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CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.

The regular quarterly meeting of the society was held in the board room, on Wednesday, August 10th; present, Ven. Archdeacon of Toronto in the chair, the Rev Drs. Beaven, Shortt, O'Meara, McNab, and Road, Provost Whittaker, Revs H J Grasett, S. Givins, F. L. Osler, J. G. Geddes, A. J. Broughall, H. C. Cooper, G. S. J. Hill, T. P. Hodge, H. Holland, J. H. McCollum, H. Brent, and J. W. Gamble, F. Farncomb, E. G. O'Brien, R. B. Denison, Esqs.

Prayers were read by the chairman. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read, amended, and confirmed in accordance with the following resolution:

Moved by the Rev. Dr BEAVEN, seconded by J. W. GAMBLE, Esq., and

Resolved—That the minutes be confirmed, subject to this alteration, that the old order of procedure in the names of the vice-presidents be adhered to

A report from Rural Dean Palmer on the Elora glebe was read, when it was moved by J. W. GAMBLE, Esq., seconded by E. G. O'BRIEN, Esq.,

Resolved—That in the matter of the Elora parsonage the recommendation of the Rev A. Palmer, advising the sale of the present parsonage and site, and the erection of a new one on the land given by Mr. Reynolds, be carried out, provided the legal objections can be removed so far as relates to the sale of the Gilkinson gift.

The Rev. Dr. Macnab submitted a proposition for the settlement of the Darlington Endowment Trust, whereupon it was moved by Rev. H. C. COOPER, seconded by Rev. H. HOLLAND, and

Resolved—That the proposition now made by Dr. Macnab, together with the legal opinion accompanying it be referred to the solicitor of the society, and that the solicitor of the society be requested to report upon the Darlington glebe question at the next quarterly meeting of the society.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Rev. J. G. GEDDES, seconded by the Rev. Dr. BEAVEN, That whereas the synod of the diocese, at its last meeting, agreed to adopt a report of a committee on the subject of the best mode of raising the funds required by the mission board, and desired its secretaries to recommend to the church society the resolutions embodied in that report for its adoption and embodiment in a by-law, that this circumstance be recognised as a sufficient notice, and that the rule requiring previous notice be suspended, to allow of this proceeding.

The Rev Dr BEAVEN then moved, seconded by the Rev. J. G. GEDDES, and it was

Resolved—That the following be by laws of this society, for the raising of the funds required by the mission board, and for the general purposes of the society.

1 The Mission Board shall, at the November meeting in each year, make an estimate of the amount required to be raised by voluntary contributions in the ensuing year, both for the keeping up of existing Missions, and for the supply of additional Missionaries when they are required, and in accordance with the regulations of the board.

2 The Mission Board shall thereupon apportion to the several districts the amounts which they may reasonably be expected to raise.

3 The Secretary of the Church Society shall communicate to the Chairman of each District Association the amount apportioned to be raised within the District, and shall request him to call a meeting of the District Board, taking special care

that one or more laymen from every congregation shall be summoned to attend such meeting, according to the 18th article of the constitution; the business of which meeting shall be to apportion the sums to be raised in each parish or cure, in order to make up the whole amount; on a fair consideration of the apparent means of the laity of the church in each parish or cure, together with any special helps or drawbacks, which may exist in such parish or cure.

4. The Chairman of the District Board shall take care that this allotment be communicated to the clergyman and churchwardens of each parish or cure, and shall request them to use all diligence, in connection with their Parochial Association, to raise the allotted amount, by application to every professed member of the church within the cure, or in any other equally effective manner.

A memorial having been presented from Mrs. Jacobs, widow of the late Rev. Peter Jacobs, asking for the customary pension, it was moved by the Rev. H. BRENT, seconded by Rev. S. GIVINS, and

Resolved—That the petition of the widow of the late Rev. Peter Jacobs for a pension be granted, at the rate of \$200 per annum, the usual pension.

A renewed application of the widow of the late Rev. M. Harris, was referred to the committee on widows and orphans' for their report thereon.

Grants were made to the following churches, to be paid in the order in which they stand, as soon as the funds of the society permit, and also subject to the conditions on which the grants are made, namely, to the church in Flamboro' \$50; to church in town of Clifton, \$50, when the building is enclosed; to church in Brack, \$50; to church in Adjala, \$50, when the church is enclosed; to church in Lakefield \$50 when the building is well advanced.

On the application of the Rev. J. D. Gibson two octavo Prayer-books and Bibles, and Sunday school books to the amount of \$10, were granted for the use of his mission, and on the application of the Rev. W. E. Cooper books to the same amount were granted for the Sunday School at Port Colborne.

The following gentlemen were elected incorporated members of the society:—Hon. S. Smith, Isaac Robinson, C. A. Miller, James Wallis, and Henry Rogers, Esqs., and Dr. Burnham, of Peterboro', and F. Farncomb, S. Wilmot, J. J. Robson, and R. T. Wilkinson, Esqs., of Newcastle.

NOTICE.

The Lord Bishop's Address, and the remainder of the proceedings of Synod, will be given in the next number.

COLLECTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FROM 1st TO 31st AUGUST, INCLUSIVE.

MISSION FUND.			
St. Ann's, Brockton	\$3 17	Omagh	1 06
Georgetown	1 50	Ramsbottom Mills	1 10
Norval	2 38	Christ's Church, Essex	2 25
Stewartown	0 85	Thornton " Essex	1 10
St. Peter's Church, Credit	6 37	St. Peter's " Lunisfil	1 15
Sydenham	3 70	St. Paul's "	1 40
St. Mary's, Lloydtown	3 28	St. Thomas' " Millbrook	3 20
Christ's Church, Bolton	1 68	St. John's " Cavan	2 60
St. James', Albion	2 19	Christ's " Bloomfield	1 10
St. Georges', Grafton	6 34	St. Paul's " Cavan	0 50
Trinity, Colborne	6 41	St. John's " Cartwright	2 50
St. Matthew's, East Flamboro'	2 00	Lindsay	4 00
King	2 50	St. John's Church, Huston	1 12
St. John's, Peterboro'	12 42	St. James' " Rothsay	1 13
St. John's, Port Hope	6 00	Holy Trinity " Alma	0 50
Grace Church, Milton	2 10	Etobicoke	2 50
St. Stephen's, Hornby	1 64	Mimico	1 02
		Beverly	3 76

