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CALENDAR for DECEMBER '97.

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| 1 | Wed | |
| 2 | Thu | |
| 3 | Fri—St. Francis Xavier. | Abst. |
| 4 | Sat | |
| 5 | 2 Sunday in Advent. | |
| 6 | Mon—St. Nicholas. B. C. | |
| 7 | Tue | |
| 8 | Wed—Conception of B. V. Mary. | |
| 9 | Thu | |
| 10 | Fri | Abst. |
| 11 | Sat | |
| 12 | 3 Sunday in Advent. | |
| 13 | Mon—St. Lucy V. M. | |
| 14 | Tue | |
| 15 | Wed—Ember Day. | F. |
| 16 | Thu—O Sapientia. | F. |
| 17 | Fri—Ember Day. | F. |
| 18 | Sat—Ember Day. | F. |
| 19 | 4 Sunday in Advent. | |
| 20 | Mon | |
| 21 | Tue—St. Thomas. A. M. | |
| 22 | Wed | |
| 23 | Thu | |
| 24 | Fri | Vigil F. |
| 25 | —The Nativity of our Lord. | |
| 26 | Sunday. St. Stephen M. | |
| 27 | Mon—St. John Evangelist. | |
| 28 | Tue—Holy Innocents. | |
| 29 | Wed—St. Thomas Abp of Canterbury, M. | |
| 30 | Thu | |
| 31 | Fri—St. Silvester, Bishop of Rome, C. Absl. | |

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A MISSED OPPORTUNITY.

WE sounded a note of warning two months ago, quoting a letter from the *New York Churchman* against taking up the whole time of a meeting of Synod in such matters as discussing Canons, election of officers, appointment of Committees and other routine business. Our late Synod has proved no exception. Besides the opening service in the Cathedral which was, alas! but poorly attended what was there of spiritual edification for the members of Synod? What has become of the choral evensong with sermon which used to close the day? Why should there not be a Synod Celebration of the Eucharist on the 2nd. and 3rd. days? What a contrast is presented by the Synod in Milwaukee, "on the 2nd. day the Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the Cathedral at six, seven and eight o'clock, and Matins and Litany said at nine, after which the Council was called to order."

Surely there might have been at least a gathering together of the clergy of the Diocese for devotional exercises on one of the evenings, with great spiritual profit as a result. But no! considerations of reports, election of officers and members of the Executive Committee, appointment of Synod Committees, the post-

ponement of the adoption of the Revised Constitution and Canons, and Synod is over. What is the net result? All we have to show for all the expenditure of time and money is the substitution of the Rev. A. Shildrick for the Rev. I. N. Tucker on the Executive Committee, the changing of the Synod Clerical Secretary, and the appointment of Mr. Walter Taylor of Vancouver as Treasurer *vice* Mr. W. J. Walker resigned.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF
COLUMBIA.

THE Venerable R. Small has resigned the Archdeaconry of Columbia and has become Archdeacon of Yale, continuing to reside at Lytton. To this position, created for the occasion, there is no stipend attached and it is for the present merely honorary. Our hope is that some good friend of the Diocese will endow this Archdeaconry.

The Rev. E. S. W. Pentreath has been appointed to the vacant Archdeaconry and will come into the Diocese as soon as possible.

The new Archdeacon is a native of New Brunswick. He graduated at the General Seminary, New York, and was ordained deacon in 1872. He began his clerical work at Rutherford Park, New Jersey. Thence

he removed to his old country and was Rector of St. George's, Monkton, N. B. for eight years. During that time he was joint editor of the "Church Guardian" of Halifax. He was one of the representatives of the Diocese of Fredericton to the Provincial Synod in 1880, and in 1882 removed to Winnipeg as Rector of Christ Church where he continued till 1895 putting in thirteen years of good solid work for the Church. He received the degree of B. D. from St. John's College, Winnipeg, was made Rural Dean of Selkirk and Canon of the Cathedral of St. John. He has visited this Province twice in 1887 and in 1893. On the latter occasion he was offered the Rectorship of the Cathedral of New Westminster, but did not see his way clear to accept it.

