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support, both by our prayers and by our alms. Anxious, however, as I am that, as a Church, we should do our utmost to extend the knowledge of Christ, and certain as I am that as a body we ought and could do much more; still, I feel it to be my duty to direct this Synod, as administrator of diocesan funds, not to exceed the income at its disposal. We must not incur debt. We must not anticipate our income. It is bad to leave missions vacant, but it is dishonest to employ men without paying them according to stipulation, whether at home or abroad. Let then all estimates of liabilities be reasonably calculated, rather above than below the mark, and if after all precautions taken, we should find ourselves with a balance on the wrong side, let us not hesitate to consider our position and reorganize our affairs. The Theological College, which has been my right hand in all home mission work during the past two years, has been sustained chiefly by the self-denying efforts of some of the clergy and the liberality of a few of the laity. Our expenses have been kept at an almost nominal sum by the assistance of volunteer lecturers, who undertook and have performed the task of instructing in special branches of theology, leaving the general and comprehensive work to the Principal, whose unremitting attention to his varied duties, has been an unspeakable comfort and support to me, and to the young men under his charge, an immense advantage. An effort, chiefly in England, through the Rev. Ernest Houghton, has also been made towards raising an Endowment Fund, and although the sum of money actually in hand is not very large, it was given with expressions of kindness and goodwill which have greatly encouraged me, and a review of the correspondence in which he has been engaged on behalf of our College, and other details of work in the same connection, have conveyed to us a deep sense of the fidelity and painstaking with which Mr. Houghton has executed the commission entrusted to him by me. The commission carried with it no emoluments. On the contrary, it benefited by his private expenditure and the sympathy accorded to it by his personal friends. By his judicious advocacy and painstaking explanations of our needs as a diocese, and in relation especially to the educational advantages obtainable by the Theological College and McGill College, he has, in many instances, obtained for us more than money; he has gained that appreciation of our efforts which was wanted in order that our Theological College should rank amongst our recognized permanent Church Institutions. I believe the usefulness of our Diocesan Theological College is beginning to be very generally admitted, and a greater unanimity of feeling on the subject to exist, than in former years.

We have in our Diocesan College ten students of whom several are also students in arts at McGill. I have now further to say that since the last meeting of Synod I have visited 120 missions and stations. 650 persons have been confirmed. I have ordained of Montreal students three, of Lennoxville one. I have also admitted five deacons to the order of priesthood. I have formally opened with special services the new church in East Farnham, and consecrated the new church in New Glasgow. The clergyman has been received by license to the work of the Church, and several laymen. Two of our oldest missionaries have been called to their rest during the past year, the Rev. Thomas Johnson, appointed to serve in the Diocese of Quebec in 1819, and the Rev. Wm. Brethour, appointed in 1837. Mr. Johnson was placed on the retired list in 1852, when the S. P. G. made mention in their annual report of his faithful missionary services, leading a quiet healthful life in the scene of his early labours, our aged brother lived far beyond the allotted years of a man and died honoured and beloved by all around him.

Since our last meeting the Revised Version of the New Testament has been given to the English-speaking world. The Book comes to us without (what I may call and not be misunderstood) authority; but I feel that it ought to be received by the Church with deep respect, as the result of the united and long-continued labours of the greatest Christian scholars of the age. Some time will probably elapse before any requisition for its adoption in our public worship will be made. In the meantime, I trust that our clergy, especially, as the teachers of the Church body, will prepare themselves for the important question by the devout, careful, and long-continued study both of the old version and the new.

TORONTO.