Berkley	5 20	Donation by John Carter, Esq... 20 00
Winfield	1 40	BOOK AND TRACT FUND.
Stonebridge	2 00	S. B. Fairbanks, subscription
Christ's Church, Hamilton.....	17 00	PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATIONS.
Port Colborne	4 18	St. John the Evangelist
St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest.	2 60	Aurora and Oakridges.....
Grace " Arthur	1 00	EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.
Trinity " North Arthur..	0 66	Amount reported in <i>Chronicle</i> of
St. John's " Elora.....	2 03	August
St. James' " Fergus	1 79	Additional to 1st Sept., New-
St. Peter's " Cobourg	3 39	castle District.....
Stiles' "	3 28	Homo District.....
Court House	1 20	
Bourn's School House	2 18	
		\$18,009 00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, assembled on Wednesday, the 8th June, in St James' Cathedral, at 10 o'clock; the prayers were said by the Rev. Dr. Beaven, the lessons read by the Rev. D. J. F. MacLeod, the ante-communion office by the Rev. A. Palmer, the epistle and offertory sentences by the Rev. Dr. Shortt, the sermon was preached by the Rev. John Wilson, of Grafton, from St. Matthew, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses, after which the holy communion was administered to the officiating clergy by the Lord Bishop, and then by them to the clergy and lay delegates. The synod adjourned to re-assemble in St. George's Parochial School Room, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock the synod was opened, the clerical secretary reading the appointed prayer. His Lordship the Bishop delivered his address.

The roll of the Clergy and the Lay-delegates was then called over, the following gentlemen answering to their names:—

The Reverend J. Lynne Alexander, J. Ambery, M.A., R. Arnold, A.B., S. B. Ardagh, B.A., William Belt, M.A., S. J. Boddy, M.A., Henry Brent, M.A., A. J. Broughall, M.A., S. Briggs, M.A., G. A. Ball, B.A., J. D. Cayley, J. Carry, B.D., V. Clementi, B.D., H. C. Cooper, B.A., H. D. Cooper, B.A., G. T. Carruthers, B.A., C. Cartwright, M.A., — Daniel, W. S. Darling, J. Davidson, M.A., E. R. Davies, N. Disbrow, C. H. Drinkwater, B.A., A. J. Fidler, B.A., John Fletcher, M.A., T. B. Fuller, D.D., D.C.L., J. G. Geddes, M.A., J. Gibson, Saltern Givens, W. Grant, Thomas Greene, L.L.D., R. H. Harris, B.A., John Hebden, M.A., G. N. Higginson, M.A., John Hilton, T. P. Hodge, H. Holland, M.A., C. L. Ingles, M.A., W. A. Johnson, John Langtry, M.A., Wm. Logan, M.A., Alexander MacNab, D.D., J. H. McCallum, M.A., J. G. D. Mackenzie, M.A., D. J. F. McLeod, M.A., J. Middleton, B.A., E. Morgan, F. A. O'Meara, L.L.D., F. L. Osler, M.A., H. B. Osler, M.A., Arthur Palmer, M.A., T. D. Phillips, M.A., W. Clarke Preston, F. Septimus Ramsay, M.A., T. B. Read, D.D., W. Ritchie, M.A., Charles Ruttan, R. Sanders, Jonathan Shortt, D.D., A. Stewart, M.A., F. Tremayne, M.A., C. E. Thompson, M.A., Hy. Wall, John Wilson, M.A., G. Whitaker, M.A., Messrs. W. Kerr, C. J. Campbell, W. Farmer, J. Gage, P. Patterson, G. F. Frankland, W. J. Bird, Geo. Green, Dr. Rowan, W. Wakefield, F. Farncomb, S. Patterson, S. J. Vankoughnet, W. R. Forster, O. Hammond, John Griffith, G. Buckland, John Giles, P. Van Every, James Moore, John Duggan, H. A. Joseph, J. O'Brien, G. Page, M. Grover, A. A. Baker, James Hewes, H. B. Bull, M. G. O'Reilly, W. Powis, Lieut. Col. Strickland, T. Rixon, J. Cowan, G. McManus, J. Ellis, J. Carter, Captain Baxter, J. W. Williams, W. Y. Pettit, T. Elliott, Edgar Hallen, J. Peters, S. G. Wood, C. Brent, T. M. Benson, J. F. Saxon, Dr. Barnhart, J. W. Stewart, F. Lampman, C. L. Gzowski, R. Spratt, A. W. Otter, R. B. Denison, Dr. Clarke, James Henderson, S. B. Harman, R. A. Harrison, L. Mcfarr, E. M. Carruthers, W. Atkinson, J. Craven, Dr. Bovell, A. Fleming, Chas. Magrath, H. R.

O'Reilly, N. Dent, J. W. Gamble, N. Wallace, W. Cook, Capt. A. J. L. Peebles, Paul Shephard, Chas. Jones, Capt. Stupart, James Armstrong, F. J. Joseph, Geo. E. Jones, S. Phillips, W. Watson, Capt S Tyrwhitt, J. F. Davis, S. B. Fairbanks, E. G. O'Brien, A. Gaviller, R. L. Denison, Capt. Morrison, and Joseph S. Wilson.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

Moved by the Rev. S. GIVINS, seconded by the Rev. F. L. OSLER, that the Rev. J. G. Geddes be re appointed clerical secretary to the synod.—Carried.

Moved by JOHN W. GAMBLE, Esq., seconded by ARTHUR ARMSTRONG, Esq., that Dr. Bovell be re-appointed lay-secretary.—Carried.

Moved by JOHN W. GAMBLE, Esq., seconded by Mr. McMANUS, that the present treasurer and auditors be continued for the ensuing year.—Carried.

Moved by Rev. Mr. BRENT, seconded by MILES O'REILLY, Esq., that the minutes having been printed in the *Church Chronicle*, the reading of them be dispensed with, and that they be confirmed.

The Rev. Dr. Lett took exception to the minutes on the ground of their inaccuracy, upon which a question was raised as to Dr. Lett's right to a seat in the synod.

Moved by Rev. A. PALMER, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'MEARA, that in the opinion of this synod the Rev. Dr. Lett is not entitled to speak or vote in the synod, but that as a clergyman visiting the synod he be invited to take a seat on the floor of the house.

Moved by Mr. HARMAN, seconded by Col. O'BRIEN, that the Rev. Dr. Lett, as an old, well-known and highly valued clergyman of this diocese, be admitted to sit and vote in this synod.

The amendment was put and lost, forty-five voting for it and fifty-seven against it. The original motion was then put and carried, sixty-six voting for it and twenty-five against it.

The Rev. Dr. Lett then entered the following protest :

June, 8th, 1864.

TO THE LORD BISHOP OF TORONTO.

MY LORD,

I beg to protest against the ruling of the synod refusing me a seat and a vote, and I will take such steps as my legal advisers shall suggest.

(Signed) STEPHEN LETT.

The Rev. Mr. BRENT's motion, dispensing with reading of minutes, was then put and carried.

