

tributions received for Missions. Mrs. Ford has been appointed Lady Manager, under the terms of affiliation.

The visit of the Countess of Meath to our parish last month was full of brightness, encouragement, and loving Christian counsel; and her earnest address to our Ministering Children's League will be long remembered, for its practical beauty, by the vast concourse of children, mothers and friends of the little ones who gathered in the schoolroom to hear her. Since her ladyship's departure, a magnificently arranged and selected portfolio of autumn leaves—the work of Miss McDonald—has been forwarded to her in the name of the M.C.L., and she has written a cordial acknowledgment expressive of the happy recollections of her visit to London.

A very large number of children assembled in the Infant schoolroom for their weekly meeting of the Ministering Children's League, no less than 89 answering to the roll call. The influence of the visit of their founder Lady Meath is felt by them all, and is bearing marked results. Not only are these little ones going heartily into Mission work, but they are seeking out for their home ministry of love other sick and needy children, less favored than themselves. In one case a little invalid had prayed for grapes to moisten her parched lips, but "did not like to ask father for them for he was too poor." The Father in Heaven heard and answered her, and by His own special little errand children sent not only the grapes, but by means of 1c each from the M.C.L. members warm flannels to comfort the wasted little body of the sick sister in need.

DIOCESE OF ALGOMA.

The Bishop of Algoma begs to report to the donors of the funds especially contributed for the repairs of the See House, the following statement of receipts and expenditure:

Receipts.—From sale at residence of Mrs. E. Meake, per Mrs. Strachan, \$466 27; Mrs. Cameron, \$500; from two friends in England £15 or \$72 90.—Total 1039.17

Expenditures.—Gurney furnace, with all arrangements complete, \$393 08; painting, not yet completed, interior and exterior of house, \$120 88; painting \$39 90; new spouting \$52.50. Rebuilding of three chimneys, \$43 00; repairs of roof, \$28.62; barbed wire fencing, \$104 87; flooring, &c., of verandah, \$19.72; sundries \$23 68.—Total \$826.25.

Unexpended balance, 212 92.

Against this balance, however, stand sundry other improvements yet to be made, such as that of the well, which the doctor has condemned, and further painting, &c. Meanwhile the Bishop desires to lose no time in reporting what has already been done, and in tendering to the contributors to this fund his own cordial thanks, and those of the members of his family for the very practical interest they manifested in the domestic comfort of the occupants of Bishophurst. Among other ends accomplished by their liberality not the least is the fact that the See House having at last been made habitable for the winter season, a final termination is now put to the semi-annual pilgrimage which the Episcopal household has hitherto been compelled to make between the Sault, and other places of sojourn and they are now, for the first time during the seven years of their residence in Algoma, in possession of a settled local habitation.

PRAYERS render affliction less sorrowful, and joy more pure. It mingles with the one an unspeakable sweetness and adds to the other a celestial perfume. Sometimes there passes over the fields a wave which parches the plants, and then their withered stems will droop towards the earth; but watered by the dew they regain their freshness, and lift up their languishing heads. So there are always burning winds which pass over the soul and wither it.

PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

Including the Dioceses of Rupert's Land, Saskatchewan, Moosonee, Athabasca, Qu'Appelle, Mackenzie River and Calgary.

DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND.

SYNOD OF RUPERT'S LAND.—Continued.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After opening, Archdeacon Fortin presented the report of the committee on the Bishop's address, which was as follows:

That in view of the increased responsibility assumed by the Church in this Province by the establishment of an Indian industrial school, this Synod pledges itself to cordially support that institution, and to urge its claims upon the liberality of the public at large.

That, considering the stream of immigration which year by year flows into the country, and also taking into consideration the continued scattered nature of our settlements, making it both difficult and expensive to minister to the members of our communion, it is incumbent upon every member of Synod to make strenuous and steady efforts in order to secure a larger revenue to the home Mission Fund, and that in addition His Lordship, the Bishop be requested to name a deputation to be sent down to Eastern Canada to urge upon our fellow churchmen there the first claims which this Diocese has upon their sympathy and support.

That this Synod has heard with pleasure of the plan suggested by his Lordship the Bishop to assist St. John's and heartily wishes it success.

That while on the one hand this Synod would endorse any changes in the educational policy of the country that would lead to the removal of the objectionable features of the present system; on the other hand this Synod would strongly assert the necessity in the true interests of education of some non-sectarian religious teaching to the public schools of this country.

