

proceeding, there was perfect unanimity among the clergy present as to the desirableness of earnest work by, and in, the Church for the cure of the wide-spread evil of intemperance.

**FERGUS.**—By the noon train, on Thursday, July 5th, his Lordship, the Bishop of Niagara, arrived at Fergus station, where he was met by Rev. R. C. Caswell, Dr. Groves, Major Rates, and Mr. C. Cremer. They all proceeded to the Hotel of Mr. Thos. Hughes, where a deputation from Luther village Church waited on his Lordship, to set before him the circumstances of their church, and received from him every encouragement.

The deputation consisted of Messrs. Wm. Dawson, George Clayton, Richard Davis, Jas. Davey, Charles Lewis, Samuel Stuckey of Bowling Green. It was arranged to form into one mission: Luther village, Cobbeek Settlement and Bowling Green.

**GARAFRAXA.**—His Lordship then, accompanied by Major Bates and Chas. Cremer, drove out to the church on the sixth line of Garafraxa, where about 80 persons were assembled. The evening service was said by the Rev. G. H. Hooper, the incumbent, who took for a lesson the Epistle of St. Jude. His Lordship preached a sermon from Rom. 12. 1. After singing the well known hymn commencing "When I survey the wondrous cross," the Bishop addressed his audience with words of encouragement to go on with the work of the building, and offered a very liberal donation towards its completion. It was resolved to hold a picnic and musical entertainment on Tuesday, 24th of July, at which the Bishop has kindly consented to be present. Tickets, twenty-five cents each, can be obtained from C. Cremer, Fergus, who is authorized to receive subscriptions towards the liquidation of the debt on the church. In future Divine service will be held in the above church every Sunday morning at nine o'clock. The Bishop returned to Fergus, where he was the guest of Dr. Orton, M. P.

**PASTORAL LETTER.**—To the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Niagara:

**DEAR BRETHREN.**—At its recent session our Synod made a great change as regards the mode of collecting from your several parishes and missions the amounts necessary to meet the requirements of the Diocese. Having ascertained the whole amount required for that purpose, it was apportioned amongst the several parishes and missions, according to their supposed ability, leaving to each parish or mission the privilege of employing, for the collection thereof, such machinery as the incumbents and church wardens might deem best, but looking to the parish or mission to raise and pay over during the course of the year the amount apportioned to it. In one respect, however, the old system was continued, viz., that of having quarterly collections. This month of July is one of the seasons when the collections for missions, after sermons, is to be taken up. And I am very sorry to be compelled to say that, in order to pay our poorly remunerated missionaries their small allowances out by 30th ult., our treasurer was obliged to overdraw our account at the bank to the extent of \$701.50; and still there are to be met two other quarterly payments of nearly \$1250 cash before we can make another call for missions, and before the most of the monies, that are collected through the parochial organizations, can be relied on.

Under these circumstances I feel bound to call upon you in the name of God and out of regard for your fellow churchmen to offer liberally of those goods, of which God has made you stewards, to the cause of God, who has surrounded you with so many blessings, temporal and spiritual. Your offering for the cause of missions this month will go to the credit of the sum apportioned to your parish or mission this year. We have a most faithful body of missionaries, who are doing their duty on very small stipends. If the Diocese will give us the means we will most gladly increase those stipends. To my brethren of the clergy I would say, that you would do well to announce to your people what the Synod, by an unanimous vote, apportioned to your parish or mission, by exchanging with one of the neighbouring clergy, only

preaching earnestly, faithfully, and plainly to your people on the subject, do your best to induce them to discharge their duty to God and their fellow churchmen. I believe the contributions of our people could be doubled this year, if the duty of contributing was faithfully and affectionately pressed upon them.

Please read this pastoral to your people, when giving notice for the collection for missions, and oblige

Yours very faithfully,  
T. B. NIAGARA.

Bishophurst, Hamilton,  
July 7th, 1877.

### HURON.

#### MEETING OF SYNOD—continued.

**SYNODICAL STANDING COMMITTEE.**—The following clergymen had the highest number of votes:—Very Rev. Dean Boomer, Rev. Canon Caulfeild, Ven. Archdeacons Sweatman and Marsh, Revs. Canon Hincks, T. C. Des Barres, Archdeacon Elwood, E. Patterson, W. Logan, A. H. R. Mulholland, Canons Nelles and Innes, R. Fletcher, G. C. Mackenzie, W. B. Evans, J. T. Wright, R. S. Cooper, E. E. Newman, E. Grassett, J. W. P. Smyth, R. H. Starr, Ven. Archdeacon Sandys, F. Harding, A. E. Miller, A. S. Falls, W. H. Halpin, W. Davis, J. Gemley, W. B. Curran, J. Schulte. **Lay Members.**—Judge Kingsmill, V. Cronyn, H. Crosby, John Beard, E. B. Reed, J. T. Gilkinson, W. Grey, W. J. Imlach, Thos. Churcher, W. F. Eakins, J. D. Noble, Dr. Pousette, James Hamilton, G. F. Ryland, R. Ashton, R. Fox, Thomas Moyle, H. A. Patterson, T. Featherstone, C. Kingstone, T. Rvall, G. D. Sutherland, Chief A. S. Smith, Dr. Covernton, W. Holmwood, Wm. Collins, B. Stanley, H. Douglas, D. Howit.

**GRANT TO DR. RILEY.**—Moved by Rev. Archdeacon Marsh, seconded by Very Rev. Dean Boomer, "That the balance at the credit of the Foreign Mission Fund (\$363.83) be paid to Rev. Dr. Riley, Bishop elect of Mexico, to be employed by him in the forwarding of his great work in Mexico, to which, in the providence of God, he has been called.

