

of being realized.

"The amount which your Grace has already in hand, mainly through your own efforts in the mother country, together with what we have been able to collect in the diocese, will make it possible, we hope, for your Grace to procure such additional help for the college as will leave you free to devote your time and strength entirely to the duties which the primacy of Canada may place upon your Grace.

"The committee that inaugurated this diocesan canvass entered upon it with the expectation of raising \$10,000, and there is good reason to believe that this figure will be reached. So far we have obtained \$6,000, and twenty-six parishes have still to be visited. Of this sum of \$6,000, it is gratifying to state that over \$1,700 has been subscribed by graduates or scholars of St. John's College.

"We on behalf of the donors, now beg that you will accept this cheque as a first instalment, with assurance of our loyalty and devotion, and the earnest prayer that you may be long spared to the position which you have filled with so much ability and grace and with such benefit to the church at large. Signed on behalf of the committee, O. Fortin, chairman."

The names of Rev. Mr. Bourne, Rev. Mr. Fairlie, Rev. Alfred Cook, Rev. F. Hole, and Rev. Mr. J. Chattakay, were presented as visiting clergymen to be permitted to sit in the synod. They were received.

The report of the Indian Missions sub-committee was then received and read by the dean. Considerable discussion took place on this report as to the methods of carrying on the work and the danger of conflicting the work among the white and Indian peoples to the detriment of the latter. The report spoke, unintentionally, in a rather slighting manner of the results of the work on many of the reserves, and several of the missionaries present took exception to this, stating the difficulties to be overcome in learning the language, the bad influence exerted by surrounding settlers and also the fact that members of the Indian committee visited the reserves only about once in two years.

The election of members of the executive committee and of delegates to the provincial synod, seven clergymen and seven laymen, was the next item of business.

The following were appointed scrutineers for the former: Rev. McAdam Harding, Rev. W. J. Ganton, Mr. J. M. Johnston, and for the latter, Rev. A. E. Cowley, Rev. Waddington Clarke, Mr. Inkster, and Mr. J. R. Dutton.

The auditors' report was next received and read by Mr. Sweatman. In speaking of the same he bore testimony to the good work of Mr. Geo. Grisdale, the treasurer. The report was adopted.

A resolution of sympathy with Canon Rogers in his illness was received and passed.

Mr. Sweatman and Mr. W. A. Henderson were re-appointed auditors.

The report of the S. P. C. K. repository was then received and adopted.

The report of the committee appointed to confer with the Baptist body was also read. This report spoke of the lamentable attempt of the Baptist Church to make a few proselytes from the Church of England on several Indian reserves in Manitoba and the Territories, while there were hundreds of heathen Indians in all the West. Their aggressive attitude had continued despite the protestation of the synod of this church in 1896. The reply of the Baptist Convention, also dated 1896, was read. They disclaimed all intention of interference with the missionary work of the Anglican Church. The mere fact that when children a large number of the Indians on the reserve had been subjected to the rites of the Anglican Church was not recognized by the Baptist Church as making them Christians. The results of the past few years being considered they would continue in their work. The committee recorded that the defense of the Baptist body was weak and unworthy of a great religious denomination. Further correspondence, they concluded, was unnecessary. The action of the Baptists had been unwise, and, if they persisted in their course, nothing could be done.

His Grace said that he thought they had done their duty in noticing the intrusive action of this church and that was was all he deemed necessary in connection with the unfortunate affair.

The report on the advisability of a biennial synod was received. In the discussion which followed the opinion was expressed that the synod of one year should be devoted to business and the next to spiritual considerations. The dean said that he thought it was unwise to do away with the synod, as the church in Canada was now nearing a crisis in her history, as the S. P. G. grant would be reduced next year and abolished in 1900. It was also said that to have the synod and conference together would result in consequent lack of interest in one or both. This report was adopted.

The report of the scrutineers was next received. The following are the delegates to the Provincial Synod; Canon Matheson, Archdeacon Fortin, Dean O'Meara, Canon Rogers, Rural Dean Burman, Canon Coombes, Rev. M. Harding. Substitutes; Rev. Messrs. McMorine, Cowley, Littler, Baker.

Lay delegates; W. P. Sweatman, Capt. Carruthers, H. S. Crotty, J. H. Brock, L. A. Hamilton, Mr. Inkster. Substitutes; F. H. Matheson, J. H. Dagg, T. D. Robinson, W. R. Mulock.

The following are the executive committee. Clergymen, Canon Matheson, Rural Dean Burman, Rev. C. R. Littler, Rural Dean Cowley, Rural Dean McMorine. Substitutes; Rural Dean Gill, Rev. I. R. Matheson. Lay; J. G. Dagg, W. P. Sweatman, L. A. Hamilton, Mr. Inkster, Thos. Thos. Robinson, J. H. Matheson, H. S. Crotty. Substitutes; Capt. Carruthers, W. R. Mulock, J. H. Brock.

The session closed at 5.30, to meet and resume business in the missionary meeting at 8 o'clock.