

Families considered themselves belonging to the Church who do not regularly attend or contribute to the Church. His Grace suggested the forming of two lists, one of actual members and the other of all persons considering themselves as members, and who were entitled to administration by the clergy. The printed report of St. John's College was submitted and adopted on the motion of Canon Matheson.

On motion of Mr. F. H. Mathewson, and the Dean, it was decided to leave to the discretion of His Grace the election of delegates to the executive board of missions.

Rev. Rural Dean McMorine read a draft report of his deanery of Portage la Prairie.

The report of the deanery of Manitou was read by Rev. Rural Dean Hewitt.

Rev. Rural Dean Burman submitted the report of the rural deanery of Lisgar.

Rev. H. T. Leslie, immigration chaplain, read a report of his work for the past year.

On the subject of the difficulty of collecting money at the end of the parochial year, Mr. H. M. Howell suggested having the year end about December 1st, instead of March 31st. From the experience of loan and insurance companies it is much easier to collect money about the 1st of December than at the end of March, after the long, hard winter.

Mr. W. R. Mulock read his motion which was held over from last Synod on prohibition, to the effect that this Synod deplores the evils of intemperance and believes that in the interests of Christianity and the common welfare, every effort should be made to bring about the total suppression of the liquor traffic.

He mentioned the importance of the temperance motion. No other great question has the influence of the temperance question; the tariff is nothing to it. Many of those present knew of homes where the drink habit was the skeleton in the cupboard.

Rev. J. J. Roy expressed the great pleasure he felt in seconding the motion of Mr. Mulock. He would like to see drinking immoderately regarded as a disgraceful thing.

Mr. H. M. Howell entirely agreed with the remarks of Rev. Mr. Roy. He would, however, like to see the motion amended by striking out the word "total" and changing the words "the liquor traffic" to "moderate drinking." The evil lay with the drinkers of liquor, not with the sellers.

Rev. A. S. White, seconded by Rev. C. R. Littler, moved an amendment to Mr. Mulock's motion that the words "of the liquor traffic" be struck off, and the words "the evils of intemperance" substituted in their place. He thought this would make the motion generally satisfactory, and would ensure the support of all members of the Synod.

At 5.30 the meeting adjourned.

Evening Session.—The proceedings in the evening took the form of a missionary service. About 8.15, His Grace the Archbishop occupied the chair and gave out the opening hymn, after the singing of which Archdeacon Poirer read a portion of Scripture.

His Grace the Archbishop said that the position of missions in the Church had entirely changed. In the old days it was necessary to defend the cause of missions and make excuses for them, but many of the most promising of the young clergy are now giving themselves up to mission work, and many who have means are spending them in the service of the Lord.

The revenue of the missionary society has increased from £239,000 to £250,000. The great growth of the missionary work may be understood when the growth of the society is considered.

The speaker referred to what he termed the most wonderful of modern missionary achievements, the mission at Uganda, South Africa. In Uganda only five years ago, there was one church and 1,000 members; now 57,380 natives have learned to read, and the Bible is an open book to them. There are now 323 churches in Uganda, with 49,751 worshippers, and a regular daily attendance of over 2,500. There are 472 male and 61 female teachers and over 6,905 baptized Christians.

During the coming summer some fourteen students will be placed in missions. Though the expenses of the past few years have been very heavy, yet the diocese was able to start this year with a balance of \$700. But considerable help from societies in the mother country will not be forthcoming this year. The S.P.G. has seen fit to take away its support, and it will be a serious loss to the English Church in Western Canada. The Indian fund is one which is giving the Church a good deal of trouble and concern. The Church missionary society is still giving about \$10,000 to the Church, but the tax for the past five years has been beyond the Church's strength. The speaker spoke flatteringly of the growth of the Women's Auxiliary, and the great assistance which it rendered to missions and Church work generally. His Grace concluded by invoking the blessing of God on Church missions and Church work of all kinds.

Canon Matheson was the next speaker. The

object of missionary meetings, he said, was to enlist the sympathy of the people in missionary work.

The work of Christian missions is peculiarly God's enterprise, and it therefore has dignity.

