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EDITORIAL.

The Synod of the Diocese was held during the third week of June. The fact of its being a week later than usual has delayed the publication of the Chronicle, as it is desirable that the June number of the paper should be to a large extent a record of the Synod's work and reports with reference to business. The Synod was largely attended and proved useful and interesting, and the Bishop in adjourning it at one o'clock on Saturday, remarked upon the spirit of unity and amity which had prevailed throughout the session.

On the second day of the Synod meeting a gloom was cast over the whole assembly by the sudden and unexpected death of the Rev. H. B. Owen, of Markham, which had occurred on the previous evening, the result of heart failure. Mr. Owen was attending the Synod on the Tuesday in apparently his usual health. Service was held at Grace Church at three o'clock, the Synod adjourning over the hour, and a large number of the Clergy and others accompanied the body to the station whence it was conveyed to Unionville for interment. How truly all felt that "In the midst of life we are in death."

The Synod sermon was preached in St. Alban's Cathedral on the 20th June, Accession Day, by the Rev. Canon Sweeny, and was of a very interesting character. It referred to this year as the "Diamond Jubilee" of the Diocese of Toronto, and was rich in statistics showing the growth of the Church in the Diocese since, ten years ago, we celebrated the Jubilee. "Then the number of Clergy was 156, now it is 189; then the number of Parishes and Missions was 113, now it is 144; then the number of communicants returned at Easter was 8,934, this year it is 14,523; then the number of candidates confirmed at Easter was 1,654, this year it is 2,038; while in these ten years 17,766 have been thus added to the communicants of the Church. In these ten years, moreover, 192 have been ordained to the ministry, 93 to the priesthood, 99 to the diaconate, and 64 received from other Dioceses. As an off-set 21 deaths and 100 removals have taken place."

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE SYNOD.

His Lordship's address opened with a brief yet full sketch of the late Right Reverend Bishop Sullivan, the only one of the Clergy of the Diocese who had died during the year. His closing remark was "May his memory live as an inspiration to us in our life of Christian service and warfare as it will live in the hearts of thousands of grateful subjects of his care in his beloved missionary Diocese (Algoma). "He being dead yet speaketh."

Seven Clergy have during the year left the Diocese, while eleven have been received, eight by ordination and three from other Dioceses. Seventeen changes have been made in the location of the Clergy, and Rev. J. H. Talbot has been appointed Rural Dean of East York, Rev. Canon Tremayne, Rural Dean of Peel, and Rev. J. H. Teney, Rural Dean of East Simcoe. The present list of the Clergy in the Diocese numbers 189, classified as follows:—

Engaged in Parochial work	155
" " Tuition or Chaplaincies.....	15
On leave or retired	12
Superannuated.....	7

The Church population of the Diocese and the number attending the Sunday services has somewhat decreased in the country parts and correspondingly increased in the city of Toronto. The number of communicants has increased by 187, while the number of communicants on Easter Day shows a small decrease amounting to 482 out of 15,000. The number confirmed reached the large total of 2,038, 802 males and 1,236 females. There is an increase of 1,440 Sunday School scholars. But on the subject of baptism the Bishop says: "I have drawn attention more than once to the disproportionately small number of baptisms returned throughout the Diocese. This year it is only 2,810, 78 less than last year, and the smallest number ever recorded; the highest being 3,513 in 1892. This is a matter calling for serious enquiry, and I would earnestly request

the Clergy to use all diligence in searching out unbaptized children and adults throughout their charges."

The Bishop points to the falling off in the contributions to several of our most important funds, and attributes it partly, though by no means wholly, to the great special effort made in the preceding year on behalf of our Diocesan Mission Fund. There may be another reason for it. The Bishop writes: "The rush into the whirl of amusements and the reckless lavishing of money upon pleasures seem to threaten the very life of religion among our people and to lead them to forget the principle of giving in the passion for spending," and he adds, "I hope that our Clergy and faithful laity will not cease their prayers to God, for a larger outpouring of the Holy Spirit that our Church may be delivered from this cankering deadly root of worldly-mindedness."

A report, educational and financial, of Trinity University was presented to the Synod and attention drawn to the affiliated College of St. Hilda for the higher education of women. The corner stone for the new building of St. Hilda's was laid in the grounds of Trinity College on the 14th of April by her excellency the Countess of Minto.

Three of our Church Schools have just lost their heads. Rev. Dr. Bethune, for twenty-nine years head master of Trinity College School for Boys at Port Hope, Miss Grier, for nearly as long a period principal of Bishop Strachan School for Girls at Toronto, and Rev. Thos. L. Aborn, for five years principal of the Church School for Boys at Toronto, having resigned their positions, the last named from a desire to return to active clerical work, the two former through a wish for rest after their many years of arduous labor.

