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NOTICE.

As the Annual Report of the Church Society will be in the printer's hands this month for publication in pamphlet form, it is desirable that the parochial lists be sent in to the Secretary without delay.

The Secretary also intimates that as in accordance with the Resolution of the Society, only a limited number of Reports will be printed, the secretaries of the several branches should inform him within a fortnight how many copies they may require. The cost will be but trifling when borne by the whole body, and the charge for each parish can be defrayed out of the three-fourths retained at the close of the current year, when it is desired.

Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TRINITY COLLEGE, TORONTO.

On Wednesday, the 1st inst., a meeting of the Convocation of the University of Trinity College was held in the College Hall, for the purpose of conferring degrees. Sir John Beverley Robinson, Bart., Chancellor of the University, presided, and the Lord Bishop of Toronto was also present.—The following gentlemen were admitted by the Chancellor to the honorary degree of D.C.L.

The Venerable Alexander Neil Bethune, D.D., Rector of Cobourg, and Archdeacon of York
The Rev. Thomas Brock Fuller, D.D., Rector of Thorold, Rural Dean.

The Rev. Francis Evans, Rector of Woodhouse and Rural Dean.

The Rev. Henry Patton, Rector of Cornwall, and Rural Dean.

The Rev. Samuel S. Strong, D.D., Incumbent of Ottawa, and Rural Dean.

The Rev. William McMurray, D.D., Rector of Niagara.

The Rev. A. F. Atkinson, Rector of St. Catharines.

The following Degrees were also conferred:
(*ad eundem gradum.*)

The Rev. Stephen Lett, LL.D. Trinity College, Dublin.

The Rev. John Travers Lewis, LL.D. Trinity College, Dublin.

The Rev. William Bernard Lauder, LL.D., Trinity College, Dublin.

The Rev. John Walker Marsh, B.A., King's College, Toronto.

M. A.
The Rev. John Walker Marsh.

M. B.
Hall, Henry.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., the annual dinner was given in the College Hall, and was attended, as usual, by the members of the Council, and by other invited guests. The toasts of "The Chancellor" and "The Bishop" preceded their

accustomed welcome, and the names of the gentlemen admitted to honorary degrees on the preceding day—to many of whom the College is deeply indebted for their strenuous and successful exertions in its cause—were greeted with the warmest approbation.

The health of the Prizeman of the year was also drunk, among whom are to be mentioned the following gentlemen who have completed successfully for Scholarships:
Bethune, Charles Jas. Stewart. Wellington Scholar.
Cayley, Edward.....Burnside Scholar.
Wood, John.....Allan Scholar.

The College Library has recently received a valuable accession in the form of a present of upwards of 80 volumes from Trinity College, Dublin. The books are all of them printed at the University Press, and consist chiefly of standard works in Classics or Mathematics, with the addition of the excellent 8 vol. edition of Archbishop Usher's Works. The College authorities have also kindly intimated their purpose of forwarding to Trinity College copies of any books which may hereafter issue from the University Press, and have thus rendered this proof of their good will doubly valuable. The Rev. T. Green, LL.D., of Wellington Square, who, on his late visit to Ireland, made application for this grant, and took charge of the package on his return, has, by his thoughtful regard to the interests of Trinity College, entitled himself to the cordial thanks of all its members.

CHURCH SOCIETY MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the Society was held in St. James' Parochial School-house, on Tuesday, the 16th June, at 3 p.m., having been adjourned from the previous Wednesday, in order to afford an opportunity of being present to those who would come to town for the Synod.

Present:—The Lord Bishop. Ven. A. N. Bethune, Rev. H. Grasett, Rev. J. Shortt, Dr. Fuller, Revs. Messrs. Mulkins, Ingles, Fletcher, H. Bront, K. Lewis, W. H. Harper, W. S. Darling, J. A. Morris, W. B. Lauder, H. Patton, J. Boswell, Dr. Lett, Dr. Strong, Dr. O'Meara, R. Flood, Dr. Blake, Dr. Cronyn, Mr. Brough, Mr. Palmer, J. Langtry, J. Leech, H. C. Cooper, Rev. H. Plees, H. Mortimer, Col. Vankoughnet, Rev. A. Townley, Rev. E. Dewar, Rev. Geo. Caulfield, Rev. J. Preston, Mr. Birchnal, Rev. F. Fauquierie, Rev. T. S. Kennedy, Hon. G. S. Boulton, J. W. Gamble, Esq., Col. O'Brien and others.

The Lord Bishop read the usual prayers.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed and signed by the President.

The Secretary then read a statement of the balances of the several funds, and of the income and expenditure of the Society during the past year, and the following Report from the auditors:—

The auditors beg to report that in their examination of the books of the Society, the following items appeared to them as requiring notice. A sum of £380 9s. 8d. is at the debit of Land Expense Account, this seems to consist of disburse-

ments extending over a period of many years, and made on account of the several funds having lands; it is, therefore, fairly chargeable against such accounts, the difficulty in this case seems to be the distribution of it; but inasmuch as the books shew somewhat large balances to the credit of some of the funds, and apparently available it is proper that reference be had to this item, of expenditure, in order to arrive at the true position of affairs. Again, on looking through the old books, it was discovered that a sum of £162 had been placed to the credit of General Purpose Fund, which did not really belong to it, for it appears to have been a grant made by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge of Books, or the value of them, and given to the Depository, which account was charged, and General Purpose Fund credited, making it appear that there was in hand that amount, which in reality was not the case; this will, therefore, affect the balance appearing at the credit of that fund, making it indeed debtor to the extent of £34, instead of a credit of £91. The auditors have recommended the closing of several accounts by debiting and crediting General Purpose Fund, which has been done; they would further suggest to the Committee whether, after an examination of the accounts remaining open, a further change in that respect may not be effected. It must be borne in mind, that all charges and expenses, of whatever nature, have hitherto been borne by the General Purpose Fund, including the management of every other, and it seems to us highly desirable that for the future the accounts should be confined as nearly as possible to the four objects of the Church Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD GOLDSMITH, } Auditors.
J. W. BRENT, }

Toronto, June 13th, 1867.

The Standing Committee recommend the adoption of the suggestion contained in the auditors' report; and further, that no grant be made to any place until the balance, to the credit of General Purpose Fund, exceeds the sum required for the annual expenses of the Society; but that all applications be registered in the order in which they shall be received, so that aid may be rendered impartially to all whom the Society is able to give it, if it be still needed. Concurred in.

The Standing Committee recommended that the name of the widow of the late Rev. T. W. Marsh be placed on the Society's pension list. Concurred in.

The Secretary stated that the interest on all investments on behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund had been paid, and explained that the item in the printed schedule of investments—"Grand Trunk Telegraph Debentures"—was not, as some supposed, stock of that company, but two debentures guaranteed by eight gentlemen of capital, four to each debenture. That inasmuch as the mistake had been prejudicial to the Society, it had been determined that in future the Society do confine its investments to the same class of securities as those to which the Clergy Trust Committee were restricted.

The memorial of Messrs. L. Smith and John

Walker, touching the disposal of Church property at Fergus, was referred to the Rev. Rural Dean Palmer to report on.

The Report of the Clergy Trust Committee was read.

Hon. G. S. Boulton, seconded by Rev. Dr. Strong, moved its adoption, and that it be inserted in the minute book of the Society, and that the same gentlemen be requested to manage the fund for the ensuing year. Carried.

The Report of the Western Episcopal Endowment Committee was read.

Rev. Dr. Cronyn, seconded by Rev. R. Flood, moved its adoption, and that it be entered in the minute book of the Society, and that the gentlemen who have noted on this Committee be requested to continue in office for another year. Carried.

Rev. H. Mulkins, seconded by Hon. G. S. Boulton, moved the amendment to the 18th section of the Constitution, of which he had given notice at the previous meeting,—which was carried.

The Secretary proposed that the names of Rev. W. Adamson and H. Joseph, Esq., be placed on the Standing Committee, the Rev. Dr. Scadding and Peter Paterson, Esq., retiring. Carried.

The Land Committee, Finance Committee, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditors were re-appointed.

The Secretary then moved that the following gentlemen, whose names had been proposed last meeting, Messrs. Gates, Simpson, Vidal and Rev. A. Williams, be elected members of the corporation. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned until 7½, to re-assemble in the St. Lawrence Hall.

The meeting re-assembled at 7½ p.m.—The Lord Bishop in the chair. Prayers were read by the Rev. H. J. Grasett. The Lord Bishop requested the Secretary to read the annual report. The Rev. T. F. Kennedy read as follows:

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INCORPORATED CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Presented at the Annual Meeting at Toronto, held on Tuesday, June 16th, 1857.

In presenting the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Diocesan Church Society, the Committee can not but express a feeling of deep humiliation in announcing the fact, that instead of that large increase in the funds of the institution which might have been anticipated, there has been a falling off, which, though but small in the absolute amount, does nevertheless, in the mere fact that it exists, to any extent at all, afford ground for unfeigned regret.

Your Committee are quite aware that many reasons may be assigned which will tend to explain in a very natural way the deficiency which unfortunately appears.

The great monetary pressure which has existed for some months, the consequent stagnation in commerce which has ensued, and the enormous rise which has taken place in the cost of the necessaries of life, will go far towards accounting for the diminished offerings which have been contributed towards carrying out the work of the Church Society, and moreover, when it is taken into consideration that the collections in the various parishes are seldom made till near the close of the financial year, a period which has brought them within the full influence of the commercial and monetary difficulties which have recently prevailed, your Committee deem it a cause for thankfulness that the deficiency is no greater.

The fact of the existence of a deficiency, however, easily it may be accounted for, brings with fearful prominence before the mind, a custom, of the prevalence of which it affords incontestable evidence, that, namely, of making our first retrenchment in our religious offerings, whenever the circumstances of our time or position call for economy.

The absorbing spirit of reckless speculation which for some time past has been so rife among us has induced almost every class in their hot haste to be rich for this world, to run the risk of making themselves eternally poor by withholding from Him "who alone giveth power to get wealth," that portion of their worldly substance which of right belongs to Him.

There are other thoughts, however, which are suggested to the thoughtful mind, not so much by the deficiency itself as by the very causes which would naturally be assigned for the purpose of accounting for it.

After a period of unexampled prosperity, we suddenly find ourselves obliged to account for a falling off in our religious offerings by reference to a prevailing scarcity of means, a commercial crisis, and a ruinous rise in the price of every article of consumption, combined with, and in no inconsiderable degree arising from, a wild tendency to speculation, carried out, as we have seen in too many cases, without regard to the principles of Christian integrity, and often indeed in defiance of the simplest dictates of worldly honour.

As Christians we must recognise the divine government of the minutest affairs of men, remembering that not even a sparrow falleth to the ground without our Heavenly Father's knowledge. We cannot therefore assign the prevalence of a state of things which strongly affects the interests of so many to the influence of chance, neither ought we be content to attribute them solely to second causes. There is a God that judgeth in the earth, and in these things we should recognise his chastisements; we should moreover pause to ask what may be the special provocations which call forth these visitations of His Providence.

Notwithstanding the sneer of the scoffer who would stigmatize as superstitious the practical recognition of the divine government, we can hardly doubt that as a community we have offended the most High by appropriating to secular uses that which had been set apart for the furtherance of His gospel, and that we have already begun to suffer the consequences of this evil deed.

The analogy of Holy Scripture, the consent of all nations, and the very nature of the crime might lead us to expect that misfortunes would befall the individuals or communities who were concerned in its perpetration. And he must be resolved to shut his eyes to the testimony of the past who will venture to deny that this probability regarded *a priori* is fully borne out by the testimony and facts of history.

If, then, as individuals, we would escape the guilt incurred by this act of the community, we must be careful in no way directly or indirectly to appropriate to our use that which we solemnly believe was dedicated to God's service. It can easily be ascertained what amount of the Reserve Fund has been awarded to our several municipalities, we should then make voluntary offerings for the service of God in addition to our usual contributions, equal in amount to the proportion of taxation which we should have had to pay

INCOME.

Your Committee now submit a brief statement of the Society's Income, and of the income and expenditure on account of its several objects, a

more detailed account of which will be furnished in the appendix to the printed report.

The income of the Parent Society for the past year up to the time of the books being placed in the Auditor's hands, exclusive of moneys received on account of Special Trusts, after deducting £220 2s. 6d. received on account of the previous year's income and acknowledged in the last report as received after the books were closed,

Amounted to.....	£3006	1	10
To this may be added amount received since the books were audited.....	218	18	11
The estimated income of the several Branches and Associations, so far as has been yet ascertained amounted to.....	£2756	6	6
Deduct as remitted to Parent Society, about one-fourth	959	14	2

Moneys received on account of various Trusts.....	371	7	5
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The Auditors report that the income of the Parent Society was £358 less than the last year, since the books left their hands £218 18s. 11d. has been received, so that up to this time the deficiency amounts to £134 2s. 7d. By comparing the above statement with that of the previous year it will be found that though the income of the District and Parochial Associations for the past year was in excess to the amount of about £419, only little over one-fourth instead of one-third was remitted to the Parent Society. The Parochial Reports generally are all of an encouraging character. Two or three have not as yet reported. From the fact that the deficiency in the income of the Society is not attributable to a falling off in the income of the Branches, your Committee are led to believe that the loyalty of our communion would more liberally respond to the quarterly appeals on behalf of the principal objects of the Society were notice not only given of the object to which the collection would be applied, but likewise the cause advocated at each quarterly sermon.

Previous to each quarterly collection your Secretary has, during the past year, been careful to insert a plain statement of the assets and expenditure of each fund in the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, but now it is proposed that he transmit to every clergyman copies of the last paragraph, which has been usually printed on the fly leaf of the Annual Report, which, if they please, can be stuck up in their studies and vestry rooms, to remind them of the time when the several objects of the Society are to be advocated, and your Committee recommend that, whenever feasible, the collections be taken up within the months specified.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE MISSION FUND,

Taken up at 178 stations, amounted to.....	£295	8	4
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WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

At 204 stations	£160	2	10
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GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

At 152 stations	£255	12	7
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STUDENTS' FUND.

At 121 stations	£103	12	8
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Number of stations, 655..... £1204 16 5
A decrease when compared with last year of one hundred and seventy-six pounds, which can be accounted for from the fact that collections were only taken up at 655 stations instead of 717 the year previous. The year ending 30th March,

1855, the number of collections reported were when the books closed, 725, and the year before that 808; whence it appears that the number of stations where collections were taken up during the past year were fewer by 62 than during the previous year, and 163 less than on the 30th March, 1854.

MISSION FUND.

