

QUEBEC.

The Synod of the Diocese of Quebec assembled in the ancient capital on Wednesday, June 4th. After the opening service in the Cathedral the corner stone of a new building, to be known as the Cathedral Hall, was laid by Mrs. Henry Russell, President of the Ladies Guild, in the presence of the Bishop, Dean and members of the Synod.

This Synod also, like that of Nova Scotia, meets but biennially.

Bishop Williams presided, and in his charge referred to the deaths of Rev. W. S. Vial and Rev. J. H. Jenkins, the latter for many years a faithful and strenuous missionary of the diocese, and more recently the Rector of Three Rivers.

A committee was appointed to make preparations for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the Diocese of Quebec in 1893, it being the second colonial diocese formed.

TORONTO.

The Synod of Toronto met in the School House of Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday, June 10th at 11.30 a. m., after the celebration of Holy Communion in the church. The Bishop's address was carefully prepared and gave a clear idea of the work of the past year and also of the present position of the diocese. Touching allusions were made to the late Rev. J. W. R. Beck, Rector of Peterboro, and Rev. Algernon Boys, Professor of Classics, Trinity University, Toronto. Under the head of statistics the Bishop deplored the general falling off in the number of children baptized, and also the reduction of the amounts contributed by country parishes and missions to the support of the clergy. His Lordship made encouraging allusion to the work of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The attendance at the Synod was not as large as usual, owing chiefly to the fact that several parishes had failed to pay the unusually high assessment made upon them.

A movement was commenced which it is hoped will lead to the establishment of a Church Book Room for Toronto.

Much time was taken up in adjusting the Toronto Rectory Surplus Fund so as to meet, as near as might be, the needs of the various city parishes. A falling off was reported in the Clergy Commutation Fund, owing to the difficulty of procuring good investments, and this led to the appointment of a committee to consider the whole question of investing the funds of the diocese.

The Report of the Mission Board showed a slight increase in the income for Diocesan purposes over the previous year. The result as regards Domestic and Foreign Missions is reported as most gratifying, and if the increase in the Diocesan Mission Fund had kept pace with it there would be room for nothing but congratulations.

NIAGARA.

The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara met in Hamilton on Wednesday, June 11th. Holy Communion was administered at 7 a. m. in Christ Church Cathedral.

The Bishop in his charge announced that during the past year two new parishes had been formed, that of St. John's, Hamilton, and St. James', Guelph. The Mission Board Reports showed a falling off of \$130 over the previous year. It also indicated that the average stipend of the missionaries was only \$555.

A committee was appointed to consider the constitution and canons of the Synod, with a view to making changes that may be deemed necessary. A spirited debate took place upon the question of prohibition of the liquor traffic and a resolution passed sympathizing with all judicious efforts to advance the cause of temperance and to remove the evils arising from insufficient limitation and restraint of the liquor traffic, but not favoring prohibition because it was felt that the country was not yet ripe for it, and that legislation in advance of public opinion leads to dishonor of the law, and retards the attainment of the object it seeks to promote.

MONTREAL.

The thirty-first annual Synod met in the Synod Hall, Montreal, on Tuesday, June 17th, the Bishop of the Diocese presiding. His Lordship, in his charge, defended pew rents, but at the same time counselled every one to do what he could in the direction of free churches. The report of the Mission Fund—thanks being especially due to increased liberality of the congregation of St. George's Church—was considered quite satisfactory. A resolution congratulating the Bishop upon the completion of the 50th year of his ministry was carried with applause. The Synod expressed itself strongly in favor of putting in force the canon on deaconesses, so that the powerful aid of women, duly qualified, might be obtained for parochial work. The prohibition question was not approved of but the Synod "acknowledged the great evils inflicted on the community by the liquor traffic, and would encourage any practical movement towards the removal of such evils."

HUON.

The Synod met on Tuesday, June 17th, the opening service being held in St Paul's Cathedral. The Bishop referred to the death of the late Rev. J. G. R. Salter, who came to this country in 1847 and was first appointed to Sarnia, and to that of the late Rev. T. W. Magahy, and stated that four new churches had been built and two consecrated during the year. A debt of \$14,271.15 was reported on the See House. Mr. E. Baynes Reed,