The Bishop paid a most graceful tribute to these faithful and able educationists, whose careers have throughout been marked with the greatest success, and added: "For the three schools which are to undergo a critical change of government, I wish to bespeak the active interest and co-operation of the members of the Church both clerical and lay. This has not been given, hitherto, justly as it might have been expected. At a time when so much stress is being laid in the speeches made at our Synods, on the importance of religious instruction in our schools, it does seem inconsistent and unaccountable that these schools, founded and maintained for the express purpose of bringing up our children in the principles and practices of the Church, should receive so little support from our Church mem-

bers, and especially so little advocacy from our Clergy. The opportunities of the parochial Clergy in this respect are very great, and I earnestly hope that they will take the pains to recommend our Church Schools to such members of their congregations as have children to send to school. This will be doing much effective work for the upholding of the Church in the coming generation."

It may be added that Miss Acres, who has been for some years assistant to Miss Grier, and who has had a thorough experience as an educationist has been appointed to succeed Miss Grier at the Bishop Strachan School, and that the Rev. W. J. Moody, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge, has received the appointment of headmastership at the Church School for Boys.

In conclusion, the Bishop quoted the following resolution which had been adopted by the House of Bishops at the late meeting of the Provincial Synod: "That it is the opinion of this House that the marriage of a divorced person, during the lifetime of the other party, is entirely to be deprecated, and that the Clergy of the Province should not perform such a marriage," and the Bishop added, "I desire to notify the Clergy that that is the opinion by which I purpose to be guided in dealing with such a case."

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH APRIL, 1899.

In presenting their annual report the Board are glad to note that the appointment of the large Deputation Committee to plead the mission cause throughout the Diocese, has again been crowned with success, and a sum exceeding by at least \$100 the allotment to the country Parishes has been obtained.

They regret, however, to have to state that there has been an alarming falling off in the contributions from the city Parishes, amounting to \$5,882.02.

The total Parochial Collections last year	\$16,299 54
With overdrawn balance of	984 95
This year the total contributions are	10,971 52
With adverse balance	1,548 07

GENERAL MISSIONARY AGENT.

In pursuance of the direction of the Synod last year (Journal, page 51), the Board considered the matters referred to them and passed the following resolutions:—

That the duties of the Missionary Agent, amongst others, be:—

1. To familiarize himself through personal visits with the Missions throughout the Diocese.
2. To plead the cause of Missions throughout the Diocese by sermons and personal interviews, and where practicable to canvass for funds.
3. To co-operate with the Deputation Committee.
4. To qualify himself to give information and competent advice to the Mission Board, attending, when possible, its meetings.
5. To see that all Mission Fund Collections are made in all Parishes and Missions and promptly remitted according to the rules of the Synod.
6. To be the editor on the part of the Board, of the DIOCESAN CHRONICLE, and so far as practicable secure its widest distribution.

7. And generally, to further the cause of Diocesan Missions under the direction of the Board.

That the Agent to be appointed be a Clergyman in Priest's orders.

That the stipend of the Missionary Agent be \$1,500 per annum, and travelling expenses.

A vote by ballot on nominations made, resulted in the election of the Rev. T. C. S. Macklem. Mr. Macklem, however, declined, and the matter, at a subsequent meeting held on the 10th of November was allowed to be carried over to this session of the Synod, under the following resolution:—

"That, whereas, the Board failed in its efforts to secure a Missionary Agent at the time the Synod directed it to do so.

"And, whereas, the Board considered it inexpedient to elect such Agent at this period of the year when the Deputation Committee is about to visit the different parts of the Diocese in the interests of the Mission Board.

"Therefore, be it Resolved, that no further action be taken in regard to such election till the board has had opportunity to report to the Synod the action already taken with a request for further instructions."

Missionary Deputation Conferences, and W. A. Quarterly Conferences have been held during the year with the gratifying result of increasing missionary interest, and a better understanding of the missionary needs of the Diocese.

Bonds have been accepted from the following Missions:—

Beeton, St. Paul's, \$250 for one year from 1st November, 1898.

Tottenham, Christ Church, \$150 for one year from 1st November, 1898.

Ivy, Christ Church, \$210 for one year from 1st October, 1896.

Thornton, St. Jude's, \$140 for one year from 1st October, 1896.

Ballynascreen, St. George's, \$50 for one year from 1st October, 1896.

Waverley, St. John's, \$135 for one year from 15th June, 1898.

Norwood, Christ Church, \$200 for one year from 1st May, 1899.