This is exclusive of about one hundred dollars, being collections at London on Sunday, 17th inst.

The rules of order being suspended, it was moved by Rev. R. W. Johnstone, seconded by Mr. W. J. Imlach, "That having learned with regret that the period has arrived when our venerable brother in Christ, Dr. Townley, feels that he is obliged to seek release from active duty, it is hereby resolved that we, in Synod assembled, acknowledge with gratitude the services he has rendered, and look back with pleasure to the consistency and integrity by which his life has been characterized, leaving us a wholesome example to follow in his steps; and we hereby reciprocate his kind and Christian sentiment of the hope expressed, that after this life is ended we may meet in the kingdom of our blessed God and Saviour."

**THIRD DAY.**—Rev. W. H. Tilley, H. Crotty and W. H. Eakins were appointed a committee to report on the temperance question.

It was announced that the collections on Sunday, in three of the city churches, in aid of Dr. Riley's work in Mexico amounted to over \$100.

The Bishop appointed the following committees:—**For Canons.**—The Dean, Canons of the Cathedral, Chancellor of the Diocese, Secretaries of Synod, Secretary-Treasurer, T. C. Desbarres, W. Logan, Archdeacon Sweatman, convener.

**Assessment of Congregations.**—Rev. Canon Innes, Rev. W. B. Evans, the Secretaries of the Synod; the Secretary and Treasurer, Lay Secretary, convener.

**Sunday School.**—The Rural Deans, Revs. W. F. Campbell, J. Gemley, and Secretaries of Synod; Rural Dean Smith, convener.

**Foreign Missions.**—Remains the same. **On Deputations to Missionary Meetings.**—Archdeacon Marsh, Canon Innes, Rural Dean Logan, Rev. J. Gemley, A. E. Miller, Evans, Davis; Archdeacon Marsh, convener. The Committee on Statistics remains as last year.

The discussion on the report of the Committee on Canons was resumed. A slight amendment was made, after which the report was adopted.

A recommendation of the Standing Committee, that the salary of the Secretary, Mr. E. B. Reed,

be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,600, was taken up, on motion of Mr. Beard, seconded by Rev. Archdeacon Sweetman.

Considerable discussion ensued.

The Bishop, in putting the question, took occasion to speak of the qualifications of Mr. Reed in the highest terms of praise. Though there may be as good a man to be got, he certainly did not know a better. It had been a great comfort to him to find the work so diligently and faithfully performed as it had been done by Mr. Reed. He had devoted his whole energies to the work. He was a loyal son of the Church, and a faithful servant of the Synod; and from what he now knew, if Mr. Reed had been at his (the Bishop's) disposal some time ago, he would gladly have given him \$1,600 a year as his private secretary. They had the disposal of half a million of dollars, a sum as large as many banking institutions, yet the business had been kept so faithfully, every entry was so clearly understood by Mr. Reed, that he (the Bishop) had only to ask to know the condition of any department and the book was instantly produced with the matter clearly laid down. He thought such services should command a salary of at least the amount asked for. (Applause.)

The question was then put, and the recommendation of the committee was carried by an overwhelming vote.

The Synod proceeded to amend certain by-laws in regard to the pew franchise, the organization of vestries, the annual election of churchwardens, and their functions as a corporation, &c. A clause was carried making the election of auditors compulsory at the Easter meeting instead of at an adjourned meeting.

**THE CLERICAL SECRETARY.**—It was moved by Archdeacon Marsh, seconded by Dean Boomer, that the sum of \$100 per annum be voted from the Assessment Fund to the Clerical Secretary, by whom the chief work of the Synod is performed, and in the pursuit of which he is compelled to travel to London very often. Carried unanimously.

Archdeacon Sweatman said he was pleased to do the work without any remuneration whatever, as he did it with great interest and pleasure. He felt that if he accepted the remuneration offered, his relations with the office would not be so pleasant and cordial as before. Therefore, while thanking the Synod for their good-will, he hoped to be allowed to decline to receive the amount.

It was agreed to let the vote be recorded as a testimonial to the Archdeacon.

**THE MISSION FUND.**—The following by-law for the expenditure of the Mission Fund of the Diocese was introduced and carried clause by clause:

In order to carry out more effectually the Mission work of this Diocese, it is desirable that the by-laws for the expenditure of the money of the Mission Fund should be repealed; and that, in framing new ones, the following principles and objects should, as far as possible, be kept in view:—1. To apply the Mission Fund so as to solicit the greatest amount of local effort, and to render each Mission, as soon as practicable, self-supporting. 2. To raise the stipends of our Missionaries. 3. To render the payments of stipends to Missionaries as certain and as regular as possible, without wholly destroying that wholesome degree of stimulus necessarily implied in the voluntary system. 4. To relieve the Missionary from the unpleasant, invidious and derogatory task of pleading before his people for his own stipend; and yet to make it his duty and his interest to urge the claims of the Mission Fund upon them.

**Scale Proposed.**—1. The grants to be made from this fund to raise the stipend from all sources for a Deacon to at least \$500 per annum; priest of three years' standing and under to at least \$600 per annum; priest of three to five years' standing \$700 per annum; and, on motion of Rev. Mr. Barr, that, at the discretion of the Standing Committee, for a priest over five years' standing, the income be at least \$800 per annum if the funds admit of it.

**Cases Excluded.**—(1.) No congregation enjoying the exclusive services of a clergyman shall be entitled to receive any grant from the Mission Fund towards the support of such clergyman, except upon the special recommendation of the Standing Committee. (2.) No parish which is considered by the