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ELECTION OF THE BISHOP OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON, 17th March, 1875.

Pursuant to notice, issued under the authority of the Lord Bishop of Toronto, by the Honorary Secretaries of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, the Clergy and Lay Representatives of the Synod in the counties of Haldimand, Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Halton, and Wellington, met in the city of Hamilton on Wednesday, the 17th March, for the purpose of electing a Bishop for the proposed new Western Diocese.

At 10:30 A. M. divine service was celebrated in the Church of the Ascension. Prayers were said by the Rev. Rural Dean Thomson, M. A.; the lessons were read by the Rev. D. I. F. Macleod, M.A. The ante-Communion Service was read by the Rev. Rural Dean McMurray, D.C.L., the Epistle by the Rev. Rural Dean Geddes, M.A., the Gospel by the Rev. Henry Holland, B.A. The "Venite" was sung to a double chant of Bennett's; the "Te Deum" was Jackson's. The anthem selected for the occasion was from the 48th Psalm:

"Great is the Lord, and worthy to be praised,"

by Dr. Calcott, as was also the beautiful hymn, "Watch and Pray," the music of which, we believe, was composed by Mr. Ambrose, who presided at the organ, and conducted the musical part of the service.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Provost Whitaker, M. A., of Trinity College, Toronto, who took for his text the 31st verse of the 9th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. After drawing a vivid picture of the Church in the early days, he concluded an eloquent discourse with the following:

"I am strongly persuaded, brethren, that we have cause to be heartily thankful to Almighty God, that in our Colonial Churches the Laity have at length been called to assume their proper duties, and to exercise their proper privileges, and I am assured that my Lay brethren will bear with me when I remind them that these duties and these privileges are not things belonging to this world, but to the sacred kingdom of God. Not as members of civil society, but as members of the body of Christ, can they be enabled to discharge these duties, and exercise these privileges aright. The Church is not to be secularized by their influence, but they are to be sanctified as men called to this service. And now, brethren of the Clergy and Laity, suffer me to commend you, for the great work which lies immediately before you, to the guidance and the grace of God. It is for Him and for His Church that you are about to act. If your work is to be acceptable to Him, and profitable to His Church, it must be done by men 'walking in the fear of God'—by men, at least, not indisposed to receive 'the counsel of the Holy Ghost.' Dare then—for we must all know that we need herein a moral or rather a spiritual courage—a courage not our own, but inspired by the spirit of God—dare, at whatever cost, to invest your conduct, in respect of the solemn work before you, with the sacred dignity of Godly simplicity and sincerity; dare to be true in your communings with your own hearts—true in the prayers which you shall offer for the guidance of Almighty God, so may He, 'by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified,' direct your work in mercy, accepting it at the hands of each as a sacrifice of heartfelt duty and service, and blessing it abundantly to the peace and prosperity of His Church."

A collection was taken up at the conclusion of the service. The Lord Bishop then administered the Holy Communion; in the distribution of the elements he was assisted by the Rev. Rural Deans McMurray, Geddes, and F. L. Osler and Rev. H. Holland; after which he pronounced the benediction, and the Synod adjourned, to meet in the afternoon.

At 2 o'clock the Synod re-assembled in Christ Church school-house, the Lord Bishop in the Chair. He was supported on the right by the Rev. Rural Dean McMurray, D. D., and on the left by Rev. Rural Dean Geddes, M.A., Examining Chaplain.

The proceedings were opened with the customary prayers by the Rev. Henry Holland, B.A., after which the Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A.,

Hon. Clerical Secretary, called the names of the clergy present, when the following gentlemen answered to their names :—

J. L. Alexander, F. Alexander, R. Arnold, A. Boulton, G. A. Bull, A. B. Chafeo, J. C. Cox, C. T. Denroche, A. Dixon, N. Disbrow, J. Fennell, E. J. Fessenden, J. H. Fletcher, J. Francis, J. G. Geddes, T. Greene, W. Green, J. Gribble, H. Hayward, J. Hebden, A. Henderson, A. C. Hill, H. Holland, G. Hooper, S. Houston, C. L. Ingles, R. S. Locke, W. Lumsden, N. C. Martin, W. Massey, J. Morton, E. H. Mussen, J. G. Maccarther, D. I. F. Macleod, W. McMurray, A. W. Macnab, F. L. Osler, H. B. Owen, H. N. Phillipps, T. G. Porter, T. B. Read, J. B. Richardson, T. T. Roberts, W. Shortt, P. L. Spencer, R. G. Sutherland, E. A. Taylor, C. E. Thomson, W. M. Tooke, W. H. Wadleigh and J. B. Worrell—51.

The Hon. Lay Secretary, J. George Hodgins, LL.D., called the names of the Parishes and Lay Representatives. The following gentlemen whose names are recorded were present :

Amaranth—R. C. Bickerstaff, G. Duggan; Ancaster, Dundas and West Flamborough—A. Miller, S. B. Brooks, K. Wishart; Barton and Glanford—W. Kerr, W. B. Gage, W. Muirhead; Beamsville—F. Wyatt, G. Copeland, W. Hearle; Beverley—J. Catto; Caledonia and York—A. A. Davis, J. Roper, J. Aldridge; Cayuga—A. P. Farrell; Chippawa—J. F. Macklem; Clifton—T. Magrath, W. Leggett, W. W. Woodruff; Dunnville—C. Stevens, J. Graham, G. Docker; Elora—E. H. Newman, H. Roberts, W. H. L. La Penotiere; Fergus—A. R. Holland; Fort Erie—G. Lewis; Georgetown—T. J. Wheeler, C. Unwin; Glenallan—T. Holt; Grantham—C. Donaldson, T. Keyes; Grimsby—A. H. Pettit, B. R. Nelles, J. P. Muir; Guelph—J. C. Chadwick, G. Elliott, G. Buckland; Hamilton, Christ Church and All Saints—H. B. Bull, M. O'Reilly, J. J. Mason; Ascension—F. W. Gates, E. Browne, W. Powis; St. Thomas—F. E. Kilvert, J. Meakins; Louth and Port Dalhousie—E. Goldsmith, W. H. Read; Lowville, Nassagaweya and Carlisle—S. Dice; Merriton—T. W. Rawlinson, J. H. Ball, G. W. Railton, Jr.; Milton and Hornby—T. Rixon, J. Cowin, Sr.; Minto—H. Smith; Niagara—J. W. Ball, J. B. Plumb, G. Coit; Norval and Stewarttown—H. Ross, G. Thompson; Oakville—J. W. Williams, W. Y. Pettit, H. Pullen; Omagh and Palermo—G. Mason, J. D. Smith, J. Bigger; Orangeville—J. B. Reid; Port Colborne—R. B. Denison, F. Snyder, S. W. Farrell; Rockwood—J. Sibbald, J. C. Tarbutt; Saltfleet (under the mountain)—G. R. Davis; Saltfleet—A. Wodehouse; Stamford—H. C. Mewburn, C. Moss; St. Catharines, (St. George)—J. Powell, J. Holmes, R. Harison; (Christ Church)—C. Brown; Thorold—J. Keefer, J. Reaveley; Walpole—D. Cavanagh, Dr. Langrill, D. Almas; Walpole (south)—C. E. Brown, R. Jackson, A. Hobbs; Waterdown—W. Stuart, J. H. Shouldice, B. Crickmore; Welland and Fonthill—W. G. Thompson; Wellington Square and Nelson—W. Chapman—44 parishes, represented by 91 Lay Representatives present.

The Lord Bishop then delivered the following Address :

Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity :

I have summoned you hither for the discharge of an important duty. At the instance of the Synod of our Diocese I have assented to the separation from it of six counties, viz., Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Wentworth, Halton, and Wellington, to constitute a new Diocese. These contain a church population of nearly 50,000 souls and in all 56 clergymen. All preliminary arrangements having been satisfactorily effected, the clergy and lay delegates of the portion of the Diocese thus set off are now called upon to elect a goodly and well learned man who shall preside over it as Bishop. A position of such elevation and authority involves a corresponding responsibility, and in meeting the difficulties of that trust, in the exercise of which there should be no hasty action, but a cautious and fair discrimination of rival aims and antagonistic influences, an overseer of the Church has many perplexities to encounter and some trials to endure.

