

In the evening there was a very hearty full choral evening song with a most helpful and practical sermon by the Bishop. Prayers were sung by Rev. J. S. Chivers, and the lessons read by Revs. W. E. Brown and J. G. Beal. The Rev. J. P. Sargent, examining chaplain, carried the pastoral staff before the Bishop.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

Bishop Grisdale in his address to the synod, said: "Today we meet in synod for the first time since the unexpected message announcing the death of the late Bishop Burn came as a shock and a grief to many many hearts. There is the beautiful and chaste memorial cross in the cemetery at Qu'Appelle station, where his body sleeps till the resurrection, the memorial library at Indian Head, founded by the contributions of many friends, and many a touching expression of tender memories in some of our distant churches. His most enduring memorial, however, is enshrined in the hearts of those who knew him and loved him. In the Providence of God, I have been called to assume the burden which he laid down, and in depending on the help of God I have taken it up. I cannot tell you how grateful I feel for the kind welcome which you have given me as I have visited, one by one, the various parts of the diocese. May I earnestly ask you all to remember me often at the throne of grace, that I may have wisdom and strength to discharge faithfully, the duties of my office."

The Bishop then referred to his visit to England, at the request of the executive committee, and gave an account of his conferences with the officers of the Qu'Appelle association in England, and of the annual meeting of that association and of his visit to the various branches in England. The Bishop then spoke of the Queen's jubilee, and the meeting of the Anglican Bishops at Lambeth, of which the Bishop said, it is generally allowed that the Lambeth Conference of 1897, besides being the largest in numbers, was also the most interesting, the most satisfactory and the most important that has yet been held. It would occupy far more time than is now at our disposal, to attempt to do adequate justice to the importance of the results of the deliberations of this great assembly of Bishops but the results are of great value. I would earnestly commend to you, my reverend brethren, the report of the committee on the "Critical study of Holy Scripture", and to the clergy and laity alike, the report of the committee on "Re-union". The Bishop then spoke of the work he gladly did for the S. P. G. and S. P. C. K., and speaking of the gradual withdrawal of the S. P. G. grants, said, if this kind of help is now withdrawn, there are only two (apart from the funds received from the Qu'Appelle association) sources that I know of, from which the deficiency could conceivably be made up, namely: the church in Eastern Canada, and ourselves in this diocese. With reference to aid from Eastern Canada, the Bishop expressed the hope that now with the general Synod fully organized, a greater missionary spirit would be stirred up throughout the whole church. The Bishop then enforced the need of

greater self-denial and greater liberality for the maintenance of the work of the church and quoting Bishop Anson's first address to the Synod in 1884, and from others addressed by both Bishops Anson and Burn, showed how this need of increasing self support had been kept before the Synod and Diocese. The appointment of a general missionary for the diocese and the work to be done having been attended to, the Bishop urged the clergy not to shrink from speaking plainly on the subject of almsgiving for the church's support, and urged the necessity and importance of systematic giving, if we would see the church prosper.

The Bishop in his address read a long letter addressed by him, to the association in England, giving a detailed account of the various parishes and missions visited in the Diocese.

The Rev. J. P. Sargent was re-elected secretary, and Hon. Mr. Justice Wetmore was re-elected treasurer, after a hearty vote of thanks to the judge, for his valuable services in the past as treasurer. In addition to the secretary and treasurer, who are ex-officio members, the following were elected to the executive committee: Revs. W. E. Brown, G. N. Dobie, T. G. Beal, F. W. Johnson, and T. A. Teitelbaum, Messrs. R. R. Lake, H. B. Joyner, R. B. Gordon, J. H. Boyce and G. T. Marsh. Delegates to Provincial Synod—Revs. J. P. Sargent, W. E. Brown, G. N. Dobie, T. G. Beal, W. Nicols, T. A. Teitelbaum, and F. W. Johnson; Messrs. R. S. Lake, H. B. Joyner, Mr. Justice Wetmore, R. B. Gordon, J. H. Boyce, G. T. Marsh, and H. A. J. Macdougall. Delegates to General Synod—Rev. J. P. Sargent, and Mr. Justice Wetmore.

The following report of the executive committee and of the Hon. Judge Wetmore, was read and adopted:

The executive committee have been in office two years, there having been no meeting of the synod since 1896. The executive committee, soon after its election to office, had, with the rest of the diocese, to mourn over the removal by death, of our late revered and beloved Bishop. Eight meetings have been held during the last two years. A resolution was passed to the effect that all diocesan moneys, except those of the See Endowment Fund and the Clergy Sustentation Fund, pass through the treasurer's books. The general diocesan assessment has been kept at the same figure, \$500, but the amount produced has fallen considerably short of that amount, some parishes failing to send in their assessments. Grants have been made from the S. P. C. K. block grant, for building churches, of one-fifth the cost up to \$1,000 to Josephborough, Ellisboro, Rosewood, Gainsboro, Swift Current, Vernon, and Culhams. Loans on the usual terms have been granted to parsonages at Saltcoats and Maple Creek and to the church at Ellisboro. Notices of motion for the alteration of canons I, II, and III, have been sent in. A memorial from the Diocese of Calgary, re religious teaching in the public schools, has been received and ordered to be laid before the Synod, and also a memorial from the Diocese of Toronto, re the Gothenburg system.

The executive committee, in voting the grants to parishes