

the matter up again at the next meeting of the Committee (in March) in order that if possible something may be done in that direction before the next Easter Vestry Meetings, as it is simply scandalous if more cannot be raised in the Diocese after our excellent harvest. Clergy maintenance *must* be made a first charge on any extra expenditure, or we are simply robbing people in England to pay for our supposed liberality.

Grants for Parsonages.—The Bishop then explained to the Committee that we now had to face a grave question with regard to the building of parsonages. When the Diocese was first formed the S.P.G. gave a Grant of £500 for Grants to "Buildings." This could be used in the erection of either Churches or Parsonages, and, at his request, the Society had allowed part of their Grant to be given in loans. This Fund was now entirely exhausted, and as it was the only source whence Grants for Parsonages could be obtained, the only way of continuing to give such Grants was to use the sums that were being returned on the loans now outstanding for that purpose. But then this was also the only Fund from which *Loans* in aid of Churches could be continued. On Jan. 1st, there was outstanding on this account, loans and interest thereon, \$2,246. About \$500 had been repaid this year, the chief item being from Moosomin, \$300 which had been transferred to a private mortgage. In the Dioceses of Rupert's Land and Saskatchewan no Grant is given from the central Fund for the erection of Parsonages. They have to be built entirely by local effort.

It was felt, however, that, even as a matter of economy, every encouragement that was possible should be given for the erection of houses, as rents are high, and the Stipend has therefore to be kept at a higher rate where there is no house. After considerable discussion, the following resolutions on this subject were passed:

1. That the money coming in from payments of loans and interest be expended on Grants to Parsonages, and loans to Church Buildings, in equal proportions.

2. That the maximum Grant to Parsonages shall be \$150, but in no case shall the Grant exceed one-fifth of the cost of building.

An application was received for a loan for the purchase of a house at Whitewood, at a cost of \$527. The building had cost originally \$1,000, and several improvements had lately been made since. The Committee granted \$100 instead of a loan.

A communication was received from the Rev. J. Wilson, relative to the building he had erected at Medicine Hat, for the purpose of an Indian School. For various reasons Mr. Wilson felt himself unable to attempt to commence the School, and he desired to withdraw from all responsibility concerning it. The property is already deeded to the Diocese. The Bishop explained that he had informed Mr. Wilson when he first proposed building a School there, that, while he sanctioned his so doing, under no circumstances would it be possible for him to carry it on as a Diocesan Institution, as it could only be of practical use for Indians resident in the