He took an active part in the work of consolidation of the Church of Canada, and was a delegate to the First General Synod held in Toronto, 1893. In the same year he was the deputation of the Church in Northwest Canada to the general Convention of the American Church at Baltimore.

For the last two years Mr. Pentreath has served as Incumbent of St. Paul's Church, Brainerd, Minn. where he was also examining chaplain to the Bishop of Duluth.

We shall all gladly welcome the new archdeacon and can assure him that he will find plenty of archidiaconal work.

His time will no doubt be mainly spent in the Upper Country and it is thought that he may make his home in Kamloops or Nelson.

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.

The Synod of New Westminster began with service in the Cathedral

at 9 a. m. The Bishop of the Diocese celebrated the Holy Eucharist and preached the sermon. Archdeacon Small carried the pastoral staff as Bishop's Chaplain and the Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton served and read the Epistle. Merbeck's service was used. The Bishop preached from the text "The priest's lips should keep knowledge" a sermon addressed to his clergy emphasizing the need of diligence in study, a lesson especially necessary in the circumstances of many of the clergy of this Diocese. For it is difficult indeed for the clergy who are in charge of wide extending Missionary Districts, to find time for their studies. And yet the importance of being up to the mark is very great in these days, when education is so highly valued and when books of every kind of teaching are within the reach of everyone. Subjects which once upon a time were unheard of, except among scholars, are now brought down to everyone and are discussed in the pages of ten cent magazines. The Bishop therefore might well remind the clergy of their duty in respect of their studies.

The Synod was then constituted in St. Leonard's Hall and on the roll being called a quorum of both clergy and delegates was reported present. The clergy present at Synod were: the Ven. Archdeacon Small, the Revs. W. B. Allen, J. S. A. Bastin, W. Bell, G. H. Butler, C. Croucher, J. H. Davis, G. Ditcham, I. M. Donaldson, A. A. Dorrell, H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, E. P. Flewelling, F. A. Ford, J. Irvine, A. Shildrick, L. N. Tucker, H. B. Turner, H. J. Underhill, C. F. Yates, F. Yolland.

The Bishop's address took up the time that remained before the mid-

day adjournment. The most important parts of his address we give :

"Five months out of the thirteen that have elapsed since the last Synod have been spent by me in the Eastern Provinces and in England, partly in pleading for special aid from the venerable societies to which we are so much indebted, and partly in attendance at the Lambeth Conference. I have preached for our missions in churches of Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and Windsor, N. S., and addressed meetings of the Women's Auxiliary in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. There is, I believe, in those cities and in the older dioceses generally, a growing recognition of the claims we have upon them for help in our various missions. The grants we have recently received from the Board of Missions in Eastern Canada, namely, \$500 for our general work, and \$500 for the Chinese mission, are a practical expression of this recognition, for which we are very grateful. Moreover, we had previously received from the Women's Auxiliary a sufficient amount to free the mission in Vancouver from the incumbrance of debt.

"I have consecrated the church at Kamloops and the new church at Lytton, and have dedicated the new churches at Rossland and Steveston. Mr. C. F. Yates, who had long given his services as a lay reader to Lytton Island, was ordained by me in Kamloops, March 14th, to the Diaconate, and is now stationed at Kaslo."

After referring to the Marriott Bequest, particulars of which, as far as they concern this Diocese, have been already published in our columns, his Lordship proceeded :—

"I regret that the trustees, [of the Marriott Bequest,] did not take our proposed boys' school into their favourable consideration. If they had given the grant I asked for, we might have seen our way to utilizing the 24 acre lot we hold in New Westminster. As it is, I am at a loss to know what to do with it. The taxes upon it, with the interest on the mortgage, are a heavy burden, and I must ask the Synod to consider how we may best remove or lessen it. I am very reluctant to give up the idea of a church school for boys, believing, as I do, that it might be of great benefit, not only to the Diocese, but also to the Province at large. The girls' school at Yale is in a prosperous state. Parents have expressed to me their perfect satisfaction with the progress of their children and with all the arrangements of the school. . . .

