

a certain property on S. John street, Quebec, which had been made on behalf of the Society by their Treasurer, was ratified. At the stated meeting on June 20th, reports were presented by the Treasurer and by the Finance Committee. Nine grants, aggregating \$640, were made for the next scholastic year in aid of the education of sons and daughters of Clergymen at Bishop's College School or Compton Ladies' College. In past years, one-half of the revenue of the Fund whence these grants are made came from the late Dr. Robert Hamilton. There now, at first, appeared no alternative but to reduce the amount of grant hitherto given by 50 per cent;—a course which would of necessity have caused disappointment and anxiety to many, and the possibility that in some cases the pupils must have been withdrawn from College. To avoid such a result, and to afford the Board further time to meet and provide for the loss which the Fund has recently sustained, and if possible maintain the good work aided by this Fund, Mr. John Hamilton, in behalf of himself and his sister, kindly promised \$300 for the current year. A critical juncture was thus happily tided over. Captain Carter and Rev. A. J. Balfour were appointed a Committee to consider and report upon the best means to be adopted whereby to provide permanently for the loss sustained by the Fund through the death of Mr. Robert Hamilton. An outfit grant of \$75 was made to a young Clergyman entering for the first time upon Missionary work in the Diocese. An application was received from Rev. J. Prout for a grant of \$100 towards the removal of a Church on Amherst Island from one side to another;—consideration postponed. A grant of \$40 was received from the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as supplementary aid for the Teachers on the Labrador Coast who are working under the auspices of the Church Society. An application for a retiring pension was received from the Venerable Archdeacon Roe, who for forty-seven years has served in the sacred ministry of the Church in this Diocese. Embodied in the application is expressed the hope and belief that, relieved from Parochial duty (rendered necessary by physical ailments) he will be able to do more and better

work for the Diocese as Archdeacon. The application was entertained awaiting further steps called for by the By-Law. A special meeting of the Board was held on June 30th for the final consideration of the Archdeacon's application. His medical certificates having been satisfactory, the maximum pension was granted to date from such time as he shall relinquish active ministerial work. The Committee on "Fund for the Education of Children of the Clergy" presented their report, which was adopted and in due time will be acted upon.

### OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD.

The 23rd Biennial Synod of the Diocese of Quebec met on June 7th. The deliberations were fittingly preceded by a Public Service in the Cathedral on the eve and an early Celebration on the morning of that day. And daily throughout the Session there were early Celebrations, Matins, and Evensong. The attendance was large on the part of the Clergy, and fairly so on the part of Lay Delegates. For the public service on Tuesday evening the Clergy robed in the Church Hall, and, preceded by the choir, marched in procession to the Cathedral. The Service, choral throughout, was sung by the Rev. A. G. Hamilton Dicker, of St. John, N.B., and the Rev. Lenox I. Smith, Assistant Priest at the Cathedral, and the sermon preached by the Very Rev. the Dean. At the 7.30 Celebration on the following morning, which was happily attended by almost every member of the Synod, the Lord Bishop was Celebrant, the Dean Epistoler and the Archdeacon Gospeller. The deliberative business was formally opened in the Cathedral Hall at 10 o'clock, when, after the re-election of all the officers of the past year and some other preliminaries, the Lord Bishop delivered his Charge. With reference to the Charge, suffice it here to say that it witnessed to an immense amount of work accomplished by His Lordship, and revealed a prospect of Church work, on the whole, encouraging. A great variety of subjects was dealt with, and most helpful advice given. The Clerical Secretary read a mass of correspondence, me-