On motion of C. J. CAMPBELL, Esq., seconded by JOHN W. GAMBLE, Esq., the following gentlemen were appointed as the Executive Committee:—the Ven. Archdeacon of Toronto, Rev. James Beaven, D.D., Rev. T. B. Fuller, D.D., D.C.L., Rev. S. Givens, R.D., Rev. Jonathan Shortt, D.D., Rev. W. McMurray, D.C.L., Rev. F. L. Osler, M.A., Rev. Geo. S. J. Hill, M.A., Rev. A. Palmer, M.A., Rev. W. S. Darling, Rev. H. J. Grasset, B.D., Rev. Hy. Brent, M.A., Hon. J. H. Cameron, J. W. Gamble, Esq., S. B. Harman, B.C.L., John Duggan, Esq., James Bovell, Esq., M.D., Miles O'Reilly, Esq., C. J. Campbell, Esq., J. W. Brent, Esq., Mr. Recorder Duggan, R. B. Denison, Hon. G. S. Boulton, and Robert Spratt.

Moved by S. B. HARMAN, Esq., seconded by Dr. BOVELL, that the following gentlemen be the Committee on Assessment:—the Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Rev. F. L. Osler, M. R. Vankoughnet, Rev. Mr. Stewart, and Dr. Clarke.

On motion of Rev. Dr. READ, seconded by Rev. J. G. GEDDES, the following gentlemen were appointed the Committee on Endowment of See:—the Revs. Dr. Fuller, McMurray, Shortt and Read, Rev. Messrs Palmer, Givens, Osler and McCollum, Hon. J. H. Cameron, Hon. G. W. Allan, T. C. Street, Esq., F. W. Cumberland, Esq., William Gooderham, Esq., C. Magrath, Esq., Arthur Armstrong, Esq., and Lewis Moffatt.

Moved by Dr. BOVELL, seconded by C. J. CAMPBELL, that the same committee on Court of Discipline be continued.—Carried.

Committee on Court of Discipline:—Archdeacon of Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Beaven, the Rev. H. J. Grasset, B.D., the Rev. Dr. Shortt, the Rev. G. Whittaker, M.A.

the Rev. A. Palmer, A.M., R. A. Harrison, Hon. G. W. Allan, Hon. J. H. Cameron, S. B. Harman, Recorder Duggan, Hon. J. Patton, C. Gamble, Samuel Blake.

Moved by Rev. Dr. BEAVEN, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, that the following gentlemen be appointed the Music Committee:—Rev. Dr. Beaven, Rev. R. Shanklin, Rev. H. Brent, Rev. J. G. Geddes, Rev. F. L. Osler, Rev. J. Fletcher, Rev. J. Ambery, J. W. Brent, Esq., Dr. Bovell, John Carter, Esq., Rev. A. Palmer, Rev. H. Holland, Rev. J. Davidson and Dr. Strathy.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Dr. Bovell, for Mr. Hodgins presented a report on a vestry manual,

Report of the Vestry Manual Committee.

The committee appointed to prepare a Vestry Manual, beg leave to report that owing to an uncertainty which was felt as to the intentions of the synod in regard to some of the powers and duties of vestries, churchwardens and parish meetings (as recorded in the printed minutes) they have as yet been unable to complete the task assigned to them. They would respectfully recommend that the matter be again referred to a committee with a view to a careful consideration of the whole subject.

(Signed)

J. GEORGE HODGINS,
Convener of Committee.

Toronto, 8th June, 1864.

Notice of motion was given for adoption of report.

Committee on assessment, &c., to report to-morrow.

Rev. Mr. Holland presented report on vacant parishes.

Moved by Rev. Mr. HOLLAND, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, that the report of the committee on assessment of vacant parishes be received and printed with the minutes of the synod, and that the consideration thereof lie over until the next meeting of synod.—Carried.

The Rev. Dr. READ presented report on Sunday Schools the same as last year.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee appointed at the last synod to report annually on the condition and progress of Sunday schools throughout the diocese, beg respectfully to submit their first annual report.

ACTION OF BISHOPS AND SYNOD IN REGARD TO SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee find that owing to various causes the synod as a body has not been able hitherto to devote as much attention to the subject of Sunday schools as could have been wished, nevertheless, it has not escaped the attention of the Bishop or of the synod, as will appear from the following extracts:

"In the minutes of a conference of the British North American Bishops, held at Quebec, in September, 1851, the committee find the following declaration of the Bishops on this subject":

"We desire to express our sense of the importance, in the existing state of the church, of Sunday Schools, especially in large towns, and we thankfully acknowledge the benefits which have resulted from the labours of pious teachers both to themselves and to their scholars under proper superintendence and direction. In every possible case the Sunday school should be under the personal direction of the minister of the parish or district; or otherwise the minister should appoint the teachers, choose the books and regulate the course of instruction, that there be no contradiction between the teaching of the school and the church. All Sunday scholars should be instructed in the church catechism and regularly taken to church.

"We would carefully guard against the assumption that instruction in the Sunday school, even by the minister of the parish, may be allowed to supersede the directions of the Rubrics and Canons on the duty of catechising in church, for we distinctly recognise and assume as well the great importance, as the sacred obligation of those directions."

In a report on lay co-operation laid before the synod in 1861, the following paragraphs bearing on the subject occur:

"Every clergyman should endeavour through God's assistance, to raise up about him a goodly band of the faithful, pledged to each other, and more than pledged to

their common Master, to do all they can to promote His kingdom upon earth. He might select from this band the superintendent of his Sunday school, to aid him in carrying out the faithful instruction of the lambs of Christ's flock, in providing teachers and books for the Sunday schools, and to keep him acquainted with the individual cases in the school needing counsel, warnings and encouragement.

"A very important portion of every congregation consists of young men who have been confirmed but not yet settled in the world * * * the care bestowed on this class, would secure for the Sunday school an abundance of male teachers, the want of whom is generally felt "

The committee on "Parochial Statistical Reports," in its report laid before the Synod the same year, also recommend that a report embracing among other things information on Sunday schools be annually furnished to the clerical secretary of the Synod as follows:

8. The number of children on the Sunday school books and the average attendance.

9. The number of teachers divided into males and females.

10. The number in attendance in the Bible class.

The Synod at its last session also bestowed some attention to the subject, and passed the following resolutions for the appointment and guidance of this committee.

1st. That with a view to provide as far as possible for united action in the diocese in promoting the greater efficiency in Sunday schools, a committee be formed for this purpose, whose duty it shall be to present a report annually to this Synod on the condition and progress of Sunday schools throughout the diocese, and to make such suggestions for their improvement as they shall judge expedient.

2nd. That the committee consider what steps can be taken to secure the publication of books suited for libraries and instruction in Sunday schools.

IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Deeply impressed with the great value of Sunday schools and the immense practical benefits to be derived from them as a means of imparting sound scriptural knowledge to the young, the committee cannot too forcibly impress their sense of the duty incumbent on the clerical members of the Synod to give the utmost prominence to the work of Sunday schools in their several parishes or charges. As nurseries of the church, and as means under the influence of God's Holy Spirit of impressing lasting religious convictions on the mind, they have long since established their claims upon the active support and sympathy of the devoted minister and christian parent. The difficulty, nevertheless, of keeping up that active sympathy between the school itself and the congregation, has often been a matter of regret and disappointment to many of the clergy. The committee cannot therefore too strongly urge the importance of each minister endeavouring by a decided personal interest in the school, and by frequently bringing the subject before his congregation, both individually and collectively, to keep up that interest in the work which is essential under God's blessing to its due success.

The committee feel the necessity of calling the attention of the laity of every congregation of the diocese to this great work, as one in which they are especially called to take a part, and to promote it with their means, their sympathy and active co-operation; and of requesting their serious consideration of the high privilege and opportunity of cultivating the spirit of christian charity which the discharge of this duty affords them.

As an evidence of what has been done in this direction, the committee append to this report the printed copy of "a plea for Sunday schools," which was largely circulated in the parish of St. James', Toronto, during the latter part of 1861, and which they have reason to believe has been productive of much good. In addition to the benefits of the Sunday schools, the committee would further point to the advantages of Bible classes held during the week under the direction of the clergyman, and to which the congregation generally should be invited as tending to promote a knowledge of Scriptural truth, and to increase reflection upon serious things: such classes would prove particularly advantageous to Sunday-school teachers and young persons who have been confirmed and left the Sunday school, and are in danger of neglecting the continuance of religious improvement, and at the same time could not be wanting in deep interest to any christian mind.

FORM OF ANNUAL REPORT.

With a view to give effect to that part of the resolution of the Synod which relates to collecting statistics of the state and progress of the Sunday schools throughout the diocese, the committee would recommend that a printed form of blank report to be filled up and returned, be forwarded to each Rector, Incumbent and Missionary in the diocese, as follows:

Annual report to the committee of the Diocesan Synod of the state of the Sunday school in the parish of _____ for the year 1861.

Number of pupils, _____ of boys, _____ of girls.

Average attendance, _____ of boys, _____ of girls.

Number of pupils confirmed during past year, _____ of boys, _____ of girls.

Number of teachers, _____ of males, _____ of females.

Number of school classes, _____ of boys, _____ of girls, mixed.

What instruction books used?

Number of volumes in library.

Number of library books taken out during the year.

What description of prizes given, (if any,) and for what object?

How are library and other expenses of school defrayed?

What amount has been collected for Sunday schools?

Are any missionary collections taken in Sunday school?

What form of school register is used?

What steps are taken (if any) to bring the subject of Sunday schools before the congregation?

What is the general condition of the school?

Any other information of interest to be added.

Are there any Bible classes held on week days?

What is the attendance of such classes?

A. B.

Clergyman.

B. C.

Superintendent.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

Of the importance and influence of good libraries in Sunday schools, the committee cannot speak too highly or urge their introduction too strongly; they at once are a means of interesting the children in the Sunday school, and of supplementing and lightening the labours of the pastor and teacher, often proving a benefit to the parents and friends as well as to the children.

In regard to the selection of books for Sunday school libraries, the committee feel that very great benefit would arise from having selections carefully made, adapted to the circumstances of our own country and published in the province; this object should be kept in view, yet they fear there are serious difficulties in the way of immediately accomplishing it, and therefore must at present be content with recommending the obtained libraries from the best available sources.

BOOKS OF INSTRUCTION.

The committee feel that suitable books of instruction are essential to the success of this important institution, and think that here something can be done to meet a want that those engaged in Sunday school teaching in this country feel, by preparing new books for the purpose, or by adapting to our use books published elsewhere. As a means of promoting a more thorough course of instruction as well as giving a more extensive range to the subject of Sunday school teaching, the committee propose the preparation of a schedule of biblical lessons and texts for use in Sunday schools similar to the one used by some of the clergy in Montreal, a copy of which is appended to this report.

LAY-SUPERINTENDENTS.

In regard to the management of Sunday schools, the committee are of opinion that each school should be in charge of a lay-superintendent, with a sufficient number of devoted and pious teachers to help him. It is very desirable, when possible, that the clergyman should have a general and ever vigilant oversight of the school, but the details of management, the order and discipline of the schools, rest with the lay-superintendent, who should be appointed by, and responsible to the clergyman; thus lay-agency would be worked, and lay-co-operation secured.

In conclusion, the committee would suggest in addition to the ordinary routine of the school, that the clergyman should set apart specific periods for catechetical instruction given by himself in the school, and at stated periods to preach a sermon specially addressed to the Sunday-school scholars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. BOLTON READ,
Chairman.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Rev. A. PALMER gives notice that to-morrow he will move the following resolutions:

That this synod avails itself of the opportunity afforded by its present session of again placing on record an expression of the sincere respects and affection which its members, in common with the whole diocese, entertains for the Venerable Bishop who has so long presided over them, and a grateful acknowledgement of the services which he has rendered to the church during his lengthened episcopate.

That influenced by the feelings expressed in the preceding resolution and desirous of evincing their sincerity by more than words, this synod declares its readiness to take immediate steps with a view to making provision for an assistant Bishop, that so while the diocese will still continue to have the benefit of the general superintendence and mature experience of its venerated diocesan, the heavy burden of his duties may be lightened and his hands strengthened by the appointment of a co-adjutor.

2. Rev. Dr. BRAVEN gives notice that he will move to confirm the canon on building and repairing of parsonages, passed in the session of 1861, (page 290)

3. Rev. Dr. SHOURT, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'MEARA, gives notice that he will move the adoption of a petition from the synod to the legislature on the subject of closing the Provincial canals on the Lord's day.

4. Rev. Dr. READ, seconded by the Rev. Dr. SHOURT, gives notice that he will to-morrow move, that in conformity with the Resolution of the Synod and Church Society requiring it, the by-law introduced by him and adopted at the last meeting of the Church Society, for the purpose of regulating the future appropriation of the Clergy Commutation Fund, be now confirmed by the synod.

5. Rev. Dr. READ, seconded by Rev. Mr. HOLLAND, gives notice that to-morrow he will move that the report on Sunday schools of the year be now adopted.

6. Robt. A. HARRISON, Esq., seconded by Rev. H. BRENT, gives notice that he will move that the published minutes of the proceedings of the synod at its last session be referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rev. Mr. McCullum and R. A. Harrison, Esq., with instructions to examine, and if necessary to correct the same by the written minutes of the synod and to cause the same when examined and corrected to be published uniformly with the former published reports of the proceedings of the synod, in accordance with the resolution of the synod passed in 1859.

