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Mr. Gillmor, "I hope we will be successful in prevailing upon Mr. Wilson to keep the editorship and to show him that we are determined to back him up. He published a recent article of mine in extense. I hope this paper will not be affiliated with any other paper, but will be kept distinct for all time and the organ of the diocese."

Mr. Wilson, "If we can arrange for the paper to be published monthly, I would ask the clergy to wait on the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS before sending to other church papers, but if they cannot wait so long, I would ask them to send to the other papers a short article only and to keep the longer and more detailed account for the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS."

Mr. Gaviller, "Perhaps as a member of the committee, I may say a few words. I think it very important that this diocese should have an organ of its own. The whole Canadian Church has an organ (OUR MISSION NEWS,) but all the other church papers are private enterprises for certain party purposes. We must surely agree among ourselves that the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS in its present state cannot be called a diocesan paper, and that Mr. Wilson is not to blame. One reason for placing in the first clause of the report, the advisability of his continuing to edit the paper, is that we recognise his great experience as an editor; we know that Mr. Wilson has grown into it, has great experience, knows his subscribers, knows the clergy; therefore he is the man most suited for the purpose. Let us then hold up his hands. I see no reason why the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS should not be a thoroughly good paper."

Mr. Boydell, "I understand that it is the intention to make the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS the sole organ of the diocese. All our communications therefore must necessarily be sent to the editor."

Mr. Osborne, "We wish it to be the organ of the diocese of Algoma."

The Bishop, "Does that mean that we are to send nothing to the other papers?"

Mr. Chowne, "That is too narrow a view altogether."

Mr. Osborne, "We do not mean that in future we are to send nothing to other papers."

The Bishop, "It is only right, just and fair that the accounts be sent to the proper paper. I do not wish that the clergy should not write to the other papers, but let them send the *cream* to the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS."

Moved by Mr. Cole "That clause No. 1 of the report be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Boydell. Carried."

The Conference then adjourned for dinner.

The Conference met again at 2:30 p. m. The Bishop in the Chair.

Clause No. 2 of report of Committee on ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, was taken up and thoroughly discussed. There seemed to be a general feeling that it would be desirable for a balance sheet of the diocesan accounts to be published at the close of each year in the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS and that the diocesan receipts should also appear in print.

A motion was made to substitute the word "regularly" for "annual," but was not seconded.

After further discussion, the Bishop said, "With regard to the second part of clause 2, there is no difficulty in my opinion, in showing the balance sheet at the end of the year, with information as to the different funds; that is most desirable. I entirely agree that we should publish the fullest information we can possibly give. There is no objection to that. Mr. Campbell has no objection but sees the importance of it; the only difficulty seems to be in the first clause which requires that the accounts be published "regularly." The clergy are not aware of the extent of my correspondence and direct acknowledgements to donors; all contributions coming to me, take back an acknowledgment by letter. With regard to acknowledgments in papers I do not consider that so long as the money is acknowledged to the donor, that it is absolutely necessary that the church should be informed of everything coming in for the work of the diocese; consequently my acknowledgments to other papers have been scanty, and to the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, fewer still. I am in harmony with the wish to give information to the public on certain points. With regard to monies coming into the churches, money should come through diocesan channels and pass through the books of the Diocese and be forwarded by the treasurer to the clergyman. In cases of money coming in in large amounts to the

individual clergyman, no one knows anything about the expenditure as no account has been rendered. So that the diocesan books do not represent the diocesan receipts; therefore this balance sheet would correct the financial statement of the diocese. Money coming in would appear on the receipt side of that statement."

Mr. Llwydd, "Does the same apply to each individual mission?"

The Bishop, "That is a question between the clergyman and his churchwardens."

An amendment to the amendment was proposed by Mr. Gaviller, "That clause 2 of the report of Committee on ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS be adopted with the following alterations: Substitution of the word 'receipts' for 'accounts,' and 'as frequently as possible' for 'regularly.'" Seconded by Mr. Manning.

The amendment to the amendment was put and carried.

Moved by Mr. Knight "That clause No. 3 be adopted as it stands." Seconded by Mr. French. Carried.

A member of the Conference suggested that the financial accounts of each parish be sent to the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, and that each clergyman take fifty copies for \$10 for the year."

Mr. Wilson, "If this plan could be adopted throughout the diocese, it would materially help to pay the expense of getting out the paper, and would thus relieve the diocesan treasury."

