

gone, so far as this Diocese is concerned. God grant it may remain so.

I accept your loving address very gratefully and pray earnestly that you may enjoy a long and fruitful Christian prosperity. I pray that you may have God's blessing resting on your homes, and on your business, whether that business be in the Church or in the world. And I wish further for those who in the Providence of God shall reach the limit of human life, as I have done, that in their old age they may have the same consolation and encouragement which you have so tenderly and gracefully given me.

It was resolved to have the address suitably engrossed, signed by the Dean and secretaries, and presented to his Lordship.

#### DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

**MOUNT FOREST.**—The *Representative* says:—We are pleased to know that Rev. R. S. Radcliffe, late of St. Paul's Church, this town, now of East Saginaw, has been called to Pueblo, the most important parish in South Colorado. Mr. Radcliffe will not leave Saginaw till the congregation there gets a new rector, which may be two or three weeks yet, when he will come to Mt. Forest for a week's rest.

A very quiet but a very happy wedding service took place on June 6th at St. Paul's Anglican Church here. The service consisted of the usual marriage office with the Holy Communion. The Rev. Elwin Radcliffe, B.C.L., was the celebrant. The contracting parties were Miss Isabel Ruth Smith, third daughter of T. G. Smith Esq., postmaster, and the Rev. Reginald Radcliffe, late of Mt. Forest and Saginaw, and now Rector of St. Peter's Church, Pueblo, Colorado. Miss Amy Smith, of Cleveland, acted as bridesmaid.

#### DIOCESE OF HURON.

**HURON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Alumni of this College was held in the College building on the evening of the 17th inst., being preceded by the annual supper of the Association, which took place at 6 p.m., and to which about thirty members sat down. The President, Rev. W. Davis, presided, and the Rev. W. Craig acted as 1st Vice-President.

The annual meeting commenced at 7 o'clock, the President in the chair. There was a large attendance of members, and after the reading of the minutes of last meeting the election of officers for ensuing year was made as follows: President, Rev. W. Craig; 1st Vice-President, Rev. R. H. Martin; 2nd Vice-President, Rev. R. McCosh; Secretary, Rev. R. Hicks; Treasurer, Rev. Canon Smith. Executive Committee:—Revs. Downie, Hodgins, Thomas, Young and T. R. Davis.

The Revs. H. A. Thomas and N. H. Martin were appointed Essayists for the next meeting, and resolutions of condolence were passed to the Rev. W. Davis, on the loss of his wife, and to Mrs. Magahy on the death of her husband, the Rev. T. W. Magahy, an esteemed member of the Association.

The evening was spent in discussing the affairs of the College, and determination was expressed to advance its interests in every possible manner.

#### SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF HURON.

There was a large representation of clerical and lay delegates at the opening of Synod, on the 14th inst. A majority of the clergy and laity answered to their names. After ordinary proceedings the committee on Certificates and Assessments reported that twenty-one congregations had not legally elected representatives, not having paid their assessments; but the matter was allowed to stand over. The Bishop then delivered his charge in which he referred to the fact that the past year had been one of

anxiety, owing to poor crops, unfavorable weather, and stagnation of business, but that thanks to God their receipts had not fallen off but had somewhat increased. The Domestic Mission fund showed an increase of \$341.57 over last year; Woman's Auxiliary \$621.94. Synod assessments \$84.95. He regretted that owing to the change made in the Widows' and Orphans' Fund the receipts had decreased \$641.30. He next touchingly referred to the death of Canon Salter, of Brantford, and the Rev. U. T. Magahy, both which had occurred during the year.

Four new churches had been built, all of them beautiful and commodious edifices, viz: at St. Marys, Warwick, Blenheim and Port Arthur, and the foundation stone of a 5th at Wiarton had been laid. Two churches had been consecrated.

Referring to his Episcopal acts he reported that eighteen persons had been ordained, twelve to the Diaconate and six to the Priesthood; 60 Confirmations had been held, and 1429 persons confirmed, of whom 522 were men, and 907 women.