7. Dr. BOVELL, seconded by Rev. J. G. GEDDES, gives notice that he will move that a committee be re-appointed to consider the constitution of the Court of Discipline with a view to such amendments as may be deemed advisable, and to report to the synod at its next sitting.

8. S. B. HARMAN, Esq., seconded by R. A. HARRISON, Esq., gives notice that he will move, that a committee be appointed to collect information as to the working of the Incorporated Synod of Ontario, with a view to the consideration of having an Incorporation of this Synod, to take the place of the Incorporated Church Society of this Diocese, if the report of the working of the Incorporated Synod of Ontario be favourable; committee, the Rev. the Provost, Rev. Mr. Darling, Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Messrs Campbell, Cumberland and Harman.

9. Dr. BOVELL, seconded by Rev. J. G. GEDDES, gives notice that he will move, that His Lordship be requested to furnish to the Clerical Secretary, a list of those clergymen who are licensed to the cure of souls.

10. S. B. HARMAN, Esq., gives notice that he will move, that Mr. Otter, Mr. Spratt, and the Rev. H. J. Broughall, be the scrutineers of the election of the lay delegates to the Provincial Synod.

11. J. G. HODGINS, Esq., seconded by R. A. HARRISON, Esq., gives notice that he will move, that with a view to relieve the secretaries of much of the routine duties and details connected with their office during the sittings of synod, they be authorised to employ an assistant, whose duty it shall be to give special attention to the recording and printing of the daily minutes of proceedings.

That for the information of members of synod, a summary statement or synopsis of the whole of the unfinished business before the synod, be prefixed to the daily printed notices of motion in the order in which it is proposed to take it up.

That with a view to ascertain what resolutions and canons have received the sanction of the synod, it be an instruction to the secretaries to employ a person to collate from the official minute-book and append to the printed minutes for this year, a copy of each canon or resolution which has been duly passed since 1858, with an index, and that a similar appendix and index for each succeeding year be prepared and inserted in future in the annual printed minutes of proceedings of the synod.

That the compilation of the proposed list of canons and resolutions when prepared be submitted to the committee on the vestry annual for its approval, before being printed in the appendix to the printed minutes of the synod.

That the Report of the Vestry Manual Committee be adopted, and that the following be the committee on the compilation of the Vestry Manual for the current year: Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rev. H. J. Grissett, Rev. W. S. Darling, Rev. A. J. Broughall, R. A. Harrison, Esq., S. Blake, Esq., Thos. Hodgins, Esq., and J. G. Hodgins, Esq.

Rev. Dr. BEAVEN moves that it is expedient to raise the amount required in each year by the mission board upon the principle of appropriating definite sums to be raised by each locality, according to their means and circumstances.

The hour of adjournment, six o'clock, having arrived, it was agreed that Rev. Dr. Beaven should continue his remarks on this motion the first thing to-morrow.

Adjournment to ten o'clock to-morrow morning. Benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY. MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, 9th June, 1863.

The synod assembled in St. George's Church, at 10 o'clock, a.m. Prayers were said by the Rev. Dr. Beaven, the lessons were read by the Rev. F. Tremayne. The synod then repaired to St. George's School Room, when the minutes of yesterday's meeting were read.

On the motion of Mr. HARMAN, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, Messrs. Otter, Spratt, and the Rev. A. J. Broughall, were appointed scrutineers of the votes for lay-delegates to the Provincial Synod.

The Rev. Mr. BREST moved, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, that C. J. Campbell, Esq., Rev. E. Baldwin and Rev. Dr. Shortt, be the scrutineers of the clerical votes for delegates to the Provincial Synod.—Carried.

On the motion of the Rev. J. G. GEDDES, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'MEARA, the Rev. Geo. Mortimer Armstrong, of St. John's, New Brunswick, was invited to take a seat in the synod.

On the motion of the Rev. J. DAVIDSON, seconded by the Rev. Dr. FULLER. The Rev. Mr. Shand, of the Diocese of Michigan, was invited to take a seat in the synod.

The Rev. Dr. BEAVEN resumed the discussion of his motion, being the first business to be taken up. After which it was moved by Rev. Dr. BEAVEN, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, that it is expedient to raise the amount required in each year by the mission board upon the principle of appropriating definite sums to be raised by each locality according to their means and circumstances.—Carried.

The following committee was subsequently appointed to give effect to the above resolution:—Rev. W. Belt, Rev. H. B. Osler, Rev. A. Broughall, Rev. D. McLeod, Mr. Grover, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Pettit, Mr. H. B. Bull, of Hamilton, Mr. Fairbanks, of Ottawa, Mr. Green, of Brampton, Mr. Gaviller, Mr. Robert Spratt, and the mover.

The scrutineers of the clerical votes for delegates to the Provincial Synod, presented this report, that the following gentlemen were returned as clerical delegates to the Provincial Synod. The Archdeacon of Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Beaven, the

Rev. Provost of Trinity College, the Rev. J. G. Geddes, M.A., the Rev. Arthur Palmer, M.A., the Rev. Dr. Shortt, the Rev. W. S. Darling, the Rev. S. Givens, the Rev. H. Brent, M.A., the Rev. H. Holland, M.A., the Rev. Dr. Fuller, and the Rev. Dr. McMurray.

They also reported that the following gentlemen were returned as substitutes:— the Rev. F. L. Osler, the Rev. S. B. Ardagh, Rev. Dr. O'Meara, Rev. H. J. Grasett, B.D., Rev. Dr. Read, and Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A.

(Signed)

JONATHAN SHORTT, D.D.
EDWIN BALDWIN, A.M.
C. J. CAMPBELL.

The synod agreed to take up Mr. Palmer's motion the first thing after the adjournment, and then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The synod re-assembled at two o'clock, p. m.

The scrutineers of the votes for lay delegates to the Provincial Synod, reported that the following gentlemen were duly elected. Messrs. James Bovell, M.D., T. C. Street, R. B. Demson, J. W. Gamble, C. J. Campbell, S. B. Harman, Miles O'Reilly, G. S. Boulton, Lewis Moffatt, E. G. O'Brien, the Hon. Geo. W. Allan, and the Hon. J. H. Cameron.

Also that the following six gentlemen stand next upon the list: Messrs. S. J. Vankoughnet, James Henderson, R. A. Harrison, George Duggan, Clarke Gamble, and C. S. Gzowski.

(Signed)

ADFRED W. OTTER.
ROBT. SPRATT.
A. J. BROUGHALL.

