

has been licensed to Labrador, his salary also [£160], will have to be added to the Diocesan block sum. The new arrangement from the time when it is ultimately adopted.

"I am, dear Lord,

"Yours very faithfully,

"ERNEST HAWKINS.

"The Lord Bishop of Quebec."

Although this reply is not altogether so satisfactory or explicit as your Committee could have desired, yet your Committee venture (in doing which they trust they are not exceeding the powers intended to be confided to them) to recommend the Synod to adopt the proposal of the Society, and they beg leave to state the reasons which have brought them to this conclusion.

The points on which they were instructed to seek explanation were:—"that part of the Society's second condition which refers to the reduction to be made during the second period of three years—the amount of reduction to be made in subsequent years—and the existing obligations of the Society."

With regard to the first of these points, a full and satisfactory explanation has, as will have been already seen, been obtained.

With regard to the second, although your Committee have not succeeded in obtaining any distinct pledge on the subject from the Society, they are of opinion, that as much has been promised by that body as there is any reasonable expectation of obtaining, and that, therefore, it is for the interest of the Diocese to accept the terms offered, as the best that may be had. Your Committee observe, that whereas, by the terms of the original proposal, as submitted to the Synod last year, a reduction was to take place at the end of six years, to any amount, being not less than £100 per annum, as might seem fit to the Society, the last explanatory letter received from that body, leaves the matter to be the subject of fresh negotiation between the Bishop and Synod on one part and the Society on the other; and from the general tenor of that communication, your Committee entertain no doubt that, should the Diocese be found in the meantime to have exerted itself vigorously for the support of the Church, the Society will be easily persuaded to listen to any reasonable representations which may be made by the Synod.

With regard to the third point, as it would appear, from the letter just referred to, that the Society considers itself, as it no doubt is legally, bound to maintain its existing obligations, your Committee are of opinion, that those Missionaries who have claims upon that body will stand in precisely the same relation to it that they do at this moment.

The three points on which explanation was desired by the Synod having been thus, to some extent at least, satisfactorily met, your Committee conceive that the general advantages attending the Society's proposal, pointed out by the Lord Bishop in his circular of 10th April, 1860, are amply sufficient to recommend the adoption of that proposal by the Synod.*

It will be observed that, in order to meet a question which is likely to arise again, his Lordship, in writing to the Society on the 28th Nov. last, took occasion to enquire whether the Society would approve of a proposal, should such a proposal be made, for substituting the Church Society of the Diocese for the Synod, as a party to the agreement to be entered into. The Society's answer on this point has been already given; and your Committee beg leave to recommend that the management of the funds, to be entrusted by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to the Synod be committed to the Clergy Trust Committee of the Church Society, on such conditions, and under such regulations as may be agreed,

upon between the Synod and the Church Society.

Your Committee will have taken measures, before the meeting of the Synod, for endeavoring to ascertain the views of the Church Society with regard to this proposal, in order that, if agreed to by both parties, it may take effect without further delay. Should this suggestion be favorably received by the Synod your Committee would then recommend the appointment of a Committee of Synod, with full powers finally to arrange the details of the agreement to be made with the Church Society.

Your Committee forbear, therefore, from now suggesting any such details, except that they beg leave to recommend that as proposed in the Report on this subject presented to the Synod last year, a general Sustentation Fund be at once opened, throughout the Diocese, under the authority of the Synod, for the purpose of increasing the Clergy Trust Fund of the Church Society, in the event of an arrangement being come to between the two bodies, in which case your Committee are of opinion, that it might be proper for the Synod to propose to the Church Society, that no payments whatever, beyond those which are legally chargeable upon it be made from the Clergy Trust Fund, during the six years following the date of the arrangement with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; but that the whole of the surplus now arising from that fund, as well as the amounts that may be annually collected during the period just mentioned, be allowed to accumulate until its expiration.

Your Committee are led to believe that the Church Society would readily adopt such a proposal, from having observed that this practice has been already most judiciously followed in the administration of the Clergy Trust Fund, which is known to possess the confidence of the Diocese at large.

