

of the latter suggested by the notice of motion given by the Rector of Fredericton; the office and functions of a Travelling Missionary, or Organizing Secretary; the holding of a Church Congress, either for the Diocese alone, or in conjunction with Nova Scotia; the re-arrangement of Parish boundaries and Missions; compulsory insurance of Church Buildings and Parsonages; these, and many other interesting topics, involving matters of great importance to the Church, and no measure of party strife or feeling, could not but be benefitted by calm and thoughtful discussion in a journal which ought to meet the eye of most of the members of the Church in this Diocese.

The newly appointed Committee are most anxious to make the CHRONICLE such a necessity of the Diocese, so readable, and so comprehensive in its news and heavier articles, that it *cannot* be brought to a close with the present year; but must go on, increasing both in intrinsic value, and in self-supporting power. It is hoped that clergy and laity will lend a helping hand towards this end; and that, by contributions to its pages, and by aiding to increase its lists, both of subscribers and advertisers, they will enable the Committee to make a very different report in 1887 from that of 1886.

EXTRA copies of this number are sent free to Church Wardens and representative Churchmen throughout the Diocese, in the hope that they will subscribe, and induce others to subscribe for, and also to advertise in the CHRONICLE. The price of the CHRONICLE for the remainder of the year will be fifteen cents, and a commission will be allowed to persons obtaining five or more new subscribers. For further particulars send post card to the Secretary, P.O. Box 264, St. John.

THE Board of Home Missions met on the evening of the 20th. Little was done beyond discussing the various cases referred to it by the General Committee. The Secretary was, however, directed to issue a circular to the Rectors and Church Wardens of the assisted Parishes, to call their attention to the fact that, under the new rule of the Society, no grant will, for the future, be paid to any Mission where the Church buildings are not insured to half their value.

THE Committees appointed by the Synod and the Church Society, to take into consideration the advisability of amalgamating those two bodies, met at Trinity Church School House, St. John, on Tuesday afternoon, July 20th. After considerable discussion a sub-Committee was appointed to obtain information from other dioceses in the Dominion as to how far the amalgamation of similar bodies had been found to be successful. The approaching Provincial Synod, it was thought, would afford a favourable opportunity for obtaining the required information.

COMMITTEE TO INTEREST SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE WORK OF HOME MISSIONS.—The Committee met on the 21st of July, at the residence of the Rev. G. O. Troop, and after organizing, by electing Rev. Mr. Troop, Chairman, and Mr. Hurd Peters, Secretary, adopted the following Resolutions:

That the sum of the Sunday School offerings be devoted to the support of a Travelling Missionary, on the understanding that he organizes new work, especially in establishing new schools in places where none such exist, and, so far as practicable, visiting and interesting schools already in existence.

That a sub-Committee be appointed to arrange with the Home Mission Board as to the best method of carrying out the foregoing Resolution with as little delay as possible.

The Chairman and Secretary, with Mr. H.W. Frith, were then appointed such Committee.

The Dioceses of Nova Scotia and Fredericton have been much favored by a visit from the learned and energetic Bishop of the distant Diocese of Iowa, in the American Church. His Lordship preached three times at St. John—at Trinity Church, St. Paul's Church, and the Mission Church of Saint John Baptist—and gave great pleasure both to those who heard his sermons and to those who had the privilege of making his personal acquaintance. He has done good work during his twelve years occupancy of the See of Iowa.

It is very important that before insuring careful enquiry should be made as to whether the policy covers losses caused by lightning and forest fires. There are companies which expressly guard against these risks, while others of equally good standing, assume them, and, as these two special risks are very grave ones in this Province, it is of the highest importance that all Church buildings be insured against them.

Clergymen or Wardens effecting insurance against fire are recommended to ask for a copy of policy, and to examine its conditions before paying the premium.