

of Gothic design, well heated and fitted up in a very attractive manner. It is capable of accomodating some 200 people, and the seating arrangement is very good. Mr. William Jones was the architect, and he carefully and gratuitously superintended the construction from the beginning. The brickwork is by Mr. Joshua Garrat; the carpenters, Tambling & Jones, and Waspe & Dearson, painters; Smith Bros. had the contract for plumbing, and Isaac Sargut did the seating.

In spite of the inclement weather all the opening services were largely attended, and proved most successful. The Rev. Canon Richardson preached in the morning from Gen. xxviii., 17, on "The Gate of Heaven as a Figure of the House of God." In the afternoon the chapel was again comfortably filled, and the Bishop of Huron preached with his characteristic power from 2 Tim., ii., 19. He pointed out the Holy Scripture, and Jesus Christ therein as "The Foundation of God," and eloquently discussed God's knowledge of His own people. At the close of his discourse he congratulated the congregation on the beauty and fitness of their new chapel, and expressed the hope that Christ alone might ever be the foundation of all the preaching and teaching in that place.

A third service, largely attended, was held in the evening, when Rev. Richard Hicks, of St. Paul's Cathedral, officiated. His sermon was based on 2 Sam., vii.: "See now I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains." He spoke of the necessity of a place of worship even in the wilderness. The erection of such buildings as this broadens religious sympathy and shows its purpose world-wide. Our churches must not be the meagre expression of a narrow heart. There must be the sacrifice of a free-will offering in all church extension, but a united purpose makes possible great things.

The day was an auspicious one in the history of the Hamilton Road mission work, which promises success.

## DIOCESAN SYNOD OF RUPERT'S LAND.

(Continued)

School work—This is of two kinds, class work industrial. The former is carried on on the lines laid down by the Indian department, and Inspector MacCrae, who recently visited the school, seemed fairly satisfied with the manner in which the work has been done. The work ranges from the 1st to the fifth standard. Children in the higher standards have been instructed in various reserve schools. About half the children are engaged in class work the whole day, doing light fatigue work at other times. The rest are for one half the day engaged in farm, industrial, or domestic work. Arrangements are now being made for doing more in the shape of definite trades, carpentry, smithing, and perhaps printing. Much has been accomplished during the year, especially on the farm and in laying out the grounds which, we hope, may soon be very attractive. There are now 27 boys and 31 girls in the school.

The number of pupils has lately been largely increased, and the committee earnestly appeal to friends for support to meet the increased expenditure involved. Applications for admission are always coming in and the work is capable of great expansion.

The school is under the control of a committee of which the Most Rev. the Bishop of Rupert's Land is chairman. From this a Board of management has been appointed, with the Very Rev. The Dean of Rupert's Land as chairman. Mr. F. H. Mathewson kindly acts as hon. treasurer. The committee tenders its grateful thanks to all who have in any way furthered the work. The Principal also desires to express his grateful sense of the kindly spirit and great devotion of the staff, to whom so much of the success of the school is due.

The financial statement from 1888 to Oct. 1st, 1890, by F. H. Mathewson, hon. treasurer, showed receipts \$11,765 and disbursements \$11,559 25, leaving a balance in the honorary treasurer's hands of \$205 75.

After several members of Synod had spoken most favorably of the work referred to the report was adopted.

Mr. F. H. Mathewson presented the Statistical committee's report, and moved its adoption, seconded by Capt. Lewis.

Rev. J. J. Roy moved, seconded by Ald. T. W. Taylor, to strike out the provision regarding statement of the number of parochial visits made by the clergymen; but after discussion the report was adopted.

### EDUCATION.

Rev. Canon O'Meara submitted the report of the committee on primary education, as follows: It will no doubt be in the recollection of the Synod that about the time of the meeting last year there was a general impression that it was in contemplation by the Provincial authorities to introduce measures looking to the complete secularization of our public of our schools; the charge of his Lordship the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land addressed to this Synod, followed almost immediately as it was by the able deliverance of the Rev. Principal King, were instrumental in rousing public opinion in opposition to any such measure, especially as these utterances were endorsed respectively by the expressed opinion of this Synod and the Winnipeg Presbytery. That these bodies voiced the general sentiment of the community was made evident when measures affecting primary education were presented to the Legislature, for in those measures we are glad to say there were provisions for a certain amount of religious instruction. Although these provisions will no doubt seem to many to fall short of that definite religious teaching they would wish to see forming part of our general scheme of education, still your committee feels that, considering all the circumstances of the case, it is very well that even this distinct recognition of religious duties and religious sanctions has found a place in the statute book of the Province. While thankfully recognizing the religious element that now exists in our school system, they cannot, however, but fear that from two different sources there may be a continued pressure to minimize and ultimately sweep away the religious teaching that is now provided; and they would strongly recommend the maintenance by the Synod of continued vigilance and an unabated interest in all that in any way touches the educational policy of the authorities of the Province.

Mr. H. M. Howell, Q. C., objected to the report that it touched very near the border of politics, and moved the adjournment of the debate until next morning which was carried.

### PROVINCIAL SYNOD DELEGATES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The election of delegates to the Provincial Synod resulted as follows:

Clergy.—Rev. Canon Matheson, Very Rev. Dean Griedale, Rev. Canon O'Meara, W. A. Burman, E. S. W. Pentreath, Canon Coombes, A. E. Cowley and S. McMorine equal for the last place of the seven. Substitutes, Venerable Archdeacon Fortin, Rev. W. Walton and Rev. H. A. Tudor.

Laymen.—F. H. Mathewson, W. R. Mulock, J. Wrigley, H. S. Crotty, H. M. Howell, Q. C., and G. W. Girdlestone, Hon. Senator Boulton. Substitutes, J. H. Brock, S. L. Bedson, A. F. Eden.

The election of Executive Committee: Clergy.—Revs. Canon Matheson, E. S. W. Pentreath, W. A. Burman, Canon O'Meara, Canon Coombes, A. E. Cowley, S. McMorine and W. Walton.

Laymen.—Jos. Wrigley, Sheriff Inkster, F. H. Mathewson, H. S. Crotty, G. W. Girdlestone,

W. R. Mulock, A. F. Eden, H. M. Howell, Q. C., T. Norquay; Hon. Senator Boulton, J. H. Brock and Hon. D. M. Walker, equal for the tenth place.

A ballot was then taken on the last three names, and subsequently Mr. J. H. Brock was reported to have been elected.

Rev. Canon O'Meara read the report of the committee appointed to consider the Bishop's address, which having been considered clause by clause was adopted.

Rev. Rural Dean Pentreath and Rev. Rural Dean T. Cook read their reports of their visits to the several Missions and parishes under their jurisdiction. These were adopted and referred to the Executive committee.

The Synod adjourned at 1 o'clock, to meet at 2:30 p.m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Synod re-assembled at 2:30. Rev. H. T. Leslie presented the report of the Immigrant Chaplain, showing that in the past year there had been a great falling off in immigration; and it was doubtful whether the volume would increase to its old proportions, though this season's harvest might have that effect. Last April the Children's Aid Society of England had founded in the city. It is the intention of the Society to send out every year strong lads under the guardianship of chaplains. The lads are to stay in the room until places are found for them, and it will be a refuge for them when out of employment. The report was adopted.

Rev. Canon Coombes presented the report of the Sunday School committee. It noted the formation since the last Synod of the Sunday School Union, which though not under the control of the Synod, was meant to supplement and assist the latter's work. The committee had sent out requests for statistical information; the answers were hardly complete enough to submit. In the 31 parishes from which statements had been made: there were 266 teachers and 2,224 scholars. It was encouraging to note that since 1887, when statistics were last obtained, there had been a large increase in the number of males who were taking part in Sunday School works. Of the scholars two-thirds were females. There was a great lack of uniformity in the course of lessons, hymn books and the methods of opening and closing. Some 19 schools had libraries; prizes are given in 17 schools; only in eight schools are teachers' meetings held. Some of the chief difficulties in Sunday Schools was the absence of the sympathy of the parents; the difficulty of securing well-qualified teachers; and the scattered population in the country districts. The report made a number of suggestions, among them being: That a special form for the opening and closing of the school be prepared; that a uniform course of lessons be followed; that teachers' meetings be held whenever practicable; that the clergy urge the parents to give their support to the Sunday schools, especially by assisting the children in the preparation of their lessons. The report was adopted.

The motion of Mr. Tudor: That His Lordship the Bishop be respectfully requested to consider the advisability of appointing an officer for the Diocese whose duties shall be to visit the various missions and parishes as need shall arise and his Lordship direct and make known the claims of the Diocese on the support of churchmen in the older and more firmly established parishes of the Church was then taken up and a long discussion followed ultimately.

The Bishop said that after the feeling expressed there should not be any delay in appointing such an officer. Great assistance to the Bishop would result, as it was desirable that the Bishop's time should be taken up with the financial affairs of the parishes and missions. He feared there was an exaggerated idea of what the officer could do, seeing that there was a parish or mission for nearly every week in the year. The motion was carried unanimously.