Your Committee are surprised to find that the fund, which it might be supposed would be the most popular, is the one which has suffered most, the proceeds of the collections having fallen short when compared with the past year to the amount of £90 12s. 1d., 178 stations in lieu of 224, having remitted. Your Committee are at a loss to account for this, as in the last year's report a detailed statement of the expenditure of the fund was given, and they feel confident that it must have been evident to all there were no claims in the Diocese which ought to have been preferred to those assisted by the Society; out of £601 19s. 2d. expended, over £400 was paid towards the sustentation of our Indian Missions. It was also reported that the Parent Society was pledged to pay during the past year £137 6s., which its then income would not enable it to meet, but they trusted that the want had only to be made known to those who had the privileges of our Church provided for them, at but small cost to the several congregations, in order to enlist their sympathies on behalf of the Indians and new settlers in the backwoods; so confident was your Committee that it only needed to prove that there was a work which with the assistance of the members of our Church could be carried out, that they recently recommended that the sum of £100 per annum should be paid to the Midland District, £50 each for two Missionaries, provided the district guaranteed £150 to each of them; and there are other missions which have greater claims because they are more destitute, and have never enjoyed the same privilege, which the Society would gladly assist if in its power. Your Committee trust that as the collection for this object is to be taken up in July next, that the clergy will advocate the cause, and the laity liberally and promptly respond. The Lord Bishop has been enabled to assist a few of the poorer missions, for instance Pombroke in the Ottawa, out of a balance in hand from the reserve fund, to the credit of the treasurer of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel, but that is now expended, and the sustentation of the present missions and their extension must depend upon the support afforded to this the Church's Missionary Society.

The following are the disbursements of the Society during the past year, and the liabilities contracted for the ensuing year, which it is hoped the members of the Church will enable it to meet.

Rev. J. Campbell, Missionary, Grand River.....	£60	0	0
“ J. Langtry, Nottawasaga and Collingwood.....	45	0	0
Kecuzick, interpreter and Schoolmaster, Owen Sound.....	50	0	0
Rev. Geo. Salmon, duty in County Norfolk.....	25	0	0
Two interpreters, Rev. J. Flood.....	25	0	0
Rev. R. S. Birtch, Assistant to Rev. F. Eyns.....	30	0	0
Mr. Chance, Catechist, Garden River, to Oct.....	25	0	0
Rev. J. Chance, Missionary from Oct. to April.....	32	10	0
Insurance Mahnitoomahing Church.....	5	0	0
Hogg, Schoolmaster, Muncey Indians.....	50	0	0
Rent, Garden River.....	6	5	0

Interpreter, do.....	6	5	0
Rev. Peter Jacobs' expenses visiting stations.....	5	0	0
Rev. Dr. O'Meara, do.....	26	0	0
Mr. Cooper, Catechist, under Rev. F. L. Oiler.....	16	0	0
Catechist, Irish settlement.....	5	0	0
Taxes on lands.....	6	0	5
	£115	0	5

In addition to the above sum, the Parent Society paid over to the Treasurer of the Home District, £96, being the principal and interest of a sum which has for some time been held in trust for that district, for missionary purposes within the same. The Society for the current year is pledged to pay £495 6s., the difference in the above list, deducting Dr. O'Meara's expenses, and Mr. Jacobs', and the rent of a house at Garden River amounting to £37 10s., and adding to the Rev. Mr. Chance's salary £17 10s., as, since his ordination, the Society engaged to pay him £75 per annum, and dividing the amount received by the Rev. Mr. Langtry, at the commencement of last year between his mission at Collingwood and the person to succeed Mr. Cooper as catechist, in the southern part of the Simcoe district, the £100 promised conditionally to the Midland district, and another £150 at least ought to be at the Society's disposal for the support of a missionary to the lumbering districts on the Ottawa and other destitute places. Your Committee have no fear of failing to fulfil their engagements if the clergymen throughout the diocese will advocate the Missionary cause.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Collections have been made for this object at 201 stations, in lieu of 212; the amount collected is proportionably decreased, being £160 2s. 10d., £24 12s. 5d. less than last year.

The sum of £908 5s. has been invested during the past year, and the interest upon all the investments duly received, with the exception of interest on the mortgage bequeathed by the late Dr. Burnside. A proposition from the Port Perry Company was received, which being acceded to by the Society, it was to have been expected that it would have been carried out ere this, but they have unreasonably delayed to complete the arrangement, and your Committee fear that they will have to place the mortgage in the hands of their Solicitor for foreclosure. The sum of £300 has been paid to six widows, and £80 to the orphans of two clergymen, and £11 10s. 5d. taxes on lands held for this trust.

Your Committee have again to deplore the loss of two clergymen, the Rev. Paul Shirley, and the Rev. Thomas Marsh. They were both zealous supporters of the Church Society, and indefatigable Missionaries. They were both suddenly cut off, but we have every reason to believe that their names are written in the Book of Life.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

The collections on behalf of this Fund were taken up at 162 stations, instead of 164, which were reported last year, and the sum received was £255 12s. 7d., being a decrease of £47. When the sum received from the Parochial Branches, amounting to £1,067 4s. 11d., is added, and rents amounting to £14 2s., it will be found that this Fund, which has to bear the whole expense of management, and out of which all grants are to be made, amounted to £1,081 6s. 11d. Grants were made to aid in erecting churches and parsonages, amounting to £232 10s.; to Mrs. O. Graham, £10; and grants of books for churches and Sunday schools amounting to £150 0s. 9d. The sums granted to each place are but small,

but the applications are so numerous, and the funds being contributed from all parts of the Province, the Parent Society can only act impartially, and meet so far as it is able the wants of every locality. When the list of places to which grants have been made is carefully perused, it will be admitted that the complaints which have been made of preference being shown to one portion of the Diocese over another, are groundless. Your Committee can state that with the exception of one or two applications from towns, every call has been granted. They regret, however, that they are now forced to recommend that no grants will be made until after next January, when it is hoped that this Fund will be able to afford them, but at the present time the Fund is all but exhausted. The auditors having recommended that a large amount of the balances, which, from year to year have appeared to be due from different places to the Society, and looked upon, therefore, as assets, should be charged to this account and thus closed, in order to give a more explicit statement of the Society's position.

GRANTS.

Orillia Church.....	£	12	10	0
Parsonage.....	38	2	10	
Mrs. Graham.....	10	0	0	
Mill Creek Church.....	12	10	0	
Edmonton do.....	12	10	0	
St. Paul's, Kingston.....	12	10	0	
Collingwood Church.....	12	10	0	
Drummondville do.....	12	10	0	
Shannonville do.....	12	10	0	
Brampton do.....	12	10	0	
Wellington do.....	12	10	0	
Orangeville do.....	12	10	0	
Lloydtown Parsonage.....	12	10	0	
Hawkesbury Church.....	12	10	0	
Stoney Creek Church.....	12	10	0	
Osgoode Churches.....	25	0	0	
Allansville Lot.....	12	10	0	
Wisbeach Church.....	12	10	0	
Frampton do.....	12	10	0	
	£273	2	10	

BOOKS GRANTED.

June.....	£	12	8	0
September.....	30	9	6	
October.....	21	9	4	
January, 1857.....	21	10	6	
April, 1857.....	25	10	5	

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Mount Pleasant, service books, Rev. E. Stimson.....	£4	18	0
Dorchester, &c., to books and tracts, Rev. M. Walker.....	2	10	0
Arthur, do., Rev. J. Preston.....	2	10	0
Rev. S. B. Ardagh, do.....	2	10	0
Rev. J. Langtry, service books, Collingwood.....	4	18	0
Sunday School Library, Cookstown.....	2	10	0
Rev. S. B. Ardagh, service books.....	4	18	0
Do. 8vo. Bibles & Prayer Books.....	2	3	4
Rev. A. Williams, Moore, books and tracts.....	2	10	0
Rev. T. Leech, Brampton, &c.....	2	10	0
Penitentiary, books and tracts.....	2	10	0
Orphans' Home, do.....	2	10	0
Rev. A. Townley, do.....	2	10	0
Rev. J. L. Alexander, service book.....	4	18	0
Do. 28vo. Bibles and Prayer Books.....	4	1	0
Perrytown and Elizabethtown.....	9	6	0
St. Mary's, Blanchard.....	4	16	0
Vaughan, service books.....	4	18	0
Fitzroy Harbour, Rev. J. A. Morris.....	4	18	0
Rev. Dr. Beaven, for 2 stations, 8vo. Bible and Prayer Book.....	3	15	8
Wilmot and Hayesville, service books.....	6	8	9

Rev. W. Kelly, Prayer Books.....	1	0	0
Peel Township, Rev. W. Drinkwater...	2	10	0
Georgetown Sunday School.....	2	10	0
Sunday School, North Gower.....	2	10	0
Rev. J. G. Geddes for service books for churches and stations.....	9	14	6
Brampton and Edmondton 2 sects.....	9	6	0

STUDENTS' FUND

The amount collected for this Fund amounted to £193 12s. 8d., from 121 stations. The sum of £200 was paid towards the sustentation of eight Divinity Scholarships, at Trinity College.

It has long been felt that serious objections existed to the admission of Students on Matriculation to Divinity Scholarships, and a modification of the rules respecting Scholarships has consequently been adopted, which it is hoped will be productive of great advantage. It has been the practice to offer for competition annually, to Students entering the College, five Divinity Scholarships, one of £30 currency, two of £25, and two of £20, making a total of £120, and as the Scholarships are tenable for four years, the whole sum annually devoted to this purpose has been £480. Of this sum, £200 has been furnished by the Church Society, and £280 has been appropriated from the General Funds of the College. The £280 will, for the future, be appropriated by the College as a provision for four Scholarships, one of £30 currency, one of £25, and two of £20, tenable for three years and open to all candidates for matriculation, whether intending to study for Holy Orders or not.

The £200 received from the Church Society will be appropriated as a provision for four Divinity Scholarships, one of £30 currency, two of £25, and one of £20, tenable for the two years, which students for Holy Orders are required to pass in the Theological Department, and open to students of Trinity College, who are either graduated in Arts, or who, having spent one year at least in the Arts course, have entered on their twenty-second year.

It is hoped that this rule will guard so far as possible, against any disappointment consequent on a change of purpose on the part of Divinity Students—the tenure of the Scholarship being limited to the two years, which are specially devoted to Theological studies, and admission to it being delayed to an age at which a young man may reasonably be expected to have arrived at some fixed and steady resolution respecting his future course.

Students holding these Scholarships will, for the future, be designated in the Calendar as "the Church Society's Scholars."

It is distinctly understood that any student who offers himself as a candidate for a Divinity Scholarship, does thereby declare that he believes himself to be entitled to receive such aid, in conformity with the terms employed in the preamble of the Society's Constitution, where its third object is stated to be this: "For granting assistance, when it may be necessary, to those who may be preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel in the said Church, within the said Diocese." It is also understood that every student, without exception, who has been, or shall hereafter be, admitted to a Divinity Scholarship, is under a moral obligation to refund any sums received in virtue of that Scholarship, in the event of his not receiving Holy Orders, or not serving within the Diocese.

In the case of young men who have avowed the intention of devoting themselves to the sacred ministry of the Church, this clear understanding of the terms on which they are admitted to Scholarships ought effectually to prevent any misappropriation of the funds. And if, unhappily, it should fail to do so in any instance, it is difficult

to say what more stringent security might be adopted, which would not occasion unnecessary annoyance to the well principled, while it would be equally inefficient in respect of any who may fail to recognise the obligation under which they are placed at present.

COMMITTEES.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting, that the report from the Commutation Fund Committee, and also from the Western Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee are most satisfactory, and too much praise cannot be awarded to the gentlemen who composed the committees, for the disinterested and indefatigable zeal with which they have managed the business.

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Fuller, and

Resolved, That the report now read be adopted, and printed for circulation.

Moved by the Rev. W. S. Darling, seconded by the Rev. Van Ransselaar, and

Resolved, That the marked extension and prosperity of the Church throughout the world, notwithstanding the many difficulties she has to contend with, calls for devout thankfulness to that Almighty Being who has vouchsafed at once to suggest and bless the means used for that end, and should stir us all up to increased and more united efforts to extend her cords and strengthen her stakes within our boundaries.

Moved by the Rev. J. A. Morris, seconded by the Rev. Robert Shanklin, and

Resolved, That since growth is the great proof of life, the Church, in order to prove her possession of that spiritual vitality which belongs alone to the mystical body of Christ, must ever seek to enlarge by earnest missionary exertions, the sphere of her holy influence.

Moved by the Rev. the Provost of Trinity College, seconded by Professor Buckland, and

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that it is the bounden duty of every professing Christian systematically to set apart a certain portion of the talents which the Almighty has entrusted to him for the promotion of his honour and the welfare of his Church; and if this principle were not only admitted but acted upon, there can be no question but that the various calls of the Church Society would be cheerfully and liberally responded to.

Moved by Rev. T. S. Kennedy, seconded by Rev. C. E. Brough, and

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society are due, and are hereby tendered to the gentlemen of the several Committees, for their services during the past year.

The Lord Bishop, after a few remarks expressive of his pleasure at the proceedings, dismissed the meeting with the benediction.

COLLECTIONS FROM MAY 15 TO JULY 6.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels, and missionary stations in the Diocese of Toronto, in the month of April, in behalf of the Students' Fund of the Society:—

Previously announced.....	£122	1	9
St. Mary's, Lloydtown.....	£0	13	4
St. James', Albion.....	0	11	7
Per Rev. H. B. Osler.....	1	4	11
Picton, per Churchwarden.....	1	13	9
Moore, per Rev. J. G. Salter.....	2	12	6

St. John's, Jordan.....	0	10	0
St. James', Port Dalhousie.....	0	15	0
Per Rev. A. Dixon.....	1	5	0
St. Stephen's, Vaughan, additional... Cornwall.....	0	3	0
Monlinetto	5	3	9
.....	1	1	6
Per Rev. H. Patton.....	6	5	3
St. Mark's, Niagara.....	5	0	0
Trinity Church, Burford... Weir's School-house.....	1	1	10
.....	0	13	2
Per Rev. J. Padfield.....	1	15	0
Lowville	0	16	1
Hornby	2	15	0
Milton	0	8	11
Per Rev. F. Tremayne.....	2	0	0
St. Paul's, Glanford.....	0	14	2
St. Peter's, Barton.....	1	10	1
Per Rev. G. A. Bull	2	4	3
St. Peter's, Cobourg.....	9	7	5
Stile's School-house.....	0	12	7
Per Ven. A. N. Bethune.....	10	0	0
Fitzroy Harbour.....	0	12	6
Ninth Line, Fitzroy.....	0	7	8
Per Rev. J. A. Morris	1	0	2
Colndolia.....	0	15	3
York	0	12	6
Cayuga.....	0	7	3
Per Rev. B. C. Hill.....	1	15	0
Goulbourn.....	0	10	0
Huntley	0	11	3
.....	1	1	8
St. Mary's, Manvers.....	0	11	3
St. George's, Grafton.....	5	19	0
Do. do.	0	5	0
Trinity Church, Colbourne.....	1	6	0
Per Rev. J. Wilson	7	10	0
Binbrooke.....	0	3	3
Stoney Creek	0	7	11
Ontario.....	0	15	5
Per Rev. J. Alexander.....	1	6	7
St. Jude's, Oakville.....	1	17	1
Palermo.....	0	2	11
Per Churchwarden.....	2	0	10
St. Paul's, Crvan.....	0	15	0
St. John's, do.	0	15	0
Per Rev. T. W. Allen.....	1	10	0
St. Peter's, Brockville, per Rev. Dr. Lewis.....	12	0	0
St. George's, Guelph.....	3	19	9
Pushuch	0	13	3
Per Churchwarden.....	4	13	0
Christ Church, Hillier.....	1	13	9
St. Andrew's, Wellington...	0	6	3
Per Rev. C. Ruttan.....	2	0	0
St. James', Kemptville.....	8	3	
Christ Church, Marlboro'..	0	11	9
Per Churchwarden.....	2	0	0
St. Phillip's, Markham.....	0	10	0
Grace Church, do.	0	6	8
Per Rev. G. S. Hill.....	0	16	3
St. John's, Murray, per Rev. H. E. Ples	0	10	0
Christ Church, Port Stanley, per Churchwarden.....	1	0	0

Brockville (additional), per Rev. Dr. Lewis.....	1 5 0
Rawdon.....	0 7 0
Nesbitt Reids.....	0 2 0
Hungerford.....	0 2 6
Cook Settlement.....	0 0 9
Per Rev. F. J. S. Groves.....	0 12 3
Norway, per Churchwarden.....	1 9 11
Port Burwell.....	0 10 0
Vienna.....	0 16 0

Per Rev. H. B. Jessopp 1 5 0

133 Collections, amounting to.....£200 11 10

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Previously announced.....	£258 9 8
Louth.....	0 11 3
Goulburne and Huntley.....	0 17 11
St. George's, Puslinch.....	0 13 9
St. Phillip's, Markham.....	0 8 0
Grace Church, do.....	0 7 0

Per Rev. G. S. Hill.....	0 15 0
St. Peter's, Consocon, per Rev. H. E. Pless.....	0 13 6
Port Burwell.....	0 10 0
Vienna, per Rev. H. B. Jessopp.....	0 16 0

1 5 0

157 Collections, amounting to.....£258 6 1

MISSION FUND.