Two clergy had been admitted to the Diocese, one from Montreal, and one from Worcester, Eng., and two had left the Diocese, viz: the Rev. R. Kor, late of Ingersoll, and the Rev. Principal Fowell. He announced that the Rev. S. Peach had been named successor to Mr. Fowell in the Principalship of the College. His Lordship then continued as follows:

Permit me to mention some subjects of the gravest interest to us all. I wish to draw your attention to the great necessity there exists on the part of clergy and laity of higher views of the sacredness of the Minister's office. I refer to the practice so often met with of clergymen going to parishes and preaching trial sermons. If you have done all in your power to obtain a place—have strained every nerve and used every energy, and promised all the impossibilities which the varied minds of an influential congregation demand, and you have outstripped all competitors and won a hard fought battle, the difficulty then would be to say to your own conscience that you were passive in the matter. Such a practice is *absolutely destructive to all self respect*. Congregations in search of a minister are anxious to have your services until—Monday morning, when you are barred out, as some other man is to give another exhibition on the following Sabbath. And he then is ruled out in his turn as a sort of extinct volcano. You go on these expeditions for criticism and are like the Spanish bull fighter—gored and cast out. Again, it is *degrading to your religion*. He is the faithful man who most faithfully and accurately delivers the precious truths of the Gospel, and he who preaches on trial degrades his religion to the level of things earthly, and it is degrading to the Lord Jesus. He will place us just where we should be, because He is far more jealous for His own glory than are we. I admit there may be a little necessity for the congregations without a Rector becoming acquainted before hand, but this can be better done in other ways than that which I have alluded to.

—One of the great questions of to-day for us to consider is the unification of the Church throughout all Canada, with one legislative body and one executive head. It is a question to be approached with reverence, and we must be willing to object to no now essential matter which may arise, so that all may work for the general good. The fear has been expressed that we may have too much machinery for the work to be done. Too many Synods would allow of the success of none. I gather, therefore, that unification would be the right and proper thing. Let us pray that God will in His wisdom see fit to hurry it about, and that very soon, and we may then grasp the hands of brethren who come from far-off Alaska and the Atlantic seaboard.

—After referring to the agreement as to St.

Paul's Cathedral, and the improvements being made in the building, his Lordship said that a scheme for the promotion of Lay work in the diocese would be brought before them. Too many of their congregations he said, 'look upon their ministers much as the ancient Romans looked upon the deeds of men in the arena. They sit upon the benches and clap their hands when they do well, and hiss when they are not pleased. What I propose is that they should come down and help fight the lion. Our clergy were certainly intended to be captains, but not whole armies.'

Referring to the Woman's Auxiliary his Lordship said, 'I cannot praise too highly the Huron Branch of the W.A.M.A., they have done nobly, and I would urge upon all the advisability of having a similar Society in every parish.'

His Lordship in concluding his address referred to the sixteen years of faithful services of H. B. Reed, Esq., who was about to retire from the Secretary-Treasurership of the Diocese. The tact and ability exhibited by him in the management of the funds entrusted to his care, and in the affairs of the Diocese would be long remembered by the members of the Synod. Most earnestly he wished him success in his new sphere of duty and trusted that the Almighty One would protect him wherever he might go.

At the conclusion of his Lordship's address the Executive committee reported, amongst other things, recommending the appointment of a Secretary-Treasurer at a salary of \$1,200, and an assistant at \$800, applications for the position to be submitted to a committee of five laymen, to be named by the Bishop, to report thereon, and that the election, when made, should be by ballot, and also that the books of the Synod be audited quarterly. The Bishop named as such committee: C. Jenkins, W. H. Eakins, R. Fox, R. Bayley and M. Wilson.

The Synod adjourned until 8 o'clock p.m.

At the Evening session the consideration of the report of the Executive committee was continued. It showed that the Clergy Maintenance and Mission Fund carried over a balance of \$974.52; the quarterly collections showed an increase of \$222.67 over that of the preceding year. The Home Mission Field was now almost entirely filled, few vacancies existing, but the committee recommended that a vigilant oversight should be kept over the various parishes and missions, and that subdivision and extension should be provided for in necessary cases. This could only be done by the liberal help and support of all the churches.

The contributions for the Domestic Mission Fund amounted to \$2,922.95, and Foreign Missions \$1,556.46.

The pensions paid under the W. & O. Fund during the year amounted to \$5,385, and under the Superannuation Fund to \$5,174.18. The See House debt stands at \$14,271.15, and the Committee urged that some strenuous effort should be made to reduce this liability.

It was then moved that the subject of the liquidation of the See House debt be referred to a committee, and that a paid agent if necessary canvass the Diocese for subscriptions. Some discussion followed upon this motion, but ultimately it was adopted, and the report of the Executive Committee, so amended, was accepted.

#### DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

An ordination was held at the Pro-Cathedral, Qu'Appelle Station, on Trinity Sunday, and confirmations are announced for July and September, in the same place. The Diocesan Synod met at Regina on June 3, under the Presidency of the Right Rev., the Hon. Adelbert Anson, Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and it was particularly well attended; 16 out of 18 clergy responding to their names, and 15 lay delegates. There was a conversazione in the