The Rev. Mr. PALMER moved, seconded by the entire synod, that this synod avails itself of the opportunity afforded by the present session of again placing on record an expression of the sincere respect and affection which its members, in common with the whole diocese, entertain for the Venerable Bishop who has so long presided over them, and a grateful acknowledgment of the services which he has rendered to the church during his lengthened episcopate. Carried by acclamation.

The Rev. Mr. PALMER then moved his second resolution, that influenced by the feeling expressed in the preceding resolution, and desirous of evincing their sincerity by more than words, this synod declares its readiness to take immediate steps with a view to making provision for an assistant Bishop, that so while the diocese will still continue to have the benefit of the general superintendence and mature experience of its venerated diocesan, the heavy burden of his duties may be lightened and his hands strengthened by the appointment of a co-adjutor.

The Bishop addressed the Synod, and after his Lordship's address, the Rev. Mr. Palmer withdrew his second resolution.

It was then moved by the Rev. Dr. SHORTT, seconded by the Rev. F. L. OSLER, that this synod deeply grateful to the Lord Bishop of Toronto for his long and devoted services to the church in this Province, having the fullest confidence in his wisdom and discretion, and desiring that his proposed co-adjutor should be one with whom he could act with the fullest satisfaction and comfort, do request his Lordship to nominate said co-adjutor, the synod hereby pledging itself to confirm such nomination Withdrawn.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Col. O'Brien presented the following report on the security of the Church Property, and gave notice of a motion to-morrow that it be adopted.

The committee appointed to report on measures advisable for the better security of church property, beg to report as follows:—

1st.—That the "Church Temporalities Act" having placed the church and church yard under the immediate care and controut of the parish, acting through its vestry, all repairs and expenses of, and attending on the same, necessarily devolves on said vestry.

2nd.—That whereas the parsonage house and glebe lands, not being unoccupied wild land, is held as a joint interest, the parish being the landlord or proprietor, and the incumbent as tenant with a life interest, it is right and reasonable that the

which should bear all expense of erection and material repairs: and that the incumbent should be responsible for all matters of repair necessary to keep the glebe buildings and premises in decent order and repair, namely:—1st. As to the dwelling, inside painting, papering, and all such other matters following on occupying the same as a dwelling, including repairs to roof, not involving renewal thereof; and to buildings, not requiring renewal of important matters necessary to its stability. 2nd. As to out-buildings, keeping them in like manner in decent repair. 3rd. As to gates and fences, keeping them in efficient order and repair; renewing or repairing when and where necessary, but not to include the expense of erection of new fences to protect the parsonage premises; the standard of such efficient order and repair being the municipal rule or law of the place where such exist, or otherwise the ordinary custom and rule of landlord and tenant.

3rd.—Should the incumbent, by wilful negligence, by any act of commission or omission, suffer the said buildings, gates or fences, to go out of repair, it shall be the duty of the churchwardens to point out such dilapidations to the incumbent, and request him to find a remedy for the same: and the churchwardens may, after a reasonable space, employ a suitable mechanic or mechanics to execute the necessary repairs, and the certified expense thereof they may deduct from any funds in or passing through their hands payable to the incumbent. But should the incumbent feel aggrieved by such contemplated action of the churchwardens, he may appeal to the Bishop, who shall (if he see fit) appoint a committee consisting of the Rural Dean, if resident within his deanery, and one or two, or more neighbouring clergymen and laymen to be named by the bishop, or under his authority by the archdeacon, which committee, together with the archdeacon, if he is so directed by the bishop, or considers the matter of sufficient importance to require his personal interference, shall enquire into the same, reporting their decision to the bishop or archdeacon, as the case may require, and such decision when approved by the bishop or archdeacon shall be final.

4th.—Should any extensive improvements or repairs become necessary from lapse of time, or otherwise the visitation of God, such as new roofings, external paintings, renewal or replacing of important matters necessary to the stability or safety of the buildings, or the erection of new fences to protect the parsonage premises; it shall be the duty of the clergymen to lay a detailed statement of the same, with an approximate estimate of the expense, before the usual Easter Meeting of the vestry, having previously given notice of his intention to do so, or before a vestry meeting especially convened for the purpose: and should the members of the vestry sanction the same, the churchwardens shall forthwith proceed to effect the necessary repairs, providing for the expense thereof from the funds of the church, by parochial subscriptions, or by any other mode determined by the vestry; provided that in no case shall the property of the parish be so encumbered by the debt or mortgage, as to lead to the probability of its being ultimately lost to the parish, nor shall the expense of such improvements or repairs be defrayed from any funds appropriated to or pertaining to the support of the clergyman. But should the vestry decline to sanction the necessary repairs and the expense thereof, or should the churchwardens neglect to accomplish such required repairs when so sanctioned, the clergyman may then appeal to the bishop, who may appoint a disinterested committee, as appointed in the foregoing section (No. 3.) to inspect the premises and report upon the necessity of the proposed alterations or repairs; and as far as sanctioned by their report, the bishop shall require the parish, through its churchwardens, to effect the same: and in case of non-compliance within the time specified by his Lordship, then the incumbent shall have authority to accomplish the same by means of money borrowed for the purpose, the amount of which should be a debt due by the parish; and which debt together with the interest on the same, shall be discharged within a limited time named by the bishop or committee aforesaid; and in default of payment being made at the time specified, the incumbent shall notify the same to the bishop, who shall then take such further action in the premises as he in his wisdom may see fit.

5th.—That whereas it is advisable that no proper precaution should be omitted for the preservation of the property of the church, all the buildings thereof should be insured, it shall be the duty of the churchwardens to keep such buildings con-

stantly insured in some respectable office, and in respect of the parsonage house and premises, in default of the churchwardens doing so, the incumbent may affect such insurance, and make the expense thereof a charge on the parish.

6th.—That a book of record be kept in each church in which shall be entered a sufficient abstract of all titles and deeds by which the lands of the said church, whether site of church, burial ground, glebe, endowment, or whatsoever they may be, are held, showing their date, by whom given, situation, quantity of land, conditions of trust or gift, where and when registered, and any other information necessary to a full understanding of the same; also, if wild and unoccupied land, whether any or what provision is made for payment of taxes, when the taxes have been paid, and what arrears of taxes may from time to time accrue.

7th.—That whereas there is much valuable, though at the time unproductive property, held as endowments for various churches or parishes, and much loss has been incurred by the sale of such lands for taxes, it is necessary to define on whom the responsibility of the payment of such taxes should rest, it is proper that in all cases where wild or waste lands are held, being unproductive, and the incumbent deriving no benefit from them, the expense of maintaining such lands should be a charge on the parish or church for the benefit of which they are given, and in all cases where any benefit or emolument is derived from any such piece or parcel of land by the incumbent, or on his behalf, then the expense of taxation should be incurred by such incumbent as a part of the ordinary expense of his glebe or mission.