Previously announced.....	£294 13 9
St. James', Kingston, per Rev. R. V. Rogers.....	1 2 0
St. John's, Murray, per Rev. H. E. Pless.....	0 12 2
St. John's, Prescott.....	6 11 9
St. James', Maitland.....	1 0 0

7 11 9

182 Collections, amounting to.....£304 0 2

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

St. Paul's, Cavan, (additional).....	0 5 0
St. Mary's, Manvers.....	5 0 0
Cobourg, 1/4.....	27 15 0
Do. Special Mission Fund.....	1 5 0
Darlington, 1/4.....	5 0 0
Cartwright, 1/4.....	3 15 0
Grafton, 1/4.....	3 7 6
Colburne.....	5 13 4

Per Ven. A. N. Bethune.....	46 15 10
St. James', Toronto.....	39 11 3
St. John's, London Township, special W. & O.....	1 3 2
Markham, 1/4, per Rev. H. C. Cooper.....	3 5 2
Collingwood.....	7 4 8
Creemore.....	3 8 6

Per Rev. J. Langtry.....	10 8 2
Emily, per Rev. R. Harding.....	3 9 1
Streetsville.....	8 10 0
Brockville, per Rev. Dr. Lewis.....	10 0 1
York Mills.....	7 10 5
Fitzroy and Pakenham.....	4 14 2
Brock, 12 Con. (donation).....	1 0 0
Port Burwell.....	2 10 0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Rev. J. Padfield.....	1 5 0
Rev. G. S. J. Hill.....	1 5 0
Rev. T. S. Kennedy.....	1 5 0

Mrs. Kennedy, Bath, England, W. and O. Fund.....	1 0 0
Mrs. Parke, do. do. do.....	1 0 0
Rev. H. E. Pless.....	1 5 0
Rev. E. Morgan.....	2 10 0
Rev. R. J. MacGeorge.....	1 5 0
Rev. H. Cooper.....	1 5 0
Rev. H. Mulkins, in arrears.....	7 10 0

ELECTION OF A BISHOP!

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SYNOD!

The Western Division of the Church of England Diocese of Toronto having recently been erected in a separate Bishopric, the clergy and laity of the new Diocese assembled on Wednesday, July 8th, at London, for the purpose of electing a Bishop.

The proceedings commenced, at 11 A.M., with Divine service, in St. Paul's Church, when a sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by the Rev. Mr. Holland, of Tyrconnell, from Acts 1st. chapter 24th and 25th verses, which have reference to the selection of an Apostle in the room of the Apostle Judas. The words of the text were these:—

"23. And they appointed two, Joseph, called 'Barnabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

"24. And they prayed, and said Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen.

"25. That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell that he might go to his own place.

"26. And they gave fourth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles."

After which the Holy Communion was administered to the Clerical and Lay Delegates. The Bishop of Toronto then suggested that the certificates of Lay Delegates be examined, and the names of the Clergy entitled to vote, and correct lists be prepared by 4 p.m., at which time the Synod would assemble. His Lordship nominated Messrs. Evans, Boomer, Dewar, and ~~Sullivan~~ from among the Clergy, and Messrs. E. Deedes, W. W. Street, Thomas Shortt, and Major Donaldson, from among the Laity, to prepare a correct list of persons entitled to vote. The three Secretaries, Rev. J. G. Geddes, T. S. Kennedy, and Dr. Bovell, of the General Synod, to assist with their advice.

The Synod re-assembled at 4 P.M.—the Bishop of Toronto presiding. Prayers were read by the Rev. H. J. Grasset. The galleries, and that portion of the body of the church not occupied by the delegates, gave accommodation to a considerable number of interested spectators. The clergy of the district, and, with very few exceptions, the lay delegates appointed by the several congregations, answered their names.

The BISHOP then addressed the Synod, as follows—Rev. Gentlemen, and Gentlemen, I feel it my duty on this most auspicious occasion, to commence by offering the laity of this proposed diocese my heart thanks for the generous liberality with which they have come forward to establish an Episcopal endowment. Until this primary object was in a great measure effected, you could not make any substantial progress towards the subdivision of the vast diocese of Toronto; for the Government very wisely required to be satisfied that a reasonable provision should be made for endowment before giving their assent to any division, and before the Governor General signified his readiness to recommend the appointment by her Majesty of such person as the Bishop of Toronto, and church authorities should approve of. Taking these requirements into consideration, it has been thought

that the most satisfactory course would be to submit the choice of the new Bishop to the clergy and laity of the church residing within the limits of the district which was to constitute the diocese, convened in Synod under the present Bishop. Not doubting that the Synod so constituted would at the same time assume the pledge to make good the small deficiency in the Episcopal endowment given by the deputation which reported the sum already assured for that purpose; and the steps adopted to raise in a reasonable time, to the maximum contemplated in my pastoral letter, of January, 1854.

The path of progress being thus graciously opened by Her Majesty the Queen, through Her representative Sir Edmund Head, Baronet, it was further smoothed and prepared by the wise proceedings of our late Synod. Among other things, it settled the mode of election, for it was observed that it would be most unfortunate, if at the first meeting of the primary and imperfect Synod, it should be called upon to discharge the difficult and exciting duty of determining the manner in which the election of its Bishop should be made and carried out. Such a course appeared to me so very objectionable that I thought myself bound to protest against it, and to express my disapprobation to preside unless a question so vitally important was disposed of by the general Synod. This was also found to be the feeling of a great majority, and it was accordingly resolved that "The clergy and laity shall vote separately by ballot, the clergy by individuals and the laity by parishes. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of the clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the parishes entitled to vote be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice."

This comprehensive and yet simple method of election is adopted literally, or in substance by several of the Dioceses of the United States, and seemed to work very pleasantly.

All things being now in order, we meet this day under a regular call to make choice of a fit person to become the Bishop of the New Diocese. But as we are yet without practice in such matters, a few remarks derived in a great measure from the experience of our sister church, may not, on this occasion, be unreasonable. 1st, all who are entitled to vote at this meeting should bear in mind that they come unfettered as to place or person. They may vote or not vote as they feel inclined. They may select their candidate from any Diocese or branch of the United Church of England and Ireland; for no other restriction is imposed and the choice is left to the unbiased consciences of the electors. 2nd, should the first ballot not decide, a second or even more may be found expedient. 3rd, in cases where the candidates are few in number, and the clerical vote prevails more than once, it is commonly found that the laity in deference, give way, and seldom claim a third ballot. Having maintained their privilege by using it once, and more than maintained it by voting twice, they are content, for the sake of peace and unanimity to join their clerical brethren. Moreover, at such a time, the laity feel that to continue, voting would indicate something like unreasonable pertinacity, because the clergy have not only a nearer personal interest in the Bishop, but they must have frequent intercourse with him for advice and direction, and it may be justly said without offence that they are in general more accurate judges of his qualifications, hence, from these and other reasons which might be mentioned, they have a claim in such cases to some indulgence from the lay brethren. 4th, when the candidates are numerous, it may sometimes be necessary to have

many ballots before a satisfactory result can be obtained. Thus when my much regretted and intimate friend Bishop Wainwright was elected, nine ballots were required. At the first ballot, thirteen candidates for the Bishopric were named, although several of them had only one supporter. As the balloting proceeded some of the candidates were dropped, and again the number and distribution of the votes continually varied, so that no two ballots were alike, as regarded either persons or votes. At length it became evident that the real contest was confined to two of the candidates, the Rev. Dr. Wainwright and the Rev. Dr. Vincent—and the casting of the votes between these two at the different ballots is not without instruction: on the first ballot Dr. Wainwright had only 24 out of 185 clerical votes, and 31 out of 169 lay votes; in all 55—while Dr. Vincent had 52 clerical and 44 lay votes, in all 96, being nearly double. During the seven succeeding ballots Dr. Vincent's votes varied each time; but on the whole increased. On the other hand, Dr. Wainwright's votes improved in number at every ballot. At the ninth or decisive ballot Dr. Wainwright had 101 clerical votes, having gained 80 over his first ballot, and he likewise gained 63 lay votes over his first ballot. Dr. Vincent's last ballot was five votes below the first, being 91 to 96, the final ballot gave Dr. Wainwright a majority of 107 votes over every other candidate, and he was accordingly declared duly elected. From this detailed account it appears that during the last ballot eighty clergymen and forty-six lay members changed in favour of Dr. Wainwright; from which it is inferred, that although the voters came all forward at first prepared in their own minds to vote for a particular person, yet finding it impossible from the result of the first ballot to elect their favourite, they voted for another candidate at the second ballot, and indeed such changes multiplied in behalf of the candidate who seemed from the results of the ballots, as they proceeded, to be rising in estimation, till at length Dr. Wainwright's majority became overwhelming and triumphant. During this remarkable contest there was much excitement, but yet under proper control all went on in peace and harmony; and what was very beautiful and edifying, the Rev. Dr. Vincent was the first to congratulate the successful candidate, and to move that he be declared duly elected. Permit me for one moment to draw your attention to the primary convention of Western New York, called for the election of their first Bishop, because it resembles in its meeting and object this present Synod. This Convention met on the 1st of November, 1838, and having disposed of some preliminary business, proceeded to elect their Bishop. A few moments were first spent in secret devotion. The convention then united with the presiding Bishop in appropriate prayers from the Liturgy, and these ended, the house proceeded to the election of their Bishop, the Chair appointed two clergymen and one layman tellers to receive the votes of the Clergy. The Clergy having deposited their votes, the Chair appointed two laymen and one clergyman tellers, to receive the votes of the laity; whereupon the parishes deposited their votes, in a few minutes the tellers announced that, having counted the votes, a majority of both orders concurred in the election of the Rev. William Heathcote DeLancey, D. D. of the diocese of Pennsylvania. Thus a clergyman was selected from another diocese, the convention acknowledging by their votes that they preferred him to any one from among themselves. I have given these two instances to illustrate the working of the rule for the election of Bishops in the State of New York, and which we have adopted with a slight modification. To behold it in actual operation brings before us its great simplicity, and proves that the judicious introduc-

tion of the lay element does not of itself tend to disorder, but, on the contrary, strengthens and completes the salutary working of the Church, while it is a return, but in a more orderly form, to primitive usage, when the laity were generally present, signified, in some way, their assent or disapprobation, it is, indeed well for us that we have the experience of our sister church to guide our proceedings and to supply precedents towards the solution of many important questions which will gradually come before us. ~~And I hope you will permit me, while on this subject, to make an open acknowledgment of our great obligations to Murray Hoffman, Esq., for his able and lucid Treatise on the Law of the Episcopal Church of the United States, and to express my hope that he will soon favour us with his promised additional volume.~~ Having thus brought under your notice such remarks as appear to me not only useful but likewise necessary on the present occasion, for your direction in voting by ballot, it only remains to advert to the great object of the meeting of this Synod, the choice of your Bishops, and having already, in another place, touched upon the weighty responsibility which attaches to the vote of each individual, a responsibility so great and important that it cannot be exaggerated; and also on the danger incurred by those who come forward heedlessly or from selfish motives, and who have not carefully informed themselves as to the fitness of the person to be selected, and who do not act in the matter in strict accordance with the suggestions of an enlightened conscience. I have little to add, and shall therefore confine myself to a very few words. I have sometimes pondered, my brethren, on the proceedings of the small congregation of 120 which once met in an upper chamber in Jerusalem, to make the first election ever made of a minister in the Church of Christ. For although the choice expressly referred to the Lord himself, who had appointed all the other Apostles and willed the selection of Matthias, he nevertheless condescended to make use of human instruments in completing it. Only one restriction, or rather, perhaps, qualification was introduced; the vacant Apostleship or Bishopric must be filled by one who had accompanied our Lord all the time that he went in and out among his disciples, beginning from the baptism of John unto the same day he was taken to Heaven. Only such a disciple was eligible to be ordained an Apostle, and to be a witness with the eleven of our Lord's Resurrection, now simple and natural as this qualification appears, it was at this early commencement of the Church possessed by very few beyond the Apostles, and perhaps Matthias and Barrabas, who was surnamed Justus, were the only two in Jerusalem at that time, for it was a day of persecution. After prayer to the Lord, to show whom he had chosen, they gave out the lots, and the lot fell on Matthias and Barrabas was left. But both were tried and proved for the situation. And we find from history that Joseph was only rejected for a season, since he became in a few years not only an Apostle, but the fellow laborer and companion of St. Paul in preaching the Gospel. Now, my brethren, transport yourselves to the upper chamber in Jerusalem, and look at this humble congregation before you praying for light and direction in their choice; and do not merely look but make yourselves, each and every one of you, members of this holy society, and pray earnestly for the same light and direction in your choice on this solemn occasion; pray for the same purity of intention, for the same singleness of purpose and submission to the will of God. Proceed then, my brethren, in this holy state of mind and heart; and whatever partialities and differences may have been disturbing and thwarting your better resolutions up to this moment, let them be dismissed now and for ever,

and let your votes be like the votes of the 120 disciples, dictated by the Lord who bought you. His Lordship then adjourned the Synod until the next day at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JULY 9th.

The Synod met, according to notice, at 10, a. m. The clergy took their seats on the right of the church, and the lay delegates upon the left—arranged according to their respective parishes. Prayers were then read by the Rev. Dr. Evans, of Simcoe, the lessons by the Rev. J. W. Marsh.