"Confirmations have been held since last Synod in Holy Trinity and St. Barnabas, New Westminster; and in all the churches of Vancouver, Ashcroft, Rossland, Enderby, Armstrong, Vernon, and Sapperton. The Rev. Field Yolland having resigned Revelstoke, I have appointed the Rev. F. A. Ferd to the vacant charge. Mr. Yolland is now at St. Barnabas, New Westminster, and the Rev. C. T. Easton, who had been in charge of St. Barnabas during my absence, is now acting in the Kootenay mission

as "locum tenens" for Mr. Akehurst, who is gone on leave to England. The Rev. J. Hardwicke Davis has taken charge of Sapperton "cum" Ladner. The Rev. R. Small having resigned the Archdeaconry of Columbia, I have appointed him Archdeacon of Yale, with jurisdiction over the district and over all the Indian congregations. I have appointed the Rev. S. W. Pentreath, Canon of Rupert's land, Archdeacon of Columbia. From my knowledge of his work in New Brunswick, and from the accounts I have received of his subsequent career, I am confident that he will prove a valuable and welcome addition to our ranks, and I rejoice that he has accepted the Archdeaconry. . . . I would impress upon the members of our church in the older parishes and districts the necessity of doing more than they have hitherto done for the maintenance of the clergy. There are exceptions, I gladly admit, but if I may judge from the subscription lists I have seen, and from other facts forced upon my attention, many of our people fail to realize their duty in this matter. It is very difficult for the parish priest to insist upon the duty of his people to contribute properly to his own support. He may well shrink from doing so. Nevertheless, for the sake of the Church, as we are now situated, it must be done. The time is certainly coming when all outside help will be withdrawn from the older settlements. It will be impossible for clergy, even with the most careful economy, to maintain themselves, unless their people give less grudgingly.

"Churches have been built and parishes have been formed, but, as regards effective diocesan organization, nearly everything remains to be done. The minimum standard of salaries laid down in the canon represents practically an ideal maximum that has only been reached in one or two exceptional cases. We are in a distinctly missionary stage of existence, not so far advanced as the neighboring sees of Olympia, Spokane, Idaho and Wyoming which are still missionary jurisdictions of the church of the United States. It is absolutely necessary for us to supply the defects indicated, if we would secure a due supply of efficient clergy. Men of the right stamp will not come to us unless there is some prospect of a decent maintenance when in active work, and a modest provision for their old age. They will engage for direct missionary work amongst heathen, under the auspices of some society, and cheerfully endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, but they will not volunteer for a life of poverty and hardship amongst their own people, who have the power but not the will to give them adequate support. How can we expect them to do so? Rich colonists rarely educate their sons for the ministry. This is as true, I am told, of Australia and South Africa, as it is of Canada. . . .

"A wave of material prosperity is flowing over the Province. Our immediate problem is, how best to take advantage of the many opportunities it presents. New settlements are forming all along the boundary line and in East Kootenay, and the population is said to be increasing in many other districts. If it be thought by any at a distance that we are magnifying the prospects

of our own Province, we may point to many utterances of the eastern press, to which no suspicion of undue bias can attach. Let one serve as a specimen of many. The Toronto "Globe", after speaking of our minerals and fisheries, thus proceeds: "British Columbia may reasonably expect a great shipping industry and a large commerce with the United States, with China and Japan. There is no doubt that it is destined to overtake Ontario in population, in wealth, and in political importance." The "Globe" is an unexceptional authority, and we in the Province know well that it is not over sanguine in this forecast of its future. But, if we are not to lag lamentably behind in our provision for the increasing population, we must supply the deficiencies I have mentioned, and appeal to the East and the Mother Church to supplement our efforts. We must remind our brethren at a distance that the capitalists now developing the country are living amongst them, and that our immigrants are nearly all very poor people, dependent upon manual labour for their support. As you have heard, the appeals already made in eastern Canada and in England have been to a certain extent successful. The clergy who are in receipt of grants from England have been paid up to date.

