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### Proceedings of Synod Committees,

NOVEMBER, 1876, FEBRUARY AND MAY, 1877.

The Regular Quarterly Meetings of the Standing Committees of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, were held at the Synod Office, on Thursday and Friday, the 9th and 10th of November, 1876.

#### Executive Committee.

*Present.*—The Archdeacon of Peterborough, Chairman; the Archdeacon of York, Revs. Dr. Lett, R. Shanklin, W. Logan, C. W. Paterson, A. J. Fidler, J. H. McCollum. Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, S. B. Harman, Captain Stupart, Dr. Snelling, F. Farncomb.

The Sub-Committees appointed to consider (1) the amendments to the Constitution relating to the re-construction of the Standing Committees, and (2) the resolution of Synod to provide for a Diocesan Conference in the evening of each day of the Session of Synod, not being prepared with their reports, consideration of the same was deferred till the February meeting.

#### Clergy Commutation Trust Committee.

*Present.*—The Rev. Dr. Lett, Chairman; the Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. W. R. Foster, A. J. Broughall, C. W. Paterson, H. C. Coeper, John Davidson. Hon. V. C. Blake, Archibald Cameron, Peter Paterson, William Ince, Dr. Snelling, A. H. Campbell, C. H. Greene.

*Resolved.*—That as there has been greater delay than was anticipated in the arrangements by the Commissioners between this Diocese and the Diocese of Niagara, the surplus funds be now distributed among the claimants in accordance with the by-law. Also, that the Secretary be instructed to write to the clergymen claiming on the Commutation Fund for new applications, and that the Sub-Committee do consider and act upon said applications up to the amount of the available surplus.

**Endowment of See, Rectory Lands, and Land and Investment Committee.**

*Present.*—The Rev. W. Stennett in the chair; Revs. W. H. Clark, W. Logan, J. H. McCollum. Messrs. Farncomb, Harman, and Magrath.

Sundry matters pertaining to land were brought before the Committee, and laid over for further information and future consideration.

**Mission Board.**

*Present.*—The Archdeacon of York in the chair; the Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. Dr. Lett, A. Stewart, Canon Morgan, I. Middleton, H. D. Cooper, Septimus Jones, T. W. Allen, Canon Osler, F. Curt, E. H. Cole, S. Givins, Professor Wilson, Mr. A. R. Gordon, Major Bligh.

The Secretary presented the quarterly financial statement, showing the Mission Fund account overdrawn on the 1st November, \$9,483.96, subject to reduction by the amount of the debt due by the Diocese of Niagara, \$3,110 24, with interest from 1st of May, 1875. Algoma Fund Account overdrawn on the 1st of November, \$815.67.

New guarantees were received and accepted from the following missions: Creemore \$250; Banda \$100; Allenwood (Craighurst) \$50; Phelpsston (Craighurst) \$40, Fisher's (Alliston) \$100; St. John's, Mono Mills, \$175; Luntroon (Bartheaux) \$100; Bradford and West Gwillimbury \$600.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Foyston, Secretary, Minesing (Vespra), stating that it would be impossible for the congregation to continue the payment of the amount hitherto guaranteed.

The Sub-Committee appointed to arrange the Mission Board Pay List in accordance with the by-law passed at the last meeting of Synod, presented their report, which was adopted by the Mission Board, with some amendments, as follows:—

The Synod having in June last, resolved that Missions hereafter placed on the list be referred by the Board at their discretion, to one of the following schedules:—

*Schedule A.* to receive a grant for ten years, \$200 for the first three years, reduced by \$25 every subsequent year, thus leaving the grant of the tenth year only \$25:

*Schedule B.* to receive a grant for seven years, \$200 for the first three years, reduced by \$40 every subsequent year, thus leaving the grant for the seventh year only \$40:

*Schedule C.* to receive a grant for five years, \$200 for the first three years, \$125 for the fourth year, \$50 for the fifth year:

*Schedule D.* Exceptional cases not included under the above, in which the reduction shall be in similar proportions:

Travelling Missions shall be maintained at the discretion of the Board at an annual grant not exceeding \$600:

Missions already on the list may be subjected, from July, 1877, to reduction at the rate of schedule A., B. or C., or to such reduction as the Board may deem expedient:—The Missions now on the Mission Board Pay List have been appointed amongst the several schedules in the following manner:—

*In Schedule A.*—Norwood, Westwood, and Belmont.