His Lordship having taken his seat, proceeded to state that the committee appointed to scrutinize the votes yesterday, would act as scrutineers of the election. He also stated that he had in his hand two papers, dissenting from the decision of the committee, with regard to the right of two of the clergy to vote. He was not surprised at having received these papers, but the question had been already decided. He admitted that some doubt existed as to the right of each of those clergymen, and it would have looked better and would have been a more delicate mode of proceeding, if these gentlemen had not come forward at all. However, they had the benefit of the doubt, and as it had been decided that they had a right to vote, they could not now proceed to a fresh investigation; and from information he had received, he did not think that their votes would have any effect upon the election. He trusted that the proceedings would be conducted in such a manner as to show that they all felt the serious nature of the occasion. He begged, therefore, that there might be no manifestation of feeling, and that all would pay due respect to the solemnity of the occasion, and to the sacred edifice in which they were assembled.

The rolls of the clergy and lay delegates were then called over.

At the request of his Lordship a moment was spent by each in private prayer, for divine assistance.

The balloting was then commenced—the votes of the clergy being first taken, then those of the lay delegates—each parish giving one vote—the lay members of the committee of scrutineers being stationed at the ballot-box devoted to the lay delegates, and the clerical members at the other. 42 clergymen voted, and 37 parishes. The proceedings were conducted with the utmost regularity and decorum. No names were mentioned. The Rev. gentlemen who were supposed to be the candidates, occupied their usual places. The delegates from the parish of Dereham and Norwich not being able to agree, no vote was given. About half-past 11 o'clock the ballot was closed, and the result being declared by his Lordship, it was found that of the clergy, 22 had voted for Dr. Cronyn, and 20 for Dr. Bethune. The vote of the laity was 10 for Dr. Bethune, and 23 for Dr. Cronyn.

The announcement of the result of the ballot was received with a vociferous cheer from the people in the galleries, which was immediately and sternly repressed by the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. Dewar said, that with the consent of his Lordship, he had a resolution to put to the Synod which he thought would meet with their entire approval. They had been engaged in a contest new in itself, and attended with some circumstances which were not likely to occur again, and it would be strange if some things had not been done which had better have been left undone, and some things spoken which had better have been left unspoken. They would have been more or less than men if it had not been so. For himself, who had taken an active part in the election, and for those who acted with him, he had only to say, that his solemn duty had been discharged, and he believed to be his duty to the Church. His

cause had not prospered, but he trusted that the Almighty Ruler would so dispose of all things, that this event would turn out to the best interests of his Church. He (Mr. Dewar) now felt that he had a further duty to perform, in proposing the motion that he was about to lay before them. They all desired the prosperity of their Zion; they all desired that there might be plenteousness within her palaces; but that there could not be until there was peace within her walls. He now called upon them all to declare to the world at large, that they, as Canadian Churchmen, were not unworthy of the privilege which had been granted to them, first in all the British dominions; and he called upon them to make that declaration by supporting the motion that he was about to propose, which was to the following effect:—“That the Lord Bishop be requested to submit to Her Majesty for her approval, the name of the Rev. B. Cronyn, D.D., as the unanimous choice of the Synod of this new diocese for the office of Bishop.”

He called upon them by this to declare that no breach had been made in their walls which was not healed in this hour, and to testify to their new Bishop that they would give him, not merely the cold obedience which he had the power of enforcing, but the warm affection and cheerful loyalty of their hearts, and that cordial sympathy in every thing that he undertook for the good of the Church, which would enable him to go on his way rejoicing.

Rev. Mr. SALTER seconded the motion, and hoped that it would be adopted unanimously.

Mr. DREDS had been as anxious as any one to obtain a different result, but would most cordially support the resolution.

Hon. Mr. GOODRUE was certain that the result of the election left no unkindly feelings in the minds of the laity, and the clergy would find that they would co-operate most heartily with them. He hoped that if London was to be the Diocesan city, the clergy, on their visits to it, would be always received with hospitality.

The motion was then carried unanimously.

A. SHADE, Esq., moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. STORRT,—"That the Clergymen and Churchwardens, together with five of the Laity of each parish within the new diocese, be a committee to collect, by subscription or otherwise, the sum of £12 10s. yearly, to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Endowment fund in aid of the Bishop's salary for the ensuing four years, or until a permanent fund is provided producing a yearly salary of not less than £1,000 currency."

This motion was opposed by the Rev. Mr. DEWAR, Dr. EVANS, and others, on the ground that there were many parishes which had hitherto given little or nothing, while others had contributed to the full extent of their means.

After some further discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Rev. Mr. DEWAR then moved a vote of thanks to the citizens of London, for their extreme hospitality to the members of the Synod, which was carried by acclamation.

The Bishop then declared the Synod adjourned sine die, and retired.

Dr. CRONYN requested the members of the Synod to remain for a few moments, while he proposed for their adoption the draft of an address to the Lord Bishop of Toronto, their connexion with whom was so soon to be severed.

The VEN. THE ARCHDEACON of YORK was requested to take the chair.

Dr. CRONYN then said that he was about to propose for their adoption an address to his Lordship the Bishop of Toronto; but, before doing so, he desired to express his thankfulness to them

for unanimously electing him to the highest position which, in his opinion, any man could attain. He felt the deep responsibility of his position, and how impossible it was for him to bear that responsibility trusting in his own strength, and he earnestly besought them all, whenever they approached the Throne of Grace, to pray for him, that assistance might be granted to him to enable him to discharge the duties of the office which they had entrusted to his hands. He felt that no words would be necessary from him in reference to the address which he was now about to lay before them. [He then read the Address, which we give below]. Such was the address which he proposed to present to his Lordship. It faithfully represented his own feelings; but if there was one expression which they wished to alter, or make more affectionate in its meaning, he would most gladly consent to the alteration.

Rev. Dr. BETHUNE said that it was natural that they should desire to present an address to his Lordship, in consequence of the severance which was about to take place. It was natural that they should all regret that a connexion which had so long and so happily existed was to come to an end, and it was natural that they should express that feeling. The sentiments contained in this address were of the highest and most affectionate character, and in them he most heartily concurred. He united with them all in their satisfaction at the election to the Episcopate of a gentleman towards whom he had always entertained a warm friendship. He had not been brought into competition with him of his own accord, but at the earnest desire of his friends, who thought more highly of his capabilities than he ventured to do himself; and now that they had failed in their object, he was sure that they would feel with him that their efforts had been overruled for the best.

The address was then unanimously adopted, and it was agreed that a copy should be sent to the Bishop, with a request that he would name the time and place at which he would receive it.

Rev. Mr. BROVAN said that they would also be parting from the second officer of the diocese—the Ven. the Archdeacon of York; and he would therefore move that a committee be appointed to draw up an address to that gentleman, expressive of the respect and esteem which they all entertained for him.

Rev. Mr. JESSOP seconded the motion, speaking in the highest terms of the character of the Ven. the Archdeacon.

A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. Holland for his sermon, which was ordered to be printed for the members of the Synod.

Seven, p. m., having been announced as the hour at which the addresses to the Bishop and the Archdeacon would be received, the meeting separated.

The following are the addresses, with the respective replies, referred to above:

To the Hon. and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Toronto.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,

We the clergy and laity of the Western Section of your Lordship's Diocese, desire to approach your Lordship, on this solemn occasion, and to express those feelings of affection and confidence with which your Lordship's fatherly kindness for so many years has inspired us. We desire to record in this our parting address, the high sense which we entertain of your Lordship's unwearied zeal and entire devotedness to the high duties of your exalted office.

While we cannot but rejoice that your Lordship's earnest desire for the increase of the Epis-

copate in this Diocese has at length been crowned with success, we feel saddened by the thought that the connexion which has so long and so happily existed between us should at length be terminated.

We however entertain the confident hope that your Lordship will still continue to regard this portion of your Diocese with parental affection, and should we stand in need of counsel and advice that your Lordship will be ever ready to afford them to us. We separate from your Lordship, not like the prodigal anxious to throw off your paternal authority, but like a child sent forth from the home of his youth, with a father's blessing on his head, and we shall ever retain the most pleasing recollections of the happy years we have spent under your Lordship's Episcopal rule.

In thus formally taking leave of your Lordship, we would give utterance to our affectionate desires concerning you in the appropriate form of an earnest prayer to Almighty God that his blessing may still rest upon you, that as he has made you the instrument of effecting so much for his Church, so he may continue to honour you to the end, that he may pour upon you in large measure his heavenly grace, and that when the hour comes, when it is his pleasure to call you home, he may enable you to experience, in full measure, the Christian's triumph, and to adopt the language of the Apostle, "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus."

Signed on behalf of the

Clergy and Lay Delegates,

BENJ. CRONYN, D.D.,

Rector of London, C. W.

THE BISHOP'S REPLY.

REVEREND BRETHREN AND GENTLEMEN,

I receive with much satisfaction the valedictory address which you have just presented to me.

Our relationship will now soon come to an end, and it rejoices me that we can part with so much affectionate cordiality.

Engaged as we are in one duty, the building up and extension of our beloved Church, our sympathies must be common and our brotherhood unbroken. In parting from a portion of my charge I cannot but entertain towards them the feelings of a father whose favour having grown beyond his care, can no longer beneficially experience his control; and when my counsel is required, I shall be free to offer it in future with that desire for your best welfare which has animated me during the many years of my oversight of you.

Accept my best wishes for your welfare individually and my hearty prayers to Almighty God for the prosperity of the Church in this Diocese under the new head whom you have this day chosen.

JOHN TORONTO.

To the Venerable A. N. Bethune, D.D., Archdeacon of York, &c. &c.

We the clergy and lay delegates of the western section of the Diocese of Toronto, on the occasion of the election of a clergyman to fill the office of its future Bishop (an event which will necessarily terminate your official connexion with us), desire to tender you the expression of our respectful and most kindly feeling, for the courteous manner in which you have at all times discharged towards us the duties of your office of Archdeacon.

We beg to assure you of the gratification which it will at all times afford us individually to renew those relations of social intercourse with you which have afforded us so much satisfaction in times past, and we earnestly pray the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon all your ministrations, and upon the efforts which you may

make for the promotion of the welfare of the Church, and for the extension of its ministrations throughout the diocese.

Signed on behalf of the clergy and lay delegates,
C. C. BROWNE, M.A.

THE ARCHDEACON'S REPLY.

REVEREND BRETHREN AND GENTLEMEN,

Separations, whether personal or official, must always be attended with regret, especially between those who have pursued their course together with good will and cordiality.

When I shall have ceased to exercise the office of Archdeacon in this portion of the Diocese, I shall remember with thankfulness and pleasure, the kind spirit in which my ministrations have been received and the cordial assistance I have uniformly experienced in the endeavour to carry them out.

With these sentiments on my part, I am grateful to receive such an expression of yours, as the address you have just presented to me contains; and I hope, with you, that many opportunities will still be offered of consulting for the welfare of our beloved Church, and directly uniting our exertions on her behalf.

Accept my best wishes for your personal welfare, and my humble prayer to Almighty God that he would prosper, with his blessing, our exertions, in whatever portion of his vineyard it may be our privilege to labour, to extend his Church and to promote His glory.

A. N. BETHUNE, D.D., D. C. L.,
Archdeacon of York.

London, C. W., July 9th, 1857.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

The Synod, convened by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, met on Wednesday, June 17th, 1857.

Divine Service was held in the Cathedral of St. James, at 10 a.m. Prayers read by Rev. HENRY PATTON, Rector of Cornwall, and the lessons by the Rev. RICHARD LEWIS, M.A., of Kempsville. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. GEDDES, M.A., Rector of Hamilton; and the Holy Communion was afterwards administered to the Clergy and Lay Delegates. The meeting of the Synod was announced to take place at half-past 2 p.m., in the St. Lawrence Hall; at that hour prayers were read by the Rev. H. J. GRASSITT.

His Lordship, the Bishop, opened the business of the Synod by delivering the following Address, and then called upon the Secretary to read the Proclamation, announcing the Royal Assent to the Bill passed by the Provincial Legislature to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland to meet in Synod.

REV. GENTLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with much thankfulness to Almighty God that I meet you on the present occasion. The Church assembles to-day in all her fulness—the Bishop in the midst of his Clergy and his people, under legal authority—to manage her own affairs and provide for her discipline and extension. At such a moment we may surely rejoice not only in the progress we have made, but in the bright hopefulness of the future. And we rejoice the more because it is, by the Divine blessing, the result of much labour, energy, and perseverance. Not that we have in reality acquired any new privileges—because from the most early ages the Church of Christ had the inherent right to do

what we are now authorised to do by enactment; but fettered by human laws, encroachments and penalties, which she was unable to remove, she was compelled to remain, in a great degree, passive and quiescent. How different our position now from what it was on the first day of May, 1851, when I called you together under the humble name of holding a conference on the temporal affairs of the Church. Simple as this movement was, it did not escape the censure of many who, being forgetful of the Divine origin of the Church, were accustomed to look upon her as not only the creature of the State, but entire subject to its behests; and so ignorant were they in such matters, that many of them believed that, to introduce the lay element and assume the slightest independence of action, were dangerous innovations, which ought to be discouraged. But the moderation of our proceedings and the mutual deference and courtesy manifested in the intercourse between the clergy and laity, and above all, the unanimity with which they arrived at the same results, soon obtained general favour, and gained for us the special approbation of the more respectable and pious members of our communion. The session of the Conference was very short, but we found time to petition our gracious Queen for permission to hold Diocesan Synods, to express our opinion on the subject of education, and take such steps for the protection of our endowments, and their application to the sacred purposes for which they were set apart, as they seemed to require. The critical situation of the Church property, and some movements made at home on the subject of the Colonial Church, rendered it expedient to postpone the next or second meeting of the Synod of Conference till October, 1858. During this interval, an Act had passed the Imperial Parliament, authorising the Legislature of the Province of Canada to make provision concerning the Clergy Reserves and the proceeds thereof. With what severity and disregard to vested rights this power was carried out is so well known and so painful, that I abstain from any extended notice of its details; but I must not omit the noble sacrifice made by my clergy, which has preserved the existence of the Church in her full efficiency, turned the deadly blow aimed against her into a sublime moral triumph, which can never be forgotten. The first act of this second Conference was to declare itself a Synod. For we had by this time made some little progress in the history of the Church, and found that Bishops had the power of holding Synods, and of inviting the aid of the laity in the way which might be found the most convenient and beneficial to the Church. Yet, as there were still some objections of a technical nature, it was considered more respectful to renew our petition to the Queen for permission to hold them. The Division of the Diocese, and several other important matters, were then taken up, and after a session of two days' continuance, the Bishop having expressed his satisfaction at the harmonious management of the business and its auspicious results, dismissed the Synod with the episcopal benediction.

