

Ontario how frequently they were approached by two young people, who were unaccompanied by witnesses, who drove up at nine or ten o'clock at night, with a license in their hands, and asked to be married. There was great need in the interests of morality, in the interests of society and in the interests of the law, that the whole marriage law of the Province of Ontario should be looked into by gentlemen of experience, and such amendments proposed as would protect the interests of society and further morality.

Canon Burke considered that the whole question of marriage licenses needed to be investigated.

Dr. Heneker was of opinion that if the people of Ontario were dissatisfied with the marriage laws, it was for them to move in the matter; let the Churchmen of the different Dioceses come together and take such action as they might think fit. Why, he asked, should those of the other provinces be requested to take any action in the matter? To make such a request was a thing of the like of which he had never heard; it was unwarrantable.

Mr. Walter Drake thought that as the matter was a provincial one that Synod had no right to be detained by considering it.

Judge Macdonald favored a committee from each of the Ontario Diocesan Synods conferring together on the matter. He moved that the message be not concurred in.

On a vote being taken, the message was not concurred in, and the following were appointed a committee to draw up the reasons for such non-concurrence: Rev. Prof. Worrell, Rural Dean Bogert, Canon Young, Judge Macdonald, Dr. L. H. Davidson and Mr. A. H. Dymond.

Messages were also received from the Upper House to the following effect, and were concurred in:

"The vital importance of guarding the interests of the Church by securing that accurate and reliable minutes of each session of the Synod be carefully kept.

"That the General Synod having appointed a delegation to represent it at the next meeting of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, the Upper House considered that the Provincial Synod should be content with that representation and refrain from appointing any delegates.

"That the Upper House, having heard with much pleasure and gratitude of the improvement in the health of the Bishop of Algoma, do request His Lordship to refrain, at least for the present, if at all within his power to refrain, from tendering his resignation of his Diocese; and that, there is reason to believe that in the good providence of God his health may yet be permanently restored, permission be given him to absent himself during the coming winter months, that by removing to some temperate climate his health may more completely be restored; and that a joint committee be appointed to consider how such an arrangement can best be carried out. The Bishops of Montreal, Niagara and Quebec have been appointed to sit on the joint committee."

The following were appointed to represent the Lower House on that committee: Canon DuMoulin, Canon Spencer, Dean Carmichael, Mr. R. T. Walkem, Dr. Heneker and Dr. Weldon.

At six o'clock the Synod adjourned.

A MISSIONARY MEETING.

Under the auspices of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada and the Woman's auxiliary to missions, a very successful missionary meeting was held last evening in the St. George's school house. There was a large attendance, comprising clergy, laymen and ladies. After devotional exercises Mr. N. W. Hoyle, Q.C., of Toronto, in the course of his address, said that missionary work was too serious for any trifling. After condemning the statement recently given by a naval officer concerning missionaries in China, the speaker said that the Chinese were worth converting, and it was their duty as followers of the Saviour to do so. The contributions each year of all Protestants per head for missionary work was but 35 cents. In Great Britain there was one missionary for every 900 people. In India there was one for every 165,000 and in China one for every 437,000 people.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia, who was the next speaker, said that if people contented themselves to preach the pardoning love of God in heathen lands instead of teaching their own particular religion, Africa and China would be covered with churches instead of having the missions in the miserable state that they are now. It was a dreadful thing to think that we will perpetuate in heathen lands the miserable state of things existing in our own country.

Bishop of Huron who followed, in the course of a stirring address, said that they had met to consider the gravest subject that could occupy the attention of the Christian Church. The Church must be capable of doing the work that Christ entrusted her to do. If the Church is to be successful she must be successful in her missionary work. The Church will grow in power as she grows in har-

mony with the Divine power. A substantial collection was taken up in aid of mission work in Japan.

At Friday morning's session of the Synod, the committee to which was deputed on the previous day the duty of drawing up reasons for the lower house not concurring in the message from the House of Bishops regarding the marriage laws of Ontario, presented its report. It pointed out that a portion of the civil Province of Ontario was in the Diocese of Rupert's Land, and it was not desirable that that Provincial Synod should seem to legislate for the ecclesiastical province of Rupert's Land. Any representation made to governments or legislatures of Canada should have the weight and authority which only the deliberate decision of the Church of England could give, and such weight and authority could not be secured by relegating the matter to a committee.

The committee appointed for the purpose presented its report of the reason for non-concurrence in the following clause of a message from the upper house:

"That Canon XIV. be amended by adding to the seventh line the following: 'Provided that the declarations and oaths, when once taken and subscribed to, shall suffice for every license given in the same diocese.'"

The reasons given were that the declaration of assent and belief made on the occasion of a clergyman being licensed to a curacy or instituted to a benefice would not furnish an assurance that he had not changed his belief as to be unable to make such declaration. An oath or declaration would be no safeguard against his committing the acts denied in such declaration or oath.

Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke presented the report of the committee on religious instruction in public schools. It pointed out that whilst large sums were spent in education, crime increased steadily, and courts of justice were powerless to stop it. Instruction where Christianity was excluded was wanting in power to elevate the young. There was great cause for the Church to make most strenuous efforts to solve the knotty problem of how religious instruction should form part of a child's education.

The joint committee on the present condition of the Diocese of Algoma presented its report. It recommended that no change be made in the arrangement for the episcopal stipend, and granted leave of absence to the bishop during the winter months. It was pointed out that, should the bishop's health not be restored, it would be necessary to make provision for his receiving a retiring stipend of at least \$3,500 a year, and also a stipend for his successor.

The business of the Synod was then suspended, and the house resolved itself into the triennial meeting of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, which was attended by the upper house, the Metropolitan presiding.