BISHOP STRACHAN'S SCHOOL.—On last Thursday afternoon an *al fresco* fête was given by the Lady Principal and pupils of Bishop Strachan's School, the intention of which was to raise funds towards the erection of a chapel for the institution, the class-room, which now does duty for the chapel, being urgently needed for teaching purposes. From 5 o'clock till 8 o'clock p.m. the beautiful grounds

surrounding the school were filled with visitors, among whom were a large number of the clergy and their families, including the Rev. Mr. Mockridge, of Hamilton. At the south-west corner of the building several of the young ladies, clad in quaint dresses of the olden time, dispensed hospitality in the shape of strawberries, icecream, and cakes; while in another tent two fair merchants presided over the flower department, and by their bewitching arts coaxed the gentlemen present to invest in bouquets and buttonhole roses for the adornment of themselves and those to whom they were playing the role of cavaliers in attendance. The band of the Tenth Royals, under the leadership of Mr. Toulmin, played a good selection of music, and contributed greatly to the pleasure of the feast, which was in every way such a success as to cause regret that it was bounded by so short a limit of time. The experiment will probably be repeated after the summer vacation.

NIAGARA.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NORVAL AND STEWARTTOWN.—The Bishop of this diocese visited this mission on Wednesday the 8th inst., for the purpose of holding confirmations. He was driven by the Rev. G. B. Cooke of Georgetown to Stewarttown, where a afternoon service was held at 8 o'clock, and a class of seventeen well instructed candidates was presented by the incumbent, the Rev. R. S. Locke. A fine new organ was used for the first time on this occasion. The attendance was very good, especially for an afternoon service on a week day and during such a very busy season. Some of the oldest inhabitants say it is the largest confirmation and attendance that was ever known at such a time. The bishop and clergy were entertained after the service by Mr. and Mrs. John Murray.

In the evening the Bishop confirmed at Norval nine candidates, presented by the incumbent. The congregation here was unusually large. The Bishop at both places was listened to with marked attention, and all were pleased with his practical discourses.

GUELPH: St. George's.—On Sunday last at Matins the Bishop of Niagara admitted to the Order of Deacons the Rev. Alex. Allen, B.A., Trin. Col. Tor., who has been appointed Vice-Principal of the Collegiate School and curate of the Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia. The sermon was preached by the father of the candidate, the Rev. T. W. Allen, M.A., rector of Cavan and Rural Dean, who took for his text 1 Cor. iv. 2 v., from which he delivered an eloquent discourse upon the responsibilities and consolations of the ministry. The preacher showed with graphic force that the Church received the truth direct from the hands of Christ and the Apostles as a sacred, invisible, immutable deposit for all generations, and like a faithful steward guards this trust, preserves it from adulteration, and ensures its transmission by maintaining an orderly succession of ministers instructed in the Word and doctrines of the Apostles, and pledged by vows to fidelity in teaching as guided by the Church "which is the pillar and ground of the truth." The newly ordained deacon read the Gospel with a clear, ringing voice, heard over this large Church, and he was highly complimented by the Bishop before the congregation upon his having passed a most honourable examination. At evening service the edifice was crowded, the pews and aisles being filled with a most devout congregation. The candidates for Confirmation, about sixty, among them being a number of male adults, were arranged in lines on each side of the noble chancel so that the apostolic rite was witnessed by the congregation with ease and without any of that excitement and disorder which sometimes mars this solemn service. The address of the Bishop was deeply impressive, and the two services from this admirable arrangement, the masterly exposition heard at the ordination service, the effecting sight of so many assuming their baptismal vows in the evening will not be forgotten by any who took part in these solemn rites. The rector, Canon Dixon, is highly esteemed and doing a noble work, as the hearty co-operation of his laity was a very marked feature.

HURON.

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THE SYNOD assembled on the 21st instant. In the morning an ordination service was held, when the following candidates were presented:—E. L. Turquand, M. Turnbull, and H. Wylie, Huron College; G. B. Sage, Trinity College, Toronto; John Hale, B. G. Taylor, and C. J. A. Batstone, London, England; C. O'Meara, Toronto; A. W. Chapman, Boston, Mass. (ordained for the Bishop of Massachusetts). Mr. Sage having received the highest number of marks, read

the Gospel. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Courtney, of Chicago.

