

tory, showing sales from Oct. 1st, 1887, to Oct. 1st, 1888, to be \$342.15. The Committee had placed the management again in the hands of a small committee composed of Rev. A. E. Cowley, Chairman, Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath, Secretary, and Mr. W. R. Mulock, Treasurer. The sales had exceeded those of any previous year, as owing to the loan of \$200 authorized by the Synod, the Committee had been enabled to keep a larger stock. The report was adopted.

The Report of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese, formed in March, 1887, giving details of work done, such as sending boxes of clothing to Rev. Mr. Barman's Sioux Mission, providing for poor families, sending supplies of surplices, &c., for the use of missionaries, was adopted.

From the Report of the Committee on Sunday-Schools presented by the Secretary, Canon Coombes, and adopted, it appeared that only one regular meeting had been held owing in part to the fact that three of its seven members lived at so great a distance as to forbid attendance and it was recommended that such members should be allowed to act by proxy. The recommendation of the Committee that the Days of Intercession for Sunday-schools set apart by the Church of England S. S. Institute should be observed, had met with a general response throughout the diocese, and Sunday-school work had thereby been aided. The formation of a Diocesan Sunday-School Association was recommended.

In reference to Archdeacon Cowley's death, the following Resolution was adopted:—"That this Synod would desire to place on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by this body and the Church at large in the death of the Ven. Archdeacon Cowley, one of the pioneer Missionaries of this Diocese, who, for nearly half a century was so widely known and so deeply respected through the whole of the North-West. In every sphere he occupied, whether as missionary at Fairford, and at St. Peters, as the Secretary of the Church Missionary Society, as first Chaplain of the Manitoba Penitentiary, or as Archdeacon of the Diocese, his ripe wisdom, calm judgment, uniform kindness and personal devotedness of life and character will give his name a lasting place in the number of that devoted band of Christian missionaries who have in the past been so largely instrumental in building up the work of Christ and His Church in this diocese and Province." A Resolution expressing sympathy with the family of the late Rev. N. E. Martin, whose death was deplored, was also passed.

Immigration.—Rev. H. T. Leslie, Immigrant Chaplain, presented a report of his work during the past year, in which he stated that he had found good places for all of a large party of immigrants brought out by Rev. J. Bridger, S.P.C.K. Immigration Chaplain, most of which party consisted of strong, healthy young men and lads, just such an element as is greatly needed in Manitoba. He bore testimony to the comfortable provision made for boys sent out from the different homes in England. He found that these lads do much better in the country than in the city, and he had no doubt that they would make just the class of settlers needed in Manitoba. He was convinced that there is no country in the world which offers such inducements to the poor immigrant as this country, and could name quite a number of families who came here five or six years ago, with very little capital to start farming, and who to-day may be considered quite comfortably off. His duties on Sunday had frequently taken him to see the immigrants who had come in monthly parties brought out from England this summer by the different S.P.C.K. Chaplains; and he had found them well placed, and looking well and contented. He had found the English people most grateful for services rendered and received such expressions of satisfaction and gratitude that his work ceased to be a labor.

The following important addition was made to Canon IX.—"No Clergyman shall be instituted to the incumbency of a parish unless in Priest's orders. A clergyman may, in present circumstances, be instituted to the incumbencies of two or more parishes, but the Bishop may at any time or an address from the Executive Committee stating that the welfare of the Church requires that one or more of such parishes be placed under a separate incumbent, make a division of such parishes, and if this division is sanctioned by the Executive Committee may then call on the incumbent to choose which portion to select for himself and to resign the rest, or failing such choice and resignation may, with the consent of the Executive Committee declare one or more of such parishes vacant."

Addition to Canon XIV. "The boundaries and extent of any Mission district for which a missionary is licensed by the Bishop, may from time to time be changed by the Bishop on the recommendation of the Executive Committee."

The Communication from the Synod of Toronto regarding the Union of the Church in B.N.A., under an Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction was referred to the Executive Committee.

A resolution to have the salaries of the Missionaries guaranteed by the Executive Committee, failed of adoption.

The following Resolutions arising out of the Bishop's address were submitted and adopted:

INDIAN SCHOOLS.

1. The Synod cordially approves of the Church doing what it can to co-operate with the Government in the maintenance of an Industrial School, and commends it to the support of its parishes and missions.