8th.—That in accordance with the foregoing, the Church Society, or other parties holding real estate or other property in trust for any particular church or parish, do send a statement of the same to the churchwardens of such church or parish to be recorded, and that from the time of such trustee or trustees so doing they shall be exonerated from any liability for non-payment of taxes accruing after that time.

9th.—That for the convenient safe keeping of such record book, as well as other documents, papers, or records, a sufficient strong box with lock and key shall be provided by the churchwardens, and kept in the vestry of said church, and shall be at all times, under such ordinary and convenient regulations as may be adopted by the vestry, open to the inspection and for the information of the parish, as well as for any properly authorised officer of the church.

10th.—For the purpose of duly enforcing the foregoing regulations, it shall be the duty of the Rural Deans, each in his own Rural Deanery, acting under the authority of the ordinary or archdeacon, carefully to examine into the same from time to time as he may be required or have convenient opportunity; and to take such steps in case of neglect or failure as may be necessary therein according to the authority with which he is clothed; also, that the archdeacon, shall in his visitation examine into all such matters, either approving of the manner in which such rules and regulations have been carried out, or otherwise if not so done, and in any case of neglect or non-compliance to take such steps as may seem to him desirable in the premises; making an entry in the record book of each church, of such examination and the result thereof.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. G. O'BRIEN, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. HOLLAND, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'MEARA, the Rev. Abraham Nelles and the Rev. Mr. Carmichael, of the Diocese of Huron, were invited to seats in the synod.

The Treasurer and Auditors presented the following report.

Dr. *The Treasurer in account with the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.*

June 9, 1863...	To balance as per statement.....	\$368 94
"	...To amount received, balance of assessment for 1861-2.....	31 00
May 28, 1864...	To amount received assessment for 1863-64	177 90

\$577 84

Examined and found correct.

W. M. WESMACOTT, Auditor.
ROBERT W. DAVIES, Auditor.

Toronto, June 7, 1864,

	Cr.
June 12, 1863...By amount refunded Hamilton and Brampton	\$ 4 50
By amount per Mrs. Strachan for expenses of Synod.....	5 00
June 22, 1863...By amount per W. Caiger, attendance	23 68
29, 1863...By amount refunded Rev. A. Houston	0 75
July 25, 1863... " paid H. Rowsell	21 02
Aug. 7, 1863... " " H. C. Givens, Corp. University	16 00
Nor. 10, 1863... " " for Stamps	6 00
23, 1863... " " per H. Rowsell's account	47 00
Dec. 7, 1864... " " per Dr. Beaven, for acc. music copied.	18 50
April 5, 1864... " " for postage stamps	0 80
30, 1864... " " for engrossing declaration	2 00
Balance.....	432 51
	\$577 84

Moved by the Rev. H. BRENT, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, that the report be referred to the committee on assessment and finance.—Carried.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. SHORTT, seconded by Dr. ROWAN, that the practice of total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors as an article of ordinary diet, hospitality or luxury, is a practice to be commended in those who feel it their duty to adopt it, especially as affording a good example to youth.

Dr. BOVELL moved in amendment, seconded by the Rev. Mr. ARDAGH, that in order to mark the extreme displeasure with which the church regards the soul-destroying vice of intemperance, it is desirable that a canon should be passed, authorising the clergy to refuse to receive at Holy Communion any one who is known to be living a life of habitual intemperance.

The Rev. H. C. COOPER moved a second amendment, seconded by F. W. CUMBERLAND, Esq., that this synod, though not pledging itself at present to any definite action in reference to the subject of Dr. Shortt's motion, would express its approval of all proper means adopted by the members of the church, individually and collectively, for the suppression of intemperance.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. BOVELL, seconded by the Provost, that the committee of the court of discipline be continued, and that they be specially requested to consider the appointment of a certain number of presbyters to act as assessors to his Lordship the Bishop.—Carried.

Mr. Harman obtained leave to bring in his report on the registration of deeds, and gave notice that he would move to-morrow for its adoption.

The committee named at the last synod to consider the subject of registration in matters connected with the church, beg leave to submit the following

REPORT.

Your committee feel that it must be evident that when the number of parishes or missions in this rapidly increasing diocese is considered, and the land and other property already appertaining, or likely to appertain to them, is contemplated, the title deeds or other evidences of the same must be exceedingly numerous.

Your committee have, in the next place, considered the extremely insecure character of the present system of guardianship or holding of these title deeds or evidences of property, which are for the most part in the hands of churchwardens, a body of church officers perpetually changing, and who, for the reasons to which your committee will hereinafter revert, may not be deemed the right custodians of the same.

Your committee have further considered the subject of parochial registers of births, marriages, and deaths, containing, as they do, records of incalculable value in the proof of descent, as affecting the transmission of property, and the character of families. These registers, your committee believe, are generally kept at the private residences of the clergy, and their risk of destruction by fire or otherwise is at all times, to say the least, possible.

Your committee feel that there may be many other papers or instruments bearing indirectly, but still with importance, on parochial and church property, which it may not be desirable should remain in parochial keeping, such, for instance, as

important receipts or releases, given or procured in the adjustment of church debts incurred in the course of the erection and construction of the church or church buildings, sentences of consecration, abstracts of the boundaries of parishes as settled by consent, or otherwise, with many other matters of a statistical character and bearing.

Your committee will not encumber their report with many reasons which present themselves why a different and more efficient plan should be adopted for the guardianship of the many important documents to which they have above alluded; they will content themselves with urging a few, which they deem are sufficiently manifest to recommend themselves at once to the consideration of the synod. In the first place, with regard to real estate this may, in many instances, have come to the church either directly from, or through the agency of local residents, who may be, or become churchwardens, and thereby the custodians of their own deeds. In the second place, in the case of the documents referred to in clause four of this report, such as releases and receipts which may be taken or procured for local residents who as members of building committees, or otherwise may have had large pecuniary reckonings with the then authorities, and who subsequently becoming churchwardens, may have under their own control these very receipts and releases given by themselves.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend the institution at the earliest day of a system of registration, under the authority of the synod, to embrace the following heads, namely,

1.—All deeds, or other instruments connected with the property of the church in the way of real estate, viz.,

(a) Lots granted for the sites of churches.

(b) Lots granted for the sites of parsonages.

(c) Lots granted for sites of school-houses.

(d) Lots granted for purposes of endowment, whether in glebes or otherwise.

2.—Other property, (not real estate,) such as debentures, stocks, &c., conveyed to, or settled to the use of any church or school, for the benefit or endowment thereof.

3.—Debentures, bonds, or other securities for money issued by any church in the arrangement of its liabilities.