"Acting on the advice of my commissaries I applied, when in England, to the Colonial and Continental Church society for the maintenance of a clergyman in Cariboo. We have a church in the district at Barkerville, and for some years there was a resident clergyman there, who also ministered at Quesnelle. He left on the cessation of a grant from England, before I came into the diocese. If the C. and C. S. accede to my request, as they probably will, the incoming clergyman will have a good prospect of a permanent charge, as Cariboo is also increasing in population with the rest of the Province.

"One special want I will indicate, in conclusion. There are a number of men in East Kootenay employed in the construction of the railway through the Crow's Nest Pass. A young athletic clergyman, gifted with discretion and some power of speech, and filled with a genuine love of God and his brother man, would find in that district a splendid field of labor. Some one, I trust, will be stirred up by my mention of the case, to offer the means by which the initial expenses of such a missionary may be covered. If the right man can make good his footing I have little doubt of his future maintenance."

SYNOD FINANCE.

THE Treasurer's Report presented and adopted at the meeting of Synod, affords interesting and instructive reading. It would be well in future meetings of Synod to give more time to its careful consideration, with a view of ascertaining whence

the real and continuous support of the church may be expected in the future.

The report covers a period of twenty one months up to Sept. 30th., 1897. Taking the General and Special Funds together, the totals are: Receipts \$11,422.12; Expenditure \$11,069.84. The sources of income have been: English Committee \$5,261.22; Bishop's new Committee \$268.50; Per Archdeacon Small \$254.88; Per Rev. C. Croucher \$120.62; D. F. M. S. of Canada \$330.84; Canonical Collections and Synodals in the Diocese \$1,499.47; S. P. G. block grant (1897) \$3,271.35; Sales of Work per Mrs. Dart \$60.25; S. P. C. K. Grant for Indian Hospital \$60.00; and one solitary Subscription of \$5.00.

The English Committee is no longer in existence, representing a loss of over \$5000.00. It is to be hoped that the Bishop's new organization's contribution of \$268.50 is no criterion of its assistance in the future. S. P. G. has given notice that its Grant may cease in 1900. D. F. M. S. has already sent \$1,000 since Sept. 30th., and this is one of the sources to which we must look for increased and continuous support in the future. The \$1,500.00 raised in the diocese for the canonical requirements is encouraging. But the most hopeful sign is the amount contributed by Archdeacon Small as the result of his visits to the Cariboo and other districts, viz. \$254.88. nor does this represent the whole of the financial result of his archidiaconal labours, as the contributions from Barkerville, \$25.55, shew, and \$72.20 received since October 1st. What a visit to the Kootenay country would have contributed to the Church's needs is a

matter of speculation. It is a pity that the Ven. Archdeacon could not spare time to make the experiment.

The Report has been printed and copies may be obtained from the Secretaries of Synod: the Rev. W. B. Allen, Chilliwhack, and Mr. Walter S. Walker of New Westminster.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor Church Record:

DEAR SIR:—I am enclosing here-with a cutting from the *Living Church*, re the charge of simony brought against, or threatened to be brought against the present Bishop of Kilmore, or rather against those who perpetrated the act. I think it will open the eyes of some of our people, when they see how careful the Church is that no monetary consideration shall be allowed to enter into an appointment.

Yours Truly,
Nov. 26th., 1897. A. S.

Some stir has been made over a charge of simony in connection with the recent election to the Bishopric of Kilmore, Ireland. It appears that some foolish friends of the candidate, Canon Elliot, who was afterwards chosen, had issued a circular referring to the gifts of this gentleman to the diocese, and to the future benefits to be expected from him, and on this ground asked for votes on his behalf. This performance was undoubtedly reprehensible; but it is explained that the circular was sent to only a few persons who were not directly concerned, and that it was quickly withdrawn, and finally that Canon Elliott knew nothing about the matter. *The Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette*, while correcting exaggerated reports on

the subject, speaks with just severity of allowing monetary gifts and private means to enter into elections to bishoprics and parishes, a tendency which it says is far too evident in the Irish Church at the present time.—*Living Church*. Nov. 13th., 1897.

