

for the change by fortifying themselves with classical knowledge. "The Lives of the Archbishops of Canterbury," by Bishop Chittenden, would give them more of the history of England than they could get from Hume and Smollet. After referring to the belief held by some that infidelity was on the increase, and pointing to the fact that £40,000,000 has been spent by the Church of England for building churches, and that two-thirds of the children of England are educated by that body—as trumpet-tongued arguments against such belief, His Lordship concluded a most eloquent address, of which the above is but a mere outline, amid applause.

A collection was taken up, amounting to the very respectable sum of \$33.

The musical part of the programme was exceedingly well sustained by Rev. Canon Jones, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Gourdeau, Miss Potter, and Messrs. Rush, R. Brewer, F. Gourdeau, and Garland.

We insert the following letter clipped from a Belleville paper. It speaks for itself. Mr. Burke seems to ask nothing unreasonable, and we should be sorry that any congregation in Canada would refuse its clergyman common justice. Party prejudice we know blinds the eyes, and hardens the heart, and sometimes personal malice seeks to strike its victim under cover of a religious cry. We believe those who know Mr. Burke best, judge charitably of him; and we must confess that our sympathies naturally lean to a conscientious man (even if we thought him mistaken) standing alone amid powerful adversaries combined to destroy him—and refusing to forego duty at the command of faction. Mr. Burke has been abused in the public prints long enough. We think it high time we heard his side of the case and we hope he will enable us soon to give a plain statement of facts bearing on the matter. We always avoid scurrility and abuse, but are ever ready to aid in the development of truth, and shall ever be opponents of persecution and senseless malignity.

"To the Editor of the Intelligencer."

DEAR SIR,—I do not intend, now or at any time, to break the rule I have ever tried to adhere to, namely, to avoid engaging in controversy or parochial discussions in the public prints; but as I see and hear of articles in various papers here and elsewhere, bringing Church matters relating to this parish before the public, I desire to say, with your kind permission, a few simple words on the subject. I will ask all lovers of justice and fair play not to condemn me unheard.

I am ready, before the Bishop, before the Synod, before the congregation, and to any individuals who may wish to ask me, to give a clear and full account of my principles of action. I stand not on my rights, but I do look for common justice and British fair play. I have asked the Bishop for a public investigation of my case, and although he has not thought it necessary or expedient to grant my request, yet I feel sure that in some way it must come to that yet. Surely I am not unreasonable in asking common justice, which is the right of the humblest and most defenceless. I would quote a passage from a letter which appeared a day or two since, signed "A Policeman." It is most applicable to my case. "It astonishes the man of contemplative mind to see the effect that fashion has upon the mass of humanity, and more especially does it astonish him to see men who ought to know better, carried away by any prevailing cry against any person or body of men, if that cry becomes fashionable; and noble minded men often allow themselves to be carried on

the wave of popular injustice, because their attention has not been drawn to the other side of the question." I do not intend to trouble you further on this matter. I write not to provoke controversy, but to state a fact which I will ask all interested, and the public generally, to bear in mind. It is this: While always ready to acknowledge personal defects, I have a good defence to make of my principles of action, and am ready to make it on any fitting occasion. I would say to friends and foes, "hear both sides before you condemn me, and do not ask or expect me to retire from a post of duty, however painful, at the demand of unreasonable prejudice or personal hatred." I remain, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

J. W. BURKE, Clerk, Rector.  
Rectory, Belleville, 23rd Nov., 1876."

#### TORONTO.

TORONTO.—His Excellency Lieutenant Governor Tilley, of New Brunswick, attended Divine Service at St. Luke's Church, on Sunday last.

BATTEAUX.—We are happy to learn that Miss Gillett has collected the sum of \$5 14s. 6d., towards the debt on the Parsonage. Owing mainly to the exertions of the Rev. Dr. Lett and Mrs. Bouchien, a church has been erected. A parsonage was also put up last year which is still \$1,200 in debt.

TORONTO.—The Regular Quarterly Meetings of the Standing Committees of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, were held at the Synod Office on Thursday and Friday, the 9th and 10th of November, 1876.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Present—The Archdeacon of Peterborough, Chairman; The Archdeacon of York, Revs. Dr. Lett, R. Shanklin, W. Logan, C. W. Paterson, A. J. Fidler, J. H. McCollum; Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, S. B. Harman, Captain Stupart, Dr. Snelling, F. Farcomb. The sub-Committees appointed to consider (1) the amendments to the Constitution relating to the re-construction of the Standing Committees, and (2) the resolution of Synod to provide for a Diocesan Conference in the evening of each day of the Session of Synod, not being prepared with their reports, consideration of the same was deferred till the February meeting.