The highest in human endowments, and the ripest in experience of the world, cannot hope for exemption from events and issues which create disappointment, and evoke complaint often expressed in terms of unseemly bitterness. A better mind

usually comes to these impulsive spirits, when time is allowed for sober thought; yet, although they may come to learn and confess how sinful it is to be revilers and disturbers, the injury to God's Church by their rash and unseemly action cannot be undone. The times are, in many respects, unhinged, and a license that may be wisely and profitably used, degenerates too often into a licentiousness that is repulsive and pernicious. Less and less seems, in these days, to be thought of the duties of reverence and humble-mindedness, and more and more there appears to be an unwillingness to pray for heavenly guidance to those in authority, and to offer kindly remonstrance rather than indulge in vituperation.

Every ambassador of Christ, be his station what it may, has his turn of such painful experiences. Too widely, by those in authority, is the inconsistency to be dealt with of the governed desiring to be governors.

It is happily ordered in God's providence that these trials and humiliations do not cause those who are called to be chief ministers in His Church, to shrink from the labours and anxieties that are thrown upon them. In the end they are rarely disappointed in the hope that, through firm adherence to principle, and patient endurance of surrounding hostilities, they shall be able to control that spirit of the world which is so much in opposition to the spirit of Christ. They have hope that they may yet receive the willing testimony that caution, and deliberation, and impartial dealing are not necessarily signs of apathy, or cowardice, or imbecility. Among my brethren of the Clergy here before me there are many for whom a long experience of courtesy and kindness, and of tender forbearance with admitted failures, has awakened feelings of cordial esteem and affection. In severing my official connection with them I feel a deep and genuine sorrow. But believing that I shall continue to possess their friendly sympathy, I can assure them that they shall always have mine.

To all my Clerical brethren of this new Diocese I must offer the assurance that I deeply regret this severance of the holy bond that has existed between us; and I can say as much to my brethren of the Laity within its precincts. With many of them I have formed pleasing and valuable friendships; from all, when there has been the opportunity, I have received kindness and respect.

May God direct you, brethren, in your choice of a Bishop this day. You can easily select one who would govern you more wisely; but no one, I think, shall exceed me in the effort to do so affectionately. With the Bishop of your choice it shall be my joy, as it would be my duty, to cultivate the most cordial and brotherly relations, and I have full confidence that he will prove to be one who will do much for God's glory, and the peace and prosperity of His Church."

The following document intimated the concurrence of the House of Bishops in the formation of the new Diocese:—

"The Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan begs leave to forward to the Honorary Secretaries of the Diocese of Toronto the accompanying resolution, agreed upon this day by the House of Bishops:—

"Resolved, That the income for the Bishop of the Diocese proposed to be set off from the Diocese of Toronto, stipulated by the House of Bishops, having been provided:

"The House of Bishops, in compliance with the petition of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, bearing date the 21st of January, 1875, do hereby constitute and appoint the counties of Haldimand, Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Halton, and Wellington, to be a Diocese, and do set off the same from the Diocese of Toronto. *Carried.*

Dated this 12th day of February, 1875.

"I hereby certify that the above resolution was passed at a meeting of the House of Bishops, of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, holden at Montreal on the twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

(Signed)

"A. MONTREAL (Metropolitan),

"See House, Montreal, February 12th, 1875.

"President."

The Rev. A. J. Broughall was then instructed by his Lordship to make the following announcement :—

I hereby appoint S. B. Harman, Esq., Registrar of the Diocese, the Rev. Thos. Bolton Read, Rev. G. A. Bull, W. Y. Pet'it, Esq., and Miles O'Reilly, Esq., to be a Court to consider and adjudicate upon seats that may be contested at the session of Synod appointed for this day, March 17, 1875.

It was then moved by the Rev. Rural Dean Osler, seconded by the Rev. H. Holland—

That the Rev. Rural Dean Thomson, the Rev. T. T. Roberts, and W. G. Thompson, Esq., be scrutineers for the Clerical vote.—Carried.

Moved by Hon. H. B. Bull, seconded by Mr. E. Browne—

That the Rev. Canon Dixon, Calvin Brown, Esq., and J. J. Mason, Esq., be scrutineers for the Lay vote. —Carried.

In reference to the appointment of a Committee (as provided in the "Order of Proceedings") to report on the List of Lay Representatives, Dr. Hodgins stated—

That the List of Lay Representatives furnished by the Hon. Secretaries, and printed on the "Order of Proceedings" for the election of the proposed Bishop, was (so far as it was complete) not open to scrutiny or objection by the Committee, but that the persons named in that list were duly authorized, without further question, to take part in the proposed election. He stated, however, that the names of the Lay Representatives elected for any parish or mission in the proposed new Diocese since June, 1874 were the only ones which, if objected to, could be submitted to the Court on Contested Seats, which the Bishop had appointed that day.

The Rev. A. J. Broughall, M. A., the Clerical Secretary, also stated that as the Bishop's list of the Clergy was not open to scrutiny, no Committee would, therefore, be necessary to examine it.

As no objection was made to any name on the list, the Court did not sit, nor was any Committee of Examination appointed.

The meeting then adjourned *pro forma* for five minutes.

On the re-assembling of the Synod, the Litany was read by the Rev. Henry Holland, B. A.

His Lordship then announced the receipt of a telegram from the Metropolitan Bishop (Montreal) as follows :—

"Intended to write, but too late. May your election be such as God will approve."
"A. MONTREAL."

At the request of the Bishop a silent prayer, in which the clergy and delegates were requested to join, was offered.

On resuming, the Rev. Mr. Broughall read the regulations respecting the Order of Proceedings and the Clerical ballot.

The Clerical vote was taken first, each name being called separately. The Clergyman walked up to the ballot box and deposited his ballot therein, according to the regulations of the Synod.

This having been done Dr. Hodgins read the rules which regulated the voting of the Lay Delegates. He also suggested that nothing should be written on the ballot paper but simply the name of the Clergyman for whom the Lay Representative wished to vote.

Mr. Plumb, M.P., inquired of the Lay Secretary whether what he said implied that should any Lay Representative write his name or that of his parish on the ballot paper, would such writing invalidate his vote.

Dr. Hodgins replied that it would not, although it was advisable, for obvious reasons, that nothing should appear on the ballot paper but the name of the Clergyman for whom the Lay Representative wished to vote.

The name of each Parish or Mission and its Lay Representatives was then called by Dr. Hodgins, when the Lay Representatives came forward and handed their ballots to the scrutineers, who enclosed them in an envelope provided for that purpose and dropped them into the ballot box, the box (as in the case of the Clerical ballot) having been previously examined and locked by the Lord Bishop, who retained the key until the ballot was completed.

The scrutineers of the clerical and lay votes having taken the ballot boxes retired for about twenty minutes, and returned with their respective reports.

There was a perceptible stir and excitement in the assembly when they returned, but the Lord Bishop said he expressly desired that on the announcement of the result no demonstration of any kind would be made by those present.

The Honorary Clerical Secretary then read the following report of the clerical vote :

"To the Rev. A. J. Broughall, M.A., Honorary Clerical Secretary of the Diocese of Toronto.

"Sir,—The Scrutineers appointed to take the clerical vote at the election of a Bishop for the new Western Diocese beg to report:—

"Out of fifty-one Clergymen present and voting

The Ven. Archdeacon Fuller, D.D.,	has received	32 votes.
" Rev. Rural Dean Geddes, M.A.	"	14 "
" Very Rev. Dean Grasett, B.D.	"	2 "
" Rev. Canon Town'ey, D.D.	"	1 "
" Ven. Archdeacon Palmer, M.A.	"	1 "
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Total Clerical vote cast 51

(Signed) C. E. THOMSON.
T. T. ROBERTS. } Scrutineers.
W. G. THOMPSON.

"Christ Church School House Hamilton, 17th March, 1875."

