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Baynes Reed were chosen The elected executive for the year is emposed of the following: Reverends W. D. Barber, C. E. Cooper, Canon Beanlands, C. Ensor Sharp, E. G. Mil-ler, J. H. S. Sweet, George W. Taylor and J. W. Flinton, with Messrs, E. E. Wootton, Hon. P. O'Reilly, P. Wollaston, Lindley Crease, W. Ridgway Wilson, Edward Musgrave, Dr. E. B. C. Hanington and W. H. Hayward. In his pastoral for the year in opening, His Lordship the Bishop addressed the

My Brethren of the Clercy and Lailty Let me heartify welcome you in the name of the Lord to this first session of the cight has you do not offices. A quarter of the cight has you do not offices. A quarter of the cight has you do not offices. A quarter of the cight has you of was organized by my reverend prevailed. The work of the Salaer's Institute has been carried on during the past two parts of the past of the salaer in the clercy was ago there were in the whole province or British Columb the whole are the waste of the salaer in the salaer i My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity: Let me heartily welcome you in the name of the Lord to this first session of

at Lota, in South America, in order to come to this diocese.

Two new clergy have been added to our number. The Rev. J. Grundy commenced his work on March 12, 1898, and he has organized the mission to the Chinese, at the same time ministering in the parish of St. Mark's, Victoria.

On September 25, 1898, Mr. D. Dunlop was ordanined deacon, and has since worked as assistant curate to the Rev. C. E. Cooper in the district of Wellington, Northfield and French Creek. To-

in that district, and Canon Paddon has been able to continue his charge of Mayne Island, in addition to his duties at the hospital and the gaol. The church on Mayne Island, from designs by Mr. Keith, and dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene, was consecrated on Sunday, April 17, 1898. A new parsonage has been built at Cowichan, and a new church is now being erected at Alberni.

We shall miss the presence and counsel the continue his charge of the new mission at Alberni, with Rev. S. Asquiith in charge, the work in the east of Canada the amounts of these funds are very small, but we have not even made a beginning.

The capital of our widows' and orphans' fund is by no means large (\$4111), but it has been sufficient to afford a little help, and year by year the offerings agreed that returns be furnished here-

In the Episcopal estate we have been obliged to take back the land at Mount Tolmie which my predecessor sold to Mr. Brownlee, and which has produced no interest since 1893. And in the Christ Church trust fund, which is a separate fund from our diocesan fund, it is a matter of sincere regret that the trustees have been obliged to foreclose a mortgage of \$20,000 which was made in 1893, and upon which it is almost hopeless not to expect a serious loss of capital, while the rector of Christ Church for the time being is practically without endowment. and Mr. E. Baynes Reed were chosen clerical and lay secretaries respectively, while Mr. Thomas R. Smith was similarly re-elected treasurer, and Messrs. T. B. Hall and A. J. Dallain synod auditors. The elected executive for the year is considered in 1799 to organize a work that began with two missionaries and is now extended over the whole heathen world. I am very pleased to report on the

favorable condition of the Collegiate school, under Mr. J. W. Laing, assisted by the Rev. C. E. sharp. There are now 15 boarders and 26 day boys. Last year two of the scholars passed the junior local examination of the University of Cambridge. It may now be considered a fact that the boys' school is established on a firm basis, and I cannot of things.

We can thus tabulate our financial gains and losses, but when we turn to the spiritual life of the diocese it is different. No statistics are to be trusted here. We have no quarrels (thanks to God) among cursolves. The terrible of forbear to express my own appreciation of the way in which Mr. Sharp bore the "burden and heat of the day," both in this schoolroom, where he began the work in 1892, and afterwards in the

row we shall welcome the Rt. Rev. W. M. Barker, D. D., Bishop of Olympia, who new clergy have been added to the strength of th

and he has organized the mission to the chinese, at the same time ministering in the parish of St. Mark's, Victoria, and has since the least of the burdens which the church in the far west has to bear.

I rejoice to anomine to you that we have received a grant of \$300 from the have received a grant of \$300 from the church in the whole Dominion. The Norw, God willing, he will be admitted to the priesthood.

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The annual income of the archdeacon of Vancouver is considerably less than it was in former years, owing to decrease value of property. In these matters it has been and always will be my rule not to keep back the truth, but to set forth the dark as well as the bright side

Crease, the Hon. 1. Oktobral. And Mr. Mark Bate (of Nanaimo), while they, though not now members of the synod, are still sparted to members of the synod in ISOS, as our session in 1897 was held at the close of the certain of the certain of the certain of the synod in ISOS, as our session in 1897 was held at the close of the cycle of the core of the come a centre of spiritual life to the

If a man's physical structure then, is in any true sense of the word, a recapitulation of all forms preceding its present state, then the individual man's life will be the compressed record of human progress. In children, as in the early history of humanity, authority alternative control of the compression of the companity authority.

there are increasing numbers of ments who are quite capable of determining the accuracy of the statement made by great leaders of thought, until in the present day, we see an almost complete change of front as regards our attitude towards statements of fact.

We now teach our young friends, who are not just waiting to step into our places, to observe for themselves. Authority is as valuable as ever in the utterances of our masters in all departments of work, but we hesitate to accept unverified statements even if made by our greatest men. We accept them as working hypotheses and immediately instinctively proceed to verify or disprove them.

This change in our relation to truth is the result of centuries of intellectual exercise and is most noticeable in the last of the earth and most noticeable in the last of the set and particular time is subject to new discoveries and demands contractively. The process that in his inestimably valuable work.

