

Schools be referred to a committee to report at the next session, and said a few words in reply to objections that had been made to the scheme of separate Church schools on the principle of local option, pointing out that the desire was not inconsistent with the movement in behalf of union, since even if a union were effected this question would have to be settled, and if it were settled soon, we should enter any future union the richer; that it would be absurd to put off an important matter with a view to a union that we might never see; that it was not inconsistent with the idea of *College Federation*, but exactly parallel to it, as the colleges would be under one general system, while each would have the religious teaching of its own religious body.

The motion for a committee was seconded by Rural Dean Carey, and carried. The following committee was appointed by the Prolocutor:—Revs. Canon Innes, Dr. Bethune, J. J. Bogert, Mr. Von Iffland, and Messieurs S. Bethune, Q.C., Sutherland Macklem, Edward Hodgson Q.C., and the mover and seconder, Mr. Ford and Mr. Carey. Mr. Ford was made convener.

Provincial Synod Notes.—Those who seek to improve the ceremonial of the Church can shelter themselves behind names of great authority in Canada, men who cannot be accused of being light or trifling persons. At the opening services the Metropolitan and several other bishops wore white stoles, two bishops at least had purple cassocks, three had pectoral crosses. At the holy eucharist the eastward position is taken. It is touching to see the aged Metropolitan receive his crozier from the chaplain, and solemnly bless the people in the name of God. The Metropolitan, and Bishop Kingdon his coadjutor, each preached at St. John's Church on Sunday, and a number of members of the Synod were present, and enjoyed the beautiful services. The service there somewhat resembles that at St. Matthias, Toronto. The Metropolitan's great age left him still able to endure the labours of the Synod, and to preach on Sunday.

On Friday evening Mr. Gault hospitably entertained the delegates. On Saturday evening, there was a very pleasant re-union given by the clergy of St. John's Church. Some Synodmen seemed to think the tone of Churchmanship in Montreal not uniformly satisfactory, but we heard no one express any doubt of the generous hospitality of the good people of that fine city.

SYNOD MISSIONARY MEETING.—A missionary meeting in connection with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, was held in the schoolroom of St. George's Church, which was crowded to the doors. Bishop Williams, of Quebec, presided, and there were also present on the platform, Dr. Mockridge (secretary), Bishops Sullivan, of Algoma; Baldwin, of Huron; Kingdon, co adjutor, of Fredericton, N.B.; Dean Carmichael, Archdeacon Lindsay, Bishop Harris and the other American representatives, Rev. Canon Cooper, of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and a large number of others.

Canon Cooper was the first speaker. He described the work of the S. P. G. in the different countries where it had been established, and particularly in Australia and New Zealand.

Rev. Mr. Wilson gave some particulars of the Indian missions and the work done by the Indian home at Sault Ste. Marie. He had with him on the platform, two Indian boys from the Northwest, who seemed to enjoy the prominence given them.

Bishop Sullivan, of Algoma, said this meeting brought together a cluster of associations such as were seldom met with. They had here, a representative of the oldest and most venerable and most efficient of all the societies of the mother church, which had shown herself such a royal nursing mother. She had thrown her fostering arms around the Canadian church, and from the moment he had gone to Algoma it had responded heartily to every call. It had been designed to be like the arm of a nurse, wound around the weak child until it had obtained mature strength to walk alone. The society he referred to was the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the secretary of which was Rev. W. H. Tucker, of London. Another pleasant feature was that they were to have addresses from representatives of the United States. Those who heard the addresses of those gentlemen that morning, would not soon forget the warm impression left on them. Bishop Harris was always sure of a warm welcome when he came here. They had also a representative of theological and literary culture in Dr. Hansford, dean of the Theological Seminary of New York. He spoke in complimentary terms of each of the other representatives, and said that he had spent eleven years of his life in connection with the Church in the States, and had found the American laity loyal to the Church they represented. He was astonished at the marvellous and almost unspeakable liberality with which they poured out their substance. They also welcomed that night for the first time, the