*In Schedule B.*—Bobcaygeon and Dunsford, Hastings and Alnwick, Innisfil, North Essa.

*In Schedule C.*—Albion and Mono (subject to information regarding endowment), Bolton and Sandhill (subject to information regarding endowment), Credit, Holland Landing, Leslieville, Lloydtown, Mauvers, Mulmur, North Douro, Seymour and Percy, Shanty Bay, Stayner and Creemore.

*In Schedule D*—Alliston and West Essa; Aurora, Oakridges and King; Batteaux, Singhampton and Duntroon; Bradford and West Gwillimbury; Brampton, Edmonton, and Campbell's Cross; Brooklin and Columbus; Cameron, Coboconk, &c.; Craighurst and Waverly; Cookstown, &c.; Dysart; Gore's Landing and Harwood; Galway; Minden; Mulmur West; North Orillia and Medonte; Perrytown and Elizabethville; Pickering; Tullamore; Vespra; Woodbridge and Vaughan.

Specific reductions, to take effect after July 1st, 1877:—

Aurora	to be reduced to	.....	\$100.
Brampton	"	.....	150.
Cookstown	"	.....	150.
North Orillia	"	.....	250.

*Resolved*,—That all the Missions mentioned in *Schedule D* be referred to the Subcommittee in order that more specific information may be given as to the amount each Mission is to receive, and for what period; and what reductions are to be made in the grants.

A letter having been read from Rev. Geo. I. Taylor, late missionary at Beaverton, stating that the arrears (\$50) due by the congregation at that place had not yet been paid:

*Resolved*,—That the sum of \$50 be paid Mr. Taylor as applied for by him; and that the Secretary be instructed to write to the parochial authorities of Beaverton to refund the same to this Board.

The Rev. I. Middleton having furnished the Board with information regarding the proposed new mission in the Township of Caledon, and the Chairman having laid before the Board the subscription lists from the people to the amount of \$300, it was

*Resolved*,—That a grant of three hundred dollars a year for one year, be made to the new mission of Charleston—to consist of Charleston, Dublin, Boston, and Cataract—as soon as the Lord Bishop shall have appointed a clergyman to the same, the Board having been satisfied that the congregations at the several places are willing to contribute three hundred dollars; and that this Board would strongly recommend to his Lordship the urgent need for a missionary in the District.

*Resolved*,—That in the opinion of the members of this Board, it would be most advisable in the present state of our Mission Fund, to make an appeal to our people throughout all our parishes and missions by a special agent or special agents appointed by his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese.

*Resolved*,—That the Mission Board hereafter assemble, on its appointed day of meeting, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon.

### Widows and Orphans' Fund and Theological Students' Fund Committee.

*Present*.—The Rev. H. C. Cooper, Chairman; Revs. F. Tremayne and A. H. Baldwin. Hon. V. C. Blake, Capt. Blain, Huson W. M. Murray, S. J. VanKoughnet, T. A. Agar.

*Widows and Orphans' Fund Business*.—The following letters were read: From Mrs. Edmund Baldwin, enclosing a cheque for a donation of \$250, to the Widows and Orphans' Fund, from her late husband, Rev. Canon Baldwin;

From Mrs. Hill, widow of the late Rev. Geo. S. J. Hill, applying for a pension;

From Mrs. Hall, in relation to the withdrawal of the pension to her children by the regulations of the Diocese of Niagara;

From Rev. J. W. R. Beck, referring to the assessment on the parish of Peterborough;

From John Burnham, Esq., in reference to the assessment on the parish of Ashburnham and Otonabee.

The Chairman was requested to write to Mrs. Baldwin, thanking her for the donation; to Mrs. Hill, to the effect that no aid could be given to her from the funds of this Diocese; and to Mr. Beck, stating that \$25 had been sent in from Otonabee in conjunction with Ashburnham, and to request him to raise as much as possible of the amount assessed upon Peterborough; and the Secretary was instructed to furnish Mrs. Hill with the usual form of application required by the by-law.

