

and 4,200 scholars. It is evident, says the committee, that such a statement cannot fairly represent what ought to be done in the way of imparting religious instruction to the young; and this becomes a greater certainty from the fact that while the Deanery of St. Andrew's returns an average of 59 scholars to a parish, the Deanery of Chatham shows an average only of 42 scholars to a parish. The committee stated that the average enrolled scholars to a parish was 65. The committee note with thankfulness that in St. John and Kingston, S. S. Teachers' Associations have been established with excellent results. In each deanery special opportunities for receiving instruction are afforded the teachers, which have borne fruit in the number of names sent in by them as candidates for examination for diplomas or prizes. At the last examinations of teachers, held on May 16th and June 2nd, 1885, five candidates competed in the deanery of St. John and twelve in the deanery of Kingston, and all did very creditable work. The committee earnestly recommended the formation of similar organizations in every deanery of the diocese.

The report of the Committee was subsequently ordered to be printed.

**KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR.**

Rev. Mr. Simonds reported verbally that the Governors of King's College, Windsor, were unable to present a report to the Synod.

Notices of motion were given:—

By Canon Brigstocke, that he would move a resolution to the effect that the Governors of King's College, Windsor, be authorized to consider the question of increasing its endowments, and to consider whether a union with Dalhousie College would be advisable.

By Chief Justice Allen:—

Whereas, A question has arisen as to the insufficiency of the notice given for the present meeting of this Synod, though such notice has practically been amply sufficient.

Therefore resolved, That the Bishop and the Standing Committee be requested to prepare and submit to the Legislature, at its next session, a bill for the removal of any doubt as to the validity of such notice and the legality of this meeting.

By Mr. W. F. Vroom:—

That this Synod recognizes the evil of intemperance as one of the greatest obstacles to the spread of Christ's Kingdom.

And that in the opinion of this Synod the Church of England should be found in the front ranks in the contest against this gigantic evil, and that the clergy and laity of this diocese be called upon resolutely to oppose the evil, and to encourage every legitimate effort to suppress it.

**THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.**

The Coadjutor presented a report of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the present Constitution, Rules of Order and Canons adopted by this Synod, together with a report upon the codification and amendment of the same, which was received, and it was decided to take it up section by section.

**AFTERNOON.**

Synod re-assembled at 2.30, the Coadjutor Bishop in the chair.

The discussion which was begun in the morning on the report of the Committee on the Constitution, Rules of Order and Canons, was continued. Some debate ensued over the question whether it should appear in the declaration of principles as the "Church of England and Ireland."

Rev. L. A. Hoyt moved that it should appear as the "Church of England and other churches in communion therewith," instead of "the Church of England and Ireland."

Rev. Geo. Schofield moved in amendment that it appear as "the Church of England."

After some debate, the amendment, on being put, was carried by a sweeping majority.

The Metropolitan arriving at this point, he took the chair.

The declaration of principles, as amended, was adopted by both orders by standing votes.

The Synod went on to consider the Constitution as prepared by the Committee. The first section, which names who shall constitute the Synod, was adopted. The second section, which states that "the lay representatives shall be male communicants," etc., created some discussion.

**FEMALE REPRESENTATION**

was again strongly urged, and it was moved by Mr. W. F. Vroom, seconded by Rev. H. Neale, that the word "male" in the second section be omitted; but on the amendment being put, only three of the clergy and four of the laity were found voting in favor of the omission.

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth sections caused more or less discussion.

During the progress of the debate on the sixth section, Rev. L. A. Hoyt desired that the word "missionary" should be altered to "incumbent."

The Lord Bishop wanted to know what possible difference it would make to a man, when the thermometer was 20° below zero, whether he was an incumbent or a missionary.

A burst of laughter followed, and the section was allowed to remain as it was.

The seventh and eighth sections were passed as read.

Consideration of the ninth section was deferred until to-morrow morning.

**FEMALE REPRESENTATION ONCE MORE.**

When the tenth section (fixing the electorate for lay representatives) came up, Rev. Mr. Troop moved, seconded by Rev. W. O. Raymond, that the words "male" and "he" be omitted, and a further debate of some length followed, which was finally terminated by a declaration by Chief Justice Allen, on being appealed to for his opinion, that if this motion was adopted the Synod would be flying right in the face of the act of Assembly. He concurred in all that was said concerning the usefulness of the women, and in all his experience he had never found a woman who wanted to vote.

