

of the Synod in 1884, that the recommendation of the Committee on Education in reference to the recognition on the part of the provincial council of public instruction of the courses of teaching in our higher educational institutions, be particularly adopted by this Synod, and the Bishop be respectfully requested to make the recommendation immediately effective. In the Diocesan College six students had taken arts courses at McGill University, three taking a practical course, three preparing for the University, one taking university course after ordination, and one studying divinity alone. In all making eighteen students. The recommendation of the Council of Public Instruction that the Bishop should nominate annually a committee of examiners, was complied with and their report was annexed.

Very Rev. Dean Carmichael submitted the report of the committees on Sunday Schools. Reports from the committee on Deaconesses and the Girl's Friendly Society were also submitted.

Rural Dean Lindsay read the report on Foreign Missions. The contributions had increased somewhat, and last year the revenue amounted to \$1,376.83, which was disbursed as follows: To the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, \$964.66; Church Missionary Society, \$185.39; special to Madras, \$89; Society for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews, \$188.78.

Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay read the report of the parish work done by the Church and School Society.

Rural Dean Lindsay submitted the report of the committee on immigration.

Rev. H. Dickson reported what he had done in reference to providing immigrants with employment, and expressed his thanks to the *Star*, *Witness*, *Gazette*, and *Hera*, for the free insertion of notices. Reports from the Women's Protection Immigration Society, the city missions committee, and the committee on French work were also presented, as were reports from the Rural Deaneries of Bedford, Hochelaga and Iberville.

A long discussion took place on Dr. L. H. Davidson's motion.

"That no sale, disposal, or exchange of any property held in any parish or mission for the purpose of church work, shall be made, nor shall any mortgage be granted thereon, without the consent of the lord Bishop of the diocese, which consent shall only be given after the Bishop shall have submitted the proposal to the executive committee of the diocese, and to the legal adviser of the Synod. That no application shall be made to the legislature of the province of Quebec, for authority to mortgage, sell, or in any way to interfere with, or change the trust connected with the grant of any property held by any parish or mission within this diocese for the purposes of the church, otherwise than in the name of the Synod, and after due submission and consent thereby given."

The motion was lost by 22 to 26 votes. The meeting closed with the benediction.

The Festival Services.—A special festival service was held in St. George's Church last evening in connection with the Synod. There was a large attendance of the visiting and also a good congregation. After evening prayer, the Ven. Archdeacon Evans preached from the text Acts 1st and 14th: "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication."

(To be continued.)

St. Georges.—Bishop Bond held a special ordination service in this parish with the following result: Deacons—Mr. F. Baldwin, nephew of the Bishop of Huron, and who was trained in the Montreal Theological College, and Mr. J. Senior, of England.

Priests—Rev. C. Trotman, Montreal Theological College; Rev. C. J. Boulden, M. A.; Rev. W. Gomery, Rev. J. Davis and Rev. W. Weaver, St. Aldens, and Rev. W. Garrett.

There was morning prayer at 9.30, Rev. Mr. Boulden reading the papers and Rev. Mr. Gomery the lessons. At the eleven o'clock service, the priests were presented by Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, and the deacons by the Rev. Canon Du Vernet. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Mills, who delivered a plain, practical discourse from II. Timothy, iv., 2: "Preach the Word." The reverend gentleman, in the course of his remarks, enforced the doctrine that the main secret of success in the ministry was preaching the gospel faithfully, and living a life consistent with the gospel, so that the preacher would be a living example of what he preached. Holy Communion was then administered by his Lordship the Bishop, the clergy present being Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Rev. Canon Mills, Rev. Canon Du Vernet and Rev. Canon Anderson.

Very Rev. Dean Carmichael intends visiting the old country during the Summer.

ONTARIO.

