

Com. of the Synod. We might be permitted to digress so far, as to express the opinion that it is very much to be regretted that more of our worthy laymen do not attend these meetings, and the meetings of Synod, when matters affecting the interests of the Church are being discussed. Their Counsel in many instances would be very valuable, and much appreciated by the clergymen of the Diocese.

The reports presented by the different Rectors and Incumbents were considered generally satisfactory, although in a few instances we could have hoped for

better things. On the whole the Church seems at least to be holding her own in the deanery. This however should not satisfy us. She ought to be enlarging her borders. There is much room for improvement.

Mr. W. M. Hillhouse the energetic Superintendent of the Sunday School at Boadville, was elected representative on the Diocesan Sunday School Association, from this deanery. There was no business transacted of special note. The Rev'd Rural Dean Brown presided.

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## College News.

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January, 1900, opened well in Montreal with Missionary meetings and services. Some are referred to in the columns for "City News. We give here merely those which fell to the share of the college.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16th, the Ven. Archdeacon Lofthouse, the well known missionary from Moosonee, spoke to the students at college chapel. In simple and telling words he described some features of the work in Northern Moosonee; but as much of his address was repeated at a subsequent meeting, we defer giving any details here, as they will be dealt with in due order. Suffice it to say concerning this service, that such quiet informal talks in the chapel are well calculated to produce more

lasting and far-reaching results than even a large public meeting.

We had residing with us in college for a few days in January, the Rev. J. Arthur Hickman, C.M.S., Missionary from China. Mr. Hickman went to China some nine years ago. He commenced work in one of the great inland cities of China where no missionary had ever been before. It is useless to try to spell the name of this city, and even if it were spelt correctly it could not be pronounced by any ordinary person, for it has been well said to resemble in pronunciation the sound of a prolonged sneeze. In this city Mr. Hickman and his companions were not, received in a very friendly spirit, but were roughly