In relation to the Baldwin donation, it was ordered, that \$20 of the same be applied to the unpaid balance of the late Canon Baldwin's donation to the Special Fund, and that the remainder (\$230) be placed to the income of the present year.

*Students' Fund Business.*—Letters were read from Mr. Colwell, in relation to his Exhibition, and from Mr. H. W. Robinson applying for aid while pursuing his studies privately.

The Chairman was requested to reply to Mr. Colwell informing him of the reasons for the discontinuance of his Exhibition; also to inform Mr. Robinson that the Exhibitions from this fund are, by the terms of the by-law, strictly confined to students at Trinity College.

A minute was also made that the present condition of the Fund did not admit of any additional Exhibitions being granted.

#### General Purposes, Statistics, and Assessment Committee.

*Present.*—Marcellus Crombie, Esq, Chairman. Revs. John Fletcher, S. J. Boddy, Thomas Ball, and R. W. Hindes. Mr. F. A. Ball was unable to be present, having to attend the Court of Chancery.

A grant of \$50 was made in aid of the new church at Bethany, Manvers, on condition that the regular form of application be completed and forwarded to the Secretary.

A letter was read from the Rev. W. W. Bates, stating that the insurance on St. George's Church, North Essn, having expired, he had renewed the same at his own expense, and asking for at least partial reimbursement. The Committee decided that they could not entertain such an application.

#### Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee.

*Present.*—The Archdeacon of York, Chairman; Revs. J. D. Cayley and G. I. Taylor. Messrs. Marling, Wood, Gillespie, and Morgan.

The following grants were made:—

*Rev. Wm. Grant, Tullamore, for St. Mary's Church, \$6 towards the purchase of service books.*

*Rev. Thomas G. Porter, Craighurst, for Phelpston congregation, \$6 towards the purchase of service books; tracts from the old stock, and twenty prayer books at fifteen cents for sale; the money to be remitted to the Secretary.*

*Rev. John Davidson, Uxbridge, for St. Paul's Sunday School, \$20 worth of library books, \$10 paid.*

A Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the subject of holding a Sunday School Convention in the City of Toronto.

#### Audit Committee.

*Present.*—Rev. Wm Grant and Mr. William Gamble.

The usual quarterly Balance Sheets were presented by the Auditors, and adopted. Also the following report:—

*Gentlemen,*—We beg to report for your information that we have completed the audit of your Secretary-Treasurer's books and accounts for the quarter ending 31st of October, 1876. We have pursued the usual course as laid down in the Audit

Book, and have found everything satisfactory, having traced the vouchers to their proper accounts. The Bank balances agree with the Ledger balances of the respective Funds, the mortgages have all passed through our hands, and we have checked the accruing interest thereon to the proper accounts. The Debenture Book has also been examined, and the interest therein found to be correctly credited. We have likewise examined and checked the mortgages belonging to the Rectory Lands Fund, which are about to be transferred to the Diocese of Niagara. All of which is respectfully submitted by your obedient Servants,

WILLIAM GAMBLE,  
JAS. SIDNEY CROCKER, } *Auditors.*

Synod Rooms, November 9th 1876.

### Church Music Committee.

*Present.*—The Rev. J. D. Cayley, Chairman; Revs. C. R. Bell and J. M. Ballard. Messrs. John Carter, H. G. Collins, and J. H. Knight.

The Committee resolved to issue a book of Canticles with appropriate chants; each member of the Committee to send his selection to the chairman within two weeks.

### Printing Committee.

*Present.*—The Rev. A. J. Broughall. The Rev. C. C. Johnson was unable to attend. No quorum.

No business transacted.

### Special Committee on the Canon for Enforcing Church Discipline.

*Present.*—The Archdeacon of York, Chairman; Revs. Septimus Jones, H. C. Cooper, and Dr. O'Meara; Hon. G. W. Allan. Hon. V. C. Blake was unavoidably absent.

The Committee resumed consideration of the proposed Canon, in connection with the revision of the Fredericton Canon.