Come right down to the present time, and see the intense interest aroused by great leaders of thought, until in the present time, and see the intense interest aroused by great leaders of thought, until in the process time, and see the intense interest aroused by great leaders of thought, until in the present time, and see the intense interest aroused by great leaders of thought, until in the process. In other words, the sun, which is shrinking, is therefore growing hotter every great. Where is our old theory of the formation of the universe if this is true?

See Chas. Darwin's son formulate a new theory of the part tidal friction has taken in the formation and relation of the earth and moon. We are waiting now for the verification of these wonderful were changes its language, ever adjusts itself to the advance of know-ledge, ever interprets its glorious measurements of work, but we hesitate to accept them as working hypotheses. What a readjustment of our astronomical ideas will take place if the world. Do not isolate the sweep of the river as it widens, deepens and purifi

teristics as they work out in the lives of the people, under the leadership and teaching of her great thinkers, artists, dramatists and poets.

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The Synod
In Session.

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This change in our relation to truth is the result of centuries of intellectual exercise and is most noticeable in the last fifty years, which period covers the great advance in our actual knowledge of the material world with its fascinating net-

ages, from the sea-weed up to man, the progress of life was achieved through adjustments to external realities, but

since every adjustment whereby any creature sustains life may be called a Now let us turn to Herbert Spencer's First Principles, and read there as follows: "Considering our faculties, as we must on this supposition (of evolution) to accumulated modifications accumulated modifications achieved results through the accumulation of all true steps and pit less rejection of all true steps and read there as follows: ism with its environment, we are oblig-ed to admit that there exist in the en-method and in the case of her highest vironment certain phenomena or conditions which have determined the growth of this feeling in question (the religious we are entitled to resent such a suggestable). feeling), and so we are obliged to adtion as an insult to our understandings. mit that it is as normal as any other All the analogies of nature fairly shout faculty."—P. 16. against the assumption of such a breach of continuity between the evolution of man and all previous evolution.

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Miller and seconded by Rev. Canon Good, affirming the desirability of missionary boxes in the churches, was also adopted, after Rev. A. J. Hall had given an interesting resume of his work among the Indians at Alert Bay, and Rev. J. Grundy of the progress made to date with the Chinese mission on Cormorant

street.

Just at the close of the session, Mr. W. H. Hayward, of Metchosin, again introduced the question of granting the vestry franchise to the ladies, being supported by Rev. W. G. H. Ellison, who maintained that in the rural districts at least the women are the mainstay and hardest workers of the church. It was pointed out that two verse are the pointed out that two years ago the principle here enunciated had been rejected by the synod with a majority of but one vote, and it was then moved by the two gentlemen from Metchosin:

"That this synod believes it would be an advance over present conditions if ladies were allowed to become members of the vestries."

In explanation Mr. Hayward said that he was quite aware the adoption of this abstract resolution would not bring the voting power to the ladies, but it would put the synod on record as favorable to the principle. He could see no reason why ladies should not be vestrymen. At which delightful Irishism the synod smiled gleefully, Mr. Hayward joining in the in the merriment as soon as he nized the bull.

The resolution was, however, rejected by 18 to 14. Votës of thanks to the Bishop and to votes of thanks to the bishop and to the rector and church wardens of the cathedral closed the proceedings, the members of the synod joining in the reci-tation of the Te Deum, and the blessing

being given by the Bishop of Washing-Afterwards the lay and clerical deleates and parishioners were the greats of the Bishop and Miss Perrin at a gar-den party at Bishopsclose.

BOARD OF TRADE COUNCIL.

Draft of the Annual Report Gone Through-Philadelphia Commercial Congress.

A meeting of the council of the British Columbia Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon, President Kirk in the chair, and the following members in attendance: Messrs. H. Herschell-Cohen, A. G. McCandless, L. G. McQuade, R. Hall and Capt. Cox. Before proceeding with the consideration of the draft of the annual report, Secretary Elworthy read a letter from the directors of the Phila-delphia commercial museum, which is to hold an exposition in Philadelphia from September 14 to November 30. In conaection with this an international mercial congress is to be held for the discussion of subjects pertaining to the growth of international trade and comherce. The letter from the directors

"So far as our knowledge of nature goes, the whole momentum of it carries us onward to the conclusion that the unseen world, as the objective term in a relation of fundamental importance that has co-existed with the whole career of mankind, has a real existence; and of mankind, has a real existence; and it is but following out the analogy to regard that unseen world as the theatre where the ethical process is destined to

of rits motive power "liberty, beauty and for its motive power "liberty, beauty and for its motive power "liberty, beauty and wisdom."

Rome has a history, as the record of her conquests demonstrates her power. She broke down petty barriers and united the most distant parts of her empire by her great military roads, and gave the freedom of the law to the empire by her great military roads, and gave the freedom of the law to the world.

The Jews have a history, enshrined in a literature, with an everlasting hope burning its way through the words of its organizers, historians and poets. Never mind about any theory of inspiration just now. This sacred literature records phenomena.

Now move on some centuries. Another literature appears, again recording certain phenomena—the incidents surrounding the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. St. Paul's life appears in this literature, his writings—the history of a great movement of life and thought.

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interest.

We may say that matters of a public or private nature are of equal interest to us, and that we are glad and always ready to assist in making new business connections and in advising about purchases or sales of merchandise. Very respectfully yours,