

where the largest sums are gathered for the missions to the heathen, there the most liberal support is also given to works at home. The Bishop made also a touching appeal on behalf of his own wide diocese, covering an extent of territory as large as the United States, and likely soon to be the scene of a vast immigration of members of our own Church. The special object of the collection was the endowment of St. John's College for the education of the clergy of the diocese, and especially for the training of Indians to become missionaries to their own countrymen. In eloquent terms the preacher pressed the claims of the Indian population, driven back from countries once their own, and at the same time greatly demoralized by the vices frequently carried on the very crest of the advancing wave of European civilization. The claims of the native Indian ought indeed to be considered by members of the Church in this country; the Indian suffers more and more as the white man colonises, and surely we shall not be held guiltless as regards these, our brethren, if we have not even made an effort to bring before them the gracious offer of salvation, while we have certainly ruined them by the evil influence of our own vicious population.

In the afternoon, members of the Synod met in the Cathedral school-house at 3 o'clock, and after some discussion as to the manner of adjournment, seeing that the Synod could not be considered to have been organized at all under the painful circumstances of the Bishop's hopeless illness and incapacity to appoint a president in his place, it was decided that nothing could be done then, but that members of the Synod should re-assemble on the following morning, and then take such steps as should seem to be dictated by the circumstances in which they should then be placed.

In the evening of that day, at 6.20, the See of Montreal became vacant.

The following morning, members of the Synod having assembled at 10 o'clock, as soon as the President of the House of Bishops had given his commands to the Lower House to elect their Prolocutor, a long discussion took place on the question whether the Synod could legally meet and transact business. Mr. Harman, of Toronto, having moved a resolution to this effect, the Dean of Montreal, who was in the chair, ruled against the motion, and the ruling of the chair on appeal to the House, was supported by a majority of 55 to 38. The Rev. Dr. Beaven was then appointed Prolocutor, and the Rev. Charles Hamilton and M. H. Gault, Esq., secretaries.

In the afternoon, various efforts seem to have been made to adjourn the Synod, and several members, partly in doubt about the legality of its acts, and partly also from a due feeling of respect and affection for the