

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

The *Journal* of the Fourteenth Session of the Synod of this Diocese (1888) has reached us. The officers are:—President, the Lord Bishop of Niagara, Hamilton; Chancellor, Edward Martin, Esq., Q. C., Hamilton; Registrar, J. E. Kilvert, Esq., Hamilton; Clerical Secretary, Rev. W. R. Clark, M. A., Ancaster; Lay Secretary, J. J. Mason, Esq., Hamilton. There are 69 priests and deacons, 58 parishes, only one being reported vacant. Hamilton has seven parishes, St. Catharines three. Among the clergy there is a dean, two archdeacons, nine canons (one not residing in the diocese), one chaplain and four rural deans. Sixty-two clergymen and 79 lay delegates answered to their names at the late Synod. The Bishop stated in his charge that he had ordained during the year four priests and six deacons, and confirmed 1,158 persons, of whom 477 were males and 681 females, 235 having been brought up outside the Church. The Treasurer reported that \$1,687 had been contributed to Domestic Missions, and \$1,298 to Foreign Missions, the Diocese ranking fifth among the dioceses of this Ecclesiastical Province in Domestic Missions, and 4th in Foreign Missions.

A "serious falling off in the amounts contributed during the year on the apportionment scheme" is reported.

The bishop was presented with an address and purse by the Synod, wishing him a prosperous journey to England to attend the Lambeth Conference.

A canon providing for the creation of new parishes was passed, and also one requiring that divinity students receiving aid from the Fund shall serve at least three years in the diocese.

The taking steps towards increasing the Episcopal Endowment Fund was referred to the Special Trust Committee.

A resolution was also passed in favor of making the Bishop of the Diocese a member *ex officio* of all committees.

Among the receipts are the following amounts:—

For Mission Fund	\$7,701 53
For Widows and Orphans Fund	1,982 78
For Divinity Students.....	281 17
Domestic Missions.....	1,984 13
Foreign Missions.....	962 07
General Expenses.....	1,572 36

The following endowments are mentioned:—

Clergy Trust Fund.....	\$153,843 20
Episcopal Endowment	31,791 35
Episcopal Endowment Trust	4,837 60
Rectory Lands Fund.....	95,601 96
Widows and Orphans Fund.....	7,754 29
Sustentation Fund (Balance at credit),	1,020 00

Ten parishes are endowed, the highest being Stamford, \$18,041.28, and the lowest Grantham, \$5,843.67.

Grants from the Mission Board are made to 17 missions, and pensions to eight widows of deceased clergymen.

A long list is given of the securities held by the Diocese, and a schedule showing parochial statistics.

The book, which is neat and well written throughout, closes with a list of persons contributing to the parochial collections, a list of the non-commuting clergy in their order of seniority, and an abstract statement of the doings of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, during the first three years of its existence.

A REMINISCENCE OF 1833.

(Concluded.)

WHEN the morning of that day arrived, the congregation began to assemble from all the surrounding parish;—some coming in their comfortable family waggons,—the younger ones on horseback, and those living near the church on foot. Never before had Trinity Church and the green under its windows and about its door, contained such a vast assemblage. An Ordination was a new thing there, and, when it was known that the young man to be ordained had devoted himself as a missionary among the far distant heathen, the interest felt in the service was greatly increased. This, together with the anxiety of the people to behold once more their first and beloved pastor, emptied many a house of its inmates. Every one appeared deeply affected by the solemn service,—and certainly it is a solemn sight to behold a youthful champion of the Cross binding himself by the most sacred vows to the work of the ministry, and about to return to his far distant labors, away from his friends, and away from the comforts and amenities of more favored situations. None appeared to feel the solemnity and interest of the service more than the reverend preacher of the day—the Lord Bishop's Chaplain.* Ere he had finished his excellent discourse, his feelings overcame his utterance, and he probably effected more by being unable to proceed, than he would have done had his feelings not been so overpowering.

In the afternoon many "faithful soldiers and servants of Christ" came forward to ratify before God, his Bishop, and their assembled friends and neighbors, their baptismal vows and obligations. I could not help being struck at the appearance of these young people. There was present with them all a sense of the momentous duty which they were engaged in; and the neat white dresses of the young women (so appropriate to the occasion, and so becoming a rural population) were indicative, I trust, of the purity of their minds.

Before leaving I had a long and highly interesting conversation with that eminently excellent and devoted man, not inaptly styled "the Apostle of the Canadas." The parish where these interest-

*The Rev. S. T. J. Lockhart.