The Honorary Lay Secretary Dr. Hodgins then read the following report :

"To J. George Hodgins, LL.D., Honorary Lay Secretary :

"Sir,—We the undersigned duly elected Scrutineers beg respectfully to report that the result of the lay vote for the election of Bishop is as follows;—

" The Ven. Archdeacon Fuller, D.D.	33 votes.
" Very Rev. Dean Bond, LL.D.	2 "
" Rev. Rural Dean Geddes, M.A.	2 "
" Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land	1 "
" Lord Bishop of Algoma	1 "
" Ven. Archdeacon Palmer, M. A.	1 "
" Rev. Canon Read, D.D.	1 "
Lost votes	3 "

"Total Lay vote of 44 Parishes represented,

"All of which we certify to be correct,

(Signed) ALEXANDER DIXON, B.A., Rector and Canon. } Scrutineers.
J. J. MASON.
CALVIN BROWN.

"Hamilton, 17th March, 1875."

The result was received quietly, but the buzz of whispering voices showed that a great interest was taken in the result.

The Lord Bishop formally declared that the Venerable Archdeacon Fuller, D.D., D.C.L., having received the requisite number of votes of both Orders, was duly elected Bishop of the new Diocese. (Applause).

The Rev. J. B. Worrell thought it would be a graceful act on the part of the Lord Bishop if he would give the name of the new Diocese.

Some discussion ensued on the question, and as to what would be the most appropriate designation.

The Rev. Dr. McMurray, of Niagara, mentioned that "Niagara" was regarded as the name of the new Diocese.

The Bishop said that, with the consent of the Synod, he should say, by all means, the name should be "The Diocese of Niagara."

The Bishop then congratulated those present on the peaceful termination of the solemn work of the day, and added :—

The Bishop elect was a gentleman whom he had known from boyhood, and he was one with whom he was sure he would hold the most cordial relations. He trusted, therefore, that the voice of the Synod, as thus expressed, would be answered by the Divine blessing, and that it would be found that the Bishop elect was one who would be useful in God's church, and one who, he hoped, would do his utmost to promote the peace and welfare of that church.

His Lordship then pronounced the Benediction, and the assembly dispersed.

MEM.—The Consecration of the Bishop Elect will take place in St. Thomas's Church, Hamilton, on the 1st May next.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO—HISTORICAL.—The first division of the old Diocese of Toronto took place in 1857. On the 8th of July, in that year, forty-two Clergy and sixty-nine Lay representatives of the various parishes in the new Diocese of Huron assembled in London, and proceeded to the election of the Rev. Dr. Cronyn as Bishop. The present Bishop of Ontario, Rev. Dr. Lewis, was elected in Kingston in June, 1861; there were present fifty-three Clergy and 111 Lay delegates of the proposed new Diocese. The present Bishop of Toronto was elected as coadjutor to the late Bishop Strachan, in September, 1866. There were present on that occasion eighty of the Clergy and 163 of the Laity. His Lordship, the Bishop of Algoma (which is a Missionary Diocese), was elected by the *Provincial Synod* in September, 1873. As regards the new Western Diocese, the roll of members of Synod, to whom notices were issued, numbered fifty-six Clergy and 125 Lay delegates, representing forty-six parishes and missions.

Proceedings of Synod Committees.

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

The Regular Quarterly Meetings of the Standing Committees of Synod, were held at the Synod Office, on Thursday and Friday, the 11th and 12th February, 1875.

Executive Committee.

Present.—Archdeacon Fuller in the chair; Revds. C. E. Thomson, J. Hebden, Dr. Lett; V. C. Blake, J. Ham Perry, A. M. Howard, Dr. Snelling.

The Committee adopted the following suggestions of the Sub-Committee appointed at the August Meeting, to consider and devise the best plan for hereafter taking the votes for the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod and the Executive Committee, and to make rules and regulations for the better observance of quiet and general order in the Synod, viz. :—

1. That the election of delegates to the Provincial Synod, and of the elective members of the Executive Committee, shall take place at one time; that such time shall be at one o'clock in the afternoon of the second day; that the Synod shall adjourn on that day from 1 to 3, during which adjournment the election shall take place; and that the ballot shall close at 3 o'clock.

That the Bishop be requested to announce his nominations to the Executive Committee immediately after the announcement of the Court on Contested Seats.

2. That there shall be two Assessors. One Clerical, (one of the Archdeacons), the other a Layman, to be elected by the Synod immediately after the election of the Secretary-Treasurer. Their duty shall be to see that the rules of order are preserved, and that order is kept during the Session.

3. That all the seats be numbered. That each member select a number, and occupy that seat during the session, and not address the Synod, except from that seat,

Clergy Commutation Trust Committee.

Present.—Archdeacon Fuller, Chairman; Revds. W. Logan, S. Houston, Dr. McMurray, Dr. Lett; V. C. Blake, A. H. Campbell, Peter Paterson, Archibald Cameron, William Ince, J. Ham Perry, G. H. Grierson.

Letter having been read from the Bishop, asking the Committee to supply him with a fresh list exhibiting the order in which those Clergymen who are not yet drawing from the Commutation Fund at present respectively stand, a Sub Committee was appointed to revise the list of Clergy entitled to be placed on the Fund, and to report by next quarterly meeting.

Resolved.—That his Lordship be requested to allow the Committee to investigate all the claims to be placed on the Commutation List, subsequent to the Rev. John Davidson; and that in the mean time, and until a revised list be prepared, no name be submitted to the Committee for their action, and no money be paid out to any gentleman placed on the list subsequent to Mr. Davidson.

Letter was read from Hon. J. H. Cameron, declining to continue the examination of the Clergy Trust Accounts with Mr. Grierson, but expressing his willingness to continue the examination, either with any member of the Committee who did not sign the manifesto to the Bishop, published on the 8th February, or in the Court, as the Committee might decide.

Resolved.—That it be referred to the Solicitors of the Trust to settle at the earliest possible moment all matters in dispute between the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, and the Honourable John Hillyard Cameron; and that the Solicitors in taking the proceedings that may be necessary to close these matters, do (if possible) take advantage of the partial settlement made between Mr. Cameron and Mr. Grierson, and (if practicable) only refer to the Court for arrangement those items which have not been or cannot be settled between these gentlemen.

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

Present.—Rev. J. B. Worrell, Chairman; Revds. Canon Brent, W. Logan; Hon. James Patton, F. Farncomb, Charles McGrath, William Gamble.

Peterborough Glebe.—Offer was received from John Stohart to purchase Lot 17, Con. 2, Smith (excepting 6 acres sold to the Railway Company) for \$8000, subject to all outstanding leases.

The Committee accepted the offer.

Grafton Church Lot.—Offer received from Dr. Halliday to purchase the Synod's interest in Lot 3, Con. 3, Haldimand \$600 cash.

The Committee accepted the offer.

Application was received from the Incumbent of St. Paul's Church, Columbus, for the Committee's sanction to a proposed exchange of a small piece of land at present held for a burial ground, for a more eligible piece to be held for the same purpose.

The Committee declined to allow the exchange, and suggested the propriety of the congregation purchasing the additional piece of land.

Mission Board.

Present.—Archdeacon Fuller in the Chair; Rural Deans Lett, Givins, Smithett, Osler, McMurray; Hon. H. B. Bull, I. M. Chafee.

Rural Dean Givins having reported the result of his visit to the Mission of Woodbridge and Vaughan:—

Resolved.—That with regard to the resolution of the congregation of St. Stephen's, Vaughan, to withdraw from the Mission of Woodbridge, they be released from their obligations upon their paying the stipend due up to Easter next, and that the congregation at Woodbridge be notified that the existing bonds terminate then.

New bonds having been received from the Mission of Emily, securing \$750 per annum for three years from 1st October, 1874:—

Resolved.—That the Bonds from Emily be accepted, and a grant from this Board of \$50 per annum be made so as to make up the stipend to \$800 per annum.

The Incumbent of Emily (Rev. R. H. Harris), having applied through Rev. Rural Dean Allen for an increased grant to enable him to pay the stipend of a Catechist, the Board could not entertain the application, as grants are not made to Catechists or Lay Readers.