Westwood, St. Michael's, \$100 for one year from 1st May, 1899.

Warsaw and Hall's Glen, \$100 for one year from 9th January, 1899.

Cameron, St. George's, \$50 for three years from 15th September, 1898.

Cambay, St. John's, \$50 for three years from 15th September, 1898.

Creemore, St. Luke's, \$260 for three years from 15th June, 1899.

Lisle, St. James', \$150 for three years from 15th June, 1899.

Banda, Christ Church, \$100 for three years from 15th June, 1899.

GRANT TO ALGOMA.

During the Episcopate of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Sullivan, this Diocese paid \$1,000 a year towards the Episcopal stipend, and considerable sums were collected throughout the Diocese in support of the general missionary work in that Diocese.

When the present Bishop was elected it was agreed that the Endowment of Algoma should be used for the payment of the Bishop's stipend, and the Dioceses were released from their pledge for this object. It was, however, agreed by the delegates to the Provincial Synod that the \$1,000 should continue to be paid to the Mission Fund of Algoma for the unexpired term of the pledge. That term expired on the 30th April, 1898, and nothing has since been paid.

This has caused the Bishop of Algoma very serious inconvenience and concern, as he fully expected that the payment would be continued, and he reports that several of the Missions will have to be closed if this grant is withdrawn. It is hoped that the Synod will at this session take such steps as may be necessary to secure the renewal of this grant. Appended is the Report of the Special Committee on this whole matter.

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY COLLECTION.

The Board regrets that the P. M. C. shows a falling off during the past year. A comparison with last year shows \$3,250.22, as against \$3,153.28 this year. The members of the W. A. regret this keenly, and ask the Synod to investigate the reasons why such a small proportion of the Parishes carry out the scheme, which, by the Synod's action in 1894, became the law of this Diocese.

Your Committee are glad to be able to report the initiation of an Associate Mission at Minden. Two young men, a priest and a deacon, are already at work, another deacon will join them on the 1st July. They have a large field which they intend to work in widening circles, extending their operations as opportunities open.

THE "DIOCESAN CHRONICLE."

The DIOCESAN CHRONICLE continues to be published quarterly. The Board of the W. A. having its representative as co-editor with a representative from the Mission Board. Information of a useful kind may be sent to the Rev. T. W. Paterson for insertion in its columns, and the Board requests that the various issues of the CHRONICLE be placed in the hands of Church people throughout the Diocese.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR TORONTO,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTATION COMMITTEE OF MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Pursuant to resolution of the Mission Board the amount sought to be raised for Diocesan Missions during the past year was \$15,000. The precedent established the previous year of appropriating two-thirds to the Rural Deanery of Toronto and the remaining one-third to the outside Parishes was followed, making \$10,000 for the former and \$5,000 for the latter.

The amount allotted to each Parish was based on the current year's assessable income as reported through the Assessment Committee.

The work was commenced in November and continued until the beginning of March. In the Deanery of Toronto fourteen Parishes refused or neglected to avail themselves of the services of the Deputation Committee and of these fourteen Parishes one raised the amount of its allotment; of the remaining twenty-one Parishes of the Deanery which received deputations six succeeded in doing so. The plan of having the various Rural Deaneries arrange their own times and places of services proved very successful. Inasmuch as the efforts of the Committee were confined to an endeavour to insure each Parish's allotment being raised through the different channels throughout the year, it is impossible to tabulate the result of the Committee's work. There turns to 30th April last, however, give the following figures: Allotted to the Deanery of Toronto, \$10,000, raised \$5,907.22; allotted to the other Deaneries, \$5,000, raised \$5,064.30.

It is worthy of note in connection with these figures that throughout the Parishes outside of Toronto the way was freely opened for the work of the Deputation Committee and they were heartily welcomed in every Parish. The shortage in the Deanery of Toronto appears to occur, for the most part, in Parishes where no appeal was made by the Deputation Committee.

Dated 22nd May, 1899.

S. H. BLAKE,

Chairman.

NOTE.—Since the close of the books there has been received, through Mr. Barlow Cumberland, an anonymous gift of \$50, which he intimates comes from one of the Parishes outside of Toronto. This note is added as an acknowledgment of the amount, inasmuch as the item will not appear in the accounts until next year.

June 1899

SYNOD RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted at the last session of the Synod:

1. "That this Synod desires again emphatically to call the attention of the Clergy to the resolutions heretofore passed by it entrusting to the Woman's Auxiliary the carrying out of the P. M. A. scheme, and directing the establishment of a Missionary Association in every congregation in which there is no branch of the Woman's Auxillary. That this Synod recognizes with great appreciation the work done by the Woman's Auxillary as executive of P. M. A., and earnestly hopes that every facility will be afforded for the operation of that Society in raising money for Diocesan Missions."