THOMASBURG.—On Wednesday, the 17th, of June, the parish of Roslin held their annual Sunday school picnic at Thomasburg. The proceedings of the day opened with a service at Christ Church as follows:—Opening hymn, 391 A. M., morning prayer, Psalms for the day; 1st lesson, hymn 341; 2nd lesson, hymn 338, concluding prayers, hymn 331. Addressed by Ven. Archdeacon Daykin on prayer, closing with hymn 332 and benediction. The following Sunday schools were present:—St. James', Tweed; St. Paul's, Roslin; Moneymore and Christ Church, Thomasburg. The altar was dressed in white, and on it three vases of flowers, on the table were placed beautiful flowers in pots and at the back of the reredos, were the words in gold letters on a white ground, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." On the south side of the altar hung the banner belonging to Christ Church, of scarlet satin, on which was painted in white, "Feed my lambs," and in the centre the Angelus Dei. On the north side the banner for Moneymore of light blue satin with the words, "Be thou faithful unto death," and in the centre, shield, helmet, sword, breast-plate, spear and cross, the design taken from the S. P. C. K., confirmation card, with gold fringe. At the prayer desk stood the Roslin banner of cardinal velvet, with the word "Emmanuel," underneath a crown and I. H. S., this banner being in the shape of a shield trimmed with gold braid and three tassels to match. All these banners were painted by Miss H. Arbuckle, of Thomasburg, and are a great credit to her. Near the pulpit stood the banner from Tweed of dark blue silk, worked in white silk floss, with "Onward Christian Soldier," and on the other side the name of the church and Tweed, with a cross and I. H. S., this work being done by Miss Elliott, Miss Houston and Mrs. Ebbs, was much admired. At the conclusion of the service the boys which had the highest marks in each Sunday school carried the banner of the school, and the children fell in line and walked to the picnic grounds and had dinner. After dinner the boys played ball and the girls went to the swings; at 2.30 there were races for both boys and girls, etc. The Rev. T. Godden, of Stirling, was present and brought a dead seal with him which he had brought from Newfoundland, and exhibited to the children. Visitors present from other parishes were: Mrs. Godden and Mr. Lewin, lay reader for Archdeacon Daykin, of Madoc. The incumbent, the Rev. S. Bennetts, closed the day's pleasure by calling upon all to sing the National Anthem, thus ended one of the most enjoyable days ever spent at Thomasburg.

CARDINAL.—The church has suffered a heavy loss in the sudden removal of William Thomas Benson, M.P., of this place, in the diocese of Ontario. Though rich in this world's goods and called to occupy most responsible positions, he was marked by a singular simplicity of character, which greatly endeared him to all. Loyal to the church and generous in her support, his place will be hard to fill. On the sad day of his funeral, a great multitude assembled in unfeigned sorrow to pay the last duties to one who had deservedly filled a large place in the affections of all who knew him. The little church where he had loved to worship would not hold half of those who sought to enter. The village choir which he had trained for twenty-five years, chanted the "Domine, Refugium" and sang hymns fitting the occasion, and one who had dearly loved him, spoke in broken words to a weeping people of the grace of God which had worked in this noble christian gentleman, and the mourners (for all were mourning, though in accord with his own simple wish, none wore the customary trappings) followed his body to the railway station, whence it was carried to Montreal for burial. There it was met by many of his fellow-members of Parliament, and laid to rest till the resurrection of the Just. May our loving Lord comfort those who have such bitter cause to mourn, and give all who loved him grace to follow his good example.

KINGSTON.—Ordination.—At St. Paul's Church, Kingston, on the 7th June, the Bishop of Ontario held an ordination service, at which three candidates received deacon's orders and two deacons were elevated to the priesthood. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Y. Daykin, L.L.B., whose discourse was practical and fervent on the authority and responsibilities of the ministry. Then came the presentation of candidates. For the permanent diaconate there were two, Mr. A. L. Green, druggist, Belleville, and brother-in-law of Rev. R. S. Forneri, B. D. and Mr. R. T. Burns. For the regular diaconate there was one, Mr. Schrader, late of Renfrew, son of Archdeacon Schrader, Colombo, Island of Ceylon, and graduate of St. Augustine College, England. The Rev. Mr. Scudmore, missionary at Huntley, and late

classical master of Perth high school, and Rev. A. F. Brown, of Marysburg, were presented for priest's orders.