Mr. Green, "I do not think that this plan can be adopted through the whole diocese; it would leave very little for local working expenses."

Moved by Mr. Cole "That the report on the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, as amended, be adopted." Seconded by Mr. Boydell.

The Bishop, "Before proceeding to take action by adopting the report as a whole and committing yourselves to certain responsibilities, I would say that if each mission enters into the matter and tries to circulate the paper, it would make a great change for the better. With the periodical appearance of information in connection with your own parish, success in the labor is guaranteed. If you pledge yourselves to supply Mr. Wilson with information and material to fill the columns of his paper, it is most important that you allow him a certain amount of discretion in the use of the material sent to him."

The motion was then put and carried.

The following is the text of the report on the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS as amended:

Your committee have read the statement of the Rev. E. F. Wilson and have carefully considered the present position of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS as a diocesan organ, and we beg leave to say, that in our opinion the paper should be the official organ of the diocese, and that the Rev. E. F. Wilson should continue the editorship for at least another year. That the diocesan *receipts* should be published as frequently as possible in the diocesan organ, and that a balance sheet should appear at the end of each financial year, with the full information as to where and how the different monies or funds are invested. We are also of the opinion

that the disabilities under which the present editor labors would be detrimental to the success of the paper as a diocesan organ under any change of management."

Moved by Mr. Chowne, "That each mission shall pay for so many numbers of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS as shall supply each mission, and to be paid for out of parish funds." Seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Osborne, "I object to the motion because the offertory might not always be sufficient to meet the necessary amount, so that in that case the clergyman would be obliged to pay it himself."

Mr. Chowne, "That being the case, I withdraw the motion."

The motion was then withdrawn.

Moved by Mr. Osborne, "That the Rev. E. F. Wilson be requested to continue the editorship of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, and that our thanks are hereby tendered him for his work in the past."

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. Wilson responded to the motion, accepting the position of editor of the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS for another year.

DISTRICT AND DIOCESAN CONFERENCES.

The Bishop, "Another committee sat last night to prepare a report on church conferences."

The chairman of the committee on church conferences, then read the report as follows:

Moved by the Rev. E. F. Wilson, and seconded by the Rev. Thos. Llwydd, "That in lieu of a Synod the Bishop be asked for the present to call a conference of the Clergy west of French River one year the Clergy east of French River the next year and a diocesan conference of all the Clergy the third year said conferences to counsel with the Bishop but not to attempt any Synodical action."

In regard to the above resolution, your committee recommend: (1.) That the proposed conferences be held annually in the eastern and western portions of the diocese and the diocesan conference tri-ennially and that in the year of the diocesan conference, there be no district conferences. (2.) That one layman from each mission be admitted to the conference held in his district and also to the tri-ennial conference. (3.) We have difficulty in advising as to the manner in which the lay delegates should be elected, but would suggest that a missionary meeting might profitably be held each year at the centre point of each mission to which the church members from all the outstations of the mission would be invited and at which the delegate to the conference would be elected. (4.) That your committee are of the opinion that the Bishop should bring the question of the formation of a Synod for Algoma before the next Provincial Synod."

Signed,

E. F. WILSON, Chairman.

ALFRED OSBORNE.

THOMAS LLWYDD,

ALFRED W. H. CHOWNE.

I dissent from the above, unless legislative power exists.

C. J. MACHIN.

Moved by Mr. Boydell, "That the report of the committee on church conferences be received and read clause by clause." Seconded by Mr. Frost. Carried.

The first clause was then taken up.

Moved by Mr. Knight "That the first clause as framed by the committee be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Greeson.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Jephcott, "That clause one be adopted substituting the word "bi-ennially" for "tri-ennially."

The Bishop, "I would point out that according to this report, we would be holding a diocesan conference the year after the Provincial Synod, instead of the year before. Next year there will be two district conferences, the following year two district conferences and the following year comes the diocesan conference."

Mr. Osborne explained that it was proposed to consider this as the first diocesan conference and to hold the next diocesan conference just before the Provincial Synod.

An amendment to the amendment was moved by Mr. Manning, and seconded by Mr. Gaviller, "That clause one of report of committee on church conferences be adopted, substituting the word "bi-ennially" for "tri-ennially," and that the adoption of this clause of said report shall not interfere with the right of the Lord Bishop to call a special conference."

The question was asked by Mr. French, would the Bishop be bound by any motion that might be adopted at this Conference.

The Bishop ruled that he would not.

Mr. Osborne, "The principle in the report is not to bind the Bishop to anything whatever."