Your Committee feel that it would be beyond their province to offer any suggestions as to the steps to be taken for raising such a Sustentation Fund; but, conceiving that the object of their appointment was to endeavor to remove any obstacles which might be found to impede the reception or working of the Society's proposal, they venture to suggest, further, that, in order more effectually to secure the rights of those Missionaries who now have claims on the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, it should be made a condition of any agreement with the Church Society, that the payment of such Missionaries be the first charge on the fund, to be made up of the Clergy Trust Fund and the proposed Sustentation Fund (whenever the proceeds of such fund shall be made available for Missionary payments) after that of those Clergymen who have a legal claim on the Clergy Trust Fund. It might be desirable, also, to suggest to the Church Society, that any surplus which may be at its disposal for Missionary purposes, during the next six years, from the Bishopric Endowment Fund, should be added to the fund which, as above proposed, is to be permitted to accumulate.

It will be for the Synod to consider what arrangements may be necessary for securing the judicious expenditure of the annual grant of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, so as to promote, in a satisfactory manner, the interests of the Diocese at large.

Your Committee have drawn up their Report at this early date with a view to its circulation through the Diocese, in order that all the Members of the Synod may be fully possessed of the case before the period of its assembling; and, also, that opportunity may be afforded for ascertaining the feeling of the Church Society with reference to the proposal here submitted. There is one

* See Appendix.

point on which the last communication from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (from the apparently accidental omission of a few words) is not quite clear; the time, namely, at which the first triennial period will commence. But your Committee will ascertain the intention of the Society in this particular, in time to communicate it to the Synod.

The whole respectfully submitted
Quebec, 6th March, 1861.

To be Continued.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION, (Continued.)

Tuesday, June 26th, 1861.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

His Lordship named the following Committees. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The Ven. the Archdeacon of York, the Revs. James Beaven, D.D., T. B. Fuller, D.C.L., S. Lett, LL.D., S. Givens, H. J. Grasset, B.D., Jonathan Shortt, D.D., T. S. Kennedy, W. S. Darling, A. Palmer, M.A., W. McMurray, D.C.L., F. L. Osler, M.A., B. C. Hill, A.M., Judge Boswell, Hon. J. H. Cameron, Hon. J. Patton, Hon. George W. Allan, Messrs. John W. Gamble, S. B. Harman, B.C.L., James Bovell, M.D., Robert B. Denison, Miles O'Reilly, B.C.L., Col. Kingsmill, Arch. Cameron, C. J. Campbell, J. W. Brent, Esquires.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON ASSESSMENT.

The Committee on Assessment beg to report, that they recommend the Assessment Roll of the present Synod to be adopted for next year, adding thereto any new parishes that may be erected at \$2 each.

CHURCH MUSIC.

The Committee on Church Music beg to report that, in pursuance of the resolution of the last Synod, they endeavoured to obtain subscriptions, so as to warrant them in publishing a collection of chants and tunes, such as that which was then proposed to the Synod.

The names of subscribers, however, came in very slowly, and at no time have they amounted to the number originally stated as requisite for publication at 25cts. per copy. The sub-committee, however, appointed to supervise the arrangement of the harmonies proceeded with their labours, although much hindered by various accidental causes, some of them of an afflictive nature.

When the subscription list had arrived at the number of 1600 it was ascertained that publishers were willing to undertake the publication on their own account, and the tunes being then completed by the sub-committee, a meeting of the committee was called, which, though very thinly attended, yet, knowing the anxiety which was felt for the appearance of the book, authorised the sub-committee to take steps for going to press with as little delay as possible. Owing to the desire of the sub-committee to publish on such terms as should be as favourable as possible to the public and procure some slight return to the committee, some further delay has occurred, but the book is now in the press, and will be pushed on, so as (the Committee trust) to be ready in September, for the use of singing classes during the winter.

The book will contain a preface stating its objects, and the nature and principal of its arrangement, and giving some special advice upon chanting. An introduction will follow prepared by the professional members of the sub-committee, for the use of teachers and singing classes.

Then will follow a collection of chants, together with the canticles, pointed for singing and care.