

PRIMARY EDUCATION,

observing: "I have little on the present occasion to say respecting primary education. The synod has frequently set forth the importance we attach to a measure of religious education in the day schools. The amended Manitoba Act, if carried out in the spirit in which it seemed to be passed, may be made to give us all the religious instruction practicable with our sparse population. But I am afraid little can be done in many districts, if we cannot come to some arrangement with the Presbyterian and Methodist bodies. The subject will have during the year my best attention.

His Grace was glad that so much attention is being paid to Sunday school work, but, he proceeded to say that after all, much of the influence of the teaching of religion, whether in the day school or in the Sunday school will be neutralized if there is not family religion. In closing his address he dwelt strongly on the importance of this matter and showed the need of the help of the Spirit of God in approaching the duties of the synod.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of England held in connection with the synod, opened at 11 o'clock, June 29th, in Holy Trinity Church, with devotional exercises conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Fortin.

Rev. J. A. Richardson of St. Luke's Church, delivered a short address to the members present. He spoke of the importance and magnitude of the women's auxiliary. The meeting was important, too, because it was a meeting of delegates, and therefore, representative of a much greater number than was visible. Besides this, it was a meeting of mothers. The greatest work in the universe is the work of sacrifice, the work of aiding others. More than a necessity, the work of the auxiliary is a duty. The spirit of Christianity is an energizing thing. But it is also something which is meant to be passed on and diffused through the world. The sphere of Christian influence is not hedged in by the individual life. Each one must labor for the salvation of others. It is a duty and an obligation to win souls. No one could live wholly unto themselves. The great essential of all Christian work is that each one shall be a co-laborer with God. After the address, Holy Communion was celebrated and the session adjourned to meet at 2.30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session, at which there was a very large attendance, commenced with the singing of the hymn, "For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace," and was following with a reading from the Scriptures and a brief prayer.

The minutes of annual meeting of last year were adopted as read.

Lady Schultz then welcomed the delegates with a few appropriate words, which were suitably responded to by Mrs. Coggs, of Carberry.

The President, Mrs. Fortin, then delivered her farewell

address, reviewing the progress made by the society during the past year and prophesying for it a most useful and consecrated future.

Next followed, in turn, the reports of the recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, diocesan correspondent, literature superintendent, and junior superintendent. These reports were all unanimously adopted.

Hymn 397, "The Church's One Foundation," was then sung, after which a collection was taken.

The reports from the representatives of the senior branches of the society in different parts of the province, were next read. These dealt principally with progress of the work and told of increased membership and reduced mortgages and all reported a bright outlook for the next year.

Officers for the ensuing year were then nominated as follows. Where only one name is mentioned in the following list the election was by acclamation.

Hon. president, Lady Schultz; president, Mrs. Fortin; first vice-president, Mrs. Phair, Mrs. Baker, and Mrs. Monk; second vice-president, Mrs. Roy, Mrs. O'Meara and Mrs. Gill; recording secretary, Mrs. Patton; corresponding and Dorcas secretary, Miss Millidge; treasurer, Forest; diocesan correspondent, Mrs. Lawler; literature secretary, Mrs. Burman; junior superintendent, Mrs. Gill.

The usual votes of thanks were then tendered to the railways, the press, etc., etc., after which the members spent a pleasant hour in social intercourse, in the course of which a plentiful supply of light refreshments were served by the younger ladies.

ANNUAL SYNOD.

The synod of the diocese met at 10 o'clock a.m., June 28th, in Holy Trinity school house, His Grace the Archbishop occupied the chair. Rev. A. E. Cowley presented the report of Committee on credentials, after which, the roll of the clerical and lay delegates was called. Mr. Howell, Q. C., declined to act as acting chancellor. It was moved by Canon Matheson, that Rev. C. R. Littler be elected secretary of the synod. This was carried. Mr J. G. Dagg was elected lay secretary of the synod. It was also moved and resolved that the minutes of the proceedings of the last synod be considered as read and adopted.

His Grace was then requested to name a committee on procedure of motions. The Archbishop appointed Canon Matheson and Mr. A. J. Kayll, M. A.

Rev. W. A. Burman, rural dean of Selkirk moved that the report of the executive committee as contained in the printed synopsis be received and adopted. This was carried. The remainder of the printed reports were also adopted as received.

The following committees were nominated.

Property and finance committee—Hon. treasurer and convener, Rev. Canon Matheson, Thos. Robinson, W. P.