The Bishop, "The amendment to the amendment is now before the house.

After some discussion in which Messrs. Osborne and Gaviller took part, the amendment to the amendment was put and lost.

The amendment was then taken up.

Mr. French, "If a man must pay thirty or forty dollars to attend the district conference, it is a serious matter so far as I am concerned."

Mr. Osborne, "If we want a Synod, we have got to put our hands in our pockets; we have got to help pay for it or our parishes must do it."

The amendment was then put and lost.

Mr. Cole raised the question as to expenses of clergy in connection with the proposed system of conferences.

The Bishop ruled that that was a separate question and had no proper connection with the present question as to the adoption of the report.

The original motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

It being now 5 o'clock, Mr. Beer moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, that the Conference do now adjourn. Carried.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday, August 6th, 1887.

After morning prayer, at Trinity Church, the Conference met at 10.30 a.m.—13 present.

The minutes of the previous day were read and confirmed:

The Bishop, "Our time is passing, it would be advisable for a committee to appoint the business

to be transacted during the rest of the conference. Mr. Wilson has prepared some rules for the guidance of contributors to the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS, which he asks to be observed when sending correspondence."

Mr. Gaviller suggested that the rules should be printed and distributed to the clergy, and this was assented to.

Moved by Mr. Osborne, "That the Bishop be respectfully requested to give an outline of his views in regard to the means by which the internal resources of the Diocese may be developed, and appoint a committee to report to this conference on Monday morning." Seconded by Mr. Knight.

Moved by Mr. Wilson, "That before resuming the debate on the Conference question, the Bishop be respectfully requested to give an outline of his views in regard to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and appoint a committee to report to the Conference on Monday morning." Seconded by Rev. A. W. H. Chowne.

The Bishop then took up the motion moved by Mr. Osborne, with reference to internal resources, and outlined the duties of Rural Deans, as follows:

The Bishop, "There is a strong feeling that the internal resources of our Diocese need development, and the question is how are we to organize our Rural Deanery system, so as to get the laity of the Diocese to co-operate with us and use their influence in the support of the Church. It would be impossible to give any detailed method as to how the work should be done by the Rural Dean; he comes into a mission clothed with the Bishop's authority, and every clergyman should loyally regard him as reflecting that authority, as a commissioned officer, to inquire into the best way to get the people worked up to their financial duty. No clergyman need be afraid that he will do him or his people any harm, or interfere with the welfare of his mission, or the regular honest stipend due to the clergyman. The motion was then put and carried.

Mr. Wilson's motion was then put and carried.

The Bishop named the two following committees in compliance with the two preceding motions. Committee on Internal Resources—The Rev. Thomas Llwyd, The Rev. Gowan Gilmore, The Rev. John Manning, The Rev. Francis Jephcott.

Committee on Widow and Orphans' Fund—The Rev. J. Boydell, The Rev. S. E. Knight, The Rev. H. Beer, The Rev. J. Greeson, The Rev. F. Frost.

Moved by Rev. H. Beer, "That in view of the large amount of business yet to be considered by the Conference, it is advisable that there be an afternoon session." Seconded by Mr. Manning.

Mr. Gaviller, "Several clergymen spoke to me as to what we should do this afternoon. I thought that if you wished we could have a run on the "Bay." If we are to have Monday morning and afternoon, as well as Tuesday, that would be four sessions, and we could spare a little while for recreation.

Mr. Wilson, "I think those of us who have come a long distance, are counting on getting away on Tuesday morning. I for my part wish to get home as soon as possible."

The Bishop, "The business that we have to do is very important and we ought to sacrifice our pleasure to it; we cannot I think finish on Monday, unless we work this afternoon. If four of our number have to go away, it will leave us in a very crippled state. The motion was then put and carried.

The debate on the report of the committee on Church Conference was then resumed.

Taking up clause 2 after the Bishop had read it over.

Moved by Mr. Knight, "That clause No. 2 be adopted with the assertion of words, "who shall be a Communicant," between words "Layman" and "from." Seconded by Mr. Frost—carried.

Clause 3 was then taken up after the Bishop had read it.

Moved by Mr. Machin, "That clause 3" of report be adopted, with the following amendment "That the mode of electing the laity to the conferences be dealt with in each Rural Deanery in accordance with the circumstances of each mission" Seconded by Mr. Frost.

After considerable discussion, in which Messrs. Boydell, Chowne, Osborne, Beer, Knight and Llwydd took part, the motion was put and carried.

