

“ 2. That the Clergyman, Lay Representatives, and Churchwardens of each Parish do constitute themselves a Committee to collect the sum of fifty cents for each member of our Church according to the census of 1871, for the purpose of raising the buildings proposed as a memorial to the late Bishop Strachan.”

This was one of the good resolutions of the Synod which bore no fruit. Nothing more is heard of the subject until, in 1881, I addressed the Synod at some length on the revival of the Cathedral System, laying particular stress upon what is its chief feature of practical usefulness in the position and needs of our modern Colonial Church,—not so much a costly structure with ornate services, as the organization of a body of efficient Canons to act as an Advisory Council to the Bishop, and to devote themselves to the missionary and educational interests of the Diocese.

The views which I propounded were approved by resolution of the Synod, and the Executive Committee were directed to take steps to secure the desired result.

The Cathedral Chapter was incorporated in 1883 by Act of the Provincial Legislature, one of the special features of the scheme, adapting it to the situation of the Colonial Church, being the election of Lay members of the Chapter by vote of the Synod, and the appointment as members *ex officio* of the two principal Lay Officers of the Diocese.

The Incorporated Chapter have held frequent meetings. At the first, both by the Executive Committee