New bonds having been received from the Mission of Waterdown for \$600 per annum for three years from 1st October, 1874:—

Resolved.—That the bonds from Waterdown be accepted and a grant of \$200 per annum be made, so as to make up the stipend to \$800 per annum.

Resolved.—That a grant of \$100 be made for one year to the Mission of Beverley on the application of the Rev. Rural Dean Osler, to date from 1st January, 1875.

Rural Dean Smithett having called the attention of the Board to the existence of the new Icelandic Colony at Kinmount, and having stated that the Board can obtain the services of an educated young Iclander who at present acts as the Rev. F. Burt's Interpreter: *It was resolved* to grant to the Rev. F. Burt, out of the amount voted to the Kinmount Mission, the sum of \$200 to enable him to secure the services of the Interpreter for the Icelandic Mission. Grant to date from 1st February, 1875.

Letter was read from Rev. Rural Dean Wilson enclosing bonds from the Mission of Colborne and Brighton for \$800 per annum for three years from the 1st January, 1875, and an agreement from the Brighton congregation to pay \$50 per annum for five years in settlement of the arrears due on their old bond.

The Board accepted the bonds; and in regard to the Brighton arrears, it was resolved to offer the amount (\$250) at once to the late Missionary (Rev. J. Morton), together with \$71.13 the expenses stated to have been incurred by him in removing from Brighton to his present Mission, Welland.

A bond was received and accepted from the Mission of Dysart, securing \$150 per annum for three years from the 1st October, 1874.

The Secretary stated that he was authorized by Mr. Blomfield to inform the Board that the Canadian Land and Emigration Company will grant \$100 per annum to the Mission of Dysart during the continuance of the above bond.

Letters were read from Rev. Geo. I. Taylor, of Brock, enclosing a bond from Sunderland congregation for \$50 per annum for three years from 1st October, 1874: the bond from West Brock to be thereby reduced to \$100.

The Board agreed to to the alteration, and accepted the bond.

Letter was read from Rev. Rural Dean Allen, enclosing a bond securing \$200 per annum for three years from Bexley, Norland, and Coboconk; and a bond securing

\$50 per annum for three years from Cambray and Victoria Road ; making with the bond from Cameron, \$400 per annum.

The Board accepted the bonds.

Widows and Orphans' Fund Committee.

Present.—Rev. Canon Osler in the Chair ; Revs. W. H. Jones, F. Tremayne ; Capt. Blain, Dr. Wilson, J. Ham Perry, H. W. M. Murray, W. Y. Pettit.

The Committee decided to pay the April pensions in full, and to issue a circular requesting those Clergymen who had not sent in the full amount of their assessment, to do so with as little delay as possible, so as to prevent the necessity of again reducing the pensions of the Widows and Orphans.

General Purposes, Statistics, and Assessment Committee.

Present.—Rev. John Fletcher, Chairman ; Revds. D. I. F. MacLeod, Thomas Ball, J. H. McCollum, Richard Harrison ; Dr. Hodgins, Geo. S. Holmsted, M. Crombie.

The following grants were made :—

To Church at Lamb's, Fenelon Falls Mission, \$50 out of Burnside Bequest, to be paid as soon as the Church has been sufficiently insured.

To Church at Sunderland, Brock Mission, \$50 to be paid as soon as the Church has been properly insured and the title vested in the proper Church authorities.

To St. Thomas's Church, Toronto, \$50 to be paid on condition that the Bishop expresses his consent to the position of the Minister's stipend, and that a declaration of trust be lodged at the Synod Office, securing the title to the Synod.

Parochial Statistics.—The Statistical questions having been revised, the Secretary was instructed to issue them in the usual way.

Assessment of Parishes.—The Secretary laid on the table, in tabulated form, the answers which had been sent in by those Clergymen who had responded to the Committee's Assessment Circular. The principle of assessment having been determined, a Sub-Committee was appointed to examine the returns, and impose an assessment on the several Parishes and Missions, according to the requirements of the Synod.

Sunday School, and Book and Tract Committee.

(MONTHLY MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 1874).

Present.—The Provost, Chairman ; Rev. A. Williams ; Dr. Hodgins, and Dr. Kertland.

The following grants were made ;—

REV. C. R. BELL, Brooklin—For Ashburn congregation, 2 doz. Prayer Books. The Committee recommend Mr. Bell to sell what he can, and on his refunding, they will supply Books for the same purpose to the amount refunded.

REV. THOMAS G. PORTER, Georgetown—\$6 towards the purchase of a set of Service Books for St. George's Church, and small Prayer Books for Glenwilliams.

REV. R. SHANKLIN, Thornhill—For Sunday School, \$2.62 worth Testaments &c., and after 1st January, \$30 worth of Library Books, on receipt of \$20.

REV. T. W. PATERSON, West Gwillimbury—For Trinity Church Sunday School, \$3.73 worth of Bibles, Testaments, &c., and after 1st January, \$20 worth of Library Books, on receipt of \$10.

REV. C. C. JOHNSON, Port Perry—\$2.75 worth of Prayer Books and Catechisms. As this is the second grant, the Committee recommend the sale of as many of these books as possible, with a view to refunding the money.

REV. C. L. INGLES, Stamford—For All Saints' Sunday School, \$20 worth of Library Books ; \$10 paid.

REV. GEO. S. J. HILL, Markham—For St. Philip's Sunday School, \$20 worth of Library Books ; \$10 paid.

QUARTERLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 11TH, 1875.

Present.—Dr. Hodgins in the Chair; Rev. J. D. Cayley; A. Marling, S. G. Wood, J. Gillespie.

The following grants were made :

REV. J. H. McCOLLUM, Toronto—For St. Thomas's Church, \$6 towards the purchase of a set of Service Books.

REV. GEO. I. TAYLOR, Cannington—For All Saints' Sunday School, \$22 worth of Library Books, \$12 to be paid; and a set of Service Books for the Church at Sunderland.

REV. C. W. PATERSON, Port Hope—For St. Mark's Church Sunday School, \$15 worth of Library Books; \$10 paid.

REV. W. J. MACKENZIE, Mount Forest—\$27 worth of Sunday School Library Books; \$17 paid.

REV. A. BOULTBEE, Minto—\$6 towards a set of Service Books for Harriston, and \$4 worth of Sunday School Library Books.

REV. W. H. CLARKE, Bolton—For Christ's Church Sunday School, \$20 worth of Library Books; \$10 to be paid.

REV. JOSEPH FLETCHER, Shanty Bay—For St. Thomas's Church Sunday School, \$20 worth of Library Books; \$10 to be paid.

REV. C. E. THOMSON, Elora—\$20 worth of Sunday School Library Books; \$10 to be paid.

REV. L. H. KIRKBY, Batteau—A set of Service Books for the Church at Duntroon Village.

Audit Committee.

Present.—Rev. James Morton; William Gamble.

The Auditors reported that they had examined the books and accounts of the several funds for the quarter ending 31st January, 1875, and found the same correct and satisfactory, and agreeing with the balance sheets submitted.

The Report was adopted.

Printing Committee.

Present.—Rev. Septimus Jones, Chairman; Revs. A. J. Broughall, C. W. Paterson, and Dr. Hodgins.

The Committee agreed to recommend an appropriation of \$50 towards providing music for the opening service at the Session of Synod, on the understanding that the same being put into a permanent form, a sufficient number of copies may be printed to last for several years.

Ordered.—That in regard to No. 3 *Diocesan Gazette*, 750 copies be printed, of 24 pages, and that it be sent only to the Clergy and Lay Representatives of the Diocese of Toronto, and to subscribers.

Missionary and Home News.

HOME.