On the 25th day of October, 1854, the third Synod met. It had been delayed, in the hope that the Imperial Government would redeem its pledge and pass the promised measure for removing the disabilities which were supposed by some to exist in regard to Colonial Church assemblies. This hope was not realised; but any scruples as to the meeting of the Synod were substantially removed by the Solicitor-General of England, who declared that whatever difficulties might stand in the way of National and Provincial Convocations of the Clergy, they do not extend to Diocesan Synods.

At this session, which continued three days, much important business was transacted, or put

in train. A constitution was framed, and a declaration prefixed to it, which has met with much favour throughout the Church. The subject of ecclesiastical discipline in regard to both clergy and laity, was also considered and discussed at some length. But the Synod did not consider itself yet in a position to adopt, on these points, any definite measures. On the whole, this session of the Synod was very satisfactory, and greatly increased our confidence.

The fourth Synod was not convened till Thursday, the 1st of May, 1856.

In the meantime the Commutation was arranged and completed, to which the Clergy, to their lasting honour, had given their free and intelligent consent—by this noble and disinterested act they have merited the gratitude of the Church in Canada, and won for themselves the cordial admiration of all true Churchmen throughout the world.

The principal matter which occupied our attention, during the Session, was the petition to the Legislature for a bill to remove doubts respecting the action of the Synod, and in this we were successful. But being one of those measures which are reserved for the special consideration of Her Majesty in council, it had to be transmitted to England.

Much important business was taken up and settled or postponed for further inquiry, and reports received respecting the Episcopal Endowments.

I cannot conclude this very brief notice of our four Synods without adverting to the extensive and beneficial effects which they had by this time produced throughout the whole Church at home as well as in the Colonies. Our first Conference, in May, 1851, by introducing the Lay element for the first time, seemed to attract universal attention. The Church Members in our Eastern Colonies who were suffering under the same disabilities as ourselves, followed in our wake; and one of them, Victoria, got before us in the race and obtained a law, while our bill was under the consideration of the Imperial Government, which enables the Bishop, Clergy and Laity to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the Church. Had it not been for this precedent, I very much doubt whether our bill would have become law, because it goes much farther than the act for Victoria. Moreover, we have acquired the guarantee of Her Majesty's Government for other advantages which have not yet been conceded to any other Colony. By the despatch of the late Sir William Molesworth, the division of the Diocese and the election of Bishops are allowed in a manner which sufficiently guards the prerogative of the Crown, while the full exercise of the privilege is secured. Having given this brief summary of the proceedings of our former Synods, permit me, before commencing the business of the day, to mention one or two matters which seem at this stage of our proceedings to require some notice.

First, the progress made towards the division of the Diocese.

On the 16th January, 1856, assuming the certainty that such division must soon take place, I published a pastoral letter, recommending the establishment of an Episcopal Fund, and stating that the amount contributed within the limits of each See ought to form the endowment of its Bishop. The advantage of having commenced this fund at so early a period in facilitating our objects, is manifest from Sir William Molesworth's letter of 4th October, 1855, which is in a measure predicated on the fact that some such endowment would be forthcoming, of which he had perhaps learned something from his correspondence with the Provincial Government. He says:—"I am myself strongly of opinion that the desire of freedom of action, and self-government on behalf of

the Church of England in Canada is just and reasonable, and as it appears to me, the division of the Diocese of Toronto is so much desired, that it may be very inconvenient to postpone it. I have to inform you that Her Majesty's Government are prepared to take the necessary steps for this purpose whenever required to do so, and that they will recommend to Her Majesty for appointment to the new Bishopric, such clergyman as you may designate to them after consulting the Bishop and such authorities of the Church of England in the colony as you may think advisable, and taking such precautions as to the sufficiency of the endowment as you may judge necessary. At first, great exertions were made in both the proposed Dioceses in collecting their endowments. Yet even in London, the spirit flagged a little for a time, owing to the delay of the Government in pronouncing definitely on the division of the Diocese, but it was revived with redoubled ardour on the receipt of Sir William Molesworth's encouraging despatch, and had amounted in December last to nearly £10,000, and by a recent report to £10,500 currency, well secured, and which the Governor-General has accepted in the meantime as sufficient to enable him to recommend a clergyman for appointment to the See, but with the clear and distinct understanding that it should, as soon as practicable, be increased to £12,500 currency, and if possible to £12,500 sterling; and I have little doubt but that in a short time this maximum in so rich a Diocese will be obtained and a suitable residence or seclusion for the Bishop be erected.

Matters being in so forward a state, it is contemplated, should no difficulty intervene, to call together the Clergy and Lay Delegates within the proposed Diocese of London, for the election of the Bishop, on Wednesday, the 8th of July next. And here it may be proper to remind you that the territory which will be comprised in the proposed London or Huron Bishopric, will remain under the same Episcopal authority as at present, till the new Bishop receives consecration. In respect to the proposed Bishopric of Kingston, the Church members also began with great alacrity, but their proceedings were unfortunately disturbed by various disputes into which I do not enter. It is nevertheless hoped and believed that the unhappy causes of such are now entirely removed, and that the necessary exertions for completing the Endowment will be successfully renewed. To effect this desired object, I am ready and have indeed promised to do every thing in my power in promoting it; at the same time it must be recollected that the proposed Kingston Diocese does not comprise a country so rich in population as that of London; and this fact I thought it my duty to press upon the attention of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in the hope that a larger donation would have been granted in aid of the Episcopal endowment—but a great diminution of their disposable funds was pleaded in excuse; nevertheless, to shew that the Society took a warm interest in the object, £500 was granted towards the endowment of the See of Kingston. I would very willingly pass on from this portion of my address to some other matters; but, however reluctant, I feel it is my duty to express at this time, and in this public manner, my disapprobation of the reckless manner in which the press has been employed in the question of selecting our Bishops. The subscriptions for endowments should be freely given, without any conditions whatever, and no improper influence through the press, or obtrusive canvassing ought to be used. Every elector should vote, in a case so very sacred and important, in the most conscientious disposition of mind, and as before God. We may not be able to do away with all the evil which has been done, but an expression of decided condemnation may still do

something; and a resolution may be adopted to prevent the recurrence of the like scandal to the Church in future. The most simple, and perhaps effectual remedy that suggests itself to me, is the one practised in Scotland. In that country, it is provided that when a Bishopric becomes vacant, the Synod shall be called together, within fifteen or twenty days, to fill the vacancy. This gives no time for unholy plots or intrigues.

If Christian men, and still more, Ministers of the Gospel, assist any person in becoming a bishop, who is not the friend of God and of the Church, or from any other motive than that he is, according to their convictions, thoroughly qualified in all respects for the office, and the very best man within their reach, they are guilty of a great crime. Even in civil cases, Jethro, speaking by inspiration, commands Moses not to choose any but able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness. How much more careful ought we to be in choosing overseers of the flock of Christ.

In leaving the Episcopal, I pass to the Sustentation Fund, because they have something of an untoward connexion. Hoping much from the Sustentation Fund in aid of our Commutation, I was engaged to begin operations last autumn, but was overruled by many of the best friends of the Church—and persuaded that we could not succeed till the Episcopal Endowment Funds were completed. I confess that I yielded with some repugnance, and the more so because the state of the Kingston Episcopal Fund, unless speedily followed up, may produce a long and inconvenient postponement. But be this as it may, the object must not be relinquished. It is the last great work which, under God's merciful guidance, I seek ardently to promote, and, if spared, I shall seize upon the first promising opportunity to begin the subscription.

In commencing our proceedings on this memorable day, we shall first read the law or charter under which we are now assembled. You will find that it is comprised in two clauses, with a very brief preamble. It passed both Houses of the Provincial Parliament unanimously on the 13th of June, 1856, and, on its transmission to England, it experienced great opposition, and had it not been for the warm and able advocacy of the Hon. John H. Cameron, who happened fortunately to be in London, and the precedent of the Victoria act, there is great reason to believe that it would have failed. Even then the legal advisers of the Crown continued their opposition, and at length it was referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and, after due consideration, that body declared that it was lawful for Her Gracious Majesty the Queen to assent to the Bill, and it was done accordingly. It is intitled, "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, to meet in Synod." It was laid before the Queen in Council, on the sixth day of May last, and having received the Royal assent, it came out to Canada, and was published by proclamation by His Excellency the Governor-General, on the twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

The object of this Act, as set forth in the preamble, is to confer on the members of the Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, the power of regulating the affairs of their Church, in matters relating to discipline, and necessary order and good government, and to exercise the same rights of self-government that are enjoyed by other religious communities.

The statute contains two enacting clauses. The first confers power to hold Diocesan Synods, to frame constitutions, and make regulations for enforcing discipline in the Church, for the ap-

pointment, deposition, deprivation, or removal of any person bearing office therein, of whatever order or degree, "any rights of the Crown to the contrary notwithstanding;" and for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs, and interests of the Church, in matters relating to or affecting only the said Church, and the officers and members thereof, and not in any way interfering with the rights, privileges, or interests of other religious communities, or of any person or persons not being a member or members of the said United Church of England and Ireland: provided always that such constitutions and regulations shall apply only to the Diocese or Dioceses adopting the same. Now, it may be seen that this measure is very comprehensive in its provisions, and gives ample powers to meet all the probable requirements of the Church; and yet the Royal Prerogative is sufficiently guarded, and our connexion with the Mother Church through its head distinctly preserved. 1st. The power of choosing our bishops is substantially but not directly conferred; the sanction of Her Majesty, through her Secretary of State, to the person chosen, is required, and in an extreme case may be withheld, but if ever withheld, it will be salutary and for the good of the Church. In the second place, the Queen preserves her territorial sovereignty in settling the limits of new bishoprics, when required to be established. The second clause of the statute is still more comprehensive, and contemplates Provincial Synods in which all the Dioceses may be represented. Such a provision is absolutely necessary to the salutary extension and well-being of the Church in this great country. Questions will arise from time to time which "will affect the welfare of the Church in these colonies, and will render it necessary, as it is desirable, that the Bishops, Clergy and Laity should meet in Council under the Provincial, Metropolitan, or Senior Bishops, with power to frame rules and regulations for the better conduct of our ecclesiastical affairs as by such Provincial Synod may be deemed expedient. It should also be divided into two Houses, the one consisting of the Bishops of the several Dioceses under their Metropolitan or Senior Bishop, and the other of the Presbyters and Lay members of the Church assembled by representation." For all this the second clause of the statute amply provides, and its objects will, doubtless, be carried out so soon as the necessities of the Church require.

Such Provincial Synod will answer the same purpose as the General Convention of the Church of the United States, which has been emphatically called its safety-valve against doubtful and unsafe innovation of the Diocesan Conventions, and an effective centre of permanent unity.

Without detaining you longer, I beg to call upon the Secretary to read the Proclamation and the Act of the Legislature, under the authority of which we are now assembled. This being done, the Executive Committee appointed towards the close of our last Session, to prepare, in due form, such matters as any member or members of the Synod—Clerical or Lay—may desire to be brought forward, will make their report, and I trust the same deference and courtesy will mark our present, as they have done all our former proceedings.

The Secretary then read the Proclamation and Bill.

Toronto, Thursday, May 28, 1857

Province of
Canada; EDMUND HEAD.

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.
To all whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern—Greeting.

A PROCLAMATION.

John A. Macdonald, Attorney-General.

Whereas, at a Session of the Parliament of our Province of Canada, holden at the City of Toronto, in our said Province, on the fifteenth day of February, in the nineteenth year of Our Reign, and prorogued on the first day of July, in the twentieth year of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, to meet in Synod," was passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was, during the said Session to-wit, on the nineteenth day of June last past, presented to Our Governor-General of Our said Province for Our assent thereto, who in pursuance of the authority in him vested by a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the Session thereof, held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada and for the Government of Canada," and according to his discretion, then and there declared that he reserved the aforesaid Bill for the signification of our pleasure thereon. Now know ye that the said Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in Canada, to meet in Synod," having been laid before Us in Council, on the 6th day of May now last past, We have been pleased to assent to the same: And We do by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, assent to the aforesaid Bill; of all which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: Witness Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twentieth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

T. LEE TERRILL, Secretary.

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND, IN CANADA, TO MEET IN SYNOD.

Whereas, doubts exist whether the members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in this Province, have the power of regulating the affairs of their Church, in matters relating to discipline, and necessary to order and good government, and it is just that such doubts should be removed, in order that they may be permitted to exercise the same rights of self-government that are enjoyed by other religious communities: therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

I. The Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in this Province, may meet in their several Dioceses, which are now, or may be hereafter constituted in this Province, and in such manner and by such proceedings as they shall adopt, frame constitutions and make regulations for enforcing discipline in the Church, for the appointment, deposition, deprivation, or removal of any person bearing

office therein, of whatever order or degree, any rights of the Crown to the contrary notwithstanding, and for the convenient and orderly management of the property, affairs and interests of the Church in matters relating to and affecting only the said Church, and the officers and members thereof, and not in any manner interfering with the rights, privileges or interests of other religious communities, or of any person or persons not being a member or members of the said United Church of England and Ireland: Provided always that such constitutions and regulations shall apply only to the Diocese or Dioceses adopting the same.

II. The Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in this Province, may meet in general Assembly within this Province, by such Representatives as shall be determined and declared by them in their several Dioceses; and in such general Assembly frame a constitution and regulations for the general management and good government of the said Church in this Province; provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall authorise the imposition of any rate or tax upon any person or persons whomsoever, whether belonging to the said Church or not, or the infliction of any punishment, fine, or penalty upon any person, other than his suspension or removal from any office in the said Church, or exclusion from the meetings or proceedings of the Diocesan or General Synods; and provided also, nothing in the said constitutions or regulations, or any of them, shall be contrary to any law or statute now or hereafter in force in this Province.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Canada, in the Second Session of the Fifth Provincial Parliament, and reserved for the signification of her Majesty's pleasure thereon by His Excellency the Governor-General, on Thursday the nineteenth day of June, 1856, and subsequently assented to by Proclamation in the *Canada Gazette*, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of May 1857.

J. F. TAYLOR, Clerk, Legislative Council.

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Fuller, seconded by J. W. Gamble, Esq., M.P.P.,

That the Rev. Mr. Van Rensselaer, A.M., Rector of Grace Church, Rochester, be cordially invited to take his seat on the floor of the house. Carried by acclamation.

Moved by the Rev. Henry Patton, seconded by Rev. F. L. Osler,

That the Rev. Mr. Roe, a clergyman of the Church, from the Island of Barbadoes, be admitted to a seat in the body of this house. Carried unanimously.

The list of the Clergy was then called over by the Clerical Secretary; and the Lay Delegates by the Lay Secretary. [A list will be found of both on the last page.]

Moved by Dr. Bovell, seconded by Dr. Fuller, That a Committee to investigate claims of Lay Delegates, and to settle disputes be appointed. Carried.

The following gentlemen were named on the Committee: Rev. Henry Patton, the Rev. Dr. Fuller, and C. J. Campbell, Esq.

Moved by Rev. Henry Patton, seconded by Rev. Arthur Palmer,

That the Rev. J. G. Geddes be re-elected as the Clerical Secretary of the Synod. Carried.

The Clerical Secretary then requested the Rev. T. S. Kennedy to act as Assistant Secretary.

