

## QUITE IMPRACTICABLE.

So the Niagara Synod Declares Parochial Schools to be.

### EVENTLESS EVENING SESSION.

The Niagara Synod took up the parochial school question as soon as it resumed business yesterday afternoon, and Rev. C. E. Whitcombe moved, seconded by Rev. E. J. Essenden, that all the reports, except the last clause, be struck out and a clause added to make the report read as follows: "That the Church fails in her duty to her children so long as she makes no effort to provide for their daily education in that faith and doctrine which, being contained in Holy Scriptures, she has received as the faithful and doctrine necessary to salvation. And your committee would recommend that the Synod should avail itself of every opportunity of forwarding, in co-operation with other religious bodies the increase of religious instruction in the Public Schools."

Mr. John Hoodless thought the Synod should once and for all settle the question of the practicability of parochial schools. Rev. C. E. Whitcombe said the Synod would stultify itself by passing any such resolution. The fact that certain people in parochial schools were impracticable, and no one could positively decide the question until a trial had been made.

Judge Senkler moved in amendment to Mr. Whitcombe's motion, seconded by Rural Dean Armitage. That in place of the two reports the following be substituted:

"That the general establishment of parochial schools for the Church of England in this diocese is impracticable. That the Synod is of the opinion that there should be further religious instruction given in the Public Schools during school hours; and that the following committee be appointed to confer and act with other Synods and other religious bodies in the Province for the purpose of improving and increasing the religious education in Public Schools, with full power to petition the Legislature to give effect to the result of such conferences: Rev. Canon Blund, Rev. Rural Dean Armitage, Rev. E. J. Essenden, Rev. P. L. Spencer, Rev. C. E. Whitcombe and Messrs. Judge Senkler, A. J. Heaven, W. A. H. Duff, W. F. Burton and John Hoodless."

In support of his motion Judge Senkler said that he felt as strongly as Mr. Whitcombe on the question of religious training. Certainly the church should look after the religious training of its children, but not in the way that Mr. Whitcombe advocated, and certainly not in the public schools.

It was just 4 o'clock when the vote was reached and Judge Senkler's motion was carried by an overwhelming vote, the "nays" coming from the vicinity of the members who had made the minority report.

The question was before the house practically during the whole of an evening, a morning and an afternoon session.

### APPOINTMENTS MADE.

Bishop Hamilton made the following additions to the Standing Committee: Rev. P. L. Spencer, Canon Archibald, Canon Henderson, Rev. C. E. Lee, Rev. A. E. Irving, Rev. W. Bevan and Messrs. E. Keurick, A. G. Heaven, C. E. Bourne, J. J. Mason, C. H. H. Land.

The report of the Committee on the Mission Fund by-law and the canon on the Divinity Students' Fund, which was presented in the afternoon, were discussed in the evening. A clause proposing to classify missions into three classes, class 1, those which contribute \$450 to \$600 a year to their clergyman's stipend; class 2, those which contribute \$300 to \$450; and class 3, those which contribute less than \$300, was defeated. A clause providing that no grant shall be paid toward the support of a missionary who is in receipt of an annuity from the communion trust fund was also defeated, and a clause to provide that in certain cases city parishes may receive a grant, was withdrawn as being unpopular. A clause proposing that the Mission Board shall have power to represent to the Bishop the necessity for the removal of a missionary was defeated.

The report of this committee dealing with a proposed canon on the Divinity Students' Fund, proposed that the fund should be augmented by one annual collection to be made in November in each congregation. To this clause Messrs. Archibald, Wilson and John Hoodless moved that these words be added: "Students who may attend any college of the Church of England in this ecclesiastical province, recognized by the Provincial Synod."

Incidentally it was mentioned that in all the applications that had been made the question had never been asked what college the student proposed to attend. It was a fact, however, that all the students being collected were attending Trinity College.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Wilson's amendment was adopted unanimously.

It was decided that in granting aid to students preference should be given to such as were willing to take an arts course as well as the divinity course.

The evening session lasted until 11:15 o'clock, and was marked principally by long discussions of little general interest.

NOTES.

There have been no visiting clergymen from other denominations on the floor of the house this year.

Many of the laymen and some clergymen remained at last night's session, not because of any great interest in the subject under discussion, but because they thought Judge Senkler's motion dealing with the method of filling vacancies in parishes might be reached.

People change with the times. Two or three years ago a clergyman called the attention of the house to the fact that up to noon on the second day a certain clergyman had spoken 100 times. This year that particular clergyman has scarcely been heard.

