

to which I am about to refer, and at which I took the chair, the sum of £100, which I could not afford, in order to make it a success. That meeting was in favour of a national system of education, which should be free, secular and compulsory. I have ever since been filled with remorse. I live near a great public school, and day after day I see upon the palings of my own and my neighbors' residences—mine I had to pull down and put up a stone wall to prevent it—not once, or twice, but always, forms of language and expressions of indecency and obscenity which would disgrace grown-up men. I myself have made no representation to the head of that school, but I am told by a friend of mine that he has said that his duties were limited to the boys in the school. It has however, convinced me of this—that education without religion is like putting a sword into the hand of a savage and I have come to the conclusion that any one of the branches of the Christian religion, or any great religion analogous to it, although they may differ in their theological forms, is better than no religion. Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined."

THE CATHEDRAL.

THE question was raised at the Synod, as to whether Holy Trinity Church, New Westminster, was really the Cathedral of the Diocese. As an answer to the question, the Deed was produced which constituted it the Cathedral and bears the date Oct. 14th., 1892. Bishop Eden, in his farewell sermon, before leaving for Wakefield, of which he is the newly appointed Bishop, said "A cathedral should be above all parish churches as the seat of

the Bishop and the mother church of the Diocese, and as one of the greater organs, so to speak, of the nation's life; it should be a model of reverent worship from day to day; it should be a shelter for the higher studies of the clergy; it should be a pulpit for national messages at times; it should be a place of intercession, not only for the diocese and the Church at large, but for this empire in which we are all so interested; it should be a meeting place for diocesan societies and church-workers; it should be a place of hospitality to strangers; it should be a place of rest for the weary, where they may meditate and refresh themselves with the things unseen."

SYNOD OFFICERS.

THE election for officers at the Synod resulted thus:—CLERICAL SECRETARY OF SYNOD, Rev. W. B. Allen; LAY SECRETARY OF SYNOD, Mr. W. J. Walker; TREASURER, Mr. Walter Taylor; EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. H. J. Underhill and Mr. W. J. Armstrong nominated by the Bishop; Revs. E. P. Flewelling, A. Shildrick and H. G. Fiennes-Clinton: Messrs N. C.

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