

for the year beginning April 1st, 1898, have been able to keep the old grants at the same figures, except in the case of Indian Head, which voluntarily accepted a reduction of \$50, and to apportion some of the money at its disposal for new work, including a grant towards the stipend of a general missionary for the diocese, but the executive committee would press upon the Synod that these grants, old and new, have been made by using certain moneys which will not be available in future, which fact, with the continued reductions in the grant from the S. P. G., merits the most serious consideration of the Synod.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

The report of the treasurer, Hon. Mr. Justice Wetmore, was as follows: In presenting a statement of synod accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897, I regret very much to have to point out that the contributions within the diocese for the several purposes directed by the synod do not present a very satisfactory showing. While there has been a very slight increase over the preceding year in the contributions for Indian Missions, they are considerably below those for 1895. There has also been an increase in the contributions for the Widows' and Orphans fund over other years. One would have expected, in view of the successful year which Providence vouchsafed in 1897, a marked increase in the contributions towards the General Diocesan fund and the Clergy Sustentation fund, funds on which the very existence of the diocese from a financial standpoint, is largely dependent. As a matter of fact, the contributions towards both these purposes have fallen off, and do not amount to what they were in the two preceding years. Some important places have actually not contributed anything towards them. It seems to me that what I have pointed out affords matter for very serious consideration, especially in view of the proposed withdrawal by the S. P. G. of its annual grant to the diocese, and that this society, with the object of carrying out this purpose, is each year reducing the amount of its grant."

Reports of the See Endowment fund and the Clergy Sustentation fund were submitted and approved, the latter fund showing a sum in hand of \$7,168.90.

In a memorial re religious education in the public school from religious bodies at Calgary, asking for concurrence in applying for legislative action as to religious exercises in the public school, having been read, the following motion was adopted: "That this synod recognizes the importance of teaching Christian ethics in public schools, and would

encourage the attainment of this object. Meanwhile, they refer the matter to the executive committee, for their consideration and action."

It was decided by the Synod to form a branch of the "Woman's Auxiliary" in the diocese.

A very full report of the Indian work in the diocese was read by Mr. Joyner, chairman of the Indian committee, and adopted.

The following resolution was passed unanimously, re the election of bishops in the province of Rupert's Land:

"Whereas the method of electing bishops in the province of Rupert's Land for those dioceses not supported by a missionary society and not having the right of electing their own bishops, as laid down in Sub.-sec. 3 of Sec. VII. of the constitution, adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land, held in Winnipeg in August, 1893, is as follows, viz.:

3. 'Appointment by the House of Bishops—In all other cases the selection of the bishop shall be made by the House of Bishops, convened for the purpose by the Metropolitan, subject to the assent—

(a) Of the House of Delegates, if the vacancy occurs within three calendar months of the date of the next meeting of the Provincial Synod;

But if not within three months—

(a) Of the majority of the bishops of the province, or of three of the bishops of the province, if the Metropolitan be one of the assenting bishops.

(b) Of a standing committee of the House of Delegates, appointed by the House of Delegates for that purpose at each meeting of the provincial synod, and so constituted as to include two members from each diocese of the ecclesiastical province, together with four members elected by the executive committee of the vacant see.'

Whereas, by this method of electing bishops, the controlling voice rests with the diocese of Rupert's Land, combined with the C. M. S. dioceses, and whereas, this method of election is calculated to lead to the nomination of delegates to vote for the election of such bishops by the C. M. S. or their commissaries, simply for the purpose of such election in order that the nominee of the House of Bishops may be elected by the lower house, and whereas the rights of the diocese concerned are manifestly ignored by this method of election, and the liberty of the Church set aside;

Therefore, this Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle resolves that this method of electing such bishops in this province is unsatisfactory, and that it is desirable that some change should be made in the method of election, which should make it more consistent with the principles of justice and the liberty of the church:

Therefore, also, this synod petitions the Synod of the Province of Rupert's Land to take into consideration the modification of this method of the election of such bishops.

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