

of Mr. Kelly church warden, proceeds in aid of the Parsonage fund.

CLERICAL ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the "Bay of Quinte Clerical Association" for mutual sympathy, counsel and edification was held in Belleville last week. Nine clergymen were present. The proceedings were inaugurated by divine service in St. John's Church Tuesday evening the 26th Aug. The Rev. Rural Dean Baker preached an eloquent and comprehensive sermon upon "Christian Responsibility" from Ezek. xx. 32. Next morning after Holy Communion in St. John's, the clergy met at the Rectory, the Rev. Dr. Clarke, of Christ Church, Belleville, presiding, and drew up a constitution for the Union which those present subscribed. In the afternoon another meeting was held at which Dr. Clarke read an able and elaborate paper on "The Church and the Bible". The interesting proceedings were brought to a conclusion by evening service in Christ Church at which addresses were delivered by the Rev. Rural Dean Baker and the Rev. B. B. Smith of Milford. The occasion was one of much pleasure and edification. The next meeting will be held (D.V.) in Nanawauke in November next.

BILLINGS' BRIDGE.—Trinity Church.—Sunday, August 24th, will long be remembered at Billings Bridge as the day upon which the opening services of this Church took place. For nearly two years the effort of erecting a house of prayer and praise to the glory of Almighty God, has been continued with varying success. Three special services were held. Morning prayer with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a.m. The Bishop preached upon this occasion from the gospel of the day, St. Luke xviii. 13: "And the Publican standing, &c." His Lordship pointed out very clearly the character of acceptable worship, dwelt upon the importance of paying strict attention to the details of our Liturgical service, and taking occasion by the way to notice several often overlooked faults in the worship of Churchgoers, concluding with a masterly defence of the service of Common Prayer in the Church. The second service took place at 3.30 p.m. It consisted of the office for public baptism of infants, and the Litany, with short but telling addresses from the Venerable Archdeacon Lauder and the Rev. Mr. Hannington. The Incumbent was also assisted by the Revs. T. D. Phillips and F. R. Smith. The usual evening service was held at 7.30 p.m. Addresses of an earnest and practical nature were delivered by the Reverend T. Garrett of Bearbrook, and the Reverend H. Pollard of St. John's Church, Ottawa. The offertory (which at each service was in aid of the building fund) amounted to \$64. The choir added greatly to the interest of the services by the hearty and efficient manner in which they rendered the many beautiful hymns sung during the day. The effect of the interior appearance of the building was greatly heightened by the various floral decorations so tastefully arranged by ladies of the congregation and others. The Church is much admired for the purity of its ecclesiastical style, as well as for its graceful and accurate proportions; designed by B. Billings. It is a Gothic edifice of brick with stone basement (yet unfinished). The interior dimensions are 57 x 23. The inner walls are brick. The ceiling is plastered in pannels and delicately tinted between the projecting rafters and principals. The windows of stained glass reflect much credit upon Mr. H. Horwood, of the Ottawa stained glass works—to whom the congregation is indebted for the handsome circular window in the nave. The bell, which rang out its silvery notes for the first time on Sunday last, is the gift of the Sunday School children. It weighs 181 lbs., and is from the well-known establishment of the (original) Meneely Bell Foundry of Troy, N. Y.

TORONTO.

TORONTO SYNOD COMMITTEES' MEETING.—(continued.)—(W. & O. Fund, and Theological Students' Fund Committee.)—Present—The Rev. Canon Tremayne, appointed chairman for the current year.

Revs. John Pearson, C. C. Johnson and W. S. Rainsford. Captain Blain, Sheriff Jarvis and Mr. Vankoughnet.

Resolved—That the sum of \$3407, (being \$3172 for pensions and share of Synod expenses, and \$235 to be repaid to the Special Capital fund) be assessed upon the diocese for the ensuing year; and that a communication to this effect be made to the General Purposes, Statistics and Assessment Committee, for them to take action thereon. A memorial being read from Mrs. Checkley, widow of the late W. F. Checkley, applying for a pension according to the canon:

Resolved—That Mrs. Checkley's name be placed on the list of pensions on the W. and O. Fund, such pension to be reckoned from 1st July, 1879. A communication having been read from Mr. Phillip Low, of Picton, relative to a mortgage given to the Synod by the late Captain Downes:

Resolved—That Mr. Vankoughnet, Sheriff Jarvis and Capt. Blain be a Sub-Committee to deal with the whole question of the mortgage and the proposition of Mr. Low relative thereto. It having been reported by the Secretary-Treasurer that the amount at present available for Theological Students for the ensuing year is sufficient to enable the committee to receive applications for two exhibitions, it was agreed that notice of the same should be given by the Secretary-Treasurer to the Provost of Trinity College, and also inserted in the church newspapers.

General purposes, Statistics and Assessment Committee. Present—Dr. W. T. O'Reilly, appointed chairman for the current year.

Revs. John Vicars, W. F. Swallow, G. A. Anderson, R. H. Harris and R. W. E. Greene. Messrs. Allan McLean Howard, S. W. Farrell and Oliver A. Howland. *Ordered*—That the sum of \$800, for the Bishop's house rent be paid quarterly. *Ordered*—That \$200 be paid to the Rev. P. Tocque, for the current year. Payment to be made quarterly. In answer to a church building application from St. George's, West Mono, a grant of \$50 was made payable on receipt of a deed vesting the property in the Synod. Further information having been furnished in regard to the Norwood church building application, the committee decided that the church, not being a new one, is not a fit subject for a grant. A church building application from Streetsville was not entertained, the committee being of opinion that as the parish has not paid its assessment for last year, assistance could not be granted legally. The committee also thought that that wealthy and old settled neighborhood ought not to ask for assistance.