4.—All other documents of importance connected with the settlement of the debts of or upon any churches, parsonages, or school-houses, which, for the reasons above suggested, should not remain in parochial custody.

5.—Certificates of the day of the corner stone of any church, or its church buildings appurtenant being laid.

6.—Sentences of the consecration of churches.

7.—Abstracts of the boundaries of parishes, or the sub-division thereof, as settled by mutual consent of the neighbouring clergy, or by commission for the Lord Bishop, in accordance with the provisions of the canon of synod in that behalf.

8.—The dates of appointment to any rectory or mission of the rector, incumbent, or assistant minister thereof.

9.—The names of the churchwardens appointed annually, at the Easter vestries.

10.—An alphabetical registration of births to be compiled from sheets containing copies or transcripts from the parochial registers, to be furnished annually by every parish, the said sheets containing such transcripts or copies to be carefully filed and enrolled when entered.

11.—A like registration of marriages.

12.—A like registration of deaths.

In conclusion, your committee had proposed to themselves the introduction of a canon on this important subject at the present synod, but considering the magnitude of the different points to which they have referred, they are of opinion it may be more satisfactory to the synod that the matter should receive additional consideration. They, therefore, respectfully submit that a committee be now appointed, to be styled the "Provisional Registration Committee," who shall at once enter upon the duties of the collection of material for a complete registration of the different matters above enumerated, with a view to ensure the due protection of the property of the church, and all statistical matters entrusted to her sacred keeping, and be

a safeguard against any careless or fraudulent dealing with the same, such provisional committee to report on the same at the next meeting of synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

The Rev Dr. FULLER presented the report of the committee on the endowment of the see, and moved, seconded by the Rev. Mr. COOPER, that it be adopted.—Carried.

The committee on the endowment of the see beg leave to

REPORT.

That they made arrangements, in the month of October last, for a deputation to visit the parishes in the Niagara Rural Deanery, on behalf of the fund for the endowment of the see; and several meetings were held with a good prospect of success, but owing to pressing parochial duty, the deputation were obliged to return to their parishes.

The result of the mode adopted on this occasion convinced the committee that it was not advisable to pursue this course any further; inasmuch, as the meetings, being held on consecutive evenings, it was impossible to follow up the impression produced at the meetings, so as to secure the desired result.

Being thus convinced that this was not the best course, they came to the conclusion, to recommend to the Lord Bishop to appoint an agent, who should be able to give his whole time to the duty, and his Lordship was pleased to appoint the Rev. Dr. Read, in December last, as such an agent.

Since his appointment Dr. Read has visited the parishes of Stamford, Chippawa, Fort Erie, Welland, Drummondville, Cayuga, Walpole, in the Niagara Rural Deanery, on behalf of the fund. Most of this duty he discharged whilst continuing to discharge his duty as Rector of Thorold.

Since the 1st of March last, he has been enabled to devote himself exclusively to this important duty; and has removed temporarily to this city, as a more convenient centre of operation. Since his arrival here he has held meetings on behalf of his mission, in the parishes of St. James, St. George, and St. Stephen.

He has to report, as received in the Rural Deanery of Niagara, in promises, which he considers as perfectly good \$170.00; in notes of hand, bearing interest, \$663 00; in cash \$1346 00; making a total from that Rural Deanery \$2188 00: as received in Toronto, in promises considered by him perfectly good, \$1,395.00 in notes of hand bearing interest \$1405.00; in cash \$800.00, making a total for this city of \$3,600, being the contributions in part of the three above named parishes, and a total reported by Dr. Read, of \$5788 00.

This report is intended only to give the result of Dr. Read's work, so far as carried out, and not to show what is to be expected from any one of the places visited, as in no case had the work been completed.

T. B. FULLER,

Chairman.

Toronto, 9th June, 1864.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. FULLER, seconded by Mr. GAVILLER, that this Synod views with alarm the late decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the case of the Rev. Dr. Williams, and the Rev. H. B. Wilson, as tending (if not regarded with all the guards and limitations thrown around it by the court) to shake the faith of many members of our Holy Communion. That this Synod representing that form of the United Church of England and Ireland, planted by God's providence in this Diocese, avails itself of this opportunity to declare before the world its firm and undoubting conviction that the Church to which this Synod have the high privilege of belonging, maintains without reservation on equivocation the inspiration, and the Divine authority of the whole canonical Scriptures, as not only containing, but being the word of God, and that she further teaches in the words of our blessed Lord that the punishment of the cursed equally with the life of the righteous is everlasting.—Carried.

The Rev. Dr. O'Meara presented the following report of the Committee on assessment and Finance:—The Treasurer's accounts to the Synod show a balance in hand of \$432 50, after the payment of all expenses up to the opening of the present session, independently of amounts handed in since the balance sheet was struck: the com-

mittee, therefore, in view of the highly gratifying state of our finances, recommend that the balance in hand, after the expenses of the present session shall have been defrayed, shall be handed over to the mission Board, and the assessment for the ensuing year be the same as that of the present financial period, all of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

F. O'MEARA,
Convener.

Dr. O'MEARA Moved, seconded by R. B. DENISON, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

The Rev. Dr. Beaven brought up the report on the building and repairing of parsonages, the first clause of which was put and carried. The reading of the other clauses was deferred till to-morrow.

Mr. HODGINS moved, seconded by Dr. BOVELL, that the report on the vestry manual be adopted, and that the following gentlemen be the committee on the compilation of the vestry manual for the current year:—The Rev. Dr. Fuller, Rev. H. Grasett, B.D., Rev. W. S. Darling, Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A., R. A. Harrison, Esq.; S. Blake, T. Hodgins, Mr. Recorder Duggan, and J. G. Hodgins, Esq.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. HODGINS, seconded by R. A. HARRISON, Esq., that with a view to relieve the secretaries of much of the routine duties and detail connected with their office during the sittings of the synod, they be authorised to employ an assistant, whose duty it shall be to give special attention to the recording and printing of the daily minutes of proceedings.

That for the information of the members of the synod, a summary statement or synopsis of the whole of the unfinished business before the synod be prefixed to the daily printed notices of motion in the order in which it is proposed to take it up.

That with a view to ascertain what resolutions and canons have received the sanction of the synod, it be an instruction to the secretaries to employ a person to collate from the official minutes book, and append to the printed minutes for this year a copy of each canon or resolution which has been duly passed since 1858, with an index, and that a similar appendix and index for each succeeding year be prepared and inserted in future in the annual printed minutes proceedings of the synod.

That the compilation of the proposed list of canons and resolutions, when prepared, be submitted to the committee on the vestry manual, for its approval, before being printed in the appendix to the printed minutes of the synod.—Carried.

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