Moved by J. W. Gamble, Esq., seconded by Mr. Campbell,

That Dr. Fovell be re-elected as Lay-Secretary of this Synod. Carried.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Lawrason,

That Mr. Harman be re-appointed Treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Clarke Gamble, Esq., seconded by Mr. Justice Hagerty,

That Messrs. C. J. Campbell and Wm. Westmacott be Auditors for the present year. Carried.

Moved by Rev. H. Patton, seconded by Rev. E. J. Boswell,

That in order to save the time of the Synod, the reading of the minutes of the last Synod be dispensed with, and that they be assumed to be correct, unless any member has already detected any error in the printed report. Carried.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Dobbs, seconded by Rev. Mr. Rogers,

That the Rev. David Fitzgerald, of Elizabethtown, Prince Edward's Island, be admitted to a seat in the Synod. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The Rev. Mr. Kennedy brought up the following report of the Executive Committee:

Wednesday, May 13, 1857.

The Executive Committee, of whom were present—The Lord Bishop, the Archdeacon of York, Rev. Dr. Beaven, Rev. Dr. Cronyn, Rural Dean Blake, Rural Dean Palmer, Rural Dean Patton, Rural Dean Fuller, Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, Hon. J. H. Cameron, Hon. G. J. Goodhue, H. C. Baker, Esq., J. W. Gamble, Esq., Thomas Kirkpatrick, Esq., S. B. Harman, Esq., James Patton, Esq., W. B. Simpson, Esq., have recommended the following revision of the Constitution of the Synod to be considered at the next general meeting thereof:—

Article I. To expunge the following words: "Or holding office in any College or School under the jurisdiction of the Bishop."

Article II. To add the following words: "The said declaration not to be required unless the qualifications so stated be questioned."

Article VII. After the word "infirmary" to add the words "not under ecclesiastical censure." To expunge the words "and vote thereat," and insert the words "but not to vote thereat."

To add the following Article as Article VIII.: During the necessary or authorised absence of the Rector or Incumbent of any Parish or Cure, the Clergyman acting as Assistant Minister or Curate of such Incumbent shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Synod, but not otherwise, unless licensed to a congregation, regularly organised, independent of that presided over by his Rector or incumbent.

Article XI. (which would then be Article XII.) to add the words, "the same to have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary."

The Executive Committee have recommended the following Rules and Regulations in regard to the Election of Bishops:

1. That at the election of a Bishop it be necessary that not less than two-thirds of the whole number of the clergy, and of the lay-delegates by parishes entitled to vote be present. That no clergyman be publicly nominated for the office of Bishop; but that the clergy and lay representatives, by parishes, in their separate places, be directed, each and severally, to write upon a card the name of the clergyman whom they would desire to elect as Bishop. That the same be dropped into a balloting-box, to be handed round to each individual by two persons appointed for that purpose. That whatsoever clergyman shall have such a number of the votes of each order respectively, as shall constitute a clear majority of the whole number of each order respectively entitled to vote in such Diocese, shall be declared

duly elected. That there be no election, unless with such majority of both clergy and laity, the latter voting by parishes.

2. In the event of the subdivision of any Diocese, the portion intended to form the new Diocese shall be bound in all their public proceedings by the Constitution of the Diocese of which they formed a part, until the said new Diocese shall be fully organised by the election and consecration of the Bishop.

3. Any clergyman elected a Bishop, and holding at the time of such election any preferment or ecclesiastical income, shall resign such preferment or income upon his consecration.

THOMAS SMITH KENNEDY,
Pro-Secretaries.

It was moved by J. W. Gamble, Esq., seconded by Hon. Mr. DeBlaquiere,

That the Report from the Executive Committee, in relation to certain proposed changes in the Constitution of the Synod, be taken up to-morrow, and that it be then the first item ordered for the day.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Rev. Dr. Cronyn.

2. Rev. Dr. Beaven.—That a committee be appointed for examining into the existing canons of the United Church of England and Ireland, and the laws of the United Kingdom applicable thereto; and to report on such canons as, with or without change, it may be desirable that the Synod should declare to be in full force in this Diocese, and on such laws as appear to be in force at present, or may be desirable to be enacted as rules of order or discipline in this Diocese.

3. Rev. Dr. Beaven.—That in pursuance of the recommendation of the Lord Bishop, section 9 of the Constitution be amended by striking out all after the words "Rural Dean shall," and substituting the following words, "within a month after that event summon a meeting of the clergy and lay representatives for the election of a successor in the Sec, and shall preside thereat."

4. Rev. Mr. Dewar.—Amendment to Section 1 of "Rules and Regulations in regard to the election of Bishops:"—

The clergy and laity shall vote separately by ballot; the clergy by individuals, and the laity by parishes. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to vote be present, and that two-thirds of all the parishes entitled to vote be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

5. John W. Gamble, Esq.—Rules and Regulations in regard to the election of Bishops. After No. 2 add:—

In the event of the subdivision of any Diocese, there shall be a special election of lay delegates in the portion intended to form the new Diocese prior to the election of a Bishop for the same, the same to be duly notified by the Bishop of the Diocese from which they have been separated.

6. Dr. Bovell.—That Article I. of the Executive Committee be not acquiesced in, but that the Constitution remain as before.

7. Rev. Dr. Lewis.—That his Lordship the President be requested to nominate a committee to draft an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressing the gratitude with which this Synod accepts the relief from the disability under which it was supposed to labour, and assuring Her Majesty that our best efforts will be used to employ the power of local self-government, so graciously bestowed, as a means of cementing that union by which we hope to continue an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland.

8. The Rev. Dr. Lewis.—The Synod shall consist, first, of his Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese; secondly, of his clergy being in Priest's orders and not under ecclesiastical censure, and stately officiating in the Diocese by license from the Bishop, for the space of six calendar months at least before the meeting of the Synod; provided, however, that Deacons may attend the meetings of the Synod and express their opinion on all subjects, but not vote thereat; thirdly, of lay-representatives to be elected as hereafter provided.

9. Rev. Mr. Townley.

10. Honourable James Patton:
There shall be one representative or delegate for each congregation, and no more.

To be inserted in lieu of the fourth section of the Constitution.

11. Rev. E. Denroche.

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14. Moved by the Rev. J. Fletcher, seconded by the Honourable James Patton,

That a committee be appointed by this Synod, to consider by what means Congregational Psalmody can be best encouraged, and also whether it might not be expedient to give the sanction of the Synod to the hymn-book now generally used in the Diocese, and to make such additions to it as may render it more generally useful for congregational purposes; or to adopt and sanction as the hymn-book of the Diocese, another collection which may more fully meet the requirements of the Church, than that which is at present used in it; and that said committee do report to this Synod at its next meeting.

16. Rev. Dr. Lett.—1. Defining boundaries and limits of parishes. 2. Provision for sub-dividing existing parishes under certain circumstances.

3. Provision for dividing and sub-dividing, where necessary, the endowments of existing parishes, on their next avoidance, or with the consent of the present incumbents thereof. 4. Provision for the election and endowment of parishes by individuals or corporations, and for vesting the perpetual advowson in the individuals or corporations so endowing them.

16. Rev. Mr. Salter,

That after the words "of twenty-one years," in Article 2 of Constitution, shall be added, "and shall have received the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at least once in the course of the past year."

17. Hon. Philip Vankoughnet.

18. Mr. Farrell.

19. Judge Armstrong.—That no speaker do speak for more than ten minutes."

His Lordship having announced that prayers would be said in St. James' Cathedral, at 9 a.m. the next day, and the Synod commence business at 10, pronounced the benediction, and the Synod adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Thursday Morning.

Divine Service at the Cathedral at 9 a.m.

The Synod met at the St. Lawrence Hall at 10 a.m.

The Ven. A. N. Bethune opened the meeting with the usual prayers.

The minutes of the previous day were read by the Rev. J. G. Geddes, and approved.

It was then resolved that no speaker do address the meeting for more than fifteen minutes.

Moved by Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, seconded by Hon. G. S. Boulton:

That as some doubts had been expressed whether the rights of the lay representatives taking part in this Synod might not be questioned, it be resolved that the lay gentlemen, who have presented their certificates, be invited to take

part in the Synod; upon which the Lord Bishop proposed, "That the lay gentlemen who had given in certificates do take part in this Synod." Carried unanimously.

The first order of the day was the consideration of the report of the Executive Committee, proposing amendments to the Constitution:

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M. P. P., moved the adoption of the report.

Dr. Bovell's motion No. 6.—That Article No. 1 of the Executive Committee be not acquiesced in, but that the Constitution do remain as before, was brought up, and the first amendment was withdrawn.

The Rev. F. Evans, seconded by Rev. Dr. O'Meara, moved the amendment No. 2.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by G. S. Boulton, moved in amendment to the amendment, that after the word meeting, "in a book to be provided for such purpose by the parish," be added. Carried.

The adoption of the amendments to Articles 7 and 8 was withdrawn.

The Rev. Dr. Beaven's amendment to Article 9 was then carried unanimously.

Amendment of Article 11 by Executive Committee, "the same to have power to appoint an assistant Secretary." Acquiesced in.

Consideration of Rules and Regulations for Election of Bishops, recommended by Executive Committee.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M. P. P., moved the adoption of the report.

Rev. E. H. Dewar, seconded by Mr. Simpson, of Brockville, moved in amendment to Article 1, motion 4, which was carried unanimously.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by Rev. J. G. Geddes, moved the adoption of Article 2. Carried.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by Rev. Dr. Fuller, moved the adoption of notice of motion No. 5. Lost.

J. W. Gamble, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by Hon. P. B. DeBlaquiere, moved the adoption of Rule No. 3 of the Executive Committee. After some discussion, in consequence of the Lord Bishop stating that the Synod had no power to interfere with a question which was a mere covenant between the Church Society and certain individuals, the amendment was withdrawn.

The Synod then adjourned till 3 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Thursday Afternoon, 3 p.m.

1. Mr. O'Brien gives notice that he will move the introduction of a law for the formation of vestries by congregations in churches where, at present, under the Temporalities Act, they have not power to do so. Such law not to allow of any interference by such vestries, with any rights, privileges, or regulations which may be held in force at the time of passing such law.

On motion of the Rev. R. V. Rogers, seconded by Rev. B. Cronyn, D.D.:

2. Whereas, the seal of God's approbation has been plainly set to the labours of the various instrumentalities in connexion with the United Church of England and Ireland, and in the field of missions to the Roman Catholics in Ireland and in Canada East.

Resolved.—That this Synod desires to sympathise with our fellow-labourers, and to assure them of the prayers of their brethren of this Synod, and wish them God speed!

3. Rev. Dr. Lett.—That without assuming to legislate upon a matter which the Lord Bishop has decided is beyond the province of this Synod, yet the Synod desires to express its respectful but decided opinion that any clergyman elected as the Bishop of any new diocese formed out of

the present Diocese of Toronto, should, on his consecration to the office of Bishop, resign any income which he may enjoy from any ecclesiastical source whatever, whether as an Incumbent or Rector of a parish, or Dignitary of the Church.

4. Rev. E. Denroche.—This Synod desires to express its most decided disapproval of the canvassing of clergy or laity, to ensure the election of any individual to the episcopate, by a committal to indiscreet or unguarded promise on the part of electors, lay or clerical.

5. Rev. W. S. Darling gives notice that, at the next meeting of Synod, he will move,—That in the great and manifest want of labourers in the ministry, this Synod do take into consideration the propriety of reviving the Diaconate in this Diocese as a permanently distinct order, or of suggesting such subordinate agency as the exigency of the circumstances may require.

6. Judge Armstrong gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move a resolution, expressing the disapproval of this Synod of the practice of discussing the acts of our clergymen through the public newspapers.

7. Mr. Farrell gives the following notices,—That in Article No. 13 all after the words "be provided for" be expunged, and the following words be substituted, "by an annual collection, to be made in every parish and mission, under the direction of the minister and churchwardens."

8. That in Article No. 14 the following clause be added, "but in the event of the Bishop refusing his assent to any measure adopted by the clergy and laity, such motion may be brought forward at the next meeting of the Synod, and if again adopted by the clergy and laity, the power of the Bishop to veto it shall cease."

9. That in Article No. 4 the words "legally constituted congregation" be inserted in the place of "any cure"

10. That in Article No. 2 after the word "meetings," the following words be inserted, "or any vestry meeting specially called for that purpose."

11. Hon. Mr. DeBlaquiere,—Amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution

That an annual meeting of the Synod be held in each and every year in the month of June, at such time and place as the Lord Bishop shall appoint, which Synod shall continue in session until adjourned by a vote of the same

12. Hon. Mr. DeBlaquiere,—Notice of motion for the consideration and adoption of the Constitution and Rules of the Synod, for to-morrow, and the first on the orders of the day

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES.

Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by J. W. Gamble, Esq., moves No. 2 of Notices of Motions of Wednesday. Carried.

Rev. Dr. Beaven, seconded by Rev. Henry Patton, moves No. 3 Notice of Motion.

13. Rev. Dr. Fuller moves in addition to the above, "That in cases where provision for the sustentation of the Bishop has been made and accepted by the Governor-General of the province, or person administering the government thereof, and when no such provision has been made, then so soon after such provision shall have been made and accepted." Carried unanimously.

14. The Rev. H. Patton gives notice that he will, to-morrow, move that in Article 9, all after the words "senior Archdeacon" shall be expunged, as being unnecessary after passing Dr. Beaven's Resolution.

15. Moved by Rev. Mr. Townley, seconded by Rev. Mr. Darling:

"That this Synod do now appoint a Committee of six of its members, to take into consideration the best method of advancing the general, continuous, and permanent moral and religious, in

connection with the secular, education of the youth of this Province; and that the said Committee do report to-morrow."

16. Moved by Dr. Bovell in amendment, seconded by Clarke Gamble, Esq.:

"That a Committee be appointed to collect information regarding the working of the Common School System; to report at the next meeting of the Synod." Carried.

17. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Townley, seconded by Mr. Thomas Bato:

"That seeing the entire failure of the voluntary system, as usually understood on this continent, in providing adequate religious instruction and a due administration of the ordinances of the Church of Christ, a Committee of six be now appointed to take into consideration the wisdom, necessity, and obligation of resuming the Scriptural and primitive practice of paying Ministerial Tithes, and the best method of receiving, ordering, and appropriating the same, and that the said Committee do report thereon before the closing of this Synod." Lost.

18. Rev. A. Townley gave Notice of Motion.—"That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the best method of maintaining the ministrations of the Church of Christ, with especial reference to the Scriptural method of supplying the same, and that the said Committee do report at the next Synod."

The Synod adjourned for one hour, till half-past seven.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod re-assembled at 7.30.

Rev. Dr. Lewis moved Motion No. 7, seconded by Justice Hagarty. Carried.

Rev. Dr. Lewis moved No. 8 Notice of Motion. Withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. Patton moved No. 10 Notice of Motion, seconded by Rev. Mr. Brough. Postponed his motion to next meeting of Synod.

Rev. E. Denroche withdrew No. 11.