Clause No. 4 was then taken up, after it had been read by the Bishop.

Moved by Mr. Knight, "That clause 4 of report by committee on church conferences be adopted." Seconded by Mr. French—carried.

Moved by Mr. Jephcott, "That the report as amended be adopted." Seconded by Mr. Greeson—carried.

The following is the text of report of committee on church conferences.

1. That the proposed conferences be held annually in the eastern and western portions of the Diocese, and the Diocesan conference tri-ennially, and that in the year of the Diocesan conference there be no district conference.

2. That one Layman who shall be a communicant, from each mission, be admitted to the conference, held in his own district, and also to the triennial conference.

3. We have difficulty in advising as to the manner in which the lay delegates should be elected, but would suggest that the mode of election of the laity to the conferences be dealt with in each Rural Deanery, in accordance with the circumstances of each mission.

4. That your committee are of opinion that the Bishop should bring the question of the formation of a Synod for Algoma before the next Provincial Synod.

The Bishop then released the committee on "Internal Resources" from attendance on the conference for the remainder of the mornings session.

The committee then withdrew to consider the question of "Internal Resources."

The Bishop spoke of important subjects which he would have liked to have brought up had time permitted, especially the probable necessity at no very distant time, of curtailing the Diocesan grants to missions.

Mr. Frost pointed out that some missionaries

owing to circumstances, such as long journeys, rough roads, etc., had greater expenses than other clergy in the Diocese.

QUALIFICATION FOR VOTING AT VESTRY MEETINGS.

Moved by Mr. Gaviller, "That the Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint a committee to consider the qualifications for members for vestries, and also the meaning of the words "Member of the Church of England in Canada." Seconded by Mr. Boydell. The motion was put and lost.

Moved by Mr. Greeson, seconded by Mr. Chowne. That the conference do now adjourn and meet again at 2 p.m.—carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P.M.—THE BISHOP IN THE CHAIR.

The Bishop brought up the subject of the canon providing representation for the Diocese of Algoma in the Provincial Synod, and pointed out the difficulties which would arise by reason of the scattered nature of the Diocese, few laymen in any mission being acquainted with the laymen in any other mission.

Mr. Chowne, "Would it be possible to have someone to represent us, such as a chancellor of the Diocese? It would not give the same lively interest, but would save a good deal of expense.

The Bishop dissented from this proposal.

Mr. Osborne, "Do you not think that the whole difficulty would be to get a man to go such a long distance as to Montreal, could we not elect a member at the present conference?

The Bishop, "The objection to that is, we would be constituting ourselves a Synod, you must elect under the canon of the Provincial Synod. The Provincial Synod does not understand our use of the word mission station; they speak of every parish or mission electing the lay representative, evidently the word parish with them means mission.

Mr. Wilson, "Could not the canon be so amended as to allow the lay delegates at the proposed conferences to elect from their number the lay delegates for the Provincial Synod.

The Bishop, "That would not do, it would put off the representation of Algoma laity in the Provincial Synod for another three years, dating from the next Provincial Synod; probably the better plan would be for the Diocese to frame a canon suited to our own peculiar wants, and submit it to the Provincial Synod.

The committee on Internal Resources now entered and presented their report which was read by the chairman, the Rev. T. Llwyd.

Report of the committee on the development of the Internal Resources of the Diocese of Algoma.

Your committee have approached this subject with great diffidence owing to the difficulties which every phase and aspect of the subject present.

Your committee suggest—

1. The appointment of a clerical financial agent whose duties it shall be to visit the several stations in each mission upon matters of finance only, at least annually, oftener when necessary.

2. That a bond covering three years for their quota of the clergyman's support be entered into by the Bishop and each organized station.

3. That the envelope system be introduced wherever possible rather than the annual subscription list.

4. That a system of annual missionary meetings be held in all organised stations in each mission is vital.

5. It is strongly recommended that all moneys for clerical maintenance, should be sent direct to the Diocesan treasurer, and that the clergy's salaries be paid directly and in full from the Diocesan treasurer.

Signed,

THOMAS LLWYD,
GOWAN GILLMOR,
JOHN MANNING,
FRANCIS JEPHCOTT.

Moved by Mr. Boydell, "That the report of the committee on Internal Resources be received and read clause by clause." Seconded by Mr. Beer—Carried.

The first clause was then taken up.

Mr. Knight, "One man would not be able to visit the whole diocese."