representatives of the Women's Auxiliary Society. Algoma, he said, was a great way behind in some things; it was a very model of ecclesiastical simplicity. There were no church dignitaries there, except the Bishop, and only one canon—the one on the missionary boat. He made a report as often as he was told. He (the speaker) charged him, trained him, and loaded him up to the muzzle, and he went off, but made no trouble in the diocese. There was no archdeacon, but he would like one if the definition of that dignity was, as a boy described it, "A fellow as does the work for the bishop." There were no very reverends, no rather reverends, and they only had what might be called "almost" reverends, viz., students who worked faithfully in the mission field, and there was no higher dignity. The mission work in Algoma was going on fast. Seven or eight new missions had been established since 1882, but there were many fields to fill up as soon as they could raise funds enough. He spoke of the appeals of these people for missionaries as a wail of distress, the sound of a breaking heart. They looked to their mother church to supply their spiritual wants.

Rev. Dr. Langford, as a representative of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of the United States, referred to the warm feeling entertained for the last speaker by the Americans. They had not forgotten him. He spoke of the work done by the So^cety for the Propagation of the Gospel. He brought the most cordial greeting from his society to the sister society in Canada, and congratulated the latter in following the example of the elder sister in forming a women's auxiliary society. They had in the States thirteen missionary stations throughout all that vast extent of territory. They had seven millions of coloured people to look after, and an Indian population. They had also missionary work in foreign lands, Africa, China, and Japan. The great difficulty was to get the people to take an interest in the work, and to this end they published a missionary magazine, but last year it was, however, only taken by some 2,616 laymen throughout the country. This year it reached over 5,600 people. He urged every one to take it. He urged all to help on the missionary work, quoting the Divine command, "Go ye and teach all nations," and the warning "The nation that will not serve Thee shall perish." He showed how all the heathen tribes that had not shown themselves amenable to the Gospel, had become or were becoming extinct.

Bishop Baldwin, of Huron, said that if the Canadian Church was to shine, she must set it down as the steadfast and guiding principle of her life that she should consecrate her energies to Christ, and devote them to spreading through the world the blessings of the Gospel. He spoke of the present state of Europe, which resembled an armed camp, peacebeing kept by 5,000,000 of armed men, resting on the hilts of their swords, and waiting for a chance to find one another in an unfavorable position. A remedy to this was only found in the gospel, and the church had a blessed mission to fulfil. It had a far nobler mission than either war or commercial enterprise.

After the singing of a hymn, and the benediction, the gathering dispersed.

The cordial reception which the Provincial Synod of the Canadian Church, at Montreal, extended to the deputation of the General Convention, is not only most gratifying to American Churchmen, but it will serve to make the relations even more definite and strong which bind the two Churches together. Certainly nothing could exceed the kindness with which our representatives were received; and the response which was made, not only in official utterances, but in graceful hospitality, to the admirable addresses of the American deputation, will not be forgotten. When the General Convention shall meet in Chicago, it is to be hoped that a numerous delegation from the Provincial Synod may be present; for our representative Churchmen covet the opportunity to acknowledge the kindness which has been lavished upon our deputation, and to testify to the profound interest which we feel in the prosperity of the Church of England in Canada.

Among the interesting and gratifying features of the session of the Provincial Synod, was the fact that at the great missionary meeting of that body, the General Secretary of our Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, was present by special invitation, and made a most interesting address. The cordiality with which he was received was no less marked than that which had already been accorded to our deputation, and the sympathetic attention with which the vast audience listened to him, was most gratifying. At the same meeting there was an instructive address by the Rev. Canon Cooper, who represented the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, a most admirable speech by the Bishop of Algoma, and an earnest and touching address by the Bishop of Huron. One feature of that exceedingly successful missionary meeting, as it has been reported to us, deserves especial mention. In the absence of

the Metropolitan, the Bishop of Quebec presided; and his presidency was distinguished, by what we in the United States would call a singular excellence; which was that he refrained from speech making. Many a missionary meeting on our side of the line is marred by the irrepressible tendency which too many of our presiding officers have to interject their own impromptu speeches between the addresses which are prepared for the occasion. Let us learn from the Canadian Church that the chief function of a president is to preside.—*N. Y. Churchman.*

ONTARIO.