Rev. E. Denroche moved, seconded by Frederick Ball, Esq., No. 12 Notice of Motion,—"That the thanks of this Synod are hereby tendered to the members of the Choir of St. James' Cathedral, for the efficient manner in which the musical services of the church were performed, on the occasion of its present assembling here." Carried.

Rev. E. Denroche moved No. 13 Notice of Motion, seconded by Mr. Simpson,—"That, whereas, it is highly desirable that every branch of Divine Service should be conducted with as much ecclesiastical propriety and devotional reality as possible, and, whereas, there is room for improvement generally throughout the congregations of this Diocese, in celebrating the praises of Almighty God and of his Christ. A Committee of the Synod be appointed, (who shall report at its next Annual Meeting,) to take into consideration and to suggest improvements in choral, congregational and ritual singing, to the exclusion of all light and unseemly music from the sanctuary, and to the more general adoption of the singing of God's own word, as set forth in the Psalter or Songs of David, as appointed to be used 'daily' throughout the month." Carried.

Rev. Mr. Fletcher moved No. 14 Notice of Motion, seconded by Mr. Arthur. Carried.

Rev. Dr. Lett moved No. 15 Notice of Motion. 1, 2 and 3 withdrawn, with the understanding that they should be brought up at the next Synod. Mr. Farrell withdrew his Notices of Motion, 7, 8, 9, and 10, respecting the Constitution, expressing his intention of bringing them forward on the first day of the next Synod.

Mr. Simpson moved, seconded by C. J. Campbell, No. 17 Notice of Motion,—"That the thanks of this Synod be given to the Rev. Mr. Geddes, for the very able and excellent sermon given by him

on Wednesday morning last, and that the said sermon be printed for the use of the members of this Synod." Carried.

Rev. Mr. Rogers moved Notice No. 2 of second day, seconded by Dr. Cronyn. Carried.

Dr. O'Meara presented the following Report on Indian Missions. Ordered to be laid on the table:—

Report of the Committee of the Synod on Indian Missions.

At a time when a Commission, appointed by the highest authority in the Province, is endeavouring, with the assistance of the two Houses of Legislature, to devise means for the promotion of the temporal interests of the aboriginal inhabitants of our land, and when we are assembled together for the first time as a Synod, legally constituted, cannot but be an auspicious time for us as a Church to see that measures be taken for placing on a permanent basis, those efforts for the benefit of that interesting people that are now in course of being made, and to provide for the extension of our missionary efforts to the regions beyond those which have hitherto been reached by them. Indeed it appears to your committee as of the very essence of a Christian Church that it shall comprehend an efficient organization for the extension of the knowledge of the gospel to the dark places of the earth, inasmuch as the promised presence of the Redeemer, without which it would be as a body without a soul, is closely and unseparably connected with his parting injunctions, go preach the Gospel to every creature.

At a very early period in the history of our church in this province, efforts were made for the spiritual benefit of the Indians, and Dr. Stuart, father of the present Venerable Archdeacon of Kingston, embalmed his memory in the hearts of the Mohawks of the bay of Quinte, by his kind and fatherly attentions to that interesting tribe, and the fruits of his missionary labours are still among us in the Mohawk mission of Tyendinaga. Subsequently the New England Company of London, England, established a mission among those of the same tribes settled on the Grand River, who had previously enjoyed only such occasional religious privileges as could be rendered by a neighbouring and travelling missionary, where they still continue to support two missionaries. About the year 1834, the Rector of Caradoc finding a considerable number of heathen Indians in the neighbourhood of his mission, turned his attention to their conversion with such a measure of success, that many, both of the Munsees and Oneidas, were baptized into the Christian faith who now form two congregations, under the charge of the clergymen by whose means they were brought out of heathenism. About 25 years ago the Society established in this Diocese for christianizing and civilizing the Indians, commenced a mission at the Sault Ste. Marie for the Indians of Lake Huron and Superior, speaking the Ojibwa and kindred dialects, which has been so successful that nearly all the Indians of that region have been baptised into the church, and are now reclaimed from their former wandering habits and settled in the village of Garden River. Not many years after the government formed an establishment on the Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron, for the civilization of the Indians on that Lake, and a missionary of our church was attached to that establishment, which has resulted in a considerable number of Indians being added to the Church. About fourteen years ago another mission was formed at Walpole Island, on which about 900 Indians resided, of whom a large number have been received into the Church by the present missionary of that place. There are at present eight clergymen and one catechist labouring wholly or in part among the Indians of

this Diocese, of whom two are supported by the New England Company, one partly by the same Company and partly by the Church Society of this Diocese, one by the Society for Propagating the Gospel and the Colonial Church and School Society, one from the Indian Funds, and three from the annual Parliamentary grant for the Indian Department; the catechist being supported entirely by the Diocesan Church Society. As it is not at all likely that the Parliamentary grant, from which three of these clergymen are at present supported, will be long available for that purpose, it is of the utmost consequence that some means be adopted for continuing the staff of missionaries in connexion with our Church, and, if possible, increasing their number. A missionary is much wanted for the Church Indians of the Indian Peninsula, numbering about 90 souls, who are about being located by the government at Colpoys Bay, more than 40 miles from the nearest Church clergyman. It would also be very desirable that an additional missionary should be placed on Walpole Island, where there are still a large number of heathen Indians scattered over the Island. It would also be very desirable that one or two stations should be occupied on Lake Superior, where other denominations are already planting missions. A resident missionary is also much required for the Oneida and Munsee Indians on the river Thames. There are day-schools in connexion with all the Indian missions, but your Committee is bound to report that in consequence of the peculiar habits of the Indian, very little benefit has arisen or can be expected to arise from educational efforts made in that form; for the efficient education of the rising generation, it is necessary that the entire charge should be taken of those to be educated, and that such education consist not merely of book teaching, but of instruction in those industrial arts by means of which they may be able to take their place in the battle of life beside the white man. There has been a school of this sort established for some time among the Six Nation Indians on the Grand River, supported by the New England Company, and one on a very small scale for Ojibwa females at Garden River, at first supported by a few friends in England, but now sustained from the annual grant made by the above-named Company for that mission. It is the opinion of your Committee that measures should be taken to obtain (for the establishment of a C of E Central Industrial School) our fair proportion of the aid that is now given by the Indian Department exclusively to two Methodist Industrial Schools, towards which aid the Indians professing our faith are now obliged to pay the fourth of their income. Your Committee would further recommend that means be adopted by this Synod to secure the periodical publication, at short intervals, of interesting facts connected with the operation of Indian missionaries, with a view to some special efforts being made to continue, and, from time to time, extend them.

FREDERICK A. O'MEARA,
Chairman.

Rev. Mr. Patton presented a Report of the Committee on disputed Lay Delegates.

Rev. Jonathan Shortt gives notice that, at the next meeting of Synod, he will move for a Committee to consider the best subsidiary or auxiliary means of lessening the amount of drunkenness, and aiding in the reformation of the inebriate and his restoration to sobriety.

Rev. Mr. Denroche proposes, at the next meeting of the Synod of this Diocese, to bring forward, after consultation with the President of the Synod, the Lord Bishop of Toronto, Notice of Motion No. 11, given by him relative to Archdeacons.

E. G. O'Brien proposed No. 1 Notice of Motion of afternoon Session:

Whereas, there are certain churches in this Diocese where the sittings are entirely free, and, in consequence of this, there may be doubts whether their congregations can form a vestry: Be it enacted, that the vestry in all such churches shall consist of those members who shall or may have enrolled their names for the purpose of electing Delegates to Synod, or in a similar manner where no Delegates are elected: Provided always that such vestry shall not have power to interfere with, alter, or infringe upon any rights, privileges, or regulations held, reserved or in force at the time of forming such vestry.

That for the purpose of preventing any doubt or difficulty as to such rights, privileges, or regulations, the same shall be delivered in writing by the Incumbent, and entered on the roll-book containing the names of the members of the congregation as aforesaid.

Referred to Executive Committee.

Mr. Justice Hagarty moves the re-appointment of the same Executive Committee, seconded by Clarke Gamble, Esq.

Rev. Mr. Townley moved Notice of Motion No. 15. Carried.

Judge Armstrong moved, seconded by Rev. H. Patton,—“That it be resolved that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Managers of the Grand Trunk Railway, for their generous offer of a free return passage over their road to the members attending this Synod.” Carried.

Mr. Harman moved, seconded by Dr. Bovell, amendment No. 3 of proposed Rules for subdivision of Dioceses,—“Any clergyman elected a Bishop, and holding at the time of such election any preferment or benefice, shall resign such preferment or benefice prior to his consecration.” Carried.

Rev. Dr. Fuller read a letter from Rev. Mr. Van Rensselaer, stating that the Convention of Western New York would assemble at Oswego in the month of August, and inviting the clergy.

Rev. Mr. Van Rensselaer was called upon to express the same verbally,—which he did.

Thomas Bate, Christ Church, Grantham, gave Notice of Motion for next Synod, “Whether the seats should be sold, leased, or declared free, in the church recently erected at Grantham.”

Rev. Dr. Cronyn moved,—“That the thanks of this Synod be respectfully tendered to the Lord Bishop, for his patient, able, and impartial conduct in presiding on this occasion.” Carried by acclamation.

The Bishop briefly addressed the meeting, expressing his high gratification at all the proceedings, and then, after pronouncing the Benediction, adjourned the Synod *sine die*.

ADDRESS TO THE QUEEN.

To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty:—

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Toronto, in Canada, in Synod assembled, beg leave to approach your Majesty with the assurance of our devoted and loyal attachment to your Majesty's royal person and authority.

We beg to express to your Majesty our humble and dutiful thanks, that your Majesty has been pleased to give your gracious assent to the law which provides for our relief from the disability under which it was supposed that we laboured, in regard to assembling in Synod, and making rules for our local ecclesiastical government.

We beg most humbly to assure your Majesty, that it shall be our endeavour so to employ the powers thus graciously entrusted to us, that they may prove a means of cementing the union by

which we hope to continue to be an integral portion of the United Church of England and Ireland as well as of more firmly establishing and perpetuating the loyal duty and attachment which we owe to your Majesty's person and throne.

That Almighty God May be pleased to retain your Majesty in His gracious keeping, and long preserve your Majesty to be a nursing mother to our beloved National Church, is our earnest and continual prayer.

CANONS OF THE SYNOD, AS AMENDED.

I.—Constitution of the Synod.

1. The Synod shall consist of the Bishop of the Diocese; of the Clergy of the same licensed to the cure of souls, or holding office in any College or School under the jurisdiction of the Bishop, and not under ecclesiastical censure; and of Lay Representatives to be elected as hereinafter provided.

2. The Lay Representatives shall be male communicants of at least one year's standing, of the full age of 21 years, and shall be elected annually at the Easter Meetings, held by each minister having a separate cure of souls; and all laymen within the cure of 21 years of age or upwards, who shall have declared themselves, in writing, in a book, to be provided for such purpose by the Parish to be “Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and to belong to no other religious denomination,” shall have the right of voting at the election.

3. The minister himself, if present, shall preside at the election; and in his absence, the Curate or assistant Minister, or chairman elected by a majority of those present.

4. The number of representatives to be elected within any cure shall be one or more, not exceeding three in number.

5. Each representative shall receive from the Minister or Chairman of the meeting a certificate of his election, signed by the person presiding at the election; and shall continue in office until his successor is appointed.

6. If a vacancy should occur in the number of representatives, the Minister shall proceed to hold a new election with as little delay as possible, after due notice.

7. Clergymen who have been members of the Synod, but have become superannuated in consequence of age or infirmity, may continue to attend the meetings of the Synod, and vote thereat.

8. The Bishop shall appoint the time and place of meeting, and, adjourn, prorogue, or dissolve the Synod, as may appear most for the welfare of the Diocese.

9. When the Bishop is not present, he shall appoint his deputy, being a dignitary or senior clergyman of the Diocese, to preside in his place; and upon a vacancy in the See, the senior Archdeacon, or in his absence the Archdeacon next in order of seniority, or in the absence of an Archdeacon, the senior Rural Dean, shall within one week from the occurrence of such vacancy, summon a meeting of the clergy and lay representatives, to be held at the expiration of twenty days from the date at which such meeting shall be summoned, to elect a successor to the See, in cases where provision for the sustentation of the Bishop has been made and accepted by the Governor-General of the province, or person administering the government thereof; and when no such provision has been made, then so soon after such provision shall have been made and accepted.

10. A quorum of the Synod shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the whole number of both clergy and lay representatives respectively.

11. There shall be two Secretaries, one from the clergy, the other from the laity, who shall keep regular minutes of all proceedings of the

Synod, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose, shall preserve all papers, memorials and other documents, shall attest the public acts of the Synod, and shall deliver all records and documents to their successors; the same to have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary.

12. There shall be a Treasurer of the Synod, who shall receive and disburse all moneys collected and paid under its authority; and two Auditors, who shall annually inspect and report on the condition of the accounts.

13. The expenses of the Synod shall be provided for by assessment upon the different parishes, by a Committee appointed for the purpose.

14. No act or resolution of the Synod shall be valid without the concurrence of the Bishop, and of the majority both of the clergy and of the laity present and voting at the meeting; but when such act or resolution shall be objected to by either of the three estates, a vote shall be taken thereon by separate chambers; and if difference still subsists when such vote is so taken, then the subject under consideration shall stand over for further consideration to the ensuing Synod.

15. Any proposition for an alteration of the constitution, regulations, rules of order or canons, shall be introduced in writing, and considered at the meeting at which it is introduced; and if approved by a majority, shall lie over to the next meeting of the Synod, and if again approved by majorities, consisting of two-thirds of both clergy and laity, it shall be adopted.

II.—Order of Proceedings.

1. The first meeting of the Synod in each Session shall be preceded by public morning prayer and the Holy Communion accompanied by a sermon; and the collection at the offertory shall be devoted to missionary or other purposes, at the direction of the Synod. Public morning and evening prayer shall likewise be held on every day of the Synod.

2. The business of every day shall be preceded by special prayer for the divine guidance and blessing, according to a form authorised by the Bishop.

3. After this prayer, the Clerical Secretary shall call over the roll to the clergy, to be furnished by the Bishop, and mark the names of those in attendance; and the Lay Secretary shall call over the names of the several parishes; when the certificates of the representatives, having been presented, shall be examined by the Secretary and a committee of two to be appointed for that purpose; and, where found satisfactory, the names shall be recorded and read by the Secretary.

4. The election of new Secretaries shall then be made by the clergy and laity respectively, and a Treasurer and two Auditors shall be appointed; all of which officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be appointed.

5. After this on the first day, and on all other days after prayers, the order of business shall be as follows:

- (1.) Reading, correcting, and approving the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - (2.) Appointing Committees.
 - (3.) Presenting, reading, and referring memorials and petitions.
 - (4.) Presenting reports of Committees, and of the Treasurer and Auditors.
 - (5.) Giving notice of motions.
 - (6.) Taking up unfinished business.
 - (7.) Consideration of motions.
6. An address from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

III.—Rules for the Preservation of Order.