To the Editor Church Record:

DEAR SIR:—As a layman interested in Church work, I would like to ask through the medium of this paper if there is any precedent for a lay reader saying the Burial Service from the Book of Common Prayer over deceased members of the Church, where the Priest in charge is unable to do so through sickness or absence, or where the ministrations of the Church are not given by an ordained Minister. There appears to be nothing in the service which absolutely pertains to the Priestly office. For my own part I do not think it is regular for him to do so, but the question I am asking is, would it be legal or not? Of course I am assuming the lay reader to have the ordinary licence to execute his office.

Yours Sincerely,
JUVENIS.

NEW WESTMNSTER.

HOLY TRINITY.

If not too late for publication we must send a few items in connection with our parish.

As the Synod has met since the issue of your November number you have doubtless but little room to spare, so we shall confine our remarks to the aid rendered the Parish by the entertainment Committee on behalf of St. Leonard's Hall.

The first dance was under the superintendence of Mrs. G. D. Brynner and it goes without saying that it was a most unqualified success; the room was very tastily decorated and great thanks are due those gentlemen who undertook this work.

The floor was in splendid condition and all present expressed themselves as highly delighted with the evening's entertainment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brynner were indefatigable in their efforts to secure the comfort and pleasure of their guests, and the consequence was as stated above a real genuine evening's amusement. Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Brynner and also to Mr. Angus who rendered them such valuable assistance. Proceeds over \$40.00 clear.

Our next entertainment was a Shadow Pantomime, which depicted the dangers and difficulties of life in the Fiji Islands. All the parts were well sustained and the result was the hearty appreciation of the audience. As the performers are all of them very retiring, modest and bashful it would be too bad to mention their names, but we can assure them that we are very grateful for their help.

A most pleasing feature of the entertainment was the Glee singing, which (through the able conductorship of Mr. G. Booth and the readiness of our choir to assist and the valuable help of some of our friends) was well rendered and many are the hopes that at our future entertainments, we may often have the pleasure of hearing the Glee Club again.

We wish to thank all those who so kindly helped us on this occasion and hope we may call on them again soon. The net proceeds were close on to \$20.00.

THE following subscriptions for St. Leonard's Hall for 1897:—

Mr. W. H. Edmonds, \$5.00; Mr. F. J. Coulthard, \$5.00; Mr. H. J. Stubbs, \$3.00; Mr. R. J. Rickman, \$5.00.

VANCOUVER.

ST. JAMES'.

THERE was a full house at the Dunn Hall on Thursday the 25th of November for the concert in aid of the funds of St. James' Guild. A very good programme and a thoroughly appreciative audience. The Misses Wood opened with a very well executed Piano Duet. Miss Walton sang we believe for the first time before the Vancouver public and it is to be hoped will often sing again. Her rendering of "Marguerite" was admirable. Miss Brunn's Piano Solo was a treat, Mr. Hyde Gowan performed brilliantly on the banjo, Miss Martin sang "Star of my Soul" very finely, Mr. Jenkinson's powerful voice was heard to advantage in "Mona", while Dr. Lambert of the "Empress of China" had the audience in fits of laughter with his songs "The tears ran down my cheeks" and "A bit of sugar for a bird."

The second part of the programme consisted of a little one act comedy "Withered Leaves" which went capitally.

Mrs. Buntzen, Mr. Kealy and Mr. Westwood acted with much spirit, and Mrs. Stein, Mr. Cornwall and Mr. P. Crickmay sustained their less interesting parts very well.

MARRIAGES:—On Nov. 15th., Hans Hansen, of Port Neville, and Elizabeth Anne Flintham, from the old country.

On Nov. 20th., Carl Wedig and

Ruth Winskill, both of Vancouver.

HYMNS for Sundays in Dec. and Christmas Day :—

DEC. 5th., 2nd. in Advent,
Morning :—47, 51, 313 and 190.
Evening :—45, 46 and 226.

DEC. 12th., 3rd. in Advent,
Morning :—47, 50, 312 and 224.
Evening :—49, 51 and 362.