2. "Whereas the grant to the Diocese of Algoma expired on 30th April, 1898, and whereas the said Diocese is still in need of such grant from this Diocese, therefore be it resolved that the grant of \$1,000 be made for a further period of three years from the expiry of the last grant."

3. The resolutions passed at the session of 1898: "That in the opinion of the Synod no Clerical or Lay representative of a Mission receiving aid from the Mission Fund should be elected as a member of the Mission Board," was rescinded.

4. "The members of the Synod, both Clerical and Lay, desire to congratulate his Lordship, the Bishop, on having been permitted under such favourable auspices to enter upon the 21st year of his Episcopate in this Diocese; to tender to his Lordship the assurance of their affectionate loyalty and support, and to record their deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the large measure of prosperity, progress, and Christian unity which the Diocese has been permitted to enjoy during the twenty years of his Lordship's Episcopate."

PAROCHIAL MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS

FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 1899.

Parishes:	
Ashburnham, St. Luke's	\$11 00
Brighton, St. Paul's	5 16
Brampton, Christ Church	22 63
Creemore, St. Luke's	9 25
Colborne, Trinity	4 40
Collingwood, All Saints	9 05
Cobourg, St. Peter's	8 25
Cavan, St. Thomas	16 20
Innisfil, St. Paul's	2 10
Lindsay, "	36 80
Orillia, St. James	11 75
Peterboro', All Saints	20 80
" St. John's	92 60
Penetanguishene, All Saints	13 90
Port Hope, St. John's	21 40
Stayner, Church of the Good Shepherd	6 70
Uxbridge, St. Paul's	2 50
Victoria Road, St. Thomas	2 80

*Haleburton
Minden*

Parishes.—Continued.

Whitby, All Saints	15 00
York Township, Christ Church	11 10
Toronto, St. Alban's Cathedral	40 68
" All Saints	59 75
" Church of the Ascension	18 70
" St. Anne's	7 15
" St. Cyprian's	18 25
" St. John the Evangelist	43 50
" St. Luke's	8 50
" St. Paul's	30 80
" St. Matthew's	6 10
" St. Mark's, Parkdale	51 60
" St. Mary Magdalene's	9 40
" St. Margaret's	18 95
" Church of the Redeemer	26 75
" St. Simon's	54 95
" St. Stephen's	28 75
" Trinity East	12 65
Total	\$760 67

JESSIE HOSKIN,

Secretary-Treasurer, P. M. C.

The total returns through the P. M. C. for the year ending March, 1899, was \$2,633.96, of which \$3,079.04 was for Diocesan Missions. Running expenses for the year, \$6.40, deducted from the undesignated moneys.

With an earnest desire to increase, if possible, active interest and workers in this most capable method of raising money for the numerous Mission fields, Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign, the Woman's Auxiliary, at their last Board meeting, decided to enlarge the Parochial Missionary Collection Committee by the addition of one member from each city Church where these collections are made, said member to be nominated by the branch President.

A method of working has been decided upon, and this Committee will be prepared not only to report the progress or otherwise of their work at their quarterly meetings, but also at their own W. A. branch meetings, and if desired by their Rectors will send a full quarterly report to the Wardens of their respective Churches.

A Clergy House has been established at Minden, one of the most extensive of our Mission fields, where the Rev. J. E. Fenning, the Missionary in charge, will be assisted by two of our lately ordained Deacons, the Rev. L. W. Broughall, and the Rev. G. E. Ryerson. The following extracts from a letter from Mr. Fenning to a member of the Woman's Auxiliary will prove interesting:—

We are nearly settled down now, and after Synod expect to get to work in earnest. But it will take some time for us to get into a properly organized system of working such a large district. We have seven Stations to start on, and expect to open one or two more as time goes on. In addition to which I hope to add a week night school house service about three miles out of the village on the south side. Part of this will have to be dropped in the winter, as we do not expect to get people to walk through the snow as regularly as they walk the woods in summer. It is a huge responsibility for three such young men, and nothing can do us so much good and help us so much as the prayers of the various branches of the Woman's Auxiliary that know our needs and circumstances. Upon this I feel we can thoroughly depend.

*Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, B.D. '97, M.A. '99, D.D. '26
d. '99; p. '00, pp. '32. Minden 1899-1901.
Rev. Geo. E. Ryerson B.A. '98; M.A. '99 Minden 1899
to 1900*

*Rev. James E. Fenning, Div '98, d. '98, p. '99
Minden 1899-1906.*