CLERGY COMMUTATION TRUST COMMITTEE.—Present—The Rev. Dr. Lett, Chairman. The Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. W. R. Forster, A. J. Broughall, C. W. Paterson, W. O. Cooper, John Davidson, Hon. V. C. Blake, Archibald Cameron, Peter Paterson, William Ince, Dr. Snelling, A. H. Campbell, C. H. Greene. Resolved—That as there has been greater delay than was anticipated in the arrangements by the Commissioners between this Diocese and the Diocese of Niagara, the surplus funds be now distributed among the claimants in accordance with the by-law. Also, that the Secretary be instructed to write to the clergymen claiming the Commutation Fund, for new applications, and that the sub-Committee do consider and act upon said applications up to the amount of the available surplus.

ENDOWMENT OF SEE, RECTORY LANDS, AND LAND AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE.—Present—The Rev. W. Stennett in the chair; Revs. W. H. Clarke, W. Logan, J. H. McCollum, Messrs. Farcomb, Harman and Magrath. Sundry matters pertaining to land were brought before the Committee, and laid over for further information and future consideration.

MISSION BOARD.—Present—The Archdeacon of York in the chair. The Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. Dr. Lett, A. Stewart, Canon Morgan, I. Middleton, H. D. Cooper, Septimus Jones, T. W. Allen,

Canon Osler, F. Burt, E. H. Cole, S. Givens, Professor Wilson, Mr. A. R. Gordon, Major Bligh. The Secretary presented the quarterly financial statement, showing the Mission Fund account overdrawn on the 1st of November, \$9,483.96, subject to reduction by the amount of the debt due by the Diocese of Niagara, \$3,110.24, with interest from 1st of May, 1875. Algoma Fund Account overdrawn on the 1st of November, \$815.67. New guarantees were received and accepted from the following missions: Creemore \$250; Banda \$100; Allenwood (Craighurst) \$50; Phelpsston (Craighurst) \$40; Fisher's (Alliston) \$100; St. John's, Mono Mills, \$175; Duntroon (Batteaux) \$100; Bradford and West Guilimbury \$600. A letter was read from Mr. F. Loyton, Secretary, Minesing (Vespra) stating that it would be impossible for the congregation to continue the payment of the amount hitherto guaranteed. The sub-Committee appointed to arrange the Mission Board Pay List in accordance with the by-law passed at the last meeting of Synod, presented their report, which was adopted by the Mission Board, with some amendments, as follows:

The Synod having in June last, resolved that Missions hereafter placed on the list be referred by the Board, at their discretion, to one of the following schedules:

Schedule A. to receive a grant for ten years, \$200 for the first three years, reduced by \$25 every subsequent year, thus leaving the grant of the tenth year only \$25.

Schedule B. to receive a grant for seven years, \$200 for the first three years, reduced by \$40 every subsequent year, thus leaving the grant for the seventh year only \$40.

Schedule C. to receive a grant for five years, \$200 for the first three years, \$125 for the fourth year, \$50 for the fifth year.

Schedule D. Exceptional cases not included under the above, in which the reduction shall be in similar proportions.

Travelling Missions shall be maintained at the discretion of the board at an annual grant not exceeding \$600.

Missions already on the list may be subjected, from July, 1877, to reduction at the rate of schedule A., B., or C., or to such reduction as the Board may deem expedient. The Missions now on the Mission Board Pay List have been appointed amongst the several schedules in the following manner:—

In Schedule A—Norwood, Westwood and Belmont.

In Schedule B—Bobcaygeon and Dunsford, Hastings and Alnwick, Innisfil, North Essex.

In Schedule C—Albion and Mono (subject to information regarding endowment), Bolton and Sandhill (subject to information regarding endowment), Credit, Holland Landing, Leslieville, Lloydstown, Manvers, Mulmur, North Douro, Seymour and Percy, Shanty Bay, Stayner and Creemore.

In Schedule D—Alliston and West Essex; Aurora, Oakridges & King; Batteaux, Singhampton and Duntroon; Bradford and West Guilimbury; Brampton, Edmonton and Campbell's Cross; Brooklin and Columbus; Cameron, Cobocook, etc.; Craighurst and Waverly; Cookstown, etc.; Dysart; Gore's Land.