

The Committee further considered the proposed new canon.

Ordered.—That the Secretary-Treasurer pay the W. & O. pensions for the present quarter in full, if there are sufficient funds in hand to do so.

The Sub-Committee appointed to consider what modifications are necessary in the present by-law for the administration of the Theological Students' Fund, and to prepare such forms as may be necessary in connection with applications for exhibitions presented a report and proposed form of application, which, after due consideration, were adopted by the Committee.

*General Purposes Fund, Statistics and Assessment Committee.*—Present—Marcellus Crombie, Esq., Chairman. Rev. S. J. Boddy, John Vicars, Septimus Jones, and Thomas Ball. Dr. O'Reilly and F. A. Ball, Esq.

A communication was laid before the meeting from the Bishop of Niagara, claiming the right of the Diocese of Niagara to participate in the proceeds of the Burnside Bequest for aiding the erection of churches. No action was taken thereon.

A grant of \$50 from the Burnside Bequest was made in aid of the Church at Apsley, payable when the property is duly vested in the Synod and the church ready for occupation.

A similar grant from the general fund was made in aid of the parsonage at Kinmount (Galway Mission), payable when the building is fit for occupation.

*Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee.*—Present—Rev. S. J. Boddy, Chairman; Rev. Johnstone Vicars and Dr. O'Reilly.

For want of a quorum no business was transacted.

*Audit Committee.*—Present—Rev. Rural Dean Fletcher, Chairman; Revs. S. W. Young and R. W. E. Greene. Messrs. Hoyle, Barwick and Matthews.

The quarterly report of the Auditors was laid before the Committee, with the balance sheets of the several Synod Funds duly certified. The same were duly examined and adopted.

*Printing Committee.*—Present—Rev. T. Walker, Chairman; Rev. Joseph Fletcher and Dr. Hodgins.

Ordered.—That in future a copy of each thing printed be kept on file and laid before the Committee with the account.

Ordered.—That Dr. Hodgins be a Sub-Committee on behalf of the Printing Committee to whom everything shall be submitted before being printed.

Ordered.—That the Order of Proceedings for the special meeting of Clergy and Lay Representatives for the election of a Bishop, be printed under the direction of Dr. Hodgins; 500 copies to be supplied.

*St. Matthias.*—After a week of singular success in attendance at daily services, Rev. D. F. Hutchinson being the preacher during Holy Week, the Congregation of this Church emerged on Sunday, thoroughly edified by their devotions and addresses, into the joyous thoughts and scenes of Eastertide. At the 8 a.m. celebration, the church was almost full of communicants, whose numbers at this service greatly exceeded those of former years. The service was fully choral, or nearly so; the comfortable words *Sursum Corda*, Preface, &c., being carefully rendered from Doran's "Ritual Song." The floral decorations were in admirable taste, though by no means profuse, this congregation not being gifted with much pecuniary resources. At Matins there was a full congregation, but the interest of the day culminated in a glorious Evensong, succeeded by the rite of confirmation, which was administered by the Bishop of Algoma to 15 adults, several of whom had been baptized on Easter eve, after Primitive Catholic Custom. The Bishop, after a brief address to the candidates, requested the congregation to unite in silent prayer for the candidates, and then proceeded, seated in his chair before the altar, to confirm them singly. Afterwards he delivered another brief but much impressive exhortation to the newly confirmed. After the hymn "Soldiers of Christ," the bishop preached upon the missionary work in Algoma. The church was so crowded at this service that members stood in the passages, and many were obliged to turn from the door disappointed from finding no room. A class of

younger candidates for confirmation is being prepared, and will be ready within a few weeks.

*EASTER SERVICES.*—The Easter services held in the churches of the city were without exception well attended. At *St. James'*.—In the morning the Very Rev. the Dean preached to a large congregation from 1 Cor., xv., 20, the prayers being said by Rev. Mr. Rainsford. During the service the music was sung by the choir, numbering sixty voices under the leadership of the organist Mr. Doward. At *St. Luke's* the services were crowded, and the number of communicants at each celebration greater than on any previous Easter. The decorations were particularly rich. On each side of the altar were banks of geraniums, lilies, hyacinths, and fuchsias, and on the altar itself vases of lilies and white roses flanking a chaste floral cross, the whole surmounted by an anchor treated in China roses. The usual embroidered white silk frontals were on the altar, reading desk, and pulpit, while every member of the choir had a red or a white rose fastened on to his surplice. Easter at *Holy Trinity* was celebrated in a manner worthy of the feast. As usual there were three celebrations of the Holy Communion. The music at all the services was very elaborate, while the decorations were good—white, as is the rule, predominating. The altar and sanctuary were rich in floral ornaments. The altar, pulpit, lectern, and reading desk hangings were white silk, embroidered with Gothic devices in silk. The clergy wore white silk stoles; the surplices of the choir, men and boys, being adorned with lovely white roses. At *St. Stephen's*, there were two celebrations of the Holy Communion and a special children's service in the afternoon. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Venerable the Archdeacon of York, on Ps. 2:7. In the afternoon, the Rev. W. S. Rainsford preached from Isaiah ix. 6. The psalms proper for the day and the canticles were chanted by a full choir, the congregation joining heartily in the singing. In the evening the anthem, "Now, on the first day of the week," was sung with fine effect. The floral decorations were chaste and effective.

*TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL.*—On Sunday, the 6th, the Lord Bishop of Algoma, with the consent of the Bishop elect of Toronto, administered the rite of confirmation to the boys of Trinity College School. There were present, besides the clergy of the school, the Rev. Professor Jones, of Trinity College, Toronto, and the Rev. J. S. Baker, of St. Mark's, Port Hope, together with friends of the boys from a distance, and a large number of townspeople of Port Hope. The service was choral, and was sung by the Rev. W. C. Allen. After evensong was ended, the Head Master presented the candidates for confirmation, in number 21, to the bishop, who addressed to them a few words of warning on the significance and importance of the solemn vow they were about to take on them, and then commended them to the silent prayers of the congregation for a brief space. The service then proceeded, and after the ceremony of laying on of hands by the Bishop on the heads of the candidates severally was concluded, he preached a most eloquent sermon on Eph. iv. 1, addressed not only to those who had just been admitted into full communion with the Church, but to all who had been previously confirmed. The sermon was listened to by the whole congregation with most earnest attention, and was well calculated to stir the hearers up to renewed earnestness in their Christian profession. The offertories of the day, which were devoted to the mission work of the diocese of Algoma, amounted to \$59.13. In the evening, the Bishop addressed the congregation of St. Mark's Church on the mission work of his diocese, comprising the districts of Algoma and Muskoka, and gave many very interesting particulars of the work of the Church among the pioneers of civilization in those newly settled districts.

*VESTRY MEETINGS.*—TORONTO.—*St. James'.* At the meeting held on Monday, the Churchwarden appointed was Mr. J. R. Kerr; Lay Representatives: Dr. Wilson, Mr. Clark Gamble, Dr. Hodgins. *All Saints'*.—Wardens: Messrs. E. Greene

and R. T. Gooderham; Representatives: Messrs. S. Trees, G. Goulding, W. R. Mulock. *St. Paul's*.—Wardens: W. H. Draper, W. B. Evans; Representatives: R. Jewell, B. Haldan, G. J. Boyd. The Rev. Dr. Givins retains the rectorship, and has appointed the Rev. Mr. Des Barres assistant minister, who will take the duties. *St. Peter's*.—Wardens, J. T. Douglas, J. H. Mason; Representatives: W. J. Coates, H. S. Northop, F. Richardson. *St. Thomas'*.—Wardens: W. F. Sorley, John Smith; Representatives: M. Crombie, John Canavan, Thomas Foushel. *Church of the Ascension*.—Wardens: C. Magrath, Kivas Tulley; Representatives: C. R. W. Biggar, T. H. Delamere, C. Magrath. *St. John the Evangelist*.—Wardens: D'Arcy Boulton, Noah L. Barnhart; Representatives: Chancellor Spragge, Messrs. Tarbut and Garden. *Grace Church*.—Wardens: Messrs. W. H. Howland, J. Berwick; Representatives: Hon. E. Blake, F. A. Ball, T. Kennedy. *St. Stephen's*.—Wardens: Edward Brown, Dr. Machell; Representatives: F. W. Coate, S. Van-koughnet, James Pepler. *St. Bartholomew's*.—Wardens: W. R. Over, C. K. Unwin; Representatives: Robert Davis, Alderman Allen. *Holy Trinity*.—Wardens: E. F. Oates, Wm. Ince; Representatives: W. T. O'Reilly, Wm. Ince, S. G. Wood. *St. Philip's*.—Wardens: C. S. Gzowski, James Browne; Representatives: Col. R. B. Denison, Geo. M. Evans, Col. Gzowski. *St. George's*.—Wardens: E. M. Chadwick, Elmes Henderson; Representatives: W. Gamble, S. W. Farrell, Ald. Boswell. *St. Luke's*.—Wardens: Wm. Plummer, John Hague; Representatives: Clarkson Jones, James Young, John Hague. At the meeting Mr. Hague read the Sunday-school report, showing 130 children on the books, and an average attendance of 115. *Little Trinity*.—Wardens: W. Gooderham, Sr., Louis Reford; Representatives: Dr. Grasett, Messrs. Rawlinson and Gooderham. *St. Matthias*.—Wardens: Percy Beverly, G. Y. Timms; Representatives: Lewis Tomlinson, Percy Beverly, Wm. Peacock, Sr. *St. Anne's* (Brockton).—Wardens: J. S. Lockie, John Stevenson; Representatives: Lieut. Col. G. T. Denison, R. N. Gooch. *St. Mark's* (Parkdale).—Wardens: W. P. Atkinson, Dr. Playter; Representative: Mr. Fahey.

#### NIAGARA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ANCASTER.—The Rev. Canon Belt, having ministered very efficiently and acceptably as Rector of St. John's Church for the last four years, has been preferred to the parish of Burlington, in order to secure for him a larger sphere of usefulness. His many friends and well-wishers at Ancaster, in a manner which says as much for them as for him, decided to present him with an address and a purse, as a slight token of their appreciation of his services. On the 31st ult. they assembled at the residence of Dr. Newry Orton, Ancaster, where the following address was read over by Mr. Edward Kenrick:—

Reverend William Belt, M.A., Rector of Burlington, Canon of Christ Church Cathedral:

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR.—It having been understood that you are now about to leave this Parish in order to assume your new charge at Burlington, the several members of St. John's Church have been unwilling to allow of your departure from their midst without some token, however slight, of their kindly feeling and respect for you, and of their high appreciation of your sterling qualities as a man and a clergyman.

While begging your acceptance of the purse accompanying this, the subscribers desire to express the hope that all prosperity and happiness may attend you and yours in your new home, and that your steadfast continuance in the path of duty may meet with its well-merited reward, both in this world and in the world that is to come. Signed on behalf of the members of the congregation.—Wm. Kern, Edward Kenrick, S. A. Findlay, H. Orton, Committee.

#### REPLY.

To Messrs. Wm. Kern, Edward Kenrick, S. A. Findlay, Dr. H. Orton, and other members of St. John's Church, Ancaster.

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.—Your address is to