

This lengthens out and often renders a correspondence useless. Still notwithstanding these drawbacks a review of what has been done will, I think, show that the Synod's business has not been shelved to gather the dust of oblivion.

By removal or inability to attend, our appointments to the Executive Committee have not been utilized. Nor have we been represented, with the exception of Mr. Holmes, by our delegates. To fill the vacancies, by the powers granted me at our last Synod, I appointed the Rev. John G. Anderson, a young and very promising clergyman in charge of our largest and most important Indian Mission, St. Peter's and who went from my old parish of St. Andrews as a student to St. John's, our clerical substitute, and Mr. W. J. Melrose then of this Diocese and a member of our last Synod, and Mr. Gilroy who again kindly consented to represent us, our lay representatives.

In the matter of offertories, only two Missions can be reported as carrying out the ordering of Synod. I am aware there are difficulties and that sometimes the scantiness of the congregation and the unwillingness and inability of some of its members to subscribe seem to make an offertory impossible. Still, however small the result, I think it only right that each mission that can gather a few on the appointed Sundays should carry out the Synod's resolution.

There is also a regrettable slackness in carrying out the Resolution with regard to Holy Communion. As clergymen of the Church of England we are bound to administer the Holy Communion not less than three times a year and I think we owe it as a duty to ourselves to endeavor to fulfil our own resolution in Synod that it should be administered not less than four times in the year. We may surely expect in the carrying out of this our bounden duty and service, a fulfilment to us of the promise: "That where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst." Neither fewness of numbers nor inappropriateness of surroundings should deter us from this service of faith and obedience. Nor should I have to remind you that in the face of Rome's travesty of this sacrament it becomes us to set it forth in its truth and simplicity. To neglect what are undoubtedly divinely appointed ordinances would be to lay ourselves open to the deserved reproaches of our adversaries, besides giving them an increased advantage in misrepresenting our religion. The hearty manner in which my remarks about this duty were received last Synod and the readiness with which a resolution pledging us to a celebration at least four times a year was moved and carried