

at most schools from the sparseness of the population, it would often be impossible for any one religious body to get parents of ten children to apply for the instruction. Where there is a considerable body of children it may be practicable to give religious instruction to our own children, if this is thought desirable, but in the great majority of schools this will not be practicable. I hope, then, steps may be taken by communication with the Presbyterian and Methodist churches to arrange for a joint course of religious instruction such as is secured in the Protestant schools in the Province of Quebec. And I trust that the great truths of our faith will be emphasised by the teaching of the Apostles' Creed. I do not think that it should be difficult to agree upon simple text books that would be sufficiently acceptable to members of the three bodies, and that would be of the greatest value, though by no means all that might be desired by many.

St. John's College has had a good attendance, and the work has been satisfactory. The College School has not kept up so well in numbers. The loss is in boarders. The school never recovered the breaking up several times in 1891 from successive outbreaks of scarlet fever, when it was epidemic in the city. The school has had in the past a great record of success. I believe the introduction of the Classical course at a much earlier stage than is possible in the public schools is an advantage educationally, and to many boys the discipline of such a public school when they reside is of the greatest value. Still I fear that, till we have more families in the country, to whom it is of no moment paying \$100 to \$200 for what they consider an advantage, we are not likely to have a large number of boarders now that good English schools with classical departments, are scattered over the country. The Synod passed a resolution last year to raise \$2,000 for the college, but I am sure such a sum cannot be raised without very much more effort than has hitherto been shown. The other bodies seem to have no difficulty in doing much more for their colleges, though none of them is probably dependent on its colleges as we are. The staff of the college can only to a very limited extent address congregations, especially with the present arrangement of most of the branch lines. They could do more, if the time for raising the funds were not limited to Lent. Still I think that in any case such a sum as \$2,000 could only be raised by very earnest effort on the part of the graduates of the college and the other clergy. I have still a good deal of mathematical teaching in the college. Much as I like the subject, I am anxious to be relieved from it. It interferes at times with what I should like to do in the Diocese, but especially it keeps me from duties asked of me as the Primate of Canada, which sometimes it might be of importance for me to discharge. I am most anxious, then, for the foundation of a lectureship in mathematics. I think such a foundation absolutely necessary. All the present income is required for other purposes, and I cannot think of bringing a competent scholar here, on the security of a few subscriptions that might be offered. If he does his duty we should be able to keep him. I have at my command a sum that I can devote to the purpose, and I have made application to the S. P. G. for a grant from the bequest of Mr. Marriott

for colleges and hospitals. It was my intention to have spent the winter in England, hoping to obtain some addition to the fund, but I have been unable from pressure of work and other causes to make any arrangements, and the time is exceedingly unfavorable, both from the many efforts in connection with the Jubilee celebration and from the pressure in England of many Colonial and Foreign Bishops, who will be pressing some special need. It is likely, therefore, that I may not make the attempt.

The S. P. G. has also a large bequest from the same Mr. Marriott for the building of churches under certain conditions. A number of applications have been forwarded from this Diocese. If any considerable portion of them receive favorable consideration, a very great encouragement will be given to the work of the Church.

Time forbids me longer trespassing upon your attention. There are to be opportunities at this Synod for meetings of various kinds, and I hope they will be enjoyed and prove very helpful. Let us go forward to all our work and duties looking for the blessing of the Holy Spirit and in dependence on His help.

THE SYNOD—FIRST DAY:

The members of Synod assembled in Holy Trinity church on Thursday, May 6th, at 9:30 a. m., when Holy Communion was celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop, who was assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, Rev. Canon Matheson, and Rev. C. R. Littler.

After service the Synod was duly constituted in Holy Trinity school house. Prayers were read by the secretary. Rev. Canon Rogers, B. D., was unanimously re-elected secretary of Synod, and Mr. W. S. Becher was appointed lay secretary to assist during the sessions of Synod.

Rev. A. E. Cowley read the report of the committee on credentials, and moved its adoption, seconded by Rev. C. R. Littler.

The following were elected a committee to consider the Primate's address: Very Rev. Dean O'Meara, Ven. Archdeacon Fortin, Rev. F. V. Baker, Rev. C. R. Littler, and Mr. W. P. Sweatman, Capt. G. F. Carruthers, Lt.-Col. Anstruther, and Mr. H. S. Crotty.

The secretary called the roll of Synod.

The minutes of last meeting were taken as read, on the motion of Ven. Archdeacon Fortin and Mr. H. M. Howell.

Canon Matheson and Mr. A. J. Kayll were appointed a committee to arrange the procedure of resolutions.

Canon Rogers, honorary treasurer, read extracts from the treasurer's report, which showed the finances of the Church to be in a satisfactory condition. There was on hand a balance of \$700. The amount received from Eastern Canada was \$1,234.43. A sum of \$260 was paid to students for filling vacant missions. The amount collected in Manitoba, \$5,491.08, was the largest yet subscribed. The sum of \$11,105.82, received from the Church Societies in England, was not as large as last year, as the S. P. G. had decreased its grant by 10 per cent.

Mr. H. M. Howell, Q. C., spoke of the gratifying receipts for the year, which, considering the financial depression all