DEC. 19th., 4th. in Advent,
Morning :—47, 414, 318 and 217.
Evening :—49, 46, 53 and 54.

DEC. 25th., Christmas Day,
Morning :—60, 61, 56, 555, 59
and 62.

DEC. 26th. St. Stephen's Day,
1st., after Christmas, Morning :—
62, 65, carol, 482 and carol. Even-
ing :—60, 65, 59 and carols.

KELOWNA.

A FAIRLY successful concert was given in Raymer's Hall on Sept. 23rd. Miss Ireland of Vernon gave several vocal and instrumental solos which were much applauded, as was also Miss Nicolle's song "Grannie." The gentlemen who supplied the serious part of the entertainment, were Messrs Attwood, Collins and Ellis; the comic and serio-comic element was well rendered by Messrs Kirby, Crowley, Walker and Holman Brown of Trout Creek; the latter gentleman gave several fine solos on the zither banjo, and the accompaniments were played by Mrs. Attwood and Mr. Lowe.

The Harvest Festival was held on the 15th. Sunday after Trinity. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, contributed by various members of the congregation. The workers, who deserve great praise for the very artistic manner in which they ornamented the altar, pulpit, chan-

cel rails and lectern, were Mrs. Attwood, Mrs. Barlee, Mrs. Crichton, Mrs. Greene, Miss Crichton, Miss Mair, Miss Bateman, Miss Sherwood and Miss Ireland. Eloquent and instructive sermons, suited to the occasion, were preached at the mid-day celebration, and at evensong by the Rev. T. W. Outerbridge, of Vernon.

The resignation of the people's warden, Mr. Attwood, necessitated the summoning of the vestry to elect his successor. At the meeting which was held on the 18th. inst., Dr. Boyce and Mr. Collins were nominated; the voting was equal; after some discussion, during which both gentlemen wished to withdraw, Dr. Boyce retired in favour of Mr. Collins, alleging that the latter as a man of leisure could better attend to the interests of the parish. Mr. James Fitzmaurice was elected to the office of Sidesman vacated by Mr. Collins.

We are glad to be able to report the return of Mr. and Mrs. Stirling and family after a prolonged visit to the "Old Country." Dr. and Mrs. Boyce have also returned from Montreal where the Dr. was spending a well-earned vacation.

At present we are rather depressed through losing, though only for a short time, many of our congregation who have gone, or are going to winter in England. Mrs. and Miss Nellie Crichton, Mrs. Pridham and family, with Miss Ablett, left about a month ago. Mr. Church, who started last week, will probably be overtaken by Mr. Hobson, who leaves in a few days; later, Mr. Alan Crichton and Miss Crichton will set out in time to reach home before Christmas. We hope to welcome them all with the returning summer.

ENDERBY AND ARMSTRONG.

THE concert and dance given by St. George's Ladies Guild on Nov. 5th. was very successfully carried out drawing quite a large audience who seemed to enjoy themselves very well and realized for the funds the sum of \$40.25. Subscriptions had been received up to time of the Incumbent's last visit on the 7th. towards building the proposed Church at Grande Prairie amounting to \$145, which it is hoped will be considerably increased and Mr. F. Jones has promised a very nice site for the building, together with sufficient land for a Cemetery.

A new floor has been laid in St. James' Church, Armstrong, which will make the building much more comfortable and the Ladies of St. James' Guild are busily preparing for their sale of work and Dance which comes off on Dec. 3rd.

Mr. Scarlett, late of Toronto who had resided at Armstrong for about a year and a half, died after a very short illness on Oct 30th. in his eighty-second year; the Burial Service was held at St. James' Church Nov 2nd. at 2 p. m. whence the Funeral proceeded to the cemetery at Lansdowne for the interment. Mr. Joyce our esteemed Lay Reader kindly took services both at Armstrong and Enderby on the 21st. when the Incumbent was unavoidably absent in attendance at the Synod held in New Westminster, but the usual service on Thanksgiving Day was omitted as the Incumbent had been uncertain as to date of his return and accordingly no notice had been given for it.

the Synod took place on the Thursday morning over the question of the reappointment of the Synod Committee on Religious Education.

