

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

YOUR correspondent is obliged to condense greatly the General News items, owing to the Synod Report.

MEETING OF SYNOD—THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Synod again met at ten o'clock, the Bishop presiding. The first business was a verbal report made by Mr. W. H. Howland in reference to the proposed colonization scheme sanctioned by the Synod last year. It appears nothing had been done owing to changes made by the Government in their method of making grants of land in the North-West. The Executive Committee were authorized to continue negotiations.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS.

An interesting discussion took place on the report presented on this subject by the Rev. John Langtry. Committees had been appointed by the Presbyterian Synod, and the Methodist General Conference to act in conjunction with a Committee of our Synod in pressing the matter upon the Ontario Government. One gentleman wisely remarked that if the clergy would take a little more interest in the schools in their neighborhood by visiting them, etc., thus exercising the influence the law already permitted, much good would ensue. The Government although they had promised a full consideration of the matter had done nothing as yet to meet the views of the Committee. It is desired to secure the reading of Holy Scripture by the children and teachers and the opening of the schools with the prescribed prayers as obligatory exercises. And the Committee are also anxious to obtain the recognition of religious instruction by the insertion of suitable and scriptural and moral extracts in the Nation Readers.

GENERAL PURPOSES' FUND.

The report in charge of the Rev. J. Vicars, generally gives rise to some amusement by the wit and readiness of the chairman whose jocose remarks have relieved the monotony of Synod time and again. The committee are exercising a laudable economy and are endeavouring to restrain expenditure on all sides. The overdrawn balance last year of over \$1,100 has been reduced to \$355.28. The necessary items of expenditure which are provided by a general assessment of one per cent on the income of the various parishes are as follows:—Expenses of Diocesan Synod, \$300; Provincial ditto, \$100; Rent of Bishops' House, \$800; grant to the Rev. P. Tocque, \$300.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

This report showed that certain debentures amounting to \$3,700 had been retained by the Federal Bank owing to the failure of Messrs. Hope & Temple from whom the Synod had procured a loan some years ago. This indebtedness had been met by the Synod, but the debentures had through some mismanagement, still been retained by the brokers before mentioned, or rather by the bank with which they were deposited on their account. This loose system of doing business was rightly characterized as most improper. Still nothing can be done, the matter being quite out of the reach of the Synod or other authorities.

SUSTENTATION FUND.

In the afternoon a long and desultory discussion took place respecting the division of certain sums held by the Synod in trust for the above Fund. The motion of Rev. John Vicars provided that the accrued interest should be distributed in terms of the trust *viz.*, to those clergymen in order of their seniority whose income is less than \$800 per annum. Short speeches on the subject were made by Rev. J. Carry, Canon Morgan and W. C. Bradshaw and others but the matter was finally left over until next Synod.

ROGATION DAYS.

Mr. Baldwin's motion that the bishop should authorize a form of service suitable for these Days met with a cordial reception from the Synod and with a slight amendment passed. It was felt better to leave the matter entirely in his Lordship's hands to adopt what he thought best rather than to propose any particular form.

S. ALBAN'S CHAPTER.

The lay vote for four lay members of the proposed Cathedral, resulted in the election of the following gentlemen: Chief Justice Spragge, Hon. G. W. Allan, Hon. Edward Blake, and Judge Benson. The clerical vote showed that the subjoined gentlemen had been chosen to similar position: Messrs. Jas. Henderson, John Carter, J. R. Cartwright and Major Foster.

AT THE EVENING SESSION.

Mr. A. H. Campbell presented the report of the See House Committee. A total of \$12,091 had been subscribed in the city parishes, for the purpose of erecting a suitable House for the Bishop of the Diocese. Several parishes however, have not yet made any returns, and the chairman pressed the subject upon the Synod. The committee were authorized to continue their labours.

TEMPERANCE SERMON.