RURAL DEANERY OF WEST SIMCOE — For Missionary Meeting purposes this Rural Deanery was this year divided into two parts, in which the work was carried on simultaneously. In the western division the meetings were commenced at St. Paul's, Mono, Jan. 5th. The church was nearly filled with a very attentive audience. The absence of the Bishop of Algoma, was a sad drawback; but having had another engagement, he was unable to attend. The Rural Dean, however, delivered a very effective address on the claims of the Church to the allegiance and love of her

children, elucidating her origin, position, and Apostolical Succession, in a simple and forcible manner, perfectly intelligible to his hearers. The novel feature at this meeting, and others attended by Dr. Lett, was the exhibition of a set of diagrams entitled "The Book and it's Mission." They were illustrated, commented upon, and made subservient to the object of the meeting by the Rev. Rural Dean. The people were highly pleased with the illustrated lecture, and very attentive to its teaching, shewing that hearing is not the only sense by which instruction may be given.

A mid-day meeting was held on Wednesday, in the very pretty little brick church Adjala; at which the attendance was very good. Disappointment was felt at the Bishop's absence, and that of others, but the meeting was successfully conducted by Dr Lett, and rendered interesting by his diagrams. The walls of this church had projected outwards at the top, but were very ingeniously brought to their proper position by rods of iron, which when red hot, were made to pass through the opposite walls of the building, and which of course contracted by cooling.

At St. Luke's, Rosemont, Rev. Mr. Clarke, Alliston, joined the deputation. He made an admirable speech on church principles and upon the duty of those who enjoy them, to extend them to others. Dr. Lett followed in his usual happy and effective manner. The building was quite crowded, and for two hours and a half the attention of those present never flagged. The proceedings were enlivened by selections from Hymns A. and M. The Rev. Geo. Nesbitt, M. A., who has charge of this mission, seems to be "the right man in the right place," having the affection and the confidence of the people.

On Thursday, meetings were commenced in a new mission assigned to the Rev. W. M. C. Clarke. The first was held at St Peter's West Essa, and was a success. Mr. Clarke presided, and was followed by very effective speeches from Rev. Messrs. Lett and Nesbitt. A meeting was also held in Alliston, where those present were much interested, especially in Dr. Lett's illustrated lecture. Though the smallest meeting in the mission, the collection was the largest. The deputations were most hospitably entertained hereby Mr. and Mrs. Clarke—the indefatigable missionary, and his true and excellent helpmeet.

Next day, a meeting was held in Angus, where service is now held regularly. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Clarke, the Rural Dean, and Rev. T. W. Paterson, of Bradford. After this hard week's work the members of the deputations went to their respective cures.

The Bishop of Algoma, having arrived, preached missionary sermons on Sunday in the morning, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Staynor; in the afternoon, at Christ's Church, the Batteaux; and in the evening at All Saints, Collingwood. The text was, "As we have, therefore, opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith," and at evensong "Nor will I give unto the Lord that which costs me nothing." (Your correspondent forgets the exact words of the latter text). The sermons were admirable, setting forth most forcibly the importance of missionary work, and the duty of Churchmen to assist in carrying it on, even though in so doing much self-denial had to be practised.

On Monday, an afternoon meeting was held at Christ's Church, Banda, and although an unusual hour, this was the best meeting ever held in this place. The deputation were entertained at the hospitable abode of Mr. Parker, an English gentleman, who in a comparatively new and rough country, has surrounded himself and his family with the comforts and elegancies of an English home.

St. Luke's Church, Creemore, was the next station. The meeting was very successful. The Bishop and the Rural Dean were then conveyed to Claverleigh, the beautiful residence of the missionary, Rev. W. R. Forster, which, with its pointed gables, and bay-windows, and symmetrical pinnacles, stands alone, and unrivalled in "the forest primeval." The mission itself shews most encouraging signs of vitality and progress under the assiduous care and unceasing labours of the incumbent.

After enjoying the hospitality of Claverleigh the deputations were driven to Staynor, where they took the train for a place hitherto thought to have an existence only in the dream of the philosopher, *Utopia!* There in a beautiful little church, (St. George's, opened for Divine Service in Oct., 1873,) a most successful and enthusiastic meeting was held. Besides the deputation, those present were favoured

with an admirable address from the late D'Arcy Boulton, Esq., M.P.P., whom Mr. Bates the missionary in charge, had invited to be present. A political meeting of Mr. Boulton's at the same hour as the missionary meeting, was, by a pre-arrangement postponed.

The following evening an excellent meeting was held at Christ's Church, Ivy, where the Rural Dean is a great favourite. In accordance with a custom at this place "whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," a vote of thanks was presented to the deputation. Soon afterwards a dear, good woman was heard to say, "No doubt a vote of thanks is very pleasing to his Lordship, but far better if the people had presented him with fifty or sixty dollars to help on the work in his diocese."

The following evening a meeting was held in St. Luke's Church, and the church would have been crowded, but the weather was very stormy indeed. The Sunday School children at this station had their semi-annual treat a few evenings afterwards, when stereoscopic views, refreshments, singing, hymns, and distributing rewards, was the order of the entertainment.

Thus ended the missionary meetings in the western part of the Rural Deanery, and it is not too much to say that they have been the most successful ever held in West Simcoe. The Bishop endeared himself to all whom he met, and most unconsciously won golden opinions in every direction by his kindness, courtesy, and affability. When the missionary at Ivy thanked his Lordship for his kindness in visiting several of his parishioners the Bishop replied, in substance, that he had been a missionary himself, and knew the value of a friendly Episcopal visit to members of rural congregations, thus reminding one of the exquisitely beautiful and touching sentiment in the line, "*Non ignara mali, miseris succurrere disco.*"

PICKERING.—The Rev. Johnstone Vicars, M.D., has sent us the following supplement to his report recently published in the *Gazette*. Pickering has been described to me by some dignitaries as one of the most neglected missions in the whole Diocese, and one of my predecessors told me that if I wanted nothing to do, this was the place that would suit me. I was appointed to the Mission in October, 1873, and in two months afterwards came into residence, and now see what God hath wrought in and for the Parish in this short time: It consists of two stations: Duffin's Creek and Greenwood, six miles apart. Sixty five persons have become contributors to the support of the Minister, sixty of whom have fulfilled their promises, and the others partly, so that the amount guaranteed for the year is nearly paid. The church at Duffin's Creek was in an unfinished and dilapidated state, not one of the windows was soand, it was consequently so cold that several Sundays last winter it was almost impossible to have service there; everything in and around the building had a desolate look; now the roof is ceiled from end to end, five double sashes are put to the east and west windows, and the other windows are repaired, so that people can sit with comfort on the stormiest day. The small, old fashioned and much used melodeon is replaced by a new and improved instrument. The Parsonage was wretchedly cold, and in need of repair and improvements; now it has been rough-cast and painted, a cistern put down, a kitchen made out of the shed, and other conveniences added.

At Greenwood for, I believe, eighteen years, service has been held in the Orange Hall; now we have procured a good house for \$400, which is used for service at this time, and is to be fitted up for a church. In three days twelve persons out of my small flock in that vicinity put \$380 into my hands to purchase the house and the ladies are working for a bazaar to provide funds for fitting it up. The following is a list of contributions in and out of the Mission since October 1873, to November 1874:—

Grant from General Purposes Committee to Church and Parsonage	\$100 00
Collected from friends in Toronto, and elsewhere.....	110 00
By concerts for organ and Parsonage.....	110 00
By envelopes and collections in St George's Church.....	73 00
By occasional contributions.....	21 00
By contributions at Greenwood to buy house.....	380 00
By Sunday collections at Greenwood.....	13 00

\$807 00

The Collections for Synod and Missionary purposes, and for the support of the resident Minister, are not inserted here, they amount to over \$450. Very much more is needed to be done in this parish; I shall therefore be very thankful to any one who will favour me with a contribution.

MISSION OF BERTHIER—We learn from "J. H. D.," in the *Montreal Gazette*, that the church of Berthier, *en haut*, was recently re-opened on the completion of a very beautiful chancel, which had been added to increase its accommodation, and to provide greater facilities for the public worship of the sanctuary. In correctness of design, and convenience of arrangement, the work has been a great success, with its triplet stained glass memorial windows and side lights, its vestry and organ chamber, its seats for the choir and clergy, and yet full, open approach to the communion rails—all making it a model which may well be followed in our own country churches, and which reflects great credit on Mr. Reynolds, of Montreal, the architect, who, I understand, generously furnished the plans gratuitously. A short dedication ceremony was performed by the Very Reverend the Dean of Montreal and the Incumbent. The morning service was celebrated by the Revs. Messrs. Gue-rout, Dixon, Kittson, and McManus; after which the Dean delivered a most appropriate and impressive sermon from the text, "Not forsaking of the assembling of yourselves together." The singing and responses, as is usual in the Berthier church, were hearty and congregational, and the offertory,—a very generous one, considering the outlay of about \$1,800 on the chancel—amounting to \$33.50, was devoted to the Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese. At the evening service the Rev. J. H. Dixon, of Grenville, preached, addressing himself to the young.