1. When the Bishop or other person presiding has taken the chair, no member shall continue standing.

2. When any member is about to speak for the information of the Synod, he shall rise and address himself to the chair.

3. No motion or amendment shall be considered as before the Synod (excepting such as may be proposed by the Bishop or committees) unless seconded, and (when required) reduced to writing. To prevent surprise, no motion, except in course, shall be considered till the succeeding day of meeting.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without asking and receiving permission from the chair.

5. When a question is under consideration, no other motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to lay it on the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide on it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order here named.

6. Motions to adjourn or to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

7. When a motion has been read to the Synod by the Secretary, it cannot be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the chair.

8. Each member shall have the right to require at any period of the debate, that a question in discussion be read for his information.

9. A member called to order while speaking shall sit down, unless permitted to explain.

10. All questions of order shall be decided by the chair.

11. All amendments to a motion shall be considered in the order in which they are moved.

12. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; but no after amendment to such second amendments shall be in order: yet a substitute to the whole matter may be proposed and received, provided it deals directly with the subject in hand.

13. All amendments to any question or amendment shall be decided on before the question or motion on which they arise is proposed for decision.

14. Whilst any question is being put from the chair, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse; and when a motion is so put, no member shall retire until such motion is disposed of.

15. When a division takes place, the votes of the clergy and laity shall be taken separately if required by the Bishop, or four members of each of the respective orders; and the lay representatives shall in all such cases vote by parishes.

16. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative.

17. A question being once determined, shall not again be drawn into discussion in the same session, without the special sanction of the Bishop.

18. No protest or dissent shall be entered on the minutes of the proceedings; but, when required by any one member, the number of affirmative and negative votes shall be recorded.

19. When the Synod is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the Bishop, or other person presiding, has left the chair.

IV.—Rules regarding Committees.

1. All committees shall be named by the chair, unless otherwise ordered.

2. The reports of committees shall be in writing, signed by the chairman, and shall be received in course, unless a motion be made for their recomittal.

3. The chairman of the committee, or some member deputed by him, shall explain to the Synod the bearing of any portion of the report, if requested by any member of the Synod.

4. All reports of committees recommending

any action or expression of opinion, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the Synod thereon.

5. That inasmuch as it would facilitate the despatch of business, and ensure a more effectual consideration of all matters to be discussed at the meeting of Synod, there shall be an Executive Committee, to be nominated and presided over by the Right Rev. the Bishop, and to consist of twenty-six members, thirteen chosen from among the clergy, and thirteen from among the lay representatives of the Synod; the election to be, as in the case of other committees, for a period extending from one Synod to the opening of the next.

6. That it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare in due form all such matters as the Bishop, or any member or members of the Synod, clerical or lay, may desire to have brought before the Synod, and to issue a circular under the Bishop's direction, stating the nature of the business for the ensuing Synod, and the order in which such business will be discussed.

7. That the business to be submitted to the Synod be sent to the Executive Committee two months before the meeting of Synod; and a circular, containing a statement of the business to be submitted, be forwarded to each clergyman and parish, one month before the meeting of Synod.

8. That, in order to expediate the business of the Synod, it is required for the future that the clerks of the several vestries in this Diocese send to the Lay Secretary of the Synod, within six days after their election, the names of the Lay Delegates elected at the vestry meetings during Easter week; and that the Lay Secretary of this Synod do attend at the place where the Synod is to meet at 9 o'clock of the first day of meeting, to record the certificates of said Lay Delegates.

V.—Election of Bishop.

That in the election of a Bishop to a vacant See, or to a new See, the clergy and laity shall vote separately by ballot; the clergy by individuals, and the laity by parishes. A majority of votes in each order shall determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of the clergy entitled to vote be present, and two-thirds of all the parishes entitled to vote be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

VI.—Subdivision of a Diocese.

In the event of the subdivision of any Diocese, the portion intended to form the new Diocese shall be bound in all their public proceedings by the constitution of the Diocese of which they formed a part, until the said new Diocese shall be fully organised by the election and consecration of the Bishop.

Any clergyman elected a Bishop, and holding at the time of such election any preferment or benefice, shall resign such preferment or benefice upon his consecration.

The following is a List of the Clergy and Lay Delegates present.

CLERGY.

Lord Bishop of Toronto—The Honourable and Right Reverend JOHN STRACHAN, D.D.; LL.B.
Archdeacon of York—Ven. A. N. Bethune, D.D., D.C.L.

Archdeacon of Kingston—Ven. George O'Kill Stuart, D.D., LL.D.

Bishop's Chaplains—H. J. Grasott, B.D., W. H. Herchmer, M.A.

Rev. Ambrey, John, M.A., Prof. Trinity College
—Toronto.

“ Anderson, G. A.—Shannonville.

Rev. Atkinson, A. F.—*St. Catharines.*
 " Armstrong, J. G.—*Vaughan.*
 " Baldwin, Edm., M.A., Assistant Min. St. James—*Toronto.*
 " Baker, E.—*Pembroke.*
 " Beaven, Dr., Prof. University College—*Toronto.*
 " Belt, William, M.A.—*Scarboro'.*
 " Beck, J. W.—*Cobourg.*
 " Blake, D. E., M.A.—*Thornhill.*
 " Blakey, Robert—*Prescott.*
 " Bleasdel, Wm., M.A.—*Port Trent.*
 " Boomer, Michael, A.B.—*Galt.*
 " Boswell, E. J.—*Williamsburg.*
 " Brent, Henry—*Newcastle.*
 " Brough, C. Crosbie, A.B.—*London.*
 " Butler, J.—*Hamilton.*
 " Caulfield, Ab. St. Geo., A.B.—*St. Thomas.*
 " Carroll, J.—*Guananog.*
 " Cooper, H. C., B.A.—*Etobicoke.*
 " Cronyn, Benjamin, D.D.—*London.*
 " Darling, W. S., Assistant Minister Holy Trinity—*Toronto.*
 " Dewar, E. H., M.A.—*Windsor.*
 " Denroche, Edw., M.A.—*Springfield.*
 " Dixon, Alexander, B.A.—*Port Dalhousie.*
 " Dobbs, F. W.—*Portsmouth, near Kingston.*
 " Elliott, Adam—*Brantford.*
 " Elliott, F. G.—*Colchester.*
 " Elwood, E. L., M.A.—*Goderich.*
 " Evans, Francis, D.C.L.—*Simcoe.*
 " Fauquier, F. D.—*East Zorra.*
 " Fletcher, John, A.B.—*Bradford.*
 " Flood, Richard, A.M.—*Delaware.*
 " Flood, John—*Dunville.*
 " Fuller, T. B., D.D., D.C.L.—*Thorold.*
 " Garrett, Richard—*Cannington.*
 " Geddes, J. G., M.A.—*Hamilton.*
 " Gibson, J. C.—*Woodstock.*
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 " Greene, Thos., LL.D.—*Wellington Square.*
 " Grier, John, A.M.—*Belleville.*
 " Gunne, John.—*Zone Mills.*
 " Hallen, George, B.A.—*Penetanguishene.*
 " Harding, Robert.—*Emily.*
 " Harper, W. F. S.—*Bath.*
 " Hill, Bold Cudmore, A.M.—*York.*
 " Hill, Geo. S. J.—*Markham.*
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 " Jamieson, Andrew—*Wulpole Island.*
 " Johnson, W. A.—*Weton.*
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 " MacGeorge, Robert Jackson.—*Streetsville.*
 " Mack, Fred.—*Amherstburg.*
 " MacMurray, Wm., LL.D.—*Niagara.*
 " MacNab, Alex., D.D.—*Bomanville.*
 " Marsh, J. Walker, B.A.—*Ingersol.*
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 " Mitchell, Rich., M.A.—*York Mills.*
 " Mortimer, Arthur.—*Adelaide.*
 " Morris, Ebenezer.—*Franktown.*
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 " Mulholland, A. H. R.—*Owen Sound.*
 " Mulkins, Hannibal.—*Kingston.*

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 " Nelles, Abraham.—*Brantford.*
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 " Osler, H. Bath.—*Lloydton.*
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 " Pless, H. E.—*Carrying Place.*
 " Preston, J. A., A.B.—*Arthur.*
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 " Rogers, R. Vashon, M.A.—*Kingston.*
 " Roberts, T., B.A.—*Woodstock.*
 " Salter, Geo. J. R., M.A.—*Port Sarnia.*
 " Sandys, Francis William.—*Chatham.*
 " Sanson, Alex.—*Toronto.*
 " Shanklin, Robt.—*Oakville.*
 " Shortt, John, W.—*Port Hope.*
 " Stimson, Elam Rush.—*Mount Pleasant.*
 " Strong, Samuel Spratt, D.D.—*Ottawa.*
 " Stevenson, R. L.—*Lawkesbury.*
 " Tane, F.—*Metcalf.*
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 " Tremayne, F.—*Milton.*
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 D. Roderick Kennedy—*Bath.*
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 George W. Holder, Thomas Jones—*Burford.*
 W. Golding, George Wright, D. Lawrence—*Brampton.*
 W. Reynolds—*Cavan.*
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 James Magrath, and J. B. Harris—*Springfield.*
 A. Parker—*Sydenham.*
 William Duff, John Newburn—*Chippawa.*
 Isaac Preston—*Cartwright and Muncers.*
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 John Walker, Robert Gunn—*Dawn.*
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 W. Livingston—*Delaware.*
 W. Benson—*Dunville.*
 Col. Cotter—*Port Maitland.*
 — Agnew, P. Farrell—*Coyuga.*
 John Newburn—*Drummondville and Stamford.*
 John Giles, Thomas Fisher, William Gamble—*Etobicoke.*
 Thomas Scott, Jr.—*Eastwood.*
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 Joseph Turner—*East Zorra.*
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 James Stuntou—*Fort Erie.*
 Thos. Sibbald—*Georgina.*
 John Walker—*Glenoe.*
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 Richard Kidd—*Gouldburn and Huntly.*
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 Wm. Paxton—*Georgetown and Norval.*
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EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF THE HOME DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 30th, 1857.

The Managing Committee report that the resuscitation of this District Branch has been productive of very satisfactory results; such, indeed, as to warrant the hope that in the course of another year it will have gained the co-operation of all the Parochial Branches, and will have

acquired the means of furthering to no small extent the several sacred objects of the Church Society.

The Committee have been desirous of carrying out the rules relating to District Branches, laid down in the 18th Article of the Constitution of the Society; being convinced, after many years' observation, that in no sections of the Diocese has the Church Society been more effective for good, than in those where the letter of its Constitution has been closely adhered to.

Reports have been transmitted to the Secretary of the District Branch from 13 Parochial Branches, whose total collections amount to £264 0s. 3d., and shew an increase in the aggregate of £67 6s. 9d. above the returns of the preceding year. Of the above 13, two are new Parochial Branches.

The attention of the Committee has been anxiously directed to the establishing new missions within the District: but although, with the assistance of the Parent Society, they can assure a reasonable stipend to a travelling missionary, they regret that there appears more difficulty in procuring a clergyman than in obtaining the necessary funds for his support. So inadequate is the supply of labourers to the spiritual wants of the Diocese.

The following details of the Parochial Branches are submitted, premising, however, that the quarterly collections for special funds are not included, these being reported and remitted direct to the Secretary of the Parent Society. Neither are the sums raised for local purposes noticed, as those do not strictly come under the cognizance or management of the Church Society or its Branches. Your Committee, however, would suggest, that in all probability it would prove conducive to the interests of the Church, and would be satisfactory to its members at large, if some plan could be devised, either through the Church Society, or the Synod, for ascertaining and exhibiting annually the whole amount paid in all the parishes, severally and collectively, for every purpose, local or external. Some parishes do this in their Annual Church Society Report; others do not; the value of the returns consists in their being made by all.

PATRONAGE OF RECTORIES.

By-law of the Church Society, unanimously adopted on the 5th of July, 1853, touching patronage of the Rectories.

Whereas, by an act of the Parliament of the Province of Canada, passed in the fifteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, to which the assent of Her Majesty in Council was declared by Proclamation published on the ninth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two—which said act is intitled, "An act to repeal so much of the act of Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the thirty-first year of the reign of King George the Third, and chapter thirty-one, as relates to rectories and the presentation of Incumbents to the same; and for other purposes connected with such rectories," it is enacted that in the event of its being judicially decided, that any of such Parsonages or Rectories as are in that act referred to, were erected according to law, and until a judicial decision shall be obtained on such question, the right of presenting an Incumbent or Minister to such parsonage or rectory shall rest in and be exercised by the Church Society of the Church of England Diocese, within which the same shall be situated, or in such other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as such Church Society by any by-law,

or by-laws, to be by them from time to time passed, shall or may think fit to direct or appoint in that behalf.

Be it therefore enacted and ordained by the authority of the act herein before recited, and of the act passed in seventh year of Her present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Church Societies of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Dioceses of Quebec and Toronto." That from and after the passing of this by-law, the right of presenting an Incumbent or Minister to any Parsonage or Rectory within the present Diocese of Toronto, to be exercised by them, or is vested in, and appointed to be exercised by such other person or persons, bodies politic, or corporate, as such Church Society shall in manner aforesaid direct or appoint, shall be vested in, and be exercised by the Right Reverend John Strachan, the present Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto, so long as he shall live and continue Bishop of that Diocese. Provided always, that in the event of the present Diocese of Toronto being divided, then the provision made by this by-law shall, in respect to any presentation or appointment to be thereafter made, apply and extend only to such part of the present Diocese of Toronto as shall form the see over which the present Bishop of Toronto shall continue to preside, and so long only as he shall live, and continue to be Bishop thereof.

And be it further declared, enacted, and ordained, that the presentations which have been made by the Bishop of Toronto to any Parsonage or Rectory, or Parsonages or Rectories within this Diocese, since the said act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the fifteenth year of her present Majesty's reign came into force, shall be, and the same is, and are hereby ratified and confirmed.

DIOCESE OF MONTREAL.

CHURCH SOCIETY'S MEETING,
1st July, 1857.

A meeting of the Central Board, Church Society, was held this day.

The Dean of Montreal in the Chair.

The following grants were voted, viz.:

£50 towards building a parsonage at Portage du Fort.

£50 towards purchase of a Glebe at Frost Village.

£20 to the Book and Tract Committee, and

£20 to Mrs. Evans, widow of the late Rev. Henry Evans.

A petition was presented from the Rev. J. Davidson asking for aid towards the completion of the Church at the Augmentation of Grenville, which was ordered to be referred to the Lay Committee.

The Treasurer reported that the following sums had been received since the last report:

Collection after sermons at St. John's	£6	3	2
Subscription of Dean of Montreal	2	10	0
Colonel Bell, R. A.	2	10	0
Rev. R. Whitwell additional	12	6	
Cash from Parochial Association, viz.:			
Proceeds of Boxes	33	5	0
Subscriptions	35	9	5

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Collection at Brown Mission	1	15	10
Do. do. Meeting of Missisquoi			
Clerical Association at Abbotsford	3	0	0
Do. do. St. John's Chapel, Montreal	23	10	0
Do. do. Bedford	1	7	6

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