

himself familiar with the duties of such a station, and he now in the most careful manner conducts the observations. The boarding of the collegiate school is in future to be carried on by the college. A considerable addition was made to the buildings this winter, and it is hoped a new wing will be added in the summer, which will probably give sufficient accommodation for all our wants for some time. The teaching staff is now strong—modern languages—that is, French and German, will be taught, to those who wish it in addition to the ancient languages, Mathematics, English, and Music.

THE CHURCH FUNDS.

At the last meeting of Synod the Church funds amounted to \$9,000.—They are now largely increased, exceeding \$40,000. They are nearly as follows:—St. John's College, \$30,000; Church Endowment Fund, \$7,000; Native Pastorate Fund, \$2,000; Clergy Widow's and Orphan's Fund, \$1,100; other funds, \$500. There is therefore beginning now to be a good deal of responsibility connected with the management. I am willing for the present to act as Treasurer, but I wish to have all possible protection against casualties beyond my control. I should like a resolution to be passed by the Synod appointing Mr. Smith as agent in Montreal for the Treasurer, with power of investing, selling investments, and receiving and paying the proceeds of investments and holding money for the purpose of investment as the Treasurer may require; and further, giving power to the Executive Committee with the consent of the Bishop to make any other arrangement as to agency. Mr. Smith's accounts are made up to the end of the year and do not reach this till February. He has also a considerable sum in his hands for

investment which had better be invested before the accounts are audited. I think the best time therefore for auditing the accounts will be Easter, and I should wish that in addition to the auditors appointed here, two gentlemen in Montreal should be requested to audit the securities there and to report upon them. The audit would then be complete and satisfactory.

CONCLUSION.

There are various subjects that I should like to have touched upon, but for the length to which I have already proceeded, such as the organization and working of Sunday Schools, the encouragement of music; the extension and management of the depot for church books, and the diffusion throughout our parishes and missions, of church periodicals and other reading. Perhaps the better plan will be for a committee to be named to consider these questions.

For the reason already stated I cannot enter on any of the subjects that in the last year or two have been engaging the attention of the Church at home, but I cannot refrain from expressing my hearty sympathy with the various efforts to give the Church the elasticity needed to harmonize its services with the feelings and special needs of our own time. I recommend the passing of resolutions requesting me to bring into operation in this diocese—

The Act 34 and 35 Vict., Chap. 37, "An act to amend the law relating to the Tables of Lessons and Psalter contained in the Prayer Book," and the act 35 and 36 Vic. Chap. 35, "An act for the amendment of the act of Uniformity."

May God, my Reverend Brethren and Brethren of the Laity, vouchsafe now to us His presence in our deliberations, and make all we do be for His glory and the benefit of the Church.