At the beginning of the Synod a memorial has been presented by the Dominion Alliance on the subject of intemperance. A committee was appointed to consider the memorial

and they suggested that their proposal to have temperance sermons preached throughout the Diocese annually should be adopted. Subsequently a motion so this effect was carried, the day to be arranged by the Bishop, after consultation with the Church of England Temperance Association.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Motions by Dr. Snelling to authenticate the records Synod proceedings, and by Mr. Hoskins, to authenticate the printed Canons, (both of which resolutions grew out of the present law-suit in the case of Langtry and Dumoulin,) took up the remainder of the time and the latter point was not settled when the Synod adjourned at 11 o'clock p. m.

A STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL in connection with the Church of the Ascension, Toronto, was held in the Adelaide Street Rink, on the 26th ult. Over 2,000 persons were present.

ON the 24th June, the Rev. C. Shortt preached in St. John's Church, Port Hope. The Sunday School children of this Church held their annual picnic recently, at Millbrook.

It is reported that St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, is to have very shortly a surpliced choir.

MR. ARMITAGE, of Wycliffe Hall, takes duty at Trinity Church during the absence of the Rev. A. Sanson, in Europe.

MR. S. H. BLAKE generously proposes to supply all the clergy in the Diocese, who desire it, with a free copy of the Life of Dr. Duff, in two volumes. Mr. Blake intends to make a gift of a book in this way annually. His example is worthy of all praise.

WYKEHAM HALL closed last week. The students number nearly one hundred. Prizes were distributed in the various classes, and the closing exercises consisted of an excellent concert, in which most of the pupils took part. Archdeacon Boddy presided in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop.

ON June 24th, the Rev. Evans Davis preached a sermon to the Free-Masons in St. James's Cathedral. On July 1st, the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw addressed a special discourse to the Orangemen of Peterborough and vicinity, in St. Luke's Church, Ashburnham.

THE Bishop is about holding Confirmation in the Deanery of Simcoe East.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL—THIRD DAY.

The Synod resumed at ten o'clock. After the opening prayer and the minutes had been read by the Rev. Canon Empson and confirmed.

His Lordship announced that he had selected the following committee to carry out the canon on the subject of Deaconesses:—Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Rev. Canon Carmichael, Rev. Robert Lindsay, Rev. Canon Norman, Messrs. Thos. White, M.P., Chas. Garth, Chancellor Bethune, Wm. Salter, the Very Rev. the Dean (convenor), and Mr. Leo. H. Davidson, the two latter being mover and seconder of the motion.

Rev. Canon Norman presented the report of the committee appointed to suggest names of Trustees and members of Lennoxville College.

The various Deanery reports were then presented. Several notices of motion were given.

It was moved by Very Rev. Dean Baldwin, seconded by Rev. Canon Carmichael, and unanimously resolved:

"That this Synod desires to put on record its deep sense of the loss this diocese has sustained in the death of the late Rev. James A. McLeod. His earnest piety and blameless walk have left an unfading impression upon us all and will cause us ever to cherish his memory with fond affection. This Synod would request the Bishop to convey to his widow and family our condolence and sympathy."

Mr. T. P. Butler moved, seconded by Rev. Canon Ellegood, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration and report at the next meeting of this Synod what amendments are required in the Temporalities Act and the Synod Acts. Carried.

On motion of the Rev. Canon Davidson, it was resolved that the collection of subscriptions for the Mission Fund by offertory or otherwise shall be imperative upon all parochial authorities in this Diocese, in each year, and that in case of default, no such parish shall have the privilege of lay representation in Synod, until the rule of the Synod be complied with.

Mr. L. H. Davidson moved, seconded by Mr. H. D.

Moore, the adoption of the Report of the Committee on appointments to Rectories and self-sustaining Parishes.—Carried.

Mr. L. H. Davidson moved the adoption of the Report of the Committee on the Metropolitan Title and Dignity. He said it was not necessary for him to detain the House in explanation of this question, as it had been discussed for fourteen years, and the report simply recommended that, as there were doubts in regard to it in the minds of the Provincial Synod, a memorial be presented at its next session setting forth anew the position of this Diocese.