Rev. W. A. Burman, in speaking to a motion for the adoption of the first clause, stated that the present position of the affairs of the Indian school is very encouraging. The building in St. Paul's parish is practically finished. There is a main building 80 x 35 feet, a laundry and two stables. There are 380 acres of land attached. Mr. Burman told of his visits to the Missions stations to become acquainted with the Missionaries and select children as prospective pupils. The people had received the scheme. He did not anticipate any difficulty in securing the full complement of eighty pupils; forty boys and forty girls, but at present, the Government proposed to begin with forty for the winter, who would arrive in December. He had visited Eastern Canada, where he had been received with very great kindness. He had met with a warm reception at the Provincial Synod, and had addressed the Triennial Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary, also several Sunday schools and four Theological Colleges. He thought he could rely on at least ten children being provided for. Of 128,000 Indians in Canada there were about 9,500 in this Diocese, a large number of whom had to be ministered to by the Church of England. The motion was unanimously carried.

The adoption of the second resolution was moved by Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath.

Dean Grisdale, supporting the resolution, said assistance given by Eastern Canada to this Diocese only, for three years had been \$4,019. In his visit to the east he had, as the representative of the Diocese been given the promise of a helping hand. The motion was carried.

The third clause was adopted without discussion.

The fourth clause was moved by Canon O'Meara in an earnest address, seconded by Rev. E. P. Flewelling, and carried unanimously

after a spirited discussion in which a large number of the members of the Synod took part.

On motion of Canon O'Meara, seconded by E. S. W. Pentreath, the following was added to the report; that His Lordship, the Bishop, be asked to name a committee to confer with representatives of other religious bodies with a view to carry out the views of this Synod in regard to primary education, and to take any further action that may seem to them advisable.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Clerical members—Canon Matheson, E.S.W. Pentreath, Canon O'Meara, W. A. Burman, Canon Coombes, A. E. Cowley, A. L. Fortin, E.P. Flewelling.

Laymen—Col. Inkster, F. H. Mathewson H. S. Crotty, W. R. Mulock, Commissioner Wrigley, Col. Bedson, A. F. Eden, W. G. Fonseca, Judge Walker, G. W. Girdlestone.

Clergy—Canon Matheson, Dean Grisdale, Archdeacon Fortin, Canon O'Meara, E. S. W. Pentreath, W. A. Burman, Canon Coombes.

Substitutes - A. R. Cowley, A. L. Fortin, E. P. Flewelling, J. J. Roy, Archdeacon Phair.

Laymen—Sheriff Inkster, Joseph Wrigley, F. H. Mathewson, W. R. Mulock, S. L. Bedson, H. S. Crotty, W. G. Fonseca. Substitutes, A. F. Eden, Judge Walker, G. W. Girdlestone, Major Bolton, T. Norquay.

The report of the S. P. C. K. Depository, showed a total of receipts of \$402.38, and a small balance remaining on hand, also his own report as hon-secretary.

The following motion as to the report of the Committee on the Metropolitan See was carried. That the report be received, and that a committee be appointed by His Lordship the Bishop to confer with the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land on the question of the retention of the Diocese of Rupert's Land as the Permanent Metropolitan See.

The following resolutions were adopted, that in future all parishes which have failed during the past year to make the Synod collections, be disenfranchised for that session of the Synod.

That a committee be appointed to revise the rules of order and the constitution and report at the next meeting of Synod.

That the suppression of intemperance and the removal of causes which lead to it are commended to the earnest consideration of all the members of the church in the hope that in every parish and mission some effort may be made for the furtherance of these objects.

The mover, Mr. Mulock, spoke briefly on intemperance, as to its bearing on the criminal life of the community and its effect on the life of church members, the resolution of the Church of England Lambeth Conference encouraging statistics in the province the local option law being in force in nearly three-fourths of the municipalities of the province, and it was hoped that before long the question would be disposed of in nearly every municipality. He did not ask the Synod to vote for total prohibition, but to work for the suppression of the evil.

The seconder, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, considered that an expression by the Synod was necessary, and that something could be done in the parishes and missions. In England he had been struck with the wonderful progress by the Church for the suppression of intemperance and the removal of the causes which led to it. He had attended a meeting of the Total Abstinence Section of the Church of England Temperance Society, presided over by the Bishop of London, at which Exeter Hall was packed, the speaking was wonderful; it was stated that 5,000 of the clergy of England and 12 bishops were total abstainers, and that every one of the bishops was a member of the society.

Mr. Wrigley said he could vote for this resolution for the suppression of intemperance, though he was not a total abstainer and did not go to the full extent with many in regard to stringent measures.