

In conclusion, the committee would suggest in addition to the ordinary routine of the school, that the clergyman should set apart specific periods for catechetical instruction given by himself in the school, and at stated periods to preach a sermon specially addressed to the Sunday school scholars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

T. BOLTON READ,  
*Chairman.*

#### MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT.

The musical committee beg leave to report that in pursuance of their report adopted at the last meeting of the Synod, they have endeavoured to form an appendix to the chant and tune-book, of such additional tunes as are required for the measures, many hymns which have become popular, or have themselves found wide acceptance, being at the same time suited to the use of congregations and sufficiently ecclesiastical in their character, but not having as yet being able to persuade the publisher to undertake the publication without the guarantee from loss, they await the formation of a subscription list before they can make their labours effectual. The cost of the publication of each copy would be about seven cents, and they have already had one offer of a contribution of \$20, and if the members of the Synod would generally subscribe small sums, to be repaid in copies of the appendix, or of the whole book with that addition, they have no doubt of bringing it out in the course of a few months.

They have likewise had in consideration, the publication of the Canticles printed in a separate shape and in larger type. That could be printed and covered for \$12, and sold at about 3 cents per copy, but having no funds at their disposal they have not entered on it.

The committee have been gratified to observe that a first attempt has been made to adopt a practice which is widely extended in England, viz.: that of gatherings of choirs in the Cathedral church, for a joint celebration of divine service. They trust that this is but the precursor of making similar gatherings, embracing every year a wider circle of choirs.

They are likewise glad to observe that a recommendation which they made in a former report, for the formation of choral associations has been adopted in the City of Toronto, and that that association contributed a share towards the union of choirs to which they have already adverted, besides having a distinct celebration of its own on Ascension Day. They trust that this association may increase and prosper, and be the exciting cause of many similar associations within town and country.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES BEAVEN,  
*Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

The Committee on Congregational Singing beg leave to report,

That immediately after the meeting of Synod last year, they addressed a circular to all the clergy of the diocese, stating that a gentleman, whose success as a teacher of congregational singing had been abundantly proved, had offered to undertake the instruction of such congregations as might require his services on the following terms, viz.:—that travelling expenses and board for himself and wife should be guaranteed, and that he should receive the proceeds of a collection to be taken up each evening of practice.

To this circular only one clergyman replied, who expressed an anxious desire to enter into the proposals of the committee, and gave every encouragement to hope for success in his parish.

Your committee waited till the early part of November, when another circular was addressed to the clergy urging an early reply. To this also but one answer was received, from Rev. Dr. Atkinson, stating that his parish was already supplied with an efficient teacher, and that he could not therefore enter into the scheme of the committee.

Feeling as they do that congregational singing is one of the great wants of the Canadian Church, your committee are unable to account for this apparent indifference on the part of the clergy, and would be glad if some of those present would explain why the proposal of the committee could not be carried out in their parishes.