Some very excellent speeches were made on the need of religious teaching in the Public Schools, and the matter of a Church boys' school. The speech of Mr. W. M. Gray was especially noteworthy. He feared with reason for the future of a province where the general tendency of education seemed to be to make clever rogues and educated criminals; he deplored the increase of juvenile crime, and traced it directly to the neglect of all religious teaching.

The Rev. C. Croucher pointed out that in this Province a stigma is placed upon religion that is not placed upon it in any other part of the world, namely that no minister of religion is allowed to be a member of any board of school trustees.

Mr. H. Hewke expressed himself as opposed to any teaching of un denominational religion, contending for the rights of the children of the church to be taught the whole body of Catholic Truth.

We may add a note of warning gathered from the reports of Schools in Australia as printed in the *Guardian* of September 22nd. this year, which however do not come down later than 1894 apparently. We quote from an article in the *Guardian*. "For sixteen years the system of purely secular education has been at work in New South Wales and for twenty-three in Victoria. In New South Wales in 1894, one hundred and sixteen boys of fifteen years and under, who have presumably passed through the schools, have been sent to gaol, there having been no reformatory till last year; seven hundred and forty-six youths of twenty years and under have been

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convicted of various crimes, and of these one hundred and twelve more than once. We find that one thousand and two hundred and seventy-one decrees *nisi* for divorce were granted in the last three years. Illegitimacy has also increased throughout the colony. In 1873 the percentage of such births was 4.14, but in 1894, 6.14. In England and Wales from 1890 to 1894 the percentage was 4.33, and in Ireland 2.66. Again: in New South Wales between 1885 and 1894 there were 1223 suicides, an increase of from 6.22 per one thousand deaths in 1885 to 9.95 in 1894. If calculated per million of the population, the suicides of young persons under twenty years of age has been one hundred and two on an average from 1890 to 1894. The average between 1871 and 1880 being only thirty-one.

"In Victoria the picture is not much brighter, indeed, in some respects, less so. In 1893, 268 boys and 198 girls under ten years of age were arrested, and of youths from ten to fifteen years of age 268 were brought before the courts and 66 girls of the same ages; in other words 115 per 10,000 of the male population under fifteen and of girls

25 per 10,000. Most of these were of School age or had passed through the schools." The proportion of persons convicted for assault of various kinds, of robberies with violence and of horse, sheep and cattle stealing in 1891 was just double that of the United Kingdom.

"When we find all forms of evil more or less increasing we can scarcely avoid the conclusion that a system of Education which has now been at work so long, if it had been of a sound and healthy kind, would have done more to restrain the corrupt tendencies of the Communities, and to raise them to a higher moral and religious tone."

One of the School Inspectors, Mr. Summons, had the courage in his report for 1894-5 to protest officially in these words:—"For the well being of the nation if for no other reason, it is of the utmost value that religion should be taught to the children attending the Elementary schools."

We will close these observations with some words of Sir Julian Salomans spoken in Sydney a short while ago:—

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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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BISHOP Browne, recently translated to the Bishopric of Bristol, has been succeeded as Bishop of Stepney, by Canon Winnington-Ingram, the successful Head of the Oxford House in E. London for the past nine years. The new Bishop is only thirty-seven years old, but has proved himself as possessing special gifts for dealing with the men of E. London. As Bishop he will have still wider interests and larger influence. Keble men feel especially honoured in his appointment, as the first Keble man who has been elevated to the Episcopacy. Shake hands brother Irwin!



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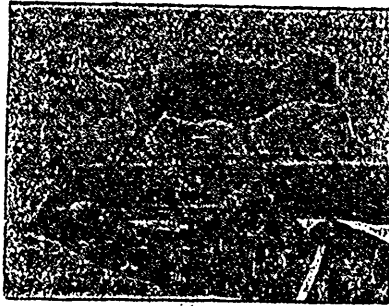
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