A church building application from Clarksville (Tecumseth) was not entertained, the Committee being of opinion that that wealthy locality is not a fit subject for a grant. A communication having been received from the W. & O. Fund Committee, furnishing information as to the amount to be assessed upon the diocese for the ensuing year in order to meet the demands upon the W. & O. Fund, the following sub-committee was appointed to strike the assessment for that purpose, viz., Revs. John Vicars and R. W. E. Green, Messrs. Howard, Farrell and Howland (Chairman). The Chairman to be convener.

Sunday School, and Book and Tract Committee.—Present: The Rev. J. D. Cayley, Chairman for the current year; Revs. R. Shanklin, J. McLean Ballard and Canon Morgan. The following grants were made: for Sunday School, St. George's, Medonte, \$20 worth of library books, \$10 paid; for Norwood Sunday School, \$6 worth of library books, to be increased to \$10 if \$10 be paid; for Sunday School, St. John's, Craighurst, \$20 worth of library books, \$10 paid; for Sunday School at Churchville, Streetsville Mission, \$6 worth of bibles, testaments, prayer books and catechisms, on the establishment of the school and the filling up of the application; for Stouffville, Markham, an octavo bible, two large prayer books, and 25 small prayer books.

Audit Committee.—The Rev. E. Horace Mussen appointed Chairman for the current year; Rev. J. S. Stone and Mr. Pellatt.

The Auditors reported as follows:—"We beg to report that we have examined the books and accounts of the Secretary-Treasurer for the quarter ending the 31st July, 1879, and have the pleasure of stating that our audit has been satisfactory in every respect. We have followed the usual course of tracing every item in the cash book to its proper account for the three Funds,—

Synod General Account, Rectory Lands Fund, and Clergy Trust Fund. We have ascertained that the accruing interest on the debentures and mortgages has been correctly accounted for, and carried to the credit of the respective trusts. The cash has been counted and is quite correct." The usual balance sheets were attached to the report. The Committee adopted the report and re-appointed the Auditors (Messrs. William Gamble and James Sydney Crocker) for the ensuing year.

Church Music Committee.—Present, the Rev. J. D. Cayley, appointed Chairman for the current year, Revs. John Pearson, C. R. Bell, and Mr. John Hague. The Chairman reported that Messrs. Rowsell and Hutchison are disposed to undertake the publication of a new edition of the Chants and Canticles Book with additions, at their own risk, the Committee to prepare the additions and superintend the publication. A Sub-Committee was appointed to see the publishers and arrange with them as to the number of additional pages. It was further resolved that inquiries should be made as to the cost of publishing a book of Christmas Carols of 16 pages with music.

Printing Committee.—Present, The Rev. T. Walker, appointed Chairman for the current year, Revs. Alex. Williams and Joseph Fletcher. *Resolved*—That the Honorary Secretaries of Synod and the Chairman of this Committee be a Sub-Committee to carry out the instructions of Synod and of this Committee. *Ordered*—That the half-yearly printing account be paid, after receiving the sanction of the Chairman.

WEST-MONO.—Last Sunday St. Matthew's Church, in this Mission, was re-opened for Divine service, the interior of which has been much improved, the chancel carpeted and a neat altar taking the place of a common four-legged table, and mottoes placed on the walls; altogether the improvements have done much to add to the sanctity of the building. The Rev. Alex. Henderson, B.A., Rector of Orangeville, preached in the morning to a crowded congregation, afterwards administering the Sacrament to a large number of communicants. This congregation has made wonderful strides during the last twelve months, having procured for their Sunday School a library costing \$80, erected a driving shed which cost about \$40, and have now just completed the much needed improvement in their church.

St. Matthias.—The annual Sunday School Picnic of this parish was held in Trinity College Grounds on 26th August. The attendance was larger than usual, the Sunday School having increased considerably in numbers. There was also a good attendance of adult members of the congregation, making the occasion to some extent a general Festival of the parish. The condition of this parish is indicated by the fact that out of an estimate of 200 professedly Church families in the parish, 175 families are ascertained to attend their parish church—a very considerable proportion, when the usual discount is made (in the case of a new parish) for families which continue to attend the mother Churches from association. The contributions this year for the Sunday School were in excess of the demand, so that a surplus was left over for the Sunday School Library Fund, which also gains by the sale of a large number of tickets for "Admission to the Grounds." Through the energy of collectors, and the kindness of outsiders, this parish (though poor) has been enabled this year to meet the Building Fund Interest, and besides reduce the principal debt \$500. It is expected that another \$500 will be paid ere the year ends.

Rev. C. C. Johnson requests his letters to be sent to his address, Brampton P. O.

AURORA AND OAK RIDGES.—A Harvest Home Festival was held in this Parish on Wednesday last the 27th of August. Divine Service was held at 11 a. m., in St. John's Church, Oak Ridges, most tastefully and appropriately decorated, the window, Chancel screen and arches being trimmed with wreaths composed of wheat, corn, flowers, and in fact with almost every kind and description of fruit and produce of the field and garden.