All knelt while the Veni Creator was said, and then clergy and candidates proceeded to the altar, where Mr. Schrader read the gospel (St. Luke xii. 85, 88), and the bishop the Nicene Creed. The offertory having been taken, the non-communicants withdrew, and the celebration of Holy Communion followed. About fifty participated in it. Then came the recessional hymn, the Nunc Dimittis, the clergy retiring from the church in inverse order.

KINGSTON.—Confirmation.—The Bishop of Ontario held a confirmation service at St. George's Cathedral, on the 7th June, the building was crowded. The candidates for confirmation numbered fifteen boys and twenty girls. Rev. Mr. Cooke read the prayers and Rev. B. B. Smith the lessons. The Bishop addressed the candidates, explaining to them the importance of the step they were taking. Confirmation was a distinctly appointed ordinance. Some who were aliens to the Church of England considered it only a formality. He hoped that the candidates had a more correct view. It was not manufactured by man, neither was it a new fangled notion. It was the conforming their will to the will of God. The form had been handed down through eighteen centuries in the national Church of England. It was not only sacred to them because of its age but it was also a commandment of the New Testament. They had to receive God's grace in the ordinance. The wit of man could not have devised a better ordinance, even if the holy scriptures had been silent regarding it. It was not a talismanic charm, but was rather a religious education to fit them for after life. He exhorted the candidates to observe and reverence all religious services held in the church to which they belonged. They declared by their presence that they would continue to be loyal members of the Church of England. He counselled them not to be easily induced to change their belief. The belief of some rested so lightly on them that they did not think any more of changing it than they did of changing their garments. The candidates by their confirmation demonstrated that they intended to live and die members of the Church of England. They would be tempted from the path of rectitude, but wherever they were they should make it a habit of their lives to think of their confirmation. Multitudes, it was true, had fallen away from the faith but multitudes more had been saved and reached heaven. He urged the new members to take an active part in church work, and show by their public life that they were sincere. His Lordship then confirmed the candidates according to custom.

KINGSTON.—Meeting of Synod.—The subject of appointments to vacancies excited more than usual interest, as resolutions were introduced providing for the laity having a voice therein. The resolution was lost, as the clergy voted one way almost unanimously, and the laity to the contrary. It would have been wiser to have had a committee to consider the matter, and if possible avoided so decided a conflict between the votes of the clergy and laity.

The reports of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Committee, Episcopal Trust Fund Committee, and the committee on duties of registrar and Clergy Trust Fund Committee were adopted.

Division of the Diocese.—The report of the committee on the division of the diocese came up. It was declared that the Synod had committed itself to the principle of a division, and that the report was the last act in completing the arrangements for the division. The provincial Synod had granted leave for the division.

The report as follows was adopted:

1. That the present Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Ontario be divided in the following proportions, viz: Two-thirds to remain with the Diocese of Ontario, as hereafter to be constituted, and one-third to go to the proposed Diocese of Ottawa.
2. That the parts which are to constitute the new diocese be respectively required to raise, each, the sum of \$20,000, so that the new Diocese of Ontario shall have an Episcopal Capital Fund of \$61,000, and the new Diocese of Ottawa shall have a minimum capital of \$40,000.
3. The committee would also recommend, that the Bishop be requested to visit England, and make an appeal to the church societies, and otherwise, on behalf of the new Sees.
4. The committee suggest, as a means of raising funds locally, that the confirmation candidates of the diocese be invited to contribute a minimum sum of fifty cents each, to be capitalized, for the benefit of the fund, until the amount required be collected.
5. That a private appeal be sent to every adult member of the church, together with an enclosed envelope, requesting a contribution of, at least \$1 toward the Episcopal Fund.