Referring to the resolution adopted by the Synod in June last, viz: "That the Committee on Discipline be instructed to consider the question of the advisability of requiring all evidence brought before the Court to be taken upon oath, and, should it be necessary, to take legal advice or to apply to the Legislature for such powers as may be considered requisite," the Committee decided to apply to the Legislature of Ontario at its next Session for an Act to enable any Court of Discipline which shall be constituted under any Canon of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, to receive evidence on oath.

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The Regular Quarterly Meetings of the Standing Committees of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto were held at the Synod Office, on Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th February, 1877.

### Executive Committee.

*Present.*—The Archdeacon of Peterborough, Chairman; The Archdeacon of York, Revs. W. Logan, S. Givins, A. J. Fidler, Dr. Lett, R. Shanklin, and C. W. Pater-son; Hon. G. W. Allan, Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, James Henderson, F. Farncomb, Capt. Stupart, W. T. O'Reilly, and Dr. Snelling. In the absence of the Secretary, on account of illness, Dr. Snelling acted as Secretary of the meeting.

A letter was read from the Lord Bishop stating that he had appointed the Hon. G. W. Allan to fill the vacancy in the Committee caused by the death of the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron.

The Rev. Dr. Lett presented the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the Amendments to the Constitution, relating to the re-construction of the Standing Committees, which embodied the following recommendations :

That the number of Committees be reduced from 10 with 125 members to 5 with 81 members.

That the number of meetings in the year be reduced from four to two, viz., in May and November.

By thus reducing the number of Committees, and the times of meeting, it is calculated that the expense at present incurred will be reduced to about one-half.

The Report, having been considered, was adopted, for presentation to the Synod at its next meeting.

The Archdeacon of York presented the Report of the Sub Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Diocesan Conference during the ensuing Session of Synod, which contained the following suggestions :—

That the following be subjects for discussion—one of which would probably occupy each of the three evenings on which the Conference would be held—viz :—

1. The duty of the Church in respect of the social amusements of its members.
2. What are the legitimate modes of raising money for religious purposes ?
3. What duties should be assigned to the lay members of the Church, especially to the young, in order to attach them closely to its Communion ?

That the Clergy and Laity be invited to suggest subjects for discussion.

That a Sub Committee be appointed to select, from the subjects above suggested, and from those which may be suggested, those which shall appear to them most suitable, and also to make arrangements for the preparation of papers on such subjects by such Clergymen or Laymen as shall appear best qualified for the duty, and shall consent to undertake it.

The Report was adopted.

### Clergy Commutation Trust Committee.

*Present.*—Rev. Dr. Lett, Chairman ; The Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. W. W. Bates, A. J. Broughall, W. R. Forster, C. W. Paterson, John Davidson, and H. C. Cooper ; Hon. G. W. Allan, Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake, A. H. Campbell, Peter Paterson, and Dr. Snelling. Dr. Snelling acted as Secretary of the meeting.

The Sub Committee appointed to distribute the Commutation Fund surplus reported that the following clergymen had been placed on the pay-list, to date from October 1st, 1876, viz : Rev. A. J. Broughall for \$200 per annum, and the Revs. William Grant and R. H. Harris, each for \$400 per annum.

*Resolved.*—That the Bishop be respectfully applied to for a complete list of the whole Clergy of the Diocese in their order of seniority, for the use of the Committee.

A letter was read from the Solicitors stating that the necessary steps were being taken to obtain payment of the policies on the life of the late Hon. J. H. Cameron.

### Land and Investment Committee.

*Present.*—Rev. Canon Brent, Chairman ; Revs. William Logau, W. H. Clarke ; Judge Scott, and F. Farncomb.

No land transactions to be reported.

The Treasurer of the Township of Turnberry having applied to redeem some debentures of that Township, the Committee agreed to sell \$1000 at par.

## Mission Board.

*Present.*—The Lord Bishop in the chair. The Archdeacons of York and Peterborough, Rural Deans Allen, Lett, Stewart, Givins, Osler, Cole, and Cooper; Canon Morgau, Revs. I. Middleton and Septimus Jones; Major Bligh, Professor Wilson, A. R. Gordon, and Hon. C. J. Douglas.

The Rev. Septimus Jones was requested to act as Secretary of the meeting.

