

tragic death in the past year is a heavy bereavement to the church.

Moved by the Revs. Rural Deans Burman and Cowley. That this Synod has heard with sincere regret of the death of the Rev. Prebendary Wigram, the late honorary secretary of the C. M. S. and a true friend of our Indian missions, as of every other branch of church work in this diocese, and the ecclesiastical province generally. We desire to record our deep sense of the loss sustained by the whole church in the death of this devoted servant of Christ, and we beg to tender to the sorrowing widow and family our sincere sympathy and our earnest prayer that God may grant them all grace and comfort in their great sorrow.

Rev. C. C. Owen and Mr. T. Robinson supported the idea of having a sub-committee of the Executive as an authoritative head to deal with Indian missions.

Mr. Owen suggested the advisability of having more information re Indian missions.

The discussion of the matters referred to in His Grace's address took up the morning session of the Synod, which adjourned at 1 p. m. for lunch.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod re-assembled shortly after 2:30 p. m., and business was commenced immediately.

The report of the committee on Sunday schools was presented by Canon Coombes at the opening of the afternoon session. The report showed the progress of Sunday schools for the past year to have been very satisfactory. There were 5,132 pupils in attendance at the Sunday schools as against 4,611 last year. The number of teachers increased from 511 to 526, and the collections from \$2,001.53 to 2,126.35.

Attention was called to the special annual services for Sunday schools. The usual notices were sent out last fall, requesting that the Day of Intercession appointed by the Church of England Sunday School Institute be observed; and, in most cases, this had been complied with. The united service for the city Sunday schools would be held on Sunday, May 9th, to which all members of the Synod were cordially invited. It was hoped that this gathering would become an annual feature of the Synod meetings. In connection with the subject of Sunday school statistics, two suggestions were submitted for the consideration of the committee on statistics:—1. That where it is reported that there are only Union schools in a parish, the fact be noted, instead of a blank space merely being left in the columns of Sunday school statistics, which might be taken to mean that this item had been simply ignored or neglected by the minister. 2. That the present columns be sub-divided, so that teachers and scholars may be classed as male and female; and that Sunday school contributions be divided so as to show how much is given for mission purposes. Another column might be added, entitled, "Number of books in library," as it is most important to encourage a love of pure literature in our children. This would enable us to watch the extent and progress of this department.

The committee was glad to state that the Diocesan Sunday School convention was about to meet again for the consideration of important subjects in connection with Sunday school work. Circumstances had prevented the convention from meeting since the last meeting of Synod, so that the usual report could not be given of work done in the past year. The committee felt that these conferences of Sunday school workers were of incalculable advantage to the Church, as there are special problems in Sunday school work which can only be met by the united experiences of workers taking counsel together. They asked every member of Synod, clerical and lay, to give his hearty support to these conventions, so that all the Sunday school workers in the Diocese could be banded together in one strong, united body, to further the best interests of this important branch of Church work.

The report was adopted.

The report of the C. E. T. S. was then read by the Rev. A. Silva White. A branch of the society had been started in All Saints' parish, and another in the parish of St. Paul's. The interest taken in the work of the society was not so general as they wished it to be. Only 15 clergy were actually engaged in doing mission temperance work on the lines of the society. We give the report fully in another column.

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The reports of the remaining rural deaneries were then read.

Rev. Rural Dean Cowley gave an interesting account of the work in his deanery of Selkirk for the past year. Winnipeg is included in this deanery, and the progress of the city churches was noted. The speaker advocated the subdivision of some of the larger and less completely organized country parishes.

Rev. Archdeacon Phair, the Synod authority on Indian missions, read a report on his Deanery of Islington. He referred to the excellent work done among the Indians, especially on the St. Peter's reserve, where, notwithstanding the interference of some Baptist missionaries, a good work was being done on English Church lines among the Indians. The good work done by the Woman's Auxiliary was dwelt upon, and the Indian Hospital, with Dr. C. F. Rolston in charge, mentioned as a result.

Canon Rogers read the report of the Rural Deanery of Brandon, which comprises, among other smaller towns Brandon, Carberry and Alexander. The report of the work done was satisfactory, and an increase in Church and Sunday school attendance noted.

The next order of business was unfinished business.

Mr. Mulock's motion of the day before on the temperance question came up and was discussed very thoroughly pro and con, occupying the rest of the afternoon session. The Rev. Silva White explained why this year he was opposing the resolution he had seconded last year. As Mr. Mulock's motion was worded, it was liable to be misunderstood and would do more harm to the cause of temperance than good. The mere fact that he and others had interpreted it to mean what the words of the amendment inferred, showed this.