Rev. R. Ker, of St. Catharines, is missed. He is away on leave.

As a chairman Bishop Hamilton has no superiors and few equals. His handling of points of order is mastery.

There are many women who allow themselves to be conquered; there are few who allow themselves to be tamed.—Eugene Chavette.

## WILLIAM GIBSON'S SPEECH

On the Motion Censuring the Curran Bridge Steel.

Mr. Gibson, of Lincoln, speaking on Tuesday, as a practical contractor, made a vigorous speech in support of the Davies' resolution. He quoted from the evidence given by Mr. Hannaford, Chief Engineer of the Grand Trunk Railway, to show that the Grand Trunk were willing to build the bridge over the canal which their own line uses for \$70,000.

Mr. Haggart, interrupting, with a good deal of impatience, said that this was not true.

Mr. Laurier replied that it could be proved.

Mr. Gibson proceeded to show from Mr. Hannaford's evidence not only that it was true, but that on the 25th October, 1892, Mr. Hannaford had made for his company estimates of what they could build the bridge for. The estimate was for 19 feet for the bridge, and the superstructure of this bridge would have had 1,500 pounds more iron in it than the bridge that had been built, and would thus be worth \$6,000 more. The bridge he would have made for \$70,000, and his company, he said, would have cleared \$10,000 out of the contract. If the depth of navigation were put down four feet deeper the additional cost, Mr. Hannaford said, in reply to a question asked by Sir Hibbert Tupper, would have been \$8,000.

All this was established in the clearest way by the evidence, and when Mr. Gibson had done with that point there was no further interruption from the Minister of Railways. Proceeding, the member for Lincoln showed how a million feet of lumber had been charged for over and above the utmost quantity which the commission had reported could possibly have been used in the bridge; how the pay-rolls had been stuffed, and the most extravagant and wasteful methods adopted for removing the ice. He marshalled in telling array the main features of this carnival of extravagance and waste, and then came home to the Minister his responsibility. And, to conclude, he pointed out that when he had visited the bridge a short time ago, it had not been completed, and was not, he believed, completed to the present day, so that, in spite of the \$400,000 which the country had paid, instead of their being a work of which Canada might be proud, there was a bridge not opened by electricity, as was promised, but by five or six men taking five minutes to open it, and another five minutes to close it; a bridge of which the Chief Engineer and the Minister of Railways should be heartily ashamed of.

### A FIEND CONFESSES.

William Caesar Tells How He Killed and Mutilated Mary Martin.

A New York despatch says: William Caesar, the man who on March 20th murdered Mary Martin, with whom he had been living at No. 118 West Twenty-seventh street, described on Tuesday the manner in which he committed the crime.

On the evening of the murder, he said, he and Mary Martin had supper, after which she went out. She returned drunk.

"I woke up," Caesar said, "and my eyes at the clock. It was a quarter past 12. The woman staggered round the room. I remonstrated with her for her drunken condition, and she threw a glass at me. I choked her with both hands that way," said Caesar, illustrating the process. "I was in the heat of passion, and did not know what I was doing. After my passion had gone I realized what I had done. I called, 'Mary, Mary, get up.' She did not answer. I said, 'Oh, my God! what has happened?' I began to cry. I didn't know what to do. I felt frightened and nervous."

Caesar said he did not sleep the rest of the night, but sat in a chair and waited for morning. He then went to work. His only thought afterward was to save himself by getting the body out of the way. Caesar told of getting the cleaver and mutilating the body, and described how he had tied the body in cheese cloth and carpet, and taken it down to the platform of a Sixth avenue surface car.

"The car stopped," Caesar said. "I rested the body on the railing and the bundle slipped off and I walked away." His voice was scarcely audible.

To illustrate how he had choked Mary Martin Caesar clasped his hands around Assistant District Attorney McIntyre's throat. The jury then probably go to the jury this afternoon.

WIFE BRAINED, HOUSE ROBBED.

Jackson, Miss., June 20.—Mr. Finnegan, of Jasper county, went to work yesterday morning, leaving his young wife and 2-year-old boy at the house. At noon he returned for dinner, and found his wife lying dead at the door, the child playing by her. The woman's brain had been smashed out with a maul. The murderer had robbed the house.

COULTER WAS MURDERED.