Mr. Llwyd, "It was stated that it would be possible to appoint one for each section of the diocese; if a clergyman was appointed to the eastern and one to the western side—some one with a talent for such work to devote as much time in each quarter of the year as should be necessary, making periodical visits and seeing that things were kept going—the question of one agent is not one on which the committee are perfectly stiff; we are not suggesting that a man should be taken away altogether from his clerical work, but that some clergyman should be found who would be suitable or given to the work particularly. Let him make quarterly visits in the particular part of the country given to him; a student could supply his place.

After considerable discussion on the subject, in which Messrs. Osborne, Chowne, Boydell, Llwydd, Greeson, and Jephcott took part, the Bishop said: "One word settles the whole question, that is—salary. We have not one dollar. Wherever a financial agent has been employed as they have been in other dioceses, the result has been a failure. The increase of funds would not be equal to the cost of salary. It is not wise to multiply machinery in our diocese. Rural Deaneries have been constructed to attend to this very matter amongst others—they are not spiritual offices, they are connected with temporalities and the care of church buildings; those temporalities of the church make important work for rural deans and can be done better by them than by a clerical agent. The theory is admirable but practically out of the question.

Clause No. 1 was then put to the house and lost.

Clause No. 2 was then taken up and read by the Bishop.

Mr. Boydell, "Is it a legal instrument or a written agreement that is referred to?"

Mr. Llwyd—"More in the form of a written agreement, but I never heard that it was necessary to recover by these bonds. They gave the people an impression of the responsibility of a large obligation to the Bishop. I have no recollection as long as I have been in Algoma of anything between

the Bishop and the clergy in the matter of these bonds—there has been trouble where they have been lacking.

Mr. Chowne—"We never had any trouble; when I came into Algoma they had passed out of use. I have had to wait 12 months at one station for my money but I think if we get the people worked up to a good sense of their duty, they will begin to feel the importance of paying promptly. It would be a pity to introduce this legal phase as long as we can do without it I shall vote against that clause.

Mr. Boydell—"I think a memorandum of agreement would not interfere with the harmony of a congregation and would remind them of their obligation to the church and their duties.

Mr. Llwyd, "We could not remember the particular heading of the late Bishop's memorandum"—agreement" would be a better term than "bond." When a new officer comes in at Easter who may be a stranger and sees this document it shows him the responsibility under which he lies.

Mr. Gaviller—The bond would be recoverable in court. A man here put down his name for four dollars, but owing to some unpleasantness refused afterward to pay it. The Church-warden threatened to sue him for it; the Judge advised him to pay it on the ground that sermons in church were value received whether he went to hear them or not, but my own idea is that the less of this sort of thing we have the better. I shall support the clause in the report.

Mr. Manning—"After thinking the matter over I shall vote against the clause for the reason that these bonds originated with the late Bishop, and as our present Bishop saw fit to discontinue those bonds we should rest content. I should prefer the Bishop to settle this matter; if it could not be accomplished with the machinery at present existing, I would recommend the system followed in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick—It is this—that a survey is made from head quarters of the diocese and each section of the mission pays so much as valuation—if it is not paid the fault lies with the mission, and the clergyman is withdrawn.

Mr. Beer—"I am very much interested in this discussion but had felt myself rather ignorant and wanted to hear others speak, Mr. Manning says "suppose a mission was assessed at so much, and that two out of six stations failed to make up their quota, would you withdraw the clergyman from the mission or from the two stations?" I see a difficulty in that, then I have had the envelope system for two or three years and at one time the people got lax in their contributions but I spoke to them plainly; the result was that their contributions were doubled, however, I am undecided as to whether I shall vote for the clause or not.

Mr. Boydell—"I think Mr. Manning introduced a new element, the only matter before us is the adoption of the memorandum or bond.

Mr. Jephcott—"I think the congregations should know what they are expected to pay. Out of the six churches that contribute to make up my quarters salary, five are waiting to see what they have to pay. I have had a 3 cent offertory after walking 4 or 5 miles—the people want to know from the

Bishop what they are expected to pay to keep me.

The Bishop—"That is mere shallow excuse; the people all know what the Bishop expects them to do, but I think something in this direction is absolutely needed."

Mr. Chowne—"I think it would tend to reduce the confidence of the people in us if we were to introduce this system."

Mr. Llwyd—"the people need to have it put before them in some clearly defined shape; every clergyman here knows how many questions he has to reply to of which the people know nothing and do not realize the responsibility."

