

The Synod services were very poorly attended and it is a matter of great regret that more laymen were not present at the evening service.

On the whole the work of the Synod calls for many searchings of heart and more earnestness in individual and congregational work.

INDIAN MISSIONARIES.

A LECTURE BEFORE THE C. M. S. GLEANERS' UNION.

* Christ said "I am the Light of the world."

Ten hundred and thirty-nine millions of heathen say—"We wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness." This is the cry which goes up from day to day, like the voice of many waters; yet churchmen in Montreal find it difficult to send out one or two missionaries; because, they say, "there are so many heathen at home." Clergy and laymen are alike guilty.

If the Church to-day had more of the spirit of the great apostle to the Gentiles, there would be fewer heathens in the world. If St. Paul should come to Montreal and preach two sermons, one-half of the city would become missionaries.

A noble effort is being made by Prof. and Mrs. Carus-Wilson to unite the missionary churchmen of this city under one banner. The meeting of the Gleaners' Union held in the Synod Hall on Friday night Jan. 15th was most interesting and instructive.

In the absence of the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, Mrs. Carus-Wilson opened the meeting with a Bible reading, based on the words of the sixty-seventh Psalm "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee;" or as the speaker pointed out, "Let all the peoples—plural—praise thee." Thus applying not to the Jewish nation alone but to all the world. Let China, Africa, India praise thee O God. The speaker brought out very clearly that the important question for us to decide, is not, what will God do with the unenlightened heathen in the day of judgment but what will be His dealing with those who disobey His commands?

The only way, in which our Church in Canada can gain God's blessing is to go forward and do His work. It seems inconsistent

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