The usual financial statement was laid before the meeting, for the quarter ending February 1st, 1877, shewing a debit balance of \$11,064.85, subject to reduction by the amount due from the Diocese of Niagara, \$3110.24, with interest from 1st May, 1875.

*Resolved.*—That it is, in the opinion of this Board, a matter of the greatest importance that a special effort should be made forthwith to wipe out its indebtedness, and that for this purpose two or more gentlemen be appointed by the Lord Bishop to make personal application in the first instance to the churchmen of this city, and afterwards to those of the several towns in the Diocese; and that his Lordship the Bishop be requested to sanction and recommend this effort in a pastoral letter, to be read in the several churches of Toronto and of the other places in which the appeal shall be made, on the Sunday immediately preceding the making of such appeal.

Letters having been read from the Revs. L. H. Kirkby, (Battenux), W. M. C. Clarke, (Alliston), and R. Rooney, (Cameron), respecting the state of their respective missions, the following resolutions were adopted:—

The Archdeacon and Rural Dean having visited during the past month the station of Singhampton, in the Mission of the Battenux, and having reported to this Board that it is hopeless at present to endeavour to continue the services at this station, *Be it resolved*, that the Missionary be directed to discontinue the services hitherto held there, and that the two quarters' contribution due to the Missionary be paid him, and that as the Missionary loses \$150, guaranteed by Singhampton, \$100 be added to his present grant.

*Resolved.*—That the sum of \$25 be granted to the Rev. W. M. C. Clarke on the quarter's deficiency from Angus Station; that this is to be considered in full of his claim against this Board on this head.

*Resolved.*—That the grant to the Mission of Cameron be increased to \$400 per annum, from the 1st April next until the expiration of the present bonds from the people of the Mission.

*Resolved.*—That the sum of \$25 be appropriated to the Mission of Apsley for the use of the Rev. P. Harding, for services as Lay Reader to October 1st, prior to his ordination.

*Resolved.*—That the Mission Board hereby tender their thanks to G. B. Kirkpatrick, Esq., for his great kindness in preparing for their use the valuable map, which he has forwarded, of the Diocese of Toronto, distinguishing the several Rural Deaneries, and instruct the Secretary-Treasurer to communicate this resolution to Mr. Kirkpatrick.

### Widows and Orphans' Fund and Theological Students' Fund Committee.

*Present.*—Rev. H. C. Cooper, Chairman; Revs. J. S. Baker, Canon Tremayne, and A. Baldwin. Hon. V. C. Blake, Capt. Blain, H. W. M. Murray, and T. A. Agar.

A statement having been presented shewing a large deficiency in the returns to the special appeal on account of the Widows and Orphans' Fund, it was decided to make a second appeal to those Parishes which have failed to make up their assessment.

Application having been made by Mr. Henry C. Avant for a divinity exhibition, the Committee were unable to entertain it for want of funds.



### General Purposes Fund, Statistics and Assessment Committee.

*Present.*—Marcellus Crombie, Esq., Chairman; Revs. John Fletcher, Dr. O'Meara, S. J. Boddy, Thomas Hall, John Vicars. Dr. Hodgins, and Alderman Boswell.

A grant of \$50 from the Burnside Bequest was made in aid of the new Church at Alliston.

An application for a grant in aid of the new church at Harwood was not entertained, the title to the site not being vested in the proper church authorities.

A Sub-committee was appointed to ascertain the terms of the Burnside Trust as administered by this Committee and to submit a scheme for the guidance of the Committee in making grants from this fund.

A Sub-committee having been appointed to estimate the probable expenses of the coming year (including balance of Synod expenses of previous years), and levy the necessary Synod assessment to meet those expenses, that Sub-Committee met on the 8th March, and adopted the following resolution, viz.:—

That an assessment be made for the current year on the several parishes at the rate of one-half of the amount levied in 1875, as revised: adding, however, to such assessment a sum at the rate of \$1 per parish on those whose assessment amounts to \$2.50 and upwards, and at the rate of 75 cents additional on all of the other parishes, including all new parishes.

(*Note.*—The above addition was made to meet the assessment required this year on account of the Provincial Synod.)

### Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee.

