

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE NIAGARA DIOCESE.

The committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Niagara Diocese, reported a resolution, which (after amendments) was, on motion of Dr. Hamilton, duly seconded, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Synod respectfully acknowledges receipt of the communication from the chairman of the Committee on Education of the Diocese of Niagara, and thanks the committee for their courtesy in informing this Synod of their purpose in regard to religious education in the public Schools of Ontario. The Synod recalls the satisfactory results of the former united action of the churches in the matter, and would hail with pleasure any opportunity of further improvement in this direction.

At the same time the Synod believes that it would not be justified in taking any step calculated to interfere with the non-denominational system now established by the introduction of doctrinal teaching, to which many of our fellow citizens would be conscientiously opposed, and therefore respectfully declines to co-operate with the Synod, as requested, in anything looking in the direction of the establishment of Parochial schools.

## DOMINION ALLIANCE.

A communication from Mr. S. F. Spence, of the Dominion Alliance, requesting the Synod to appoint four persons to act as members of the Council of the Dominion Alliance, was read and the following appointed in terms of the request: Dr. McKay, Mr. E. R. Hutt, Mr. W. J. Clark and Mr. John Cameron.

## THE LATE REV. WM. KING.

Dr. McMullen, from the committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the late Rev. Wm. King, of Buxton, reported the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

In being called upon to take steps towards the winding up of the Buxton Fund, the Synod would be failing in its duty, did it not bear testimony to the noble spirit and philanthropic labours of our departed brother, the Rev. Wm. King, the founder of the said fund, and of the Buxton Mission.

His sacrifices and efforts on behalf of the colored people are a matter of history, and we merely refer to them in paying a tribute to his name and memory.

## VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Mr. J. A. Macdonald, of St. Thomas, the cordial thanks of the Synod were tendered to the minister and office-bearers of Knox Church, for the use of their building, to the committee of arrangement, to the friends in the town for their kind hospitality, and to the Woodstock Sentinel Review for the very full reports of the proceedings published by it.

The business being concluded, the Moderator, after devotional exercises, declared the Synod adjourned, to meet again in St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, on the third Monday in April, 1896, at 7:30 p. m., and the Sederunt was closed with the benediction.