Lewiston, N. Y., June 19.—The coroner's inquest in the death of Samuel Coulter, of Uxbridge, Ont., who was killed on the night of June 6th, was concluded to-day. The verdict was that the blow was inflicted by William Scott, of Lewiston. The examination will take place June 19th, when it is probable Scott will be charged with murder in the second degree.

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## PRESENTED WITH A SUIT.

An Injured Wife Avenged by Outraged Private Citizens.

Tar and Feathers for a Married Rascal Who Elopel With a Feeble Minded Girl The Injured Wife Rejoices—At Last Accounts Houghtaling Was in the Woods Trying by the Girl's Help to Shed His Coat.

A Poughkeepsie, N. Y., despatch says: Tar and feathers was the punishment administered to a faithless husband late last night by the inhabitants of Milan, a pretty little hamlet in Dutchess county, a few miles east of Rhinecliff.

The victim was Oscar Houghtaling, a middle aged farm hand, who for several months has been in the employ of Reuben Roberts, whose farm is in the neighboring town of Clinton. In Roberts' household was Sarah Pathwick, a plain faced, simple minded girl of seventeen, who, since the death of her parents some years ago, had been employed by the farmer as a maid of all work.

Houghtaling is married, and when not working on the farm lived with his wife, who owns a little cottage in Milan.

It was noticed for some months that Houghtaling had been paying attentions to the girl, and Farmer Roberts had on several occasions taken him severely to task. Houghtaling protested he meant no harm, and no further attention was paid to the matter until about a week ago, when he and the girl disappeared. It was learned that they had hired a room in the house of Hiram Kilmer, at Jackson's Corners, a few miles away, representing themselves to be man and wife.

Houghtaling then had the effrontery to take the girl to his own home, but he was speedily ejected by his outraged wife. Having nowhere else to go, the couple returned to the Corners, where Kilmer, out of pity for the girl, permitted them to remain for the night.

By this time the young men of Milan were thoroughly aroused by the story of Mrs. Houghtaling, and a score or so organized themselves as a "White Cap" committee, and well disguised and supplied with plenty of tar and feathers, they made a descent on Kilmer's house about midnight on Sunday. No opposition was made to their entrance, and going to the room occupied by the couple they fastened a rope round Houghtaling's neck, and ignoring his appeals for mercy and the shrieks of the girl, dragged him away into the woods.

There they informed him that they were going to hang him, and, throwing one end of the rope over the limb of a tree, they hauled him up until his toes barely touched the ground. Then they stripped him of his night clothing and after pouring tar all over his body and smearing it on his face so that he was almost blinded, treated him to a coat of feathers which they had brought along in a bag.

This done, they bent him severely with switches and then proceeded to torture him until he was almost at the last gasp, when they lowered him, removed the rope and bade him run for his life. He was too exhausted to walk, but managed to scramble away from his tormentors on his hands and knees, and disappeared in the brush. While Houghtaling was undergoing torture the girl escaped, and also took to the woods, clad only in her night dress.

A farmer passing through the woods at daybreak this morning says that he saw the couple hiding in the bushes, and that the girl was apparently trying to rid Houghtaling of his coat of feathers. When he spoke to them they ran away, and since then no further news has been heard of them.

Mrs. Houghtaling expressed the utmost anxiety to know what happened this morning of the punishment inflicted on her faithless spouse.

Much pity is expressed for the girl, who is said to be feeble minded.

GOT INTO THE WRONG BED.

Mr. Donco Made a Discovery That Opened His Eyes.

New York, June 20.—John Donco, 25 years old, lives with his wife Bertha on the second floor of the tenement No. 527 East 118th street. James Big, a carpenter, lives across the hall. Big went home at 1 o'clock yesterday morning drunk. The door was locked with the door unlocked, because her husband was out. Big drifted into the wrong room and went to bed without awakening Mrs. Donco. Two hours later Donco returned. Then there was a scene. Mr. Big and Mrs. Donco, who had both asleep when Donco returned, protested their entire ignorance of each other's presence in the room until awakened by the loud snoring of the husband. Finally in response to his wife's pleadings, Donco asked: "Will you swear it?"

"Yes," said his wife. "And you?" asked Donco, turning to Big.

"Certainly I will," Big said. Then the wife, an interpreter, went to a Harlem court, and Big and Mrs. Donco, laying their hands on the court Bible, swore that the husband's untoward discovery was entirely the result of accident and that they were innocent of any wrongdoing.

The husband said he was confined and the three went home the best of friends.

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(From our own Correspondent.)

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