

matter of speculation. It is a pity that the Ven. Archdeacon could not spare time to make the experiment.

The Report has been printed and copies may be obtained from the Secretaries of Synod: the Rev. W. B. Allen, Chilliwhack, and Mr. Walter S. Walker of New Westminster.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor Church Record :

DEAR SIR :—I am enclosing herewith a cutting from the *Living Church*, re the charge of simony brought against, or threatened to be brought against the present Bishop of Kilmore, or rather against those who perpetrated the act. I think it will open the eyes of some of our people, when they see how careful the Church is that no monetary consideration shall be allowed to enter into an appointment.

Yours Truly,
Nov. 26th., 1897. A. S.

Some stir has been made over a charge of simony in connection with the recent election to the Bishopric of Kilmore, Ireland. It appears that some foolish friends of the candidate, Canon Elliot, who was afterwards chosen, had issued a circular referring to the gifts of this gentleman to the diocese, and to the future benefits to be expected from him, and on this ground asked for votes on his behalf. This performance was undoubtedly reprehensible; but it is explained that the circular was sent to only a few persons who were not directly concerned, and that it was quickly withdrawn, and finally that Canon Elliott knew nothing about the matter. *The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*, while correcting exaggerated reports on

the subject, speaks with just severity of allowing monetary gifts and private means to enter into elections to bishoprics and parishes, a tendency which it says is far too evident in the Irish Church at the present time.—*Living Church*. Nov. 13th., 1897.

To the Editor Church Record :

DEAR SIR :—As a layman interested in Church work, I would like to ask through the medium of this paper if there is any precedent for a lay reader saying the Burial Service from the Book of Common Prayer over deceased members of the Church, where the Priest in charge is unable to do so through sickness or absence, or where the ministrations of the Church are not given by an ordained Minister. There appears to be nothing in the service which absolutely pertains to the Priestly office. For my own part I do not think it is regular for him to do so, but the question I am asking is, would it be legal or not? Of course I am assuming the lay reader to have the ordinary licence to execute his office.

Yours Sincerely,
JUVENIS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

HOLY TRINITY.

Is not too late for publication we must send a few items in connection with our parish.

As the Synod has met since the issue of your November number you have doubtless but little room to spare, so we shall confine our remarks to the aid rendered the Parish by the entertainment Committee on behalf of St. Leonard's Hall.