2. The Synod approves that for the management of this School and the securing, if necessary, means for its support, the Executive Committee nominate a committee to co-operate with the C.M.S. finance committee, and that such committee be either the same committee as is appointed for Indian Missions, or one similarly constituted.

3. The Synod approves of appointments in connection with this School being made by the Bishop or the joint recommendation of the said Committee appointed by the Executive Committee and the C.M.S. finance committee.

4. The full report of the proceedings of the said Committee be made from time to time to the Executive Committee as the executive committee may direct or wish; and that the executive committee may at any time make such changes in its members of the said committee as it thinks fit.

COLLEGE COLLECTION.

The Synod Committee commends the collection for the College to the earnest support of all members of the Church, and directs the Executive Committee to see that an earnest effort be made to raise for the College the required sum of \$14,500.

ENCYCICAL LETTER.

That the Encyclical Letter put forth by the Conference of Bishops at Lambeth, be printed in the Synod report, and read by the Clergy in Church on the second Sunday in Advent as recommended by the Bishop.

THE C.M.S. SCHEME.

That the Synod desires to express its deep sense of the lasting obligation under which this country lies to the C.M.S., its regret at the proposed withdrawal while so many Indians are still heathen and the Churches so ill able to take its place, its fear lest, as the block grant of the Society is diminished work may have to be abandoned, but its resolve, looking to the help and the blessing of God to do what it can.

2. That with this view the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint a committee to co-operate with the finance committee of the C.M.S. in drawing plans for future work, and to place on this committee any gentleman likely to be members of the Executive Committee.

THANKS TO THE S.P.G.

1. That the Synod returns its grateful thanks to the venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for the continuance of its grant for Missions in this Diocese and theological scholarships at St. John's College, and for the renewal of the lapsed grant for the encouragement of the Clergy Endowment fund.

2. Vote of thanks to the S.P.C.K. That the Synod thanks most gratefully the venerable Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge for its new block grant of £500 for theological scholarships at St. John's College, its grants for churches and other objects, and its printing of the Sioux manual.

That the Synod would express the hope that the lapsed grants for the General Endowment fund of the College, and for encouraging the Clergy Endowment fund, may be renewed, as the need of them is as great as ever.

3. That the Synod returns its grateful thanks to the Colonial and Continental Church Society for the continuance of its grant, which is of the greatest service to the Diocese.

A special resolution of welcome to the Most Rev. the Metropolitan on his safe return from the Pan-Anglican Conference at Lambeth, and expressing its deep satisfaction that he was enabled to represent the Church of this important portion of the Dominion before that body, was passed by acclamation.

A number of motions on matters of minor or local importance, and of thanks having been passed, the Bishop closed the Synod with the Benediction.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette, Dublin, says:—

Do Dissenters desire re-union with the Church on any possible terms? If we are to judge by the statements that appear occasionally in Non-conformist papers, we are regretfully obliged to answer, "No." In an article, for example, in the *South Wales Daily News* we read: "Healthy action and sound progress are only made amid the friction, and collision, and competition of rival ideas and of contending parties." That is to say, Christianity will make more progress when Christians are divided than when they are united. Facts are too sadly in opposition to this view; but it is to be feared that the acceptance of it as a working theory is the creation of an insuperable difficulty in the way of re-union. When men rejoice in division unity has no charm.

The same paper enumerates the following as some of the matters in which improvement is required, and as involving in a large degree the future and best interests of the Church of Ireland.

1. That the primitive and Apostolic custom of a celebration of the Eucharist every Lord's Day, as a means of strengthening and refreshing the soul's of all Christian people be adopted as a rule of the Church. Let the clergyman announce each Sunday, "I for my part am ready," and cease to offer for Bread an empty Table.

2. That confirmations be each year, and not once in three years. That the Bishop for this purpose go from parish to parish, that the people may see and know that they have a Bishop.

3. That the needs of the Church demand in poor and populous centres the service of religious communities and sisterhoods, who will devote their lives to the work of the Church in these centres, under the direction and authority of the Bishop of the diocese.

4. That the needs and surroundings of our Church demand that there be more definite teaching of the principles of the Holy Catholic Church as regards her doctrines, rites, and