The meeting confirmed the nominations made to the membership of the board of management by the several dioceses, viz:

Diocese of Nova Scotia—Archdeacon Kaulbach, Rev. E. P. Crawford, Messrs. W. C. Silver and Thos. Brown.

Diocese of Quebec—Archdeacon Roe, Canon Von Iffland, Capt. W. H. Carter and Mr. John Hamilton.

Diocese of Toronto—Rural Dean Jones, Rev. W. E. Cooper, Messrs. J. R. Cartwright and H. Pellatt.

Diocese of Fredericton—Dean Partridge, Archdeacon Brigstocke, Messrs. C. N. Vroom and G. A. Schofield.

Diocese of Montreal—Dean Carmichael, Rev. G. O. Troop, Dr. L. H. Davidson and Mr. Chas. Garth.

Diocese of Huron—Dean Innes, Archdeacon Davis, Messrs. T. H. Luscombe and James Woods.

Diocese of Ontario—Archdeacon Bedford Jones, Rural Dean Pollard, Mr. R. V. Rogers and Col. Matheson.

Diocese of Niagara—Archdeacon Houston, Rev. P. L. Spencer, Judge Senkler and Mr. John Hoodless.

The triennial report, submitted by the secretary-treasurer, Rev. Dr. Mockridge, stated that the evidences of improvement in the work of the society which had characterized previous reports were not wanting in the present. The total receipts were larger by \$9,036 than those of any preceding triennial period, or an increase each year of a little over \$3,000. The total receipts for the first triennial period, ending 1886, amounted to \$42,960; for the period ending 1889, \$81,315; for the period ending 1892, \$111,973, and for the period ending the present year, \$121,009. The receipts for the past year were within about \$800 of equaling the total for the past triennial period. Appreciation was expressed of the work done by the Woman's Auxiliary, and it was stated that the aims of the society had also been assisted by the Toronto Wycliffe College Association. The foreign missions were encouragingly reported upon.

It was decided that the report should be discussed clause by clause.

On the third clause being reached, the one alluding to increased contributions, Canon Young pointed out that the actually disposable income of the soci-

ety was diminishing yearly. This was owing to the fact that certain dioceses were in the habit of appropriating the Epiphany and Ascensiontide collections to their regular diocesan funds, instead of giving them to the missionary society.

The secretary-treasurer pointed out that the report condemned this very practice, and the dioceses had been reminded of it, but the result was more appropriations than ever.

Mr. J. J. Mason was of opinion that there were other causes to account for the diminution.

A long discussion ensued on the point, in the course of which it was stated that the diminution was due to a want of confidence in the board of management, which, two years ago, appointed a secretary-treasurer at a salary of \$2,000 a year, whereas previously the work had been done gratuitously.

Many favoured this view, and equally as many opposed it, and when an adjournment was made for luncheon the matter was still under discussion.

On business being resumed Canon Von Iffland blamed the board of management for having, two years ago, appointed a paid secretary-treasurer without giving an opportunity to the Church at large to provide honorary officers. It was a step which saddled the society with a very large expenditure. He contended that, notwithstanding what was said in the report about an increase in the total amounts subscribed, they must not shut their eyes to the fact that the proportion of unappropriated funds at the disposal of the society had undergone a continued decrease from the time that the board had taken the step to which he had already alluded.

Rev. E. P. Crawford contended that the election of a paid secretary-treasurer had not destroyed confidence in the board of management. He did not think that the Church in general, the people who were giving the money, were making any fuss at all.

Rev. Prof. Worrell considered that one reason for the decrease in the unappropriated funds was to be found in the fact that there were a number of missionaries from different parts of the domestic field who visited various parishes and made special appeals, receiving certain amounts as a result. There should be some procedure by which such a missionary should be regarded not simply as one going to make an appeal for his own particular district, but as an agent in general of the whole society, and whatever moneys he collected should be given to the whole general work of the board. If this canvassing by missionaries were put a stop to, it would have a good result so far as regarded the unappropriated moneys sent in to the missionary society.

Rev. G. O. Troop advocated persuading the donors to cease appropriating the money sent in for the domestic field.

Canon Bland did not think that the falling off in the unappropriated moneys was due to a want of confidence in the board of management; it was due to hard times, and all religious bodies had suffered alike in this respect.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia defended the action of the board of management, holding that in appointing a paid secretary-treasurer it had done the best it could in its judgment. In cases where a missionary went into a parish for the purpose of pleading for money, His Lordship thought it should be made incumbent upon him to first get the imprimatur of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society upon his appeal; it should also be incumbent upon him when making his appeal to tell the people that there were other mission fields equally as much in need of funds as his. As to the offertory in such cases, it should be sent to the board of management for distribution.

Mr. Walter Drake having spoken in favour of a paid secretary, a vote was taken on the clause, which was carried unanimously.

The other clauses of the report were adopted without discussion.

The Bishop of Algoma then addressed the gathering, alluding to the strong feeling that existed in the Diocese for the creation of a Diocesan Synod, a memorial upon which subject would come before the Provincial Synod at its present session. He spoke of the necessity of doing something being done towards establishing a superannuation fund in his Diocese, and then went on to remark that a great deal had been said in both the secular and religious papers with regard to Algoma, and especially had this been the case during the past year. Letters had appeared which had led to the stirring within himself and in the breasts of his faithful co-workers of a most righteous indignation. The writers of the letters in the religious papers never intended that this should be so—it was out of their love for Algoma that they wrote—but as the result of a misunderstanding arising out of what they wrote, letters had appeared in the secular papers under such headings as "Money Squandered in Algoma," "No Results; What is to be Done with Algoma?" He had seen such headings in the *Toronto Mail*. Were different results to be looked for in Algoma, he asked, to those of any other organized Diocese? Was it to be placed in a category by itself? His Lordship then went on to speak of the results which had been attained