*Present.*—The Archdeacon of York, Chairman; Revs. J. D. Cayley, C. R. Matthew, and George I. Taylor. John Gillespie, J. C. Morgan, and S. G. Wood.

The following grants were made:—Rev. W. R. Forster, for Creemore Sunday School, \$20 worth of Library Books, \$10 to be paid; Rev. J. H. Harris, for Sunday School, St. George's, Medonte, \$6 worth of Library Books; Rev. L. H. Kirkby, for Sunday School, Christ Church, Batteaux, \$4.50 worth of Bibles and Catechisms, and \$1.50 worth of Library Books.

### Audit Committee.

*Present.*—Rev. William Grant, Chairman; Rev. W. M. C. Clarke, and Mr. Gamble.

The interim Report of the Auditors, and the balance sheet of the Clergy Trust Fund, were read and adopted.

### Printing Committee.

*Present.*—Dr. Hodgins, Chairman; Revs. A. J. Broughall, C. C. Johnson, and T. Walker.

The usual accounts for printing were presented and passed.

It was ordered that the next number of the *Diocesan Gazette* contain the proposed Canon on Church Discipline, and an account of the proceedings of the Synod Committees.

### Special Committee on Canon for Enforcing Church Discipline.

*Present.*—The Archdeacon of York, Chairman; Revs. Septimus Jones, Dr. Lett, H. C. Cooper, Dr. O'Meara, and J. Pearson. Hon. G. W. Allan, and Dr. Hodgins.

Dr. Hodgins reported, on behalf of the Sub-Committee appointed to submit a Bill to the Ontario House of Assembly to enable the Church Courts to administer oaths, that he was present before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature, and it was there decided not to report the Bill to the House favourably, the Committee being opposed to the principle of the Bill.

Thursday, May 10th, being Ascension Day, the Standing Committees of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto met at the Synod Office, Toronto, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th and 16th May, 1877.

### Executive Committee.

*Present.*—The Archdeacon of Peterborough, Chairman; the Archdeacon of York, Revs. Dr. Lett, R. Shanklin, William Logan, C. W. Paterson, A. J. Fidler, S. Givius, Messrs. Farncomb, O'Reilly, Harman, and Dr. Snelling.

Letter was read from the Bishop appointing Tuesday, 19th June, the day for the meeting of the Synod.

The Committee arranged the order of the proceedings for the approaching session of Synod; also (in accordance with the resolution of Synod, June 1876) a list of names to be recommended to the Synod to serve on the several Standing Committees for the ensuing year.

A Sub Committee was appointed to prepare the annual report, and a Reception Committee to provide for the accommodation of the clerical members during the Session of Synod.

### Clergy Trust Committee

*Present.*—Rev. Dr. Lett, Chairman; the Archdeacon of Peterborough, Revs. W. W. Bates, W. R. Forster, C. W. Paterson, H. C. Cooper, John Davidson, A. J. Broughall. Messrs. Greene, A. H. Campbell, and Dr. Snelling.

Letter was read from Mr. Wm. Ince regretting his inability to attend on account of absence from town.

The Secretary laid before the meeting the usual quarterly financial statement, showing the net proceeds from the policies on the life of the late Hon. J. H. Cameron to be \$15,182 96; also, an estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the current year, showing a surplus of over \$2,000; also, the Bishop's certified list of the clergy of the Diocese of Toronto in their order of seniority.

Letter was read from the Bishop, stating that the Rev. John Carry's leave of absence would be extended for another year from 1st July next, and that as Mr. Carry is able to discharge the duties of the curacy of a small country parish in England, he is willing to relinquish for the further time of his absence one-half of the stipend which he receives from the Commutation Fund, if the Committee consider that he should make this abatement, or any abatement at all.

*Resolved,*—That the Rev. Mr. Carry by resigning his charge in this Diocese, prolonged absence, and uncertain return, has in terms of the Canon forfeited, *pro tem.*, his claim upon the Commutation Trust Fund.

The attention of the Committee having been called to the fact that the Rev. T. P. Hodge, who is on the Pay List, is not engaged in any Parochial duty:

*Resolved,*—That all payments from the Commutation Surplus Fund to the Rev. Mr. Hodge be discontinued from the 1st day of July next, until the Bishop certifies to this Committee that he is employed in Ministerial work, as provided by the Canon in that behalf.