HAMILTON.—The Church of the Ascension, in the city of Hamilton, of which the Rev. J. Hebden, M. A., is Rector, is to be completed according to the original design of the architects, Messrs. Cumberland and Storm, of Toronto. The church, in its present incomplete state, was opened for Divine service in 1851, under its present incumbent. The completion of the church, which includes the erection of the spire, stone pinnacles, &c., will be proceeded with immediately after winter. Total cost about \$6,000. A lady, (Mrs. Juson) formerly a parishoner, now a resident in England, has voluntarily signified her desire to accomplish this work "to the glory of God."

To the Editors of the Toronto Diocesan Gazette.

Sms,—I received, yesterday, Vol. 1, No. 1., of your new *Gazette*, and was much pleased with its neat, business-like form and appearance. I wish it much success, and feel confident it will answer the designs of its promoters.

Allow me, through you, to make the request, that any readers of your paper, who may come into possession of ecclesiastical statistics relating to any portion of our Canadian Church, which they would wish to see in tabulated form, if they will forward them to me, I shall be happy to prepare them for publication in your columns.

One cent per 2 oz. each packet will convey printed pamphlets or newspaper manuscript over Canada and Newfoundland. *The written sheet* should be left unsealed, having the words, "*Newspaper manuscript*" written above or under the direction. Address

THE REV. RURAL DEAN,
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

MARITIME DIOCESES AND DEANERIES.

DIOCESE.	DEANERIES.
<i>Fredericton</i>	Chatham, Fredericton, Kingston, Shediac, St. Andrew's, St. John, Woodstock.
<i>Newfoundland</i>	Avalon, Bonavista Bay, Conception Bay, Fortune Bay, Notre Dame Bay, Placentia Bay, Trinity Bay; also, <i>The Archdeaconry</i> of Bermuda.
<i>Nova Scotia</i>	Amherst, Annapolis, Avon, Halifax. Lunenburg, Shelburne, St. George, Sydney, Tangier; also, <i>The Archdeaconry</i> of Prince Edward's Island.

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| a. Montreal. | V. THE PACIFIC DIOCESES. |
| b. Quebec. | a. British Columbia. |

Sunday Schools.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE RURAL DEANERIES OF EAST AND WEST SIMCOE

Was held in the parochial school-house, Barrie, on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 3rd and 4th. The building was beautifully decorated and ornamented with banners, texts of Holy Scripture, &c. One clergyman present, said, that though he had travelled to some extent in every diocese in Canada, he had not seen a room so suitable for a parochial school-house, or so beautifully decorated, in the Dominion. At one time or other during the sessions of the Convention, there were present the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Rural Deans Stewart and Lett, and the Rev. Messrs. Morgan, Anderson, Murphy, Forster, Baldwin, Fletcher, Bates, Paterson, Burkit, Clarke, and Kirby.

At ten a.m., on the first day, there was service in Trinity Church. The Litany was said by Mr. Bates. The Holy Communion was administered by Mr. Stewart, who was assisted by Mr. Morgan, Rector of Barrie. At two p.m. the Convention assembled in the school-house, the chair was occupied by Rural Dean Stewart, in the absence of Dr. Lett, the President. A Secretary having been appointed, Mr. Forster read an admirable paper on "Sunday Schools, the best mode of promoting their efficiency." In this were discussed the character of the building, its ornamentation, preparation of teachers; distinctive church teachings on such subjects as the Sacraments, Liturgical Worship, the Church's Divine Organization, and Historical Continuity, the Sin of Schism, Episcopacy, &c. This paper was followed by a spirited discussion carried on by J. C. Morgan, Esq., and Rev. Messrs. Bates and Morgan, in which some excellent suggestions were made. W. O'Brien, Esq., next gave a very valuable address on "Teachers, how to obtain them; their duties, privileges, &c." This address showed the character of the public schools as to religious instruction, the neglect of parents, the necessity of Sunday Schools, the duty of people to make sacrifices for their progress, and the fact that encouragement might be derived from the consideration that the materialistic teaching of the day was perhaps no more extensive than that of the days of chivalry and romance. The discussion of this address was carried on by Rev. Messrs. Clarke, Morgan, Murphy, Paterson, and Bates, and by J.C. Morgan, Esq., who spoke earnestly and well on the necessity of punctuality and preparation of lessons on the part of the teacher. This ended the business proper of the Convention, for the first day.

At half-past seven, p.m., service was held in the church. Prayers were read by Mr. Anderson, and the Lessons by Messrs. Paterson and Murphy. A most appropriate sermon was preached by the Bishop. The service was very hearty. One praiseworthy feature being the readiness, accuracy, and devotion, with which the S. S. children took part in the singing and responses.

On the second day, the Convention met at ten, a.m., Rural Dean Lett in the chair. A paper, evincing much thought and careful preparation, on "Rewards and For-

feitures in Our Sunday Schools," was read by Rev. Rural Dean Stewart. He spoke of the different classes of children, socially, morally, and intellectually; and consequently, of a variety being necessary in the character of the rewards given them; he also spoke very forcibly of the bad effects of the ordinary competition system, and gave a very lucid account of the plan pursued in St. James's, Orillia, of which he is superintendent. An animated discussion followed, which was carried on by Rev. Messrs. Lett, Murphy, Paterson, Kirby, Bates, and Clarke. One or two matters which were mentioned in this discussion, such as, practically offering a premium for indolence by making it possible for every child to obtain a reward, on matter what its attendance and diligence, was forcibly criticized by J. C. Morgan, Esq. Next came an excellent address from Dr. Lett. The meeting then adjourned till two, p.m.

At two, p.m., examples of teaching by means of outline drawings on the black-board were given by Dr. Lett. "Sunday School Publications for use among Children," was the title of a carefully prepared paper by Mr. Murphy. The general tenor was the importance of such publications, the character of their teaching, and the mode of selecting them. Sunday School teachers were put on their guard against being led away by favourable critiques or specimen copies, and personal examination was recommended. The discussion was carried on by Rev. Messrs. Paterson, Morgan, and Kirby, and Mr. J. C. Morgan. The "Young Churchman," and the "Young Christian Soldier," were incidentally recommended as worthy the confidence of those interested in Sunday-schools. One of the most useful papers read at the Convention was on "Music in Sunday-schools." It was treated in a most able and exhaustive manner, by J. C. Morgan, Esq., the superintendent of Trinity Church S. S., Barrie. He spoke of the power of musical services, the authority for them in both the Testaments and in the *Lex Usus* of the Church of England. He also spoke of the advantages of a monotoned service, still better if intoned, and completely answered the usual popular objections. He then illustrated a portion of his paper by having the Creed monotoned different times, in different keys, by those present; and it was indeed surprizing how easily, nay, naturally, it was done by many who had never even heard anything of the kind before. The discussion was carried on by Rev. Messrs. Anderson, Morgan, Bates, and Kirby. The general apathy of congregations as to taking an audible part in the services of the Church was deplored, and the advantage was acknowledged of anything that would tend to promote a hearty uniformity in the public worship of the Almighty. Rev. Mr. Baldwin, of All Saints, Toronto, then gave an address, full of sound practical suggestions, on "Children's Services." He illustrated his ideas of sermons and catechisings for children by some beautiful extracts of a very affecting character from "Vaughan's Sermons for Children." Some very pertinent observations were made by Rev. Messrs. Morgan and Kirby, and J. C. Morgan Esq. This ended the papers and addresses.

