

the Bishop on these subjects are all the more important in view of his long episcopate and his venerable years, we hope to give at some length in subsequent numbers, in order that the Church at large may benefit thereby.

The business meeting of the 17th Session of Synod opened at 10 a.m. on the 30th ult., 65 clergy and 50 laymen responding to their names. After confirming the minutes of last meeting, a resolution adopting formally the Declaration of Principles was carried, and the Standing Committee, upon nomination, was elected as follows: Clergy—Canons Medley, Brigstocke, Neales and Rev. G. G. Roberts; Laity—Chief Justice Allen, Hon. B. R. Stevenson, Dr. Weldon and Mr. Jarvis.

Nominations of clergy and laity as delegates to the Provincial Synod were then made. Some discussion arose as to whether members in full Communion who had not been elected to the Diocesan Synod were eligible for election to the P. Synod, the Chairman ruling that they were eligible. After the nomination of several Committees and other routine work, the Synod adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

On the reassembling of the Synod, at half-past two, Mr. G. Sidney Smith presented a memorial in behalf of the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, St. John, in reference to the Mission Chapel difficulty. The memorial recalled the proceedings of the Synod of 1884, upon and in regard to the opinion of S. Bethune, Q.C., on the questions submitted to him, respecting the legality of the establishment of the Mission Chapel, and also contained copies of correspondence and of memorial presented to the Bishop in Sept., 1884, in which reference was made to the action of Synod and disappointment expressed that up to that time the Bishop had not revoked Mr. Davenport's license, in accordance with the opinion of Mr. Bethune, which the memorialists believed had been accepted by the Synod as a correct exposition of the law. It also contained the letters of the Bishop in reply, and further correspondence between the parties; from which it appears that the Bishop had never accepted Mr. Bethune's opinion as a conclusive and final determination of the legality of the action referred to. The Bishop also pointed out the good work done by the Mission Chapel, which he felt bound to impartially weigh before assisting in "the overthrow of that which has borne such good and Christian fruit." The memorial to the Synod concluded: Your memorialists finding, therefore, that it is not the intention of his Lordship the Bishop to act upon Mr. Bethune's opinion or to recognize the principles of law governing the Church in this diocese, which it affirms, feel constrained, in view of the importance of the question involved and its effect upon the whole parochial system of the diocese, as hitherto recognized and acted upon, to lay this matter again before the Synod, in order to enable this body to express its views, upon the subject, and take such action thereupon as they may deem the interests of the Church demand, reserving nevertheless all rights to which the parish of St. Paul is legally entitled.

The memorial was received: after which the reports of the Committee on Domestic & Foreign Missions; on the Financial Condition of the Missions of the Diocese and of the Sunday-school Committee were received. The latter referred to the effort made to procure statistical information as to the Sunday-schools of the Diocese (not altogether successful), remarked upon the small number of male teachers, the keeping open only in Summer time of the Schools in many country parishