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## EDITORIAL.

The Synod of the Diocese met on June 12th and passed off pleasantly and with greater expedition than usual, the session being brought to a close before six o'clock on Friday afternoon instead of late Friday night or on Saturday morning. The attendance of both clergy and laity was good, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. The Bishop's address was somewhat hopeful in tone, and recorded progress in several departments of work and finance. The most important legislation, and that which called for the most prolonged debate, was the decision to appoint a Trust Company to manage the investments of the Synod instead of the present being in the hands of Synod Committees as at present. The Missionary Commission Committee presented a rather pessimistic report. They had set before themselves a very high ideal, and as they had not attained to it they considered their work somewhat of a failure, and recommended that the Committee be discontinued. The Synod would not take this view of the matter, however, and the report had to be amended and the Committee reappointed. We hope that the Committee will continue its good work under its tireless organizing Secretary, Mr. Gwynne, with the same zeal it has displayed in the past, and that in time the Church will awaken to a full realization of the duty and privilege of supporting and advancing the missionary work of the Diocese. The Rev. M. M. Fothergill, the agent of the Church Publishing Company, was appointed collector for that most important, but as yet poorly supported fund, the Superannuation Fund. We hope the Diocese will heartily assist Mr. Fothergill in this matter.

The Honorary Clerical Secretary, who had occupied the position for the past ten years, retired from office, and the Rev. C. L. Ingles, M.A., was appointed in his room. We noticed, too, that the able and energetic Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary acted as reporter for one of the most important of the city papers, and that her reports were most excellent in every way. Naturally most of our space is taken up this number with the work and reports of the Synod.

## THE HOLIDAYS.

But for whom are the holidays? In these days of rapid living every professional man at least feels the necessity of an occasional rest and change. So the lawyer has his long vacation, the school teachers have three vacations, the bank clerk his two weeks—all too short—while the whole community, with a few exceptions, has, and perhaps could not exist without its one day in seven. But the clergyman! His work is incessant. The "day of rest" is the day of hardest work with him. He enters not into those amusements and recreations which serve to relieve the strain of work to others. If he is a faithful minister of Christ his work seems never to cease, while in addition to the anxiety which he shares in common with others of providing for his own and his family's living, there rests upon him the still greater anxiety of caring for the spiritual and often the temporal wants of others. Yet no provision is made for the minister's vacation, and if he does leave his work for a short time, constrained perhaps by necessity to do so, he must add to the expense of leaving home, which in most cases he is ill able to bear, the further expense of providing for his services during his absence. In the United States our own Church and the various denominations provide for their minister's vacation, in many cases quite a long one, and such, too, do some of the denominations in our own country. But the Church of England in this country makes no such provision. Yet nothing would pay the members of the Church themselves better than this, for the renewed life and energy which would thus be imparted to the clergyman would be reflected in his work and teaching through the rest of the year; so that not only would the clergyman himself feel refreshed and strengthened, but the congregation would find that for themselves the minister's vacation was an excellent investment.

It ought indeed to become a recognized institution, care should be taken that the clergyman should have no anxiety or expense in carrying on the work of the parish in his absence, and in many cases, where no doubt it is needful, other assistance might be granted him. It would, by