In the afternoon the annual business of the Synod was inaugurated by his Lordship the Bishop's address, in which, after alluding to the kind assistance of Bishop Alford in administering the affairs of the diocese, the deaths of the Revs. W. Brethour and H. Bartlett, the London Thames disaster, and the superannuation of the Revs. Messrs. Sanders and Miller, the bishop said:—The large number of persons who have been confirmed during the last few years is an evidence of much faithful and successful labour by the clergy of the several parishes and missions. The large amounts expended in the improvement of church property, in the liquidation of church debts, and the unusually large number of new churches and parsonages—many of them substantial and costly structures—either already built or now in the course of erection, are proofs equally indisputable and gratifying of the zeal and liberality of both clergy and laity. We can only pray that the Holy Spirit, Who, we trust, inspires these "labours of love," may abundantly bless them for the spiritual good of His people; for, "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it."

God has again crowned the year with his goodness. Once more we are permitted to rejoice with thankfulness in the fact of a large increase in the free-will offerings of our people, for diocesan and missionary purposes. Two years ago the diocesan income was \$11,809.46; last year it had increased to \$13,300.25; this year it has risen to \$15,007.86; an increase of \$1,707.61, as compared with last year, and an increase of \$3,298.40, as compared with the income reported at our last Synod of 1879. This large increase of the past two years, which I am confident is but an earnest and pledge of yet greater things to come, is largely owing to the suggestion made in the "financial report of the Standing Committee, for the year ending March 31st, 1879" as follows:—

"Your Committee feel that the Synod ought to take into serious consideration the advisability of appointing a thoroughly qualified Missionary Agent whose entire time should be given to this special mission-work, and who should endeavour during the year to visit every parish and station in the whole Diocese."

The result was the appointment, in the autumn of 1879, of the Rev. W. F. Campbell. Since that time Mr. Campbell has been twice throughout the whole diocese, each time with the most satisfactory results. Not only has there been a clear and substantial gain to our various diocesan funds, but also an increased interest has been aroused throughout the whole diocese in both diocesan and foreign missions, which with God's blessing will unquestionably lead to greater and still more encouraging results, affecting favourably every department, both of diocesan and of parochial work. In the report which Mr. Campbell has given to me of his labours, he speaks gratefully of the kind and cordial reception he has everywhere met with in his journeyings, and more especially of the hearty co-operation of all the clergy, which contributed so greatly to render his visits successful. I desire here publicly to thank my brethren, both clerical and lay, for this assistance which has been so cheerfully given to our accredited agent. The assistance is not so much given to Mr. Campbell, much as it is appreciated by him, as rather given to the cause of our common Lord, as represented on the one hand by the hard-working and deserving missionaries for whom he pleads, and on the other by the large number of settlements in this extensive and rapidly growing diocese, which of necessity largely depend on mission-fund aid for those privileges which are so unspeakably important both with regard "of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Mr. Campbell has thus far faithfully and diligently performed the duties of his arduous and most responsible position; duties which demand great self-denial, ardent zeal, and an unreserved consecration of all his mental and physical strength to that cause—the cause of missions—which is so dear to the heart of Christ, and so essential for the Church's growth and life.

With reference to the support of our missionary clergy, I must again express my heart's desire that there shall be no slackening of our united efforts to provide each and every one of them with an income, which shall be in keeping with the increased cost of living in the present day, and commensurate with their Christian professional calling—a calling requiring not only high education and culture, but also high character; in a word, the best and rarest endowments, mental, physical, and moral, and therefore demanding not only social and moral, but also a material recognition proportioned to its arduous labours and weighty responsibilities. Much have I rejoiced to learn that at the last Easter vestry meetings several of our leading parishes have voted an increase of salary to their respective pastors. While this speaks volumes for the faithfulness of pastors, and for the affectionate appreciation by the congregations, of the labours of these servants of Christ, it