In regard to the claim of the Rev. S. Briggs to participate in the Commutation Surplus, the opinion of Messrs. Bethune, Osler, and Moss, was read, stating that Mr. Briggs is not entitled to participate in the Commutation Fund Surplus, unless he is so entitled in respect of his service up to 1869.

*Resolved,*—That the Secretary-Treasurer notify the claimants, in accordance with the Bishop's list, (whose names have now been fixed), to furnish the Certificate required by the By-Law, and that the Sub-Committee of Management do consider and act upon such certificates up to the amount of the available surplus.

The Rev. S. Briggs having been transferred from his present position on the Bishop's list (June 1st, 1858,) to June 1st, 1868, the names referred to in the above

resolution are as follows: Revs. A. J. Fidler, Aurora; John Creighton, Cartwright; George Nesbitt, Mulmur; H. D. Cooper, Colborne; Isaac Middleton, Brampton; E. W. Murphy, Innisfil; Richard Harrison, Toronto; Frederick Burt, Minden; and Johnstone Vicars, Pickering.

### Land Committee.

*Present.*—Rev. Canon Brent, Chairman; Rev. W. Logan, Judge Scott, Messrs. Harman and Farncomb.

*Peterborough Glebe.*—Offer accepted from Messrs. Hatton & Morrow to purchase 4 acres of Park Lot 15, for \$250 an acre.

*Lot 3, Con. 2, Bezeley.*—Offer accepted from Thomas Shields to purchase 5 acres of cedar for \$3 an acre.

Sundry other applications were laid over for further consideration.

### Mission Board.

*Present.*—The Lord Bishop, Chairman; The Archdeacons of York and Peterborough, Rural Deans Givins, Lett, Stewart, Osler, and Cole; Canon Morgan; Revs. F. Burt, Septimus Jones, H. D. Cooper, and I. Middleton; Professor Wilson, Major Bligh, Messrs. J. Ham Perry, C. J. Blomfield, T. H. Ince, A. R. Gordon, and S. S. Peck.

The following new guarantees were received and accepted:—

Pickering, \$200 per annum for three years, from 1st of October, 1876.

Holland Landing, \$325, for one year, from 1st March, 1877.

St. Luke's, Pinkerton's (Cookstown Mission), \$200 per annum for three years, from 1st April, 1877.

The Secretary presented the Quarterly Financial Statement of the Mission Fund, showing the account overdrawn to the amount of \$9,756.06, subject to reduction by the debt due from the Diocese of Niagara, and the Algoma Fund overdrawn to the amount of \$909.38.

The Secretary reported that, in answer to the special appeal on behalf of the Mission Fund debt, \$5,223.50 have been subscribed, of which \$1,622.15 have been paid.

In regard to the Mission Fund Pay List the Archdeacon of York presented the report of the Sub-Committee on the exceptional cases which had previously been placed in Schedule D.

The Committee recommended that the following Missions be placed in Schedule B, viz.:—Alliston, Batteaux, Brooklin and Columbus, Cameron, Craighurst and Waverley, Dysart, Gore's Landing, Minden, Mulmur West, North Orillia and Medonte, Perrytown, Pickering, and Vespra.

That the following be placed in Schedule C, viz.:—Bradford, first reduction in July, 1877, to \$125; Cookstown, first reduction in July, 1878; and Woodbridge, to be reduced to \$200 in July, 1877.

The Board adopted the Report.

*Resolved.*—That the Mission of Galway be constituted a travelling Mission for one year, from 1st July, 1877, at the rate of \$600 per annum.

*Resolved.*—That a grant of \$100 be made to Minden on account of the Rev. J. E. Cooper for one year from 1st April, 1877.

*Resolved.*—That the Rural Deans be requested to furnish reports from their several Deaneries for incorporation in the Annual Report of the Mission Board, to be presented to the Synod at its next Session.

The Secretary laid before the meeting the completed Map of the Diocese of

Toronto, shewing the Rural Deaneries, Churches, Stations, and Church Population in each Township according to the census of 1871, prepared for, and presented to the Mission Board, by George B. Kirkpatrick."

