report of the special committee appointed to consider a scheme for the permutation of missionaries. The Rev. W. C. Bradshaw also presented the report of the committee on the Superannuation Fund. These were received and ordered to be printed.

In referring to the See House, Mr. A. H. Campbell stated that the contract for the erection of a house for the Bishop had been let and ground would probably be broken this week. The committee had in hand about \$7,000, and there were subscriptions still due amounting to \$5,000. It was estimated that the See House would cost about \$11,000, and he hoped it would soon be ready for occupation by the Bishop. (Applause.)

The memorandum respecting the duties of Church wardens was referred back to the committee with instructions to add to each section the authority for the proposition of law contained in it, the report to be considered at the next session of Synod.

Rev. Mr. Bradshaw read the report of the Committee on the Girls' Friendly Society.

He stated that the committee had been unable to do much during the year, the members not having attended the meetings, but asked for the re-appointment of the committee to take steps in conjunction with the Diocesan Council, to establish branches throughout the Diocese. The committee was appointed.

The Synod adjourned at 6 p.m., resuming work at 8 o'clock. The Lay Secretary read a fraternal resolution adopted by the Toronto Conference of the Methodist Church, and asking that an hour be named for receiving a delegation from the Conference. Twelve o'clock on Friday was named for that purpose, and the Bishop nominated a committee to receive the delegation.

The sustentation scheme was then taken up clause by clause, the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, chairman, explaining, in a lucid manner, the object sought to be attained and the methods to be adopted.

The report was passed in the following shape:—

SUSTENTATION FUND.

1. The committee recommend that immediate action should be taken to augment the stipends of our clergy so as to reach at least the following standard:—

Class A—Consisting of clergymen who have ministered in this diocese 15 years and upwards, \$1,200 in addition to parsonage, if any.

Class B—Consisting of clergymen who have ministered in this diocese 10 years and upwards, \$1,000 in addition to parsonage, if any.

Class C—Consisting of clergymen who have ministered in this diocese five years and upwards, \$800 in addition to parsonage, if any.

2. That the amounts collected and the income of the present fund be distributed *pro rata* among all those entitled, as above, to participate therein.

3. In order to augment the fund the following steps to appear to your committee to be necessary.

1. To obtain accurate statistics showing (a) the number of church families and unmarried adults earning their own livelihood in each parish; (b) the amount annually contributed during the past two years by each parish towards the clergyman's stipend; (c) the amount so contributed by such parish during the said period for all other church purposes; (d) the number of clergymen belonging to each of the above classes (A, B, C) who now receive less than the minimum amounts above mentioned; (e) the total amount per annum required to augment the stipends of the clergy, as above.

2. When the above information shall have been collected and analyzed, the committee recommend the preparation of a circular embodying in concise form such statements as will show the present position of the Church in this matter, and what parishes have not contributed according to their ability. (3) The committee further recommend that energetic action be then taken to disseminate this information as widely as possible, and as means to this suggest *inter alia*:—

A. The distribution of these circulars to every Church family in the Diocese. B. The appointment of one or more clergymen to bring this important subject before our congregations by sermons and addresses, to solicit individual subscriptions, and to take up annual or other collections, for which collections your committee recommend that special envelopes be provided.

4. Lastly, the committee suggest that in the distribution of the fund, regard should be had to the amount now contributed by the parishes requiring aid, and although they cannot yet formulate a complete set of regulations, they are of opinion that no parish should participate in the benefits of the fund which has not contributed at least \$200 per annum towards the support of its clergyman.

After the adoption of the scheme, on motion of Mr. Biggar, a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. W. C. Bradshaw and A. J. Broughall, Messrs. Herbert Mason, Alex. Marling, and C. H. Greene, was appointed to act with the Executive Committee in carrying out the suggestions of the report, and that the moneys collected be distributed by the Clergy Comutation Trust Committee.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at the action, and the hope that it would result in some good.

The Synod then adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

C. E. W. S.—Mr. Charles Powell, the Secretary of the Church of England Working Men's Society, paid a flying visit to Toronto recently, and addressed a large gathering of working men at St. George's School room. He also spoke to the congregations of St. Matthias and St. Luke's Churches. The objects of the Society Mr. Powell represents is to better the condition of the working men and to unite them to the Church. It is likely that a branch of the present society will be formed in Toronto as a result of Mr. Powell's visit. At present over 9000 communicants are entered in its ranks.

THE SISTERHOOD.—On the 18th ult. a sale of ladies work was opened at the Horticultural Gardens in aid of this institution. It was held under the distinguished patronage of Mrs. J. B. Robinson. The pavilion was beautifully decorated with bunting. The art table was under the care of Miss Robinson and Miss Bolton, and upon it were displayed a fair collection of