The laity of the two Rural Deaneries was well represented throughout, each session was opened with prayer, Hymns A. and M. were freely used, and the necessary expenses were defrayed by the offertories at the services on the first day. It is proper to acknowledge the hospitality of the good Church people of Barrie, who were very kind indeed to those attending the Convention from a distance. It is unnecessary to say, that during the whole time, "open house" was kept at the Rectory, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, with their accustomed kindness, entertaining the members of the Convention.

The following resolutions were passed most heartily:—

1. That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, for so kindly and cheerfully acceding to our request to be present, and for taking part in the work of the Convention by preaching that admirable and practical sermon, which it was our privilege to hear last evening.

2. That we desire to express our thanks to Rev. A. H. Baldwin, M.A., for his kindness in coming from Toronto, to attend this Convention, and for his excellent address on "Children's Services."

The practical results arising from all that had been read, and said, and sung, during the different sessions, are embodied in the seven following resolutions:—

I. That the distinctive teaching of the Church should occupy a prominent position in the Sunday-school.

II. That although it seems unreasonable to expect people constantly employed dur-

ing the week to devote their time to Sunday-school work, yet taking into consideration the character of our public schools, the negligence of parents, &c., it seems to be the duty of those at all fitted for the work to take an active part in the Sunday-school.

III. (a). That whilst the ordinary competitive system of giving prizes is to be deprecated, yet rewards may be beneficially given. (b). That when books are given, they should be of real value on account of the ecclesiastically distinctive character of their teaching; but (c), that the Sunday School itself, by means of music, decorations, and so on, should be made the great attraction.

IV. That the clergy, teachers, and other officers of the Sunday-schools in these Rural Deaneries, do form themselves into an association to be called the Sunday-school Association of East and West Simcoe; and that the members thereof shall correspond and confer with each other on Sunday-school publications, &c.

V. That the music in our Sunday-schools should be plain, hearty, and devotional; and should be introduced into the exercises as often as convenient.

VI. That, wherever practicable it is most desirable to have children's services, consisting principally of singing children's Litanies, bright and cheerful hymns, and of short, plain sermons or catechisings.

VII. That Hymns Ancient and Modern are most suitable for our Sunday Schools.

(Communicated by Rev. W. W. Bates, Sec.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED.—A flourishing Sunday-School has been in operation for several years in "The Old Village," near Collingwood. In the School-Room there was also held a weekly service. On Sunday last the usual notice was published in All Saints' Church that 'the weekly service would be held in the Old Village School-Room,' but alas! the Clergyman was not aware that at two o'clock that very morning, the said School-House had been set on fire, and that all that remained was a heap of smouldering ashes. The School-House, with Melodeon, Scripture Illustrations, Library and Furniture—all were consumed. Will not kind Christians contribute to the immediate rebuilding of the Chapel School-House. Donations will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by C. J. Campbell, Esq., (Cassels & Campbell,) King St. East Toronto; E. Pangman, Esq., Treasurer; or by the Rev. Dr. Lett, Collingwood.

British and Foreign News.

ENGLISH BISHOPS' PASTORAL.—A most important Pastoral has just been issued by the English Archbishops and Bishops. The Bishops of Durham and Salisbury have not signed it. The Pastoral treats of the following topics: 1st. "The interruption of the sympathy and mutual confidence which ought to exist between the Clergy and Laity." 2nd. 'Refusal to obey Legislative Authority—whether Episcopal or that of 'the highest judicial interpreters of the law.'" 3rd. "The dissemination of doctrine and encouragement of practices repugnant to the teaching of Holy Scripture, and the principles of the Church as derived from Apostolic times, and as authoritatively set forth at the Reformation." 4th. "The multiplication and the assiduous circulation among the young and susceptible of manuals of doctrine and private devotion, of which, it is not too much to say that, many of the doctrines and practices they inculcate are wholly incompatible with the teaching and principles of our reformed Church." 5th. "The growing tendency to associate doctrinal significance with rites and ceremonies which do not necessarily involve it."

BISHOP OF OSSORY.—The choice of the new Bishop of Ossory, Leighlin, and Ferns having devolved on the Irish Episcopal Bench, Dean Gregg, son of the Bishop of Cork, was selected for the office by a majority of the Bishops.

BISHOP OF BALLARAT.—Rev. Samuel Thornton, M. A., Rector of St. George's, Birmingham, has been nominated Bishop of Ballarat.

BISHOP OF ST. ALBANS.—It is expected that a bill will be introduced, in Parliament now assembled, for the establishment of a Bishopric of St. Albans, which was one of the Sees proposed to be erected at the Reformation.

WIMBLETON.—A daily prayer-meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, Wimbleton, until the close of the year, commencing each day at 12 o'clock.

The *Times*, of the 23rd ult., states, that the British quasi Embassy at the court of Pius IX has been withdrawn, and thus, as the paper says, "an institution which can do no good, and might possibly do harm, has been quietly got rid of." The French frigate *Orenoque*, which had long been waiting at Civita Vecchia for his Holiness, in case he should leave Rome, has also been finally recalled.

At a recent special service held at St. Paul's Cathedral for the Lay Helpers Association, it was stated that there are now 2,000 male members in England who are engaged as voluntary teachers, visitors of the poor, and in other work.

The first English Church within the walls of Rome was opened a short time since.

HAITI.—In Grace Church, New York, the Rev. James Theodore Holly (coloured) was recently consecrated Bishop of Haiti.

NATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY.—At a recent meeting of the Church of England National Education Society it was stated that £12,000,000 had been expended by the society since its formation.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.—Dr. A. S. Harte, Rev. Dr. Carson, Rev. J. H. Jellett, B. D., and D. R. Pigott, Esq., M.A., have been elected to the Council of Trinity College as the representatives of the Senior Fellows of the College.

The Rectory, Collingwood, Jan. 29th, 1875.

To the Editors of the *Toronto Diocesan Gazette*:—

GENTLEMEN,—The following Statute of Trinity College, Dublin, will, I doubt not, be interesting to the many graduates of that University who have established their homes in our Dominion.

Your Obedient Servant.

STEPHEN LETT.

STATUTUM DE GRADIBUS IN ABSENTES CONFERENDIS.

QUONIAM ad commoda tam ecclesiæ quam imperii spectat, ut viri optimarum artium studiis in Academiâ nostrâ eruditi, in Coloniis Britannicis operam præbeant; neque vero fas est ut qui publicis commodis inserviant ipsi debitis honoribus priventur. Statutum est ut si quis in Coloniâ aliquâ Britannicâ munus aliquod sive ecclesiasticum sive civile administret, vel in aliquo laudabili vitæ genere versari probe noscatur, liceat ei ad gradum quemlibet promoveri, quamvis in domo Congregationis præsens non adfuerit, simodo has quæ sequuntur conditiones adimpleverit.

1º. Quod tempus per Statuta ad gradum quem petit capessendum requisitum peregerit.

2º. Quod omnes examinationes, et prælectiones, necessarias ad gradum quem petit prius in Academiâ compleverit.

3º. Quod exercitia ad gradum quem petit requisita secundum regulas Universitatis ad Professorem Regium in suâ facultate transmiserit, quodque Professor Regius ea comprobavit.

4º. Quod de vitæ morumque integritate literas testimoniales transmiserit, ab Episcopo vel Archidiacono in Colonia ubi commoretur constituto, ipsi, si ecclesiasticus sit, datas; si laicus sit, ab Episcopo, vel Archidiacono, vel etiam a provincie Prefecto vel a Judice aliquo summæ ibidem curiæ adscripto.

5º. Quod gratiam pro gradu quem ambiat a Præposito et Sociis senioribus adeptus sit.

ANDREAS SEARLE HART, *Proc. Senr.*

Official Acknowledgments.

COLLECTIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM
FEBRUARY 1ST TO MARCH 31ST, 1875, INCLUSIVE.

MISSION FUND.

January Collection.