The Bishop—"A portion of every clergyman's stipend comes from local sources: they should pay it as faithfully and as punctually as possible; it is only fair to the people as well as to the clergyman to understand this; under no circumstances except in a case of utter inability ought any congregation be excused. I think the memorandum of agreement would be of use, it is a virtual promise on their part, a covenant between them, which however in many cases they do not fulfil. Mr. Beer says "suppose two stations failed to pay their quota or go still further, you can take the case of one congregation failing to meet its obligations, is the clergyman to pass that congregation by? No! He should not because there are faithful souls in that congregation; I have always felt that remedy to be wrong; rather use moral suasion; there ought to be an agreement between the congregations and the Bishop but I am afraid that such an agreement would have no more worth than the paper on which it is written. It will be of use in a great many cases to remind them of their promise and bring moral pressure to bear upon them. I question the wisdom of making it an agreement for three years. Wardens change and congregations change and the circumstances of the people differ in three years; and do not call it a bond. Instead of voting this down you might introduce an amendment."

An amendment was then offered, moved by Mr. Boydell—"That clause 2 be adopted with the following amendment that the title "memorandum of agreement" substituted for "bond", and the word "one year" for "three years."

Seconded by Mr. Beer.

The amendment was put to the meeting and the result was a *tie*, one member having refrained from voting, not wishing to vote for or against.

Mr. Osborne rose to a point of order, and asked if any member of the conference could refuse to vote?

The Bishop ruled that all present must vote upon every question put to the conference, unless excused by the house, (The Bishop having adopted rules of procedure from those of the provincial synod.)

The amendment was then put a second time, and Carried.

Mr. Llwyd spoke in favour of the envelope system, and said—"many who feel it utterly impossible to give twenty dollars a year on the subscription list, could give twenty cents weekly."

Mr. Osborne—"I consent to everything that Mr. Llwyd has said about the envelope system, there is

one difficulty, the wardens who should ask the people to contribute, generally do not do it.

Moved by Mr. Osborne—"That clause number "three" of "Internal Resources" report be adopted with the addition of "and the salary of the clergyman shall be the first charge on the monies so raised."

Seconded by Mr. Greeson.

The motion was then put and Carried.

Clause "four" was then taken up and read.

Moved by Mr. Wilson—"that clause (4) be adopted with the following alteration, that "annual missionary meetings be systematically held where practicable—Seconded by Mr. Knight.

The motion was put and Carried

Clause (5) was then taken up and read.

Mr. Boydell—"I think there should be something of business relationship between church-wardens and clergymen, it is very desirable that the money be handed into the treasurer as a whole, it would remove some of those feelings between the clergyman and people, it has been adopted in some Dioceses—Rupert's Land for one. The people would then be taught that it is not they who engage the clergyman; I prefer on principle to receive all my salary from the treasurer."

Mr. Llwyd—"Two instances occurred recently which induced me to ask the committee to draw up that suggestion, one of my church wardens accompanied me through his field to his gate and with the best feeling and intention he said, "you know Mr. Llwyd we all like you to come amongst us; if you would give us an additional service we would increase your wages"—on another occasion I was driving with a lady friend along the road, when a very honest well intentioned christian man put his hand into his pocket, and gave me some money, saying, "Mr. Llwyd here is something towards your keep."

The Bishop—"An attempt was made in two or three missions to introduce the system which Mr. Llwyd recommends, the result was that at times the treasurer was sent twenty five cents, and would have to make an entry of that, and give a receipt, half of his time would be taken up in entering small amounts and giving receipts unless the wardens are prepared to provide a salary for the treasurer it is impossible for him to do the work."

Mr. Chowne—"At first I did not like the idea of taking money from the hands of the people, but I have changed my view of it, I am as much entitled to do so, as a doctor is to take his fee."

Mr. Greeson—"The wardens will not take the trouble to go to the people for money, nor the people to come to them with it."

Mr. Osborne—"The people do not think that they are hurting us at all by handing us money in this manner."

Mr. Llwyd—"We do not object to the clause being expunged."

The Bishop—"Then vote it down."

Clause (5) was then put and lost.

Moved by Mr. Knight—"That the report as amended be adopted." Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

The motion was put and Carried.

Moved by Mr. Wilson—"That each of the rural

Deans should act for the Bishop as a clerical financial agent in his Rural Deanery, and take measures to ascertain whether the people in each mission or station can do more than they are doing, and report to the Bishop." Seconded by Mr. Knight."