Mr. T. B. Butler seconded the motion. Judge Armstrong moved in amendment, seconded by the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, that the report be not now adopted.

In support of his amendment, Judge Armstrong said that he saw no reason why they should place the matter before the Provincial Synod at all. The report recommended them to appeal to the Provincial Synod to give them their rights, and if they would not do so, then they would go to law. But supposing they did go to law and succeeded in repealing the canon, it would not affect His Lordship at all. It would only provide for the future, as the repeal would not be retroactive. If he really believed the peace of the Church was in danger by the fact of His Lordship not being Metropolitan he would be in favor of going to law, but before doing so he would first consider what that meant. It meant that it would entail a heavy expenditure to carry it from court to court and finally to the Privy Council. But even if they did go to law and procured a writ of injunction against the Lord Bishop of Fredericton he would be looked upon as a martyr, as a persecuted man—in fact the Archbishop Laud of the 19th Century. The report recommended, in the event of the Provincial Synod not listening to their petition, to go to law. If the Synod were of that opinion, he was not.

Mr. L. H. Davidson said the report directly negated the idea of going to law.

Judge Armstrong read the report and asked if laying down two alternatives, applying to the Provincial Synod, or going before the Court, negated going to law.

Mr. Davidson asked if it would not be necessary to come back to this Synod before any steps could be taken, and could it be said that the adoption of a report which recommended them to apply to the Provincial Synod in a spirit of brotherly love and re-state their case were authorizing them to go to law.

Mrs. S. Bethune, Q. C., moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. George Macrae, Q. C., that the report now before the House be not now adopted, and that it be resolved that in the opinion of this House it is not expedient to take any action at present with regard to the Metropolitan question. Judge Armstrong withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Geo. Macrae said that, in seconding the amendment, he did not wish to be understood as deviating from any principle which he had already advocated. So far as the real question was concerned, Mr. Davidson and himself were of one mind, but, when they brought the question up at the last Provincial Synod they were told they were out of order, and he, for one, did not feel that they should place themselves in that position again. It would not invalidate their claim to allow the matter to stand as it was at present. He hoped to see the time come when they could take action, but did not consider that time was the present.

Mr. S. Bethune said he was not in favor of using the words "at present" at all, as he had always thought that the question was not worth fighting about, and it was only to meet the wishes of a portion of the meeting that he put those words in his amendment. The power of the Metropolitan was very limited; in fact he was quite a harmless individual; and could not exercise even visitatorial powers in any Diocese unless he was moved there by two-thirds of the clergy of that Diocese. He was a mere president of the Upper House, and the one who called the Synod together, and presided in the Court of Appeal, although he did not necessarily preside then, as in his absence the Senator Bishop presided. His principal reason for moving the amendment, however, was in the interest of peace.

Mr. Thomas White, M. P., thought the action which had deprived them of the Metropolitan title was of inestimable advantage to them. They were now allowed to elect their own Bishop (applause), and when contrasted with the state of things in the Synod a few years ago, he thought the advantages now possessed by them far outweighed the dignity of the title. Besides, if His Lordship were the Metropolitan, his powers would be precisely the same as they were at this moment, and therefore he, for one, would deeply deplore a change in their circumstances which would give the House of Bishops the right to say from whom they should select their Bishop. His Lordship has been elected by the unprecedented majority of two-thirds of both orders at the first selection, and he (Mr. White) was prepared to say that to-day His Lordship had no more earnest sympathizers and supporters than those who at that time, from a sense of duty to the Church, felt called upon to oppose his election. Surely, then, they should not be too anxious to go back to a state of things which had proved to be unsatisfactory.

After a number of the clergy and laity had spoken, the amendment was voted upon and lost; and the motion carried by almost the entire Synod. The Synod then took recess.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. L. H. Davidson moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on the Diocesan Library, and on Books and Tracts. This was seconded by Rev. W. R. Brown, and carried unanimously.