OTTAWA.—A meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association, was held on Wednesday evening last, the 22nd of September, in the school room of St. John's Church. The reports of the secretary, Mr. McClenaghan; the treasurer, Rev. Thomas Garrett; and the chairman of the picnic committee, were received and adopted. These reports were most satisfactory, and the various members of the committee received the highest praise for their successful labors from the Rev. Messrs. Pollard, Bogert, and Muckleston. The receipts amounted to \$899 27, and were exactly equal to the expenditure. The chairman pointed out where improvements might be made on future occasions, and made suggestions as to the time, place, and transport for similar meetings. He counselled a more rigorous system of superintendence, and more self-denial on the part of officers and committee. He also commented severely upon the apathy and even rudeness shown in many cases, and breach of faith committed in several instances, by the athletic clubs, etc., to whom he had applied for assistance. Nearly all of them contained enough members of the Church alone to make good exhibitions in their own lines. The object was a good one, and all churchmen ought to contribute to its success by an expenditure of either money or muscle. The picnic of next year bids fair to be carried out on a much grander scale than has heretofore been attempted.

The following are some of the novelties suggested, viz., a captive balloon, steam carriage, professional sculling race, gating gun practice, steam organ, professional swimming race, male and female; canoe tournament, baby show, maypole dance, acrobats, living statuary, a miracle or moral play, archery, clay pigeon shooting, and band competition. These Sunday school picnics do a vast amount of good in exciting, developing, consolidating and increasing the power of the church in this section. No body of Christians in Ottawa has ever been able to unite their various congregations for social purposes as is done by the Anglo-Catholics in these picnics. The union picnic is now a by-word in the mouths of all creeds and classes for one day's healthy and wholesome outing and enjoyment. The management is excellent, and those who attend are most orderly, well behaved, and well dressed. It was a stirring sight to see the procession of young people, with banners, &c., and when next year the neighbouring parishes join in the sport, and send in their contingents, such a procession will go far towards bringing back the sectarians to the true and parent fold. Amen.

MABERLY.—The Rev. Mr. Radcliffe leaves the first week in October (D.V.) to commence the work in the mission of Arthur and diocese of Niagara. All are most anxious that the bishop's commissary, the venerable Archdeacon Lauder, of Ottawa, will appoint the Rev. P. T. Mignot, curate of St. Paul's to succeed Mr. Radcliffe. What is wanted is a man thoroughly in earnest in desiring to save souls, and one who can and will sympathize with the people, and try to understand them and their ways. Rev. Mr. Mignot is just this sort of a man.

FINCH.—The harvest festival and picnic in connection with the Chrysler congregation has been held. It is pronounced a success. The services held in the grove were bright and hearty. Rev. T. Flood, lately appointed to Newington, was the preacher both morning and evening. The dinner provided by the ladies of the congregation was of course good and abundantly sufficient for the large numbers who partook. Social converse, music, &c., passed the day pleasantly. The Duncanville brass band was on the ground through the day. Before dark the grove, a very fine one, belonging to Mr. Ralph Chrysler, was vacated. Proceeds, after all expenses paid, about \$67.

The Prescott branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, held an interesting social in St. John's school room on Tuesday evening, the 29th of September, when the Rev. E. F. Wilson, of the Indian homes, Sault Ste. Marie, gave an excellent address on the work done for Indian children at the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes. He was accompanied by two Indian boys, the one of the Ojibway and the other of the Sioux tribe, aged respectively eight and ten years. The