After some little debate on the question the motion was put and Carried.

Moved by Mr. Frost—"That the conference do now adjourn until 10 am. on Monday." Seconded by Mr. Manning. Motion put and Carried.

The following is the text of the report of committee on "Internal Resources" as amended and adopted by the conference.—

"Your committee have approached this subject with great diffidence owing to the difficulties every phase and aspect of the subject presents.

Your committee suggests (1) That a memorandum of agreement covering one year for their quota of the clergymans support be entered into by the Bishop and each organised station. (2) That the envelope system be introduced wherever possible, rather than the annual subscription list, and the salary of the clergyman shall be the first charge on the monies so raised. (3) That annual missionary meetings be systematically held where practicable

FOURTH DAY

Monday, August 8th, 1887, 10.30 a.m. Juke's Hall

After morning prayer, the Bishop in the chair, the roll was called. The Bishop brought forward the question of Rural Deaneries. His Lordship stated that he had divided the Diocese into the following four Rural Deaneries—namely (1) Thunder Bay District, (2) Algoma District, (3) Parry Sound and Nipissing District, (4) Muskoka District as there were only two clergy in the Thunder Bay Deanery, namely Mr. Machin (a priest) and Mr. Kirby, (Deacon) the Bishop was pleased to appoint Mr. Machin Rural Dean.

The Bishop then directed that in each of the remaining three Deaneries the clergy of each would elect their own rural Dean.

Mr. Osborne, What is your design with respect to these officers?

The Bishop, the rural Deans will continue in office three years from the present date and I leave all details as to election of the Rural Deans to the conference.

Moved by Mr. Osborne—"That the Rural Deans be elected at the meeting of the triennial conference" Seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Gaviller, "It is not always possible to have all the clergy present at a Diocesan Conference; if the time of electing the Rural Dean were left to each of the Deaneries, then the dean would find out what day would be the best for holding the election of his successor."

The Bishop, "The management of these elections must be settled among yourselves. I may say that the reason for the adoption of the principle of making this office elective is because the clergymen in each particular district know better than the Bishop who is the most fit for the office.

Moved by Mr. Chowne in amendment of Mr. Osborne's motion, "That Rural Deans be elected at the last meeting of the Rural Dean in office.

Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Boydell, "Would it not be well that the words — of which due notice should be given — should be inserted in the amendment.

The amendment was then put and carried.

Mr. Boydell, "We would like your Lordship to give some directions as to the mode of election.

The Bishop, "I was about to do so; I was going to say with regard to the election now to take place that it is a new method, but it is called for imperatively. I have every faith in you, that you will try to develop the interests of the Church both spiritually and financially, but it must be borne in mind by those elected to this office that the right man is he whom the office seeks, and not the man who seeks the office. The kind of man wanted is one with tact and judgment and a clear idea of the remedies for the removal of the drawbacks under which we labor. The election is to be by ballot.

The Bishop then laid down the following rules to be observed in electing Rural Deans:

1. Two scrutineers to be appointed for each Deanery; the Bishop to appoint the scrutineers, and also that they be chosen from another Rural Deanery.

2. Every clergyman must poll his vote.

3. A majority of votes polled necessary for an election.

4. A majority of votes to decide the election.

5. Scrutineers to destroy ballot papers as soon as they have reported to the chairman of the Conference.

The Bishop appointed the following as scrutineers:

For Algoma	Mr. Chowne
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" "	Gillmor
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For Parry Sound & Nipissing	Mr. Boydell
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" "	Knight
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For Muskoka	Mr. Machin
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The Rural Deaneries then proceeded to vote.

AFTER THE ELECTION.

Algoma—The scrutineers reported five votes polled, Mr. Wilson receiving four votes.

The Bishop declared Mr. Wilson elected.

Parry Sound and Nipissing—The scrutineers reported five votes polled, Mr. Chowne receiving two others receiving one vote each.

The Bishop declared no election.

Muskoka.—The scrutineers reported five votes polled, Mr. Llwyd receiving four.

The Bishop declared Mr. Llwyd elected.

The Bishop ordered a fresh election for Parry Sound and Nipissing. A fresh ballot being taken the result was the same as before.

The Bishop ordered another ballot.

Mr. Wilson resigned the office of Rural Dean, pleading that he had too much work already.

The Bishop accepted Mr. Wilson's resignation and ordered a fresh election.

A second ballot was then taken for Algoma, the scrutineers reported five votes polled, Mr. Beer receiving four votes.

