

Church Temporalities Act. My opinion is that (1) the constitution of Vestries should be severed from the question of pew rents; that (2) the Church-Wardens and Incumbents of all churches should be a corporation with legal powers to deal with the property under their charge; (3) that the power now possessed by legally constituted Vestries to grant leases or faculties, for pews or sittings in perpetuity, should be abolished. This power has already led to grave inconvenience, and I would not prevent the allotment of pews and sittings by the Churchwardens and Vestries; but a re-distribution should be possible from time to time. I hope that the Rural Dean will regularly report all defective registers to the Synod. This year there will be a meeting of the Provincial Synod in Montreal, and as we shall have in the course of our present session to elect delegates for the same, it may not be out of place here to express a hope that those who accept the office will attend to its duties. I could not but be struck, when attending three years ago the General Convention of the American Church, with the great difference observable in this matter of attendance between the ways of proceeding there and here. On that occasion I saw the Hon. Hamilton Fish, the Secretary of State, and others of a like standing, whose occupations and avocations must have been pressing enough, in close attendance upon the work of the Convention, in debate, and in committee from morning till often late in the night, for three weeks, while all members really obliged to discontinue attendance, including the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, called imperatively away during the session of the Convention by the business of his court, felt it due to the dignity of the Convention to obtain special exemptions before they withdrew. It is likely that before we meet again there will be another conference of bishops of the Anglican Communion under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth. I was aware that there was some prospect of this, but having been obliged by my private occasions to visit England during the last summer, and not anticipating that the proposed conference would lead to results of such practical importance, I had abandoned my intention of being present. I have every reason to believe, however, that the conference will be more prolonged, and more practical than the last. And if this be so, and if there be a probable prospect of unity and peace being promoted in the great body to which we belong and of being advanced by the deliberations of the assembled Bishops, I may still feel it my duty to assist, at least by my presence, in so great and so good a work.

The consideration of the Canon on differences between ministers and congregations, left over from last session, was then called, and after discussion an amendment of Revd. Professor Roe was defeated, upon which the remainder of the proposed canon was withdrawn.

Revd. Mr. Von-Iffland presented the report of the Diocesan Board. The reports of the various rural deaneries were presented by the deans. Revd. M. M. Fothergill presented and read the report of Bishop's College, Lennoxville.

On Wednesday, Rev. Professor Roe presented and read the report of the Ladies' College, Compton. He read a letter from a churchman in Montreal, offering \$100 towards the liquidation of the debt upon the college, providing twelve others do the same.

Revd. M. M. Fothergill acknowledged the receipt of a number of copies of the *Morning Chronicle* from J. J. Foote, Esq., for the use of members.

On the question of arrears, the Bishop dwelt upon the value of the exertions of Rev. Professor Roe in aid of the Compton College and thought that the amount of the indebtedness to that gentleman might easily be made up. Revd. Ernest King was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the object; a vote of thanks was tendered Revd. Professor Roe for his exertions in the cause; and the Lord Bishop was respectfully requested to issue a circular to be read in the churches of the diocese, setting forth the advantages of the college for young ladies.

The following were elected trustees of Bishop's College, Lennoxville:—Messrs. R. W. Heneker, Robt. Hamilton, E. T. Brooks, R. H. Smith, Thos. MacFarlane, and H. G. Joly.

Revd. Mr. Chapman moved, seconded by Revd.

A. C. Scarth, "That the Bishop appoint a committee to report during the present session of Synod on the relations subsisting between the Missionary Clergy of the Diocese and the Diocesan Board." Carried. The following committee was appointed for the purpose:—Rev. Messrs. H. Petry, A. J. Woolryche, A. C. Scarth, T. S. Chapman, A. A. Von Iffland, and Messrs. H. G. Joly and Judge Hemming.

Revd. I. Brock moved, "That it is desirable to have but one Fund for Algoma, to be entitled 'The Algoma Diocesan Fund,' the first charge upon which shall be the quota which this Synod is pledged to contribute towards the Episcopal Stipend, the balance to be sent to the Bishop of Algoma to be by him applied to the General Missionary work in his Diocese, or to any particular parts of the Missionary work therein, as the donors shall direct." The motion was adopted.

Revd. Professor Roe moved the following Canon of the building and alteration of churches:—"Before the building of any new church in this diocese is entered upon, the consent in writing of the Bishop and also his approval of the site, as well as of the plans and the proposed arrangement and furniture of the church, shall be obtained." Adopted.

Mr. Edwin Jones, Treasurer of the Synod, read his financial report, which showed receipts, including assessments and balance from last year to have been \$728; expenses, including rent of hall, printing reports and sundries \$311, and balance in hand, \$417.

On motion of Revd. Charles Hamilton, a committee was appointed to examine into and report upon the powers conferred by the School Act upon the clergy in visiting the public schools. The committee was as follows:—Revd. Messrs. Brock, Stuart, Thornloe and Scarth, Mr. Dunbar, Q.C., and Judge Hemming.

The following gentlemen were declared elected for the Provincial Synod: Revd's I. Brock, Dr. Nicholls, C. Hamilton, J. Foster, M. M. Fothergill, Prof. Roe, G. V. Housman, C. P. Reid, A. Von Iffland, A. C. Scarth, H. J. Petry and J. Jenkins; Messrs. R. W. Heneker, R. H. Smith, H. S. Scott, Hon. G. Irvine, R. Hamilton, T. McFarlane, Judge Hemming, L. E. Morris, James Dunbar, Col. Forsyth, Col. Ready and Captain Carter.