The motion was then withdrawn by consent of the house, and the tenth section was adopted, with a trifling amendment.

At the suggestion of Mr. Hanington, the ninth section, which was deferred, was taken up, and it was adopted after the last clause had been struck out, and Synod adjourned until 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

(We are obliged to hold over the balance of report till next number.—Ed.)

**MISSION CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST, PORTLAND.**—The Rev. J. M. Davenport, Priest in charge of this Church, being about to make a three months' visit to England, a conversazione was held by the members of his congregation on the evening of Tuesday, 7th inst., for the purpose of presenting them with an address and meeting him in a social way before his departure. The school-room of the Church was crowded, several of the clergy and many friends of Mr. Davenport and of the congregation being also present. After an hour's pleasant intercourse and partaking of light refreshments, served by the ladies of the congregation, the address was presented and expressed the warm affection in which Mr. Davenport was held by the members of the Mission Church, and their thankfulness for his teaching, guidance, and pastoral care, and regretting his absence for even three months. His parishioners expressed the hope that he might be attended by every blessing, both temporal and spiritual, and he might return in reinvigorated health and strength to receive the welcome of all his congregation.

**DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.**

**PERSONAL.**—The Rev. M. M. Fothergill has returned to his old charge, St. Peter's, Quebec.

**SHERBROOKE, P. Q.**—At the last meeting of St. Peter's Church Guild, held on Tuesday the 16th ult., before closing for the summer vacation, the members presented Mrs. Beckett, their vice-president, with an address, accompanied by a handsome work-bag and purse of \$35, through the medium of the Secretary-Treasurer. (We regret that we have not space for the address and excellent reply in this number.)

**BROMPTON AND WINDSOR.**—The rain has come, rejoicing the heart, cooling and clearing the dusty air. Sunday last was also a day of spiritual refreshment, as Brompton and Windsor were favored by a visit from the Bishop of Quebec. He arrived on Saturday evening at the Falls, and found the school-house, through the efforts of Mr. Rose, seconded by the teacher, in readiness for service on Sunday morning. The Bishop, with the resident Missionary, commenced at 9 o'clock with the baptism of three children, and the Apostolic ordinance of Confirmation to six candidates. The congregation were very attentive, and the singing hearty. One aged lady remarked it brought her back to old England again. He started immediately after service, stopping for a minute opposite Mr. Richie's house to partake of the refreshments so kindly brought to the road side. Confirmation was again administered in Brompton to five girls, followed by a sermon and Holy Communion, of which the confirmees all partook. Then on to Windsor, where, with only half an hour for dinner, Evening Prayer was said, and Confirmation again to a class of six girls and four boys, with an edifying address and sermon from the Bishop. A change of horses was made, and on to Hardwood Hill, where the school-house was tastily decorated with evergreens and flowers. A short evening service, followed by an instructive sermon, closed the Church work for the day, being four sermons, three Confirmation addresses, and administering both Sacraments by the Bishop. At 9 in the evening His Lordship returned to Windsor. This is certainly filling up the corners of a square day's work of 12 hours. It would seem the invitation given to one of the Missionary Bishops in the Western States is equally applicable to the old Diocese of Quebec. A man came to him on his first passing through one of the rising towns there, saying: "We have heard you Episcopalians are about the toughest set of fellows and hardest to kill of any of the preachers, so I guess we will have you stop."

**COMPTON.**—The Trustees of the Ladies' College, Compton, are taking active steps to reopen the College on the 9th of September next, under an efficient staff of teachers. The buildings will be put in a thorough state of repair, special care being bestowed upon the warming and sanitary arrangements. Miss Williams, late of St. Margaret's Hall, Halifax, N. J., and of St. Agnes' School, Albany, N. Y., has been appointed Lady Principal, and will be assisted by a thoroughly competent staff of teachers. The school will be under the direct control and management of the Corporation, aided by a committee of management, whose members reside in the immediate neighborhood of the College. The names of the Lord Bishop of Quebec, the Hon. M. H. Cochrane, and Mr. H. B. Brown, advocate, of Sherbrooke, as members of the committee, will be a sufficient guarantee to parents that the school will be made a happy home for their daughters, where no pains will be spared to make their moral and intellectual training a success. Prospectuses of the College may be had on application to the Secretary, the Rev. John Foster, Coaticook, P. Q.