Toronto—St. Luke's \$49 00, St. John's \$20 00, Holy Trinity \$134 00, St. Peter's \$17 55, Trinity College Chapel \$11 65, Church of the Redeemer \$9 00, All Saints' \$34 06, St. Stephen's \$10 00; Wellington Square \$2 00, Nelson \$3 00; Rockwood \$1 00, Acton \$1 00, Ascension \$1 00; Jarvis \$4 00, Ingersville \$4 00; Merrittton \$1 82; Rothsay \$1 10, Huston \$1 19; Whitby \$12 50; Omemeo \$1 76, St. James's \$2 36, St. John's 54c; Grafton (additional) \$2 00; North Douro \$9 83; Glenallan 88c, Alma 67c, Winfield 45c, Brampton \$4 86, Edmonton 57c, Campbell's Cross \$2 60; Lindsay \$9 00; Newcastle \$8 00; Tecumseth—St. John's \$1 87, Christ Church 82c, Trinity \$1 02, Clarksville 91c; Holland Landing \$3 65; Lowville \$2 00, Nassagaweya \$1 00, Carlisle 60c; Perrytown \$1 00; Innisfil \$2 00, Churchill \$1 00; Enniskillen \$1 80; Chippawa \$8 75; Georgina \$2 40; Batteau \$3 25, Duntroon \$1 50, Singhampton \$1 65; Penetanguishene—St. James \$7 28; Oakville \$9 10; Newmarket \$9 90. Sharon \$1 30; Peterborough \$35 55; Cameron 71c, Coboconk \$1 50, Norland 50c, Cambray 29c; Thornhill \$3 31, Richmond Hill \$3 10; Elora \$3 08; Cartwright \$6 00; Minden \$1 13, Galway 34c, Stanhope 20c; Nanticoke \$1 68. Cheapside \$1 56; Stayner \$2 40, Creemore \$1 50, Banda \$1 10; Cavan—Millbrook \$5 00, St. John's \$6 00, St. Paul's 92c, Bloomfield \$2 11; Aurora \$2 18, Oakridges \$1 50, King \$1 00; Omagh \$1 50, Palermo 85c; Shanty Bay \$3 48, St. Mark's \$1 33, St. James's 38c; York Mills \$3 00; Orangeville \$2 25; Vespra—Christ Church \$3 00; Port Colborne \$2 85, Marshville \$2 25; Saltfleet—Woodbourne \$1 50, St. George's 50c; Dunnville \$1 21, St. John's \$1 59, Christ Church 70c; Grantham—Christ Church \$3 00, Virgil 50c, Queenston \$1 80; Cookstown \$3 50, St. Luke's \$2 00; School Houses \$1 00; Stamford \$3 45, Drummondville \$6 21; Harriston \$1 85, Clifford 80c; Mount Forest \$2; Georgetown \$6 93; Jordan \$1 37; North Orillia and Medonte—St. Luke's \$1 53, St. George's 49c, St. John's 99c; Milton \$4 35, Hornby \$1 64; Cannington \$7 00, Beaverton \$1 50, West Brook 50c; Norval \$2 00; Caledonia \$2 42, York \$2 23; Mulmur—St. Luke's \$1 00, St. Paul's 40c, Holy Trinity 10c; Etobicoke \$5 00; Campbellford \$2 00, Warkworth \$1 00; Tullamore—St. James's 50c; St. John's 49c; St. Mary's 26c; Dundas \$3 80, W. Flamboro' \$1 70; Markham—St. Philip's \$1 38, Grace Church \$3 37.

Thanksgiving Collection.

Toronto—All Saints' \$10 91, St. Bartholomew's \$4 56; Church of Redeemer \$6 00; Lindsay \$11 00; Mount Forest \$8 17.

July Collection.

Cameron 75c, East Ops 40c; Mount Forest \$1 40.

Parochial Collections.

Merrittton \$12 80, Homer \$14 00; Lowville (on account) 40c; Aurora \$44 60 Oakridges \$42 30, King \$37 10; Jordan \$18 60; Dysart \$13 50; Alliston \$96 26; Fort Erie \$44 50; Lloydtown \$18 70; Toronto—St. Peter's \$37 50; Tecumseth \$119 70; Beamsville \$6 00; Walpole \$36 30; Mount Forest \$47 50; Omagh and Palermo \$31 25.

Collections at Missionary Meetings and Services.

Hamilton—St. Thomas's \$28 60; Alliston \$3 80, West Essa \$3 10, Angus \$5 16 Bloomfield \$5 22; York Mills \$8 64; Rockwood \$6 00; Ascension \$4 00; Cookstown \$5 00; Perrytown \$4 00; Peterborough \$10 17; Mount Forest \$10 00; Brampton \$12 21, Campbell's Cross \$8 00; King \$1 00; Jordan \$2 28, Smithville \$3 04; Caledonia \$12 25, York \$9 35; Lloydtown \$5 09, Nobleton \$3 26; Tecumseth \$11 20; Weston, Gross Hill, per Rev. Dr. Hodgkin, \$14 81.

ALGOMA MISSION FUND.

Etobicoke—St. George's \$25 41, Christ Church \$1 20; Toronto—All Saints' \$20 00; St. Stephen's \$5 00, St. Luke's \$18 00, Collecting Book Z, \$10 00; Cameron (on account) \$4 00; Barrie \$9 70; Lindsay Sunday-school boxes \$18 00; Cobourg \$50 00; Glenallan \$2 00, Alma \$2 00, Winfield \$2.

COLLECTION ON DAY OF INTERCESSION.

Omemeo \$2 42; Alliston \$2 00, W. Essa \$2 00, Angus \$2 00; Grantham—Christ Church \$3 00; Lindsay \$8 00; Holland Landing \$1 25; Bobcaygeon \$3 70, Dunsford \$1 50; Stamford (H. Mewburn and family) \$5 00; Mount Forest \$1 30.

SHINGWAUK HOME.

Etobicoke—St. George's Sunday School \$5 00; Toronto—G. and F. Hodrins, contents of missionary box \$8 00; Tecumseth—per Mrs. Gaviller \$12 50; Toronto—St. John's \$12 50, All Saints' \$50 00; St. Paul's \$8 25, Holy Trinity \$12 50; St. Peter's \$19 56; Barrie Sunday-school—Miss Morgan's class \$5 00; Toronto—St. Peter's Church Association (donation) \$20 00, J. Herbert Mason (do.) \$2 00.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

October Collection.

Jarvis (additional) \$2 00; Dysart—Balance of assessment, per C. J. Blomfield \$16 90; Etobicoke (additional) \$10 00; Mount Forest \$1 92; Lloydtown \$1 00; North Essa (additional) \$2 00; Toronto—Church of Redeemer \$32 00; Duffin's Creek \$1 55, Greenwood 45c; Gore's Landing \$9 00; Rev. W. W. Bates's annual subscription \$5 00.

BOOK AND TRACT FUND.

Subscriptions to Sunday School Libraries.

Mount Forest \$17 00; Bradford \$10 00; Bolton \$10 00; Cannington \$12 00; Markham—St. Philip's \$20; Port Hope—St. Mark's \$10.

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED TO DATE FOR TORONTO DIOCESAN GAZETTE.

Rev. T. G. Porter (3), Rev. W. C. Merrick (2), Rev. Mr. McManus, Rev. V. Clementi, Rev. M. Burnham, W. C. Silver, Frank Arnoldi, Rev. R. Harding, Rev. John Stannage, Rev. C. Bancroft, jr., Mrs. Gamble, Rev. John Fletcher (3), Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Ven. Archdeacon Marsh, Rev. G. Jemmett.

MARRIED.

At the parsonage, Barton, on December 5th, 1874, JOHN McLAREN, to ANNIE BURKE, both of Ancaster township.

DIED.

On the 28th November, 1874, in Hamilton, Mrs. MARY ANN BEDELL, wife of Samuel Bedell, of Saltfleet, and eldest daughter of A. A. Secord, Esq., formerly of Barton.

On the 5th December, 1874, in Glanford, of Diphtheria, ANNIE SOPHIA, aged 8 years, and ENMA ALBERTA, aged 6 years, daughters of Phillip McKee, Glanford.

On the 7th December, 1874, in Glanford, JAMES LEEMING, aged 44 years, fourth son of the late Brethwaite Leeming, of Glanford.

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