The Bishop declared Mr. Beer elected.

The scrutineers for Parry Sound and Nipissing

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then reported five votes polled, Mr. Chowne receiving four votes.

The Bishop declared Mr. Chowne elected.

The Bishop then made the following appointments: To act as Bishop's secretary.—For all territory east of French River, The Rev. J. Greeson.—For all territory west of French River, The Rev. C. A. French.

The Bishop, "I propose in the Algoma District that either the Bishop or some other clergyman shall visit the mission of the Rural Dean in case of necessity and stir up the people financially. In the Parry Sound District, the Muskoka Rural Dean could visit, and *vice versa*.

Mr. Osborne gave notice that he would move, "That the Bishop be asked to appoint a committee to consider a scheme for the salaries of future clergy."

The Bishop, "I have felt that the settling of clergymen's stipends by the Bishop has not altogether given satisfaction, and I have felt a desire to relieve myself of this duty. I think that some action should be taken in that direction by the Diocesan Conference regulating the stipend to be paid, and to consider the difference between married and single clergymen and term of service. This notice of motion to appoint a committee for that purpose ought to be given to the Rural Deanery and sent to the District Conference, and finally to the Triennial Conference.

Mr. Osborne withdrew his notice of motion.

Moved by Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Osborne, "That this conference do now adjourn until 2.30 p.m.

Diocese of Algoma.

CLERGY.

Right Rev. E. Sullivan, D. D., Bishop.

Rev. E. F. Wilson,	Commissary, Editor of "ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS" and Principal Indian Homes.
Rev. A. Osborne, -	Examining Chaplain.
Rev. C. J. Machin, -	Rural Dean, Thunder Bay.
Rev. H. Beer, - - -	Rural Dean, Algoma.
Rev. A. W. H. Chowne,	Rural Dean, Parry Sound and Nipissing.
Rev. Thos. Llwyd, -	Rural Dean, Muskoka.
Rev. H. Beer,	Hilton, St. Joe's Island.
" F. C. Berry,	Bruce Mines.
" Jas. Boydell,	Bracebridge.
" A. W. H. Chowne,	Rosseau.
" J. S. Cole,	Manitowaning.
" W. Crompton,	Aspdin.
" C. A. French,	Garden River.
" F. Frost,	Sheguandah.
" G. Gander, d.	Sundridge.
" H. Gaviller,	Parry Sound.
" F. W. Greene,	Sault Ste. Marie.
" G. Gillmor,	North Bay.
" J. Greeson,	Uffington.
" F. Jephcott,	Burk's Falls.
" M. C. Kirby, d. Ass. Min.	Port Arthur.

" S. E. Knight, -	-	Port Carling.
" Thos. Llwyd, -	-	Huntsville.
" C. J. Machin, -	-	Port Arthur.
" J. Manning, -	-	Ilfracombe.
" R. Mosley, -	-	Broadbents.
" A. Osborne, -	-	Gravenhurst.
" R. Renison, -	-	Negweneanang.
" E. F. Wilson, -	-	Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie.
" A. J. Young,	-	Magnettawan.
Mr. Chas. Eaton, Catechist,	-	Gore Bay.
	-	Port Sydney.

Apology.

The Editor desires to apologize for the late appearance of the paper, it being about three weeks after time. There was a long delay, first of all in receiving the report of the Conference from Parry Sound; then it all had to be condensed—put through 'the sausage machine'; then there was a long delay again at the printing office, and when at length the proof arrived a great part of it was simply unreadable—"many balled" being put for marshalled, 'unterpriseses' for enterprises, and so forth; it requires an immense amount of patience and good humor to put up with the mangling of words and phrases that is done in a country printing office. We have given the first part of the report of the Conference as full as possible, so that an outside public may judge of the latent talent to be found in the 'wilds of Algoma'—16 pages are already filled and still 'the half is not told.' The remainder of the report we fear, will have to be still further minced in order to be squeezed into the November number. With the 1st of January, we hope to resume once more the number of issues that we formerly gave and to go back to the old price, viz: Quarterly issues 8 pages, intermediate months 4 pages, price 35 cents per annum. We hope the Algoma clergy will remember that they are all now solemnly bound, irrespective of creed, fancy or predilection to support the ALGOMA MISSIONARY NEWS and to report most fully to the Editor everything that happens in their missions, with the full understanding that he, the Editor, has entire license and liberty to cut down, alter, or entirely exclude their productions as may suit his taste or temper.

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