

Resolutions have been sent down to you by the executive committee enabling me to convey the funds belonging to St. John's College and the Cathedral to their corporations, and the management of the Diocesan funds can pass to the secretary I have spoken of. I hope the whole subject will receive the thoughtful attention of the Synod during the coming year. The success of the mission work of the Church will largely depend upon the business efficiency and qualifications for dealing with people of the secretary. I hope the appointment, if made, will be after the wisest consideration of the Synod. There will need to be some payment for his services, but an efficient secretary will soon repay any such cost.

The last Synod passed a resolution appropriating the Epiphany offerings and the disposable income of the Native Pastorate Fund to the Sioux mission. I issued a circular before the Epiphany collection this year explaining the position of the mission. I regret to say that the loss from the burning of the hay has proved, when everything has been taken into account, much more serious than was at first calculated. Between loss of wages, and of provisions prepared for the winter, the journeyings, and the cost of maintaining the cattle, I am afraid it has not been much under \$1,000. This will cause us a good deal of difficulty in completing the mission buildings as we desired.

The Bishop of Moosonee has expressed a desire for that part of the Native Pastorate Fund which has been contributed from York Factory being transferred to his Diocesan Funds. I presume that it will be the wish of the Synod to fall in with his request on the understanding that the money will be kept in trust for the purposes for which it was obtained—the formation of a Native Pastorate Fund. The Executive Committee has agreed to a resolution for this and similar funds.

There is another question relating to the Clergy which I think should be receiving the attention of the Synod, and that is the administration of the patronage of the Parishes, when they become self-supporting or independent of the aid of English Societies. I do not think it would be well that we should take any hasty action on the subject, for it is one on which opinions are very much divided; but it would be well that it should be receiving thought.

You have already learned from the report of the last Synod that the clauses in the Temporalities' Act incorporating the Synod were removed before the Act passed our Local Legislature. No difficulty was raised in Parliament, but the Lieutenant-Governor considered that as part of the North-West Territories lay within the bounds of the Synod they required the sanction of a Dominion Act.

Accordingly an Act was introduced in the Dominion Parliament, and meeting with no opposition passed the House of Commons. But in the meantime the question had been raised in the Senate with respect to a similar Bill, whether all such Acts of Incorporation were not reserved for the Local Legislatures, and the Judges gave this as their opinion when they were consulted. The consequence was that the Bill could not be carried further, and as no solution of the difficulty has yet been made the matter must rest for the present. In accordance with the powers given to the Synod by the Temporalities' Act, the Executive Committee has prepared for the Synod a Canon on Parochial Organization, by which, among other things, the duties of Churchwardens and Vestrymen are defined.

The Executive Committee also recommends a Canon for Lay Readers which they trust will be useful.

A subject intimately connected with our Church work, and in which as a Church we must feel particularly interested, is that of Education. Not many years have passed since the schools in our Parishes throughout the Province were largely, indeed I may say mainly, dependent on the English Societies and friends that helped us. When, then, we look at the question of the support of our Ministers, we must not forget how much our people have already taken upon themselves in these past few years—years of many and special trials and difficulties—in raising salaries for schoolmasters, and in some cases building schools. I for one am not dissatisfied with the progress that has been made in Education. I do not mean that much progress has been made in raising the qualifications of masters and so in increasing the efficiency of teaching. That will follow. A great deal had to be done before that could be touched. And a good deal has been done. A very large number of districts has been formed. And an interest has been shown in raising salaries that is very hopeful. Efficiency in the schools will no doubt react in encouraging an increase of salary; but the foundation of all efficiency lies in the power of adequately remunerating the schoolmaster. The efficiency depends on the qualification of the master, and though inspection of schools and examinations of teachers may materially aid, there must be first of all adequate compensation, and that we may be satisfied from what we have already seen is simply a matter of the growth and prosperity of the Province.