### Widows and Orphans' Fund, and Theological Students' Fund Committee.

*Present.*—Rev. H. C. Cooper, Chairman; Revs. J. S. Baker and F. Tremayne. Capt. Blain, Messrs VanKoughnet and Agar.

Application for the usual pension from the Widows and Orphans' Fund was received from the widow of the late Rev. Geo. S. J. Hill.

*Ordered.*—That Mrs. Hill be placed on the fund for \$200 per annum. The first quarterly payment to be made on the 1st July next.

*Resolved.*—That the Chairman be instructed to ask the Archdeacons of the Diocese to notify those Parishes in their several Archdeaconries where no collections have been made in answer to the special appeal of October last, and to urge upon them the necessity of endeavouring to obtain the amounts for which they have been assessed, as soon as possible.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to prepare the Annual Report for presentation to the Synod, with instructions to mention therein the names of all defaulting Parishes.

Mr. Henry C. Avant's application for a Divinity Exhibition having again been laid before the Committee, Mr. Avant was placed upon the list of Exhibitioners in expectation of a vacancy occurring in October next.

### General Purposes Fund, Statistics and Assessment Committee.

*Present.*—Marcellus Crombie, Esq., Chairman; Revs. Dr. O'Meara, S. J. Boddy, John Fletcher, R. W. Hindes and John Vicars; Dr. Hodgins, Alderman Boswell.

A grant of \$50 was made in aid of the Building Fund of Holy Trinity Church, Cavan.

An application for a grant in aid of St. Luke's Church, Ashburnham, was laid over for the present, the church not being so far finished as to admit of service being regularly held in it.

The Chairman having presented a report from the Sub-Committee in regard to the Burnside Trust, the same was referred back for further consideration.

### Sunday School and Book and Tract Committee.

*Present.*—Rev. Geo. I. Taylor in the chair; Revs. J. D. Cayley, and C. R. Matthew. Messrs Gillespie and Morgan.

The following grants were made; \$20 worth of Library Books to each of the Sunday Schools at Stayner, Leslieville, St. Paul's, Inisfil, and All Saints', Brock: to meet a payment of \$10 in each case. \$5 worth of Library Books for St. Mark's, Otonabee.

Also \$4.50 worth of Prayer Books and some of the old stock for the congregation at Brook's School House, North Essa.

An application from the new Mission of Charleston and Cataract was deferred until an incumbent is appointed to the Mission.

### Audit Committee.

*Present.*—Rev. W. Grant, Chairman; Rev. George Nesbitt, and Mr. W. Gamble.

The Auditors submitted an interim report for the quarter ending 30th April, 1877, together with the balance sheets of the Rectory Lands and Clergy Trust Funds: the audit to be completed and annual report prepared in time for the meeting of the Synod on the 19th June.

### Printing Committee.

*Present.*—Dr. Hodgins, Chairman; Revs. A. Williams and T. Walker. Mr. Pepler.

*Ordered.*—That the deferred number of the *Diocesan Gazette* be printed as soon as the Report of the Committee on Church Discipline is received, and that it contain the Order of Proceedings of the Synod together with all Reports ready at date of publication; that 750 copies be printed.

That the Journal of Synod be issued immediately after the Synod in the usual form. That 500 copies be printed.

That a number of the *Gazette* be issued containing the proceedings of the Synod Committees for November 1876, and February and May, 1877: 500 copies to be printed.

A Sub Committee was appointed to prepare the Annual Report, and to embody in it a suggestion to the Synod that a less number of issues of the *Gazette* takes place.

*Ordered.*—That the Secretary be authorized to obtain a number of post-cards printed, to be used at his discretion. That as soon as the present stock of cards for summoning Synod Standing Committees is exhausted, a new form be prepared containing a schedule of the whole of the committees, to be sent to each member with the particular committee of which he is a member indicated by a cross or other mark.

The Special Committee on the Canon for enforcing Church Discipline met on Thursday, May 17th, and finally adopted a Canon for presentation to the Synod, the same to be printed for circulation amongst the members before the meeting of Synod.

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