The speaker told some amusing incidents. It is essential that we should be able to welcome settlers of the English Church to this country, with services such as they have been accustomed to.

The Rev. Rural Dean Cowley said he was on the platform to plead with his listeners on behalf of Indian missions. The missionary society is doing a splendid work, and there are not probably 20 men in the room who knew of its magnitude.

It is now nearly one hundred years since this society was started. Its first aim was to send the gospel tidings to the poor negroes of West Africa. But year by year the work of the society has grown, and now work is being carried on all over the world.

There are now 31 fully qualified medical missionaries, who attend to the needs of some 600,000 people. The society turned its attention to this country about 75 years ago. The first missionary to Manitoba was the Rev. David Jones, who was followed in 1825 by Rev. Mr. Cochrane. The speaker went on to speak of the progress of the mission work, and graphically outlined the good work done by it in western Canada. Rev. Mr. Gill spoke of the work of country missions. He said he was in charge of a large mission at Russell. During the past year 650 services had been held in his circuit. The Sunday schools are well attended, many of them being held in farmers' houses and taught by one of the farmers. Adults attend these classes as well as children. The catechism is thoroughly taught, prizes being given to the children for competency. There are seven women's guilds with some 59 members. Last year they raised by their efforts some \$400. The work done among the Indians on the St. Peter's reserve was most satisfactory. The speaker had baptized one old lady of 84 years of age, who, until he took charge of the mission, had never heard of Christ.

Friday.—After the opening prayers Rev. F. V. Baker presented the report of the scrutineers on the election to the executive, showing the following to have been elected: Rev. Canon Matheson, Rural Deans Burman, Cowley, MacMorine and Hewitt; Canon Coombes, C. R. Littler and Rural Dean Gill; laymen, Messrs. F. H. Mathewson, Capt. Carruthers, H. S. Crotty, W. P. Sweatman, Sheriff Inkster, H. M. Howell, W. R. Mulock, Thomas Robinson, J. G. Dagg and L. A. Hamilton.

The report of the scrutineers on the election to the Provincial Synod, presented by Rev. Rural Dean Cowley, was accepted, the following being the delegates: Revs. Canon Matheson, Archdeacon Fortin, Dean O'Meara, Canon Rogers, Rural Dean Burman, Canon Coombes, and Rural Dean MacMorine; substitutes, Rural Dean Cowley, C. C. Owen, and C. R. Littler; laymen, Sheriff Inkster, H. S. Crotty, F. H. Mathewson, H. M. Howell, L. A. Hamilton, Capt. Carruthers and W. P. Sweatman; substitutes, W. R. Mulock, Thomas Robinson, and J. G. Dagg.

The Dean read the report of the committee appointed to consider the Archbishop's address, which was discussed at some length and adopted. It consisted of seven clauses, referring 1, to his grace's personal references; 2, to the necessity of dividing unwieldy missions; 3, to the action of the diocese of Montreal, concurring with his grace's views, supporting the mission scheme of the General Synod; expressing the conviction that the action of the diocese of Montreal would be fatal to the authority of the General Synod, and to any united action of the Church, and submitting that some surrender of diocesan privilege should be made; 4, to the Indian mission fund, endorsing his grace's remarks, commending the fund, and recommending a change of the regulation limiting the collections for the fund to the Epiphany season, so as to allow the executive to arrange with the clergymen of the different parishes for taking them at other times when more convenient; 5, to primary education, endorsing his grace's words as to the additional possibilities of religious instruction in the public schools under the new act, and expressing the hope that the clergy will avail themselves of its provisions; 6, to St. John's college, saying that the committee was glad to hear of its satisfactory work, submitting that the very least sum the diocese should contribute was \$2,000 annually, emphasizing the pressing necessity of a lectureship in mathematics and suggesting the reappointment of the committee; 7, to his grace's intention to be present at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration and the Lambeth Conference, expressing pleasure that he purposed going.

The report was considered clause by clause, and adopted after discussion of several of the matters of considerable length.

The following resolution of condolence was passed:

That this synod has heard with sincere regret of the death of the Rev. Prebendary Wigram, the late honorary secretary of the C.M.S. and a true friend of our Indian missions, as of every other branch of

Church work in this diocese and the ecclesiastical province generally. We desire to record our deep sense of the loss sustained by the whole Church in the death of this devoted servant of Christ, and we beg to tender to the sorrowing widow and family our sincere sympathy and our earnest prayer that God may grant them all grace and comfort in their great sorrow.

On motion of Rev. F. V. Baker, seconded by Rev. Canon Matheson, that this Synod expresses its sense of the loss to the Church of England and the whole Anglican Communion in the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Benson, late Archbishop of Canterbury. Before the formation of the General Synod of Canada the Archbishop of Canterbury held the office of Primate of Rupert's Land, and always took a deep interest in the extension of the Church in this land. His great learning, deep spirituality, courageous statesmanship as head of the Church of England and unfailing courtesy to all, were marked qualities in a noble, lovable character; and his almost tragic death in the past year is a heavy bereavement to the Church.

The committee on the interference of the Baptist body with the Indian mission at St. Peter's, presented its report, which was adopted. It stated that a carefully prepared representation of the case had been sent to the Baptist authorities, but no reply had been received.

The Synod adjourned at 1 p.m.

Friday afternoon.—Rev. Canon Coombes presented the report of the committee on Sunday schools. The returns were not complete, but the statistics obtained showed gratifying indications of improvement all along the line. There were reported 520 teachers, last year 511; scholars 5,132, last year 4,611; collections, mostly for mission purposes, \$2,801.53; last year, \$2,126.35; increase, \$675.18. After a discussion of several practical questions, chiefly that of securing the attendance of the children at church, the report was adopted.

Rev. A. S. White presented the report of the Church of England Temperance Society. Temperance Sunday had been widely observed and sermons preached in favour of temperance. A branch had been formed at St. Paul's Church, the second in the city; and another at St. Paul's Industrial School, where every scholar was a total abstainer.

After a somewhat animated discussion the report was adopted.

Van. Archdeacon Phair presented his report as Rural Dean of Islington, which covers the Indian missions of the diocese. The Rural Deanery has 12 clergymen, 12 lay helpers. The work is carried on in four languages at 18 centres. The archdeacon spoke a few words about each of these missions, the newest one at Valley River; the Fairford group of missions, where the aggressive efforts of the Baptist body still go on, unsettling the minds of the Indians; the Lake Winnipeg group of stations, which is in charge of three clergymen; the most important mission of St. Peter's, which is in charge of Rev. J. G. Anderson; the Indian hospital at Dynevor, for which the archdeacon asked sympathy and support, thanking his grace and his brethren for their interest and help. The physician, Dr. C. F. Rolston, had admitted 32 patients, and attended nearly 1,100 out patients. At Rainy River a mission house and church had been erected. Details were also given concerning the Lac Seul group of missions.

A motion was passed that the report of Archdeacon Phair be printed, with some additions.

Rev. Canon Rogers read his report of the Rural Deanery of Brandon.

Mr. Mulock moved, seconded by Mr. J. M. Johnston, "That, in view of the fact that the Dominion Government has decided to adopt a plebiscite for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people of Canada on the question of totally prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors within the Dominion, this Synod, believing that in the event of the proposed plebiscite resulting favourably, a law based thereon, and duly enforced, must greatly reduce the evils referred to, would urge the members of the Church in this diocese to give all possible support in favour of the plebiscite, and, if the same is carried, in support of the due enforcement of the law."

In amendment it was moved by Dean O'Mara, seconded by the Rev. C. R. Littler, "That, while this Synod consider it advisable that the opinion of the Dominion electors should be sought by plebiscite, as to the advisability of prohibition, and, while further, if, as a result of the plebiscite, prohibition legislation should be enacted, this Synod would urge all Churchmen to a cordial and loyal support of the law; yet this Synod does not see it to be advisable to pronounce in advance any opinion on the subject to be submitted to the judgment of the electorate."

An animated debate took place, and was closed by the Archbishop, who wished to state distinctly that he would vote against prohibition in the plebiscite. He had come to the conclusion that, while Holy Scripture condemns drunkenness in the most severe terms, and makes it a special sin, chiefly because the drunkard often sits in the seat of the scorner, yet it