What's in a Name?

Whatever attraction the phrase "Financial Agent" may have for real estate men in the West, it was made clear that the Anglican Synod believes there is something in a name, and prefers the phrase "Financial Secretary" in church work. Another advocate of laymen for finance work used the phrase "telling in laymen's language"—which reminded one of an injunction given the divinity students by a famous elocution teacher in Edinburgh (Dr. Moxey)—"For any sake talk like a man and not like a minister!"

There was also good point in the story of a clergyman who said that when a man refused to give money for foreign missions he (the clergyman) offered him some money, with the remark, "Our object is to give money to the heathen."

In connection with finance good reason was behind the remark of one member that "one of the dangers of setting a minimum is that people come to look on it as a maximum."

One of the most notable remarks concerning finance came from Bishop de Pencier himself, and was to the effect that because of changing conditions and the testing times, the ministry of the Church would have to consider more and more what they could do for the work in that way themselves.

In speaking to a motion bearing on the course to be adopted concerning appeals for money, one cleric caused an interruption of hearty laughter by suggesting—obviously without any thought of a double meaning in the phrase—the desirability of their getting "two fresh laymen" to undertake the work.

Two in One?

The discussion on the continuance of separate Halls was probably the most stirring one on any subject at this Synod, and the difference of opinion revealed was very pronounced, though the large majority seemed to favor the course taken. Superficially, to the outsider, the question seems a pertinent one, and one which it would be thought difficult to answer—why should there be two separate Halls in the one College? But those who took a neutral attitude prior to hearing the subject debated on the floor of the Synod, with the arguments "pro and con" as presented by several speakers, followed by the speeches of the respective Hall Principals, must have felt that a fairly good case was made out for the maintenance of the present system of two separate Halls; and the Synod went on record as supporting that course by practically four to one.