The Council of Bishop's College was re-elected as follows: Professor Roe, Hon. George Irvine, Revd's Brock, Foster and Rawson.

The Corporation of the Ladies' College, at Compton, was re-appointed as follows: Revd Professor Roe, Hon. M. Cochrane, Mr. R. H. Smith, and Revd Mr. Foster.

The Synod's proportion of the Diocesan Board was re-elected as follows: Revd's Messrs. C. Hamilton, C. W. Rawson, J. Foster and Messrs. H. S. Scott, W. G. Wurtele and R. H. Smith.

The following gentlemen were elected as substitutes for any of the delegates to the Provincial Synod who may be unable to attend: Revd Messrs. Richardson, Allnatt, E. A. W. King, T. Chapman, J. Dinzey, G. Parker and Messrs. E. A. Jones, F. W. Andrews, C. Henry, Col. Morris, James King and H. J. Pratten.

The consideration of the Canon, proposed by Revd Professor Roe, on Wednesday, concerning the building and decoration of churches, was resumed. Another amendment was added, declaring it to be the duty of the rural dean to examine and report to the bishop upon the sites of all proposed new churches. The amended canon was then adopted.

Mr. H. S. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. G. Hall, an amendment to Canon 15, section 5, reducing the number of the Board of Concurrence from twenty-five to thirteen as necessary for the appointment of a rector of Quebec.—Adopted.

The following committee were appointed to consider suitable alterations in the Church Temporalities' Act: Hon. George Irvine, H. G. Joly, Esq., Judge Hemming, Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Morris, with Mr. Dunbar as chairman.

(To be Continued.)

MONTREAL.

MODERN CHRISTIANITY.—The following is a delicate little *morceau* of evangelical Christian expres-

sion, clipped from the *Rock* and headed Bishop Oxenden:

SIR,—A good deal of surprise and pain has been felt in Evangelical circles by the recent act of Bishop Oxenden in visiting this city for the purpose of preaching on the occasion of the opening of the chancel of the Ritualistic church of St. Alban. In this chancel there is a "high altar" after the Romish model, instead of the plain communion-table. This altar may always be found vested in the colours of the season, according to the Romish use and pattern. Immediately over the "altar" is a rededon upon which is inscribed "A Jesus W." Surmounting this a white marble cross three feet in height. The rest of the chancel furniture, is of the usual Ritualistic type, and quite in keeping with a paganized Christianity. The clergyman in charge, the Rev. T. Bedford Jones, L.L.D., delights to be known as the "priest of St. Alban's." A strange place, and strange company, as doubtless some of your readers will think, in which to find the once well-known Evangelical rector of Pluckley, Kent—Ashton Oxenden! Whatever good opinion many have had of Bishop Oxenden, it has been much lessened by its coming into another diocese where Ritualism is rampant, and in so doing patronizing and encouraging the evil in a congregation of noted Ritualistic proclivities. Ottawa, Canada (Diocese of Ontario). SCRUTATOR.

The date is, April, 27th, 1877.—I am particular to give the date of this rare production as to day, month and year as I would fain have it on the records of the "DOMINION CHURCHMAN," it being already inscribed upon the *Rock*. The rich vein of *knowledge* and of *brotherly love*, running throughout the extraordinary communication of the Ottawa "Scrutator," if not worthy of all praise, at least commends itself to the attention of all our churchmen. How intelligently he writes, may be gathered from the sentence: "Immediately over the 'altar' is a rededon upon which is inscribed 'A Jesus W'! After mention of the white cross, that thing so fearful to the modern Evangelical; he goes on to say, 'the rest of the furniture is of the usual ritualistic type; and quite in keeping with a paganized Christianity.' Poor man! And then to think of that 'once well-known Evangelical Rector of Pluckley, Kent—Ashton Oxenden!' being found in so 'strange a place' and in such 'strange company!' Alas, how are the mighty fallen! and how much of suffering, in his own esteem, must there be to his Lordship, having been found in such 'strange company,' and from the knowledge that he is 'lessened' in the 'good opinion' of the Ottawaian 'Scrutator' and the 'many' he assumes to represent, who, like himself, perhaps, lofty and high-minded, are above even 'high altars' and whose pure minds cannot descend to ritualism, even in furniture. Well, let us hope that his Lordship the Bishop will find strength to rally from the fearful depression incident to so great condemnation. As the keen 'Scrutator' utterly ignores the Alpha and Omega and prefers the legend 'A Jesus W,' I propose to interpret the same for his own use and behoof, viz.: by making the last letter the initial of the word *Wanted*, that 'Scrutator' may, by close observation and study of the Christian character and teaching of his Master, learn not only the lesson of *humility* but that of Christian love and charity towards his fellow-man—to say nothing of his own professed affinity as a *brother* in the one great family of God. The writer fails to recognise the truth of the representations of 'Scrutator' as of all our Evangelical brethren, however 'many' he may rightly claim to represent; and in closing would beg to be allowed, for Scrutator's special edification, to quote the following extract from a hymn, which he, doubtless, wots of:

"Love is kind and suffers long,
Love is meek and thinks no wrong,
Love, than death itself more strong;
Therefore give us love."

HAMILTON.

ONTARIO.

MEETING OF SYNOD.—The sixteenth session of the Synod of Ontario was held in St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, during last week. The opening service was held on Tuesday evening, the 5th. The Rev. Canon Jones monotoned the