

and in accordance with a resolution of the Vestry, held —, sanctioning the same, to allow us to Mortgage the property [state particulars], situated in this Parish, held by the Synod, for the sum of —, and we promise that all payments of interest and insurance and principal, as such payments become due, shall be made by the Parish, and we hold the Synod free from all liability on the same, it being understood that if the said payments are not made by those agreeing to pay the same, the property shall be sold (with the sanction of the Synod) to pay off the same.

The attention of all clergy and churchwardens is very particularly requested to the above Resolutions of the Executive Committee, which are to come into force after Jan. 1st, and will be strictly observed; and also to the above form of application which has since been drawn up by the Bishop in order to make more clear the conditions under which the Committee allows Mortgages to be made.

The Bishop in the absence of the Treasurer, then made a statement as to the state of the finances of the Diocese, from the Treasurer's books which he had lately examined.

The expenses and receipts for this year seemed to be very nearly equal, excluding from the former the very exceptional grant of \$250, made for the establishment of a Depot for Church Literature. As there was a balance in hand, on Jan. 1st, of \$1,464 on the general account, this would leave a balance at the end of the year of about \$1,200.

Clergy Maintenance.—The Bi-

shop had also made out an estimate of the probable cost for clergy maintenance for the coming year. From this it appeared that while the cost of maintenance of the clergy, for which the Diocesan Funds are already responsible, without adding to them, would be about \$7,500, supposing all posts to be filled up, the income that could be relied upon was only about \$6,400, viz.: S. P. G. Grant, \$3,880; Private Fund from England, (£400) \$1,940; Eastern Canada, say \$600. Thus leaving a deficit of about \$1,000.

Assistant clergymen were allowed for, in this estimate, at Regina, Moosomin, and Grenfell, and also \$300 for an Interpreter at Touchwood Hills, to help Mr. Dawson. But another clergyman ought to be stationed this year on the M. & N. W. Railway, probably at Saltcoats, and another north of Regina and Whitewood District ought to be provided with an assistant. Foreseeing this need the Bishop had issued an earnest appeal to the clergy and churchwardens throughout the Diocese, pointing out that after the excellent harvest of this year it might reasonably be expected that the districts that had been receiving help for some time would increase their local contributions so as to release the central funds for other work. It was with very much regret that he had to report that only one district (Moosomin) had held out even any hope of an increase in contributions. The Committee did not, therefore, see their way to make any reductions in the Grants as they do not, of course, wish the clergy to suffer; but the Bishop will consider it his duty to bring