

from four Clergymen were read expressive of thanks for grants received from the Society. Letters also were read from Rev. J. Prout and Rev. J. S. Dickson in reference to the condition and use of the Church on Amherst Island. A communication from Mrs. Merrick in reference to W. and O. Pension was received and considered. A letter was received from Mr. John Hamilton gratefully acknowledging, in behalf of his mother, his sisters and himself, the Society's sympathetic Resolution passed on the occasion of his father's death. The report of the Investment Committee in reference to the Society's property in Toronto, and a subsequent report of the Treasurer of the Society on the same subject, were read and considered; and a resolution passed authorizing the said Committee to act upon the suggestions embodied in the report submitted by them.

Provincial Synod.

The eighteenth Session of our Provincial Synod was held as usual in Montreal, and extended from Wednesday, September 14th, until Thursday, September 22nd. The first and most important business was the settlement of the thorny question of the future relations of the General and Provincial Synods to the Board of Missions. Fifteen years ago the Provincial Synod created the present Board, which has done so much to awaken and deepen an interest in Missionary work. The contributions have consequently grown in fifteen years from next to nothing to \$50,000 a year. This, when we consider the means of our people, and when it is remembered that the Canadian Church has little or no endowment, and is consequently obliged everywhere to support her own ministrations in all her Parishes, is a considerable sum.

But now that we have a General Synod, it would seem to be natural that the Missionary work should be given into its

hands, and consequently, although there were some misgivings with regard to the proposed changes, the Provincial Synod, by a large majority, agreed to take the natural course. By this plan it is hoped that the Board of Missions will be able to obtain more complete information, to secure larger support and to make equitable distribution in all directions.

Two very successful Missionary Meetings were held, and, although we think their Collections should have been larger, yet we hope and believe they did something towards arousing and sustaining Missionary enthusiasm. A Conference was also held with the Woman's Auxiliary, and plans were devised which, it is hoped, will lead to more united action in time to come.

There was a long and profitable discussion on the subject of Religious Instruction in Week-day Schools. It was agreed that, while the systems now obtaining in the Provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are unsatisfactory, the Schedule of Religious Instruction adopted by the Protestant Committee of the Council of Education for the Province of Quebec amounts to all that can be expected in general Protestant Schools, and a Committee was consequently appointed with instructions to endeavour to lead the Legislatures of the other Provinces to agree to something of the nature of the Quebec plan.

There was also a considerable debate on Sunday School work, but nothing was said that is likely to be helpful in our own Diocese. If our Clergy will but see that the Quebec System of Religious Instruction in our Day Schools is duly carried out, our best plan is to have a Schedule of Instruction for Sundays, consisting entirely of Church teaching, supplementary to the Bible-teaching given during the week.

Charges were made at considerable length and with some ability against the Bishops for not leading the Synod in a