

Sweatman, F. H. Mathewson, H. S. Crotty, H. M. Howell and L. A. Hamilton.

Grants committee—The Very Rev. the Dean, Vens. Archdeacon Fortin, and Phair, the secretary of the synod, the rural deans of the diocese, Rev. C. R. Littler, Messrs. H. S. Crotty, J. G. Dagg, H. M. Howell, F. W. Mathewson, Thos. Robinson and W. P. Sweatman.

Mission Committee—The dean and chapter of St. John's Cathedral, Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, Rev. F. V. Baker, Rev. H. T. Leslie, Rev. J. J. Roy, Rev. A. E. Cowley, Rev. J. A. Richardson, Rev. W. T. Mitton, and the secretary of synod.

Indian committee of the executive committee—The Very Rev. the Dean, Ven. Archdeacon Phair (or in his absence Rev. A. E. Cowley), Rev. Canon Rogers, Rev. W. A. Burman, Messrs. Thos. Robinson, F. H. Mathewson, W. P. Sweatman.

The report of the hon. treasurer was also presented in printed form and adopted. For the home mission fund \$22,280 has been raised; of this, \$10,300 came from England, collections in the diocese \$5,900, in Eastern Canada \$4,200. The details of the expenditure were given at great length.

Rev. Canon Rogers was re-appointed honorary treasurer.

In the absence of Mr. F. H. Mathewson, Rev. F. V. Baker read the report of the statistical committee. The report notes the increased promptitude of returns and the committee is gratified at the general improvement shown. The increases noted were in the number of Sunday and week day services. The number of communicants has increased from 6,067 to 6,633 during the year; church families 1897, 4,762; 1898, 5,158; gifts to home mission fund 1897, 5,643, 1898, \$5,701; Indian missions, 1897, \$677; 1898, \$822; total synod collections 1897, \$7,295; 1898, \$7,435; amount of revenue raised in parishes, 1897, \$73,535; 1898, \$87,386; amount paid towards clergymen's stipends, 1897, \$27,000; 1898, \$30,960. The decreases are as follows; Baptisms, 1897, 1,215; 1898, 1,185. There is apparently a decrease in Indian mission, Widows' and Orphans' fund, and general offertories, but these are due to changes in the book-keeping, and also to the fact that owing to changes in the date some of the collections were taken after the books closed. There was only a small increase in the number of Sunday school scholars but this was due to the lack of returns from some six important parishes.

The report of St. John's College was presented by Rev. W. P. Sweatman. Mr. Sweatman urged a more united support.

Ven. Archdeacon Fortin thought this was to be done by setting some man free to advocate the claims of the college as Canon Rogers had advocated the claims of the Home Mission Fund.

Rev. N. Hewitt wanted to know why the college did not drop the arts course and devote its energies to theology, since the state was willing to teach arts.

Dean O'Meara pointed out that the government would not take up the arts course, and the colleges must continue this work. He favored setting Canon Matheson free to advocate the claims of the college, certain days in each fortnight.

Others who spoke on this subject were Mr. James Andrews of Oak Lake, Capt. Carruthers, W. P. Gahan, Rev. G. H. Hooper, Rev. W. J. Garton, W. R. Mulock, Rev. J. W. B. Page, J. R. Dutton, G. R. Coldwell.

The tone of discussion was most hopeful and the desire to help the college apparent on every side. It was pointed out that in spite of the special effort for the \$10,000 towards the mathematical lectureship, the collections for the college were only slightly behind those of previous years, though as yet only about half the returns are in.

Canon Matheson showed that the college was never in a better position than to-day. This was true in regard to every department.

Mr. Coldwell advised the college be separated from boys school.

His Grace said that he had always been opposed to the school and college being together, but past circumstances necessitated this. He favored at all times the most brotherly harmony between the clergy of the church and the ministers of other denominations. The outlook for the college was most hopeful. He had experienced personally both systems and strongly favored having residence colleges where there would be tutors to take a kindly interest in the men and prevent them from going wrong at just the most important time in life. His idea was that the important thing for a young man was a sound liberal education, after which he could readily devote his time to theology or other subjects. He felt it was better that candidates for the ministry should in their college course meet with those going into other professions.

The report was adopted and it was decided not to appoint a special agent as it was thought Canon Matheson could beset more free than in the past to take up the work.

The synod then adjourned for lunch which had been provided by the ladies of the city in the Masonic Temple.

THE AFTERNOON.

The synod met again at 2.30 p.m. in the school house and the business of the session was continued. After reading the minutes of the morning meeting the following address of welcome was presented to His Grace the Archbishop, and read by Archdeacon Fortin:

"We the clergy and lay delegates of the synod of Rupert'sland in session assembled, desire to extend to your Grace a most cordial welcome back to the diocese and to express our deep and heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God that in His Providence He has been pleased to restore you to health and strength after a long and trying illness. For a long time we have felt that you should be relieved of the college work which you have so willingly and so generously undertaken for many years and to day we rejoice that the hope which we have cherished in this regard is on the eve