

appear. Undoubtedly it is of the utmost importance that all duly organized congregations throughout the Diocese should not only elect, but also do all that they can to encourage the attendance at the Synod, of their delegates. I am glad to welcome those who are here; but I heartily wish all who are entitled to be here were present.

#### THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE.

Since our last meeting there has been no break from death in the ranks of our clergy, but several have left us for other spheres of labor, while others have been welcomed in their place. Archdeacon Cooper's return to Ireland to assist his aged father, the present Dean of Ferns, in his parochial work, and to cheer his declining years, was a great loss. He came before the organization of the Diocese; for several years he was our able and efficient secretary of Synod; it was a pleasure to make him the first Archdeacon in the Diocese; and I was in hopes that he might have been our first Dean. Dr. Cooper was esteemed and loved, not only in this Parish, and in the Diocese, but wherever he was known. In order that he may still have official connection with the Diocese, I have appointed him one of my Commissaries. I am sure he will ever be ready to help us in any way in his power.

During the past year the Revs. R. M. Webb-Peploe and S. J. Stocken, were obliged, owing to ill-health, to retire from their missions and seek rest and change elsewhere. The latter, I am glad to say, is again with us in improved although not in completely restored health; but he is cautioned to be very careful of himself; and the health of the former is so much better that he expects—in fact, he has been ordered to return to Sheep Creek, and he sails in August.

The Synod numbers among its clergy to-day, Rev. G. H. Hogbin, A. DeB. Owen, C. H. B. Owen, H. P. Lowe, W. R. Beal, and S. H. Cubitt, priests; and Revs J. Atkinson and J. C. Wace, deacons, bringing the total number of clergy in the Diocese, including the Bishop, up to twenty-six. This is more than three times the number of clergy at work in the district of Alberta when in 1887, action was taken, looking to the constitution of the district as a Diocese by itself. And is it not a most gratifying and encouraging fact? Ought we not to feel truly thankful to God, for it? Mr Cubitt comes to us as a volunteer. He offered himself to me when I visited Ludlow, in Herefordshire, where he was curate last year. He will be an honorary worker, and he will work at my side, going wherever he is, for the time, most needed. Being a Missionary Diocese, it would indeed have been a strange thing if we were not often anxious about funds. Yet the number of ordained workers has steadily increased. in the presence of such a fact shall we lose heart, even when the outlook for their maintenance and continued increase seems for the moment, darker than we would like?

#### MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH WORK, ETC.

For this is just our position. Two years ago, I put before you as clearly as I could, the course the S. P. G. proposed to take with regard to us. Under that scheme, its grant to

my two Dioceses has already suffered a reduction.

Having come to the Red River Settlement, thirty years ago as one of the Society's missionaries; being fully acquainted with its history and its methods, being not only without any notice of any reduction up till 1896, but having actually received in 1894, a special grant of £750, to be spent at the rate of £250 per annum, during the years 1895, 1896, and 1897, in opening new missions in this Diocese, I could not bring myself to believe that the Society's standing committee would seriously carry out its reduction, when our circumstances were fully before it. But memorials, letters and personal interviews have had little or no effect. Towards the end of last May, I received a letter from the secretary, as follows:

"The Society continues its policy of reduction of the Canadian grants, but has determined to limit the same to 10 per cent per annum, thereby giving you a long period in which to prepare, and it is hoped to impress on the older Dioceses of Canada, their duty to the younger Dioceses." Under this arrangement, the Society's block grant for the Dioceses of Saskatchewan and Calgary, for 1899 will be £972, that is to say it will be less by £358, than the sum the society is giving us for this year.

I have ever been a firm believer in the S. P. G. I view with joy and pride, the work that God has permitted it to do in all parts of the world, since it was started nearly two hundred years ago, and I endorse most fully, the remark of the late Bishop of Durham (Dr Lightfoot) in 1888: "I think we may say that if there had been no Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, there would, humanly speaking, have been no Lambeth Conference." I have so thoroughly felt that the work of planting the Church on the vast prairies of Manitoba and the Northwest, among the representatives of races coming to us from all parts of the world, was one for S. P. G. to do, and that the Society was both able and willing to do it, that I have never attempted to form a Diocesan organization for raising funds in England. We may now be driven to such a course.

(To be continued.)

#### DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE.

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#### ANNUAL SYNOD.

The Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle met in St. John's church, Indian Head, Assa., on Wednesday, June 15th. There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.15 the Lord Bishop being celebrant, Rev. J. P. Sargent and Rev. W. E. Brown, Gospeller, and Epistoler, respectively, and Rev. G. N. Noble, deacon.

The Bishop having delivered his charge, and the Synod being fully organized, the members adjourned at 12 to assemble at the parish room at 1.30, in the meantime being hospitably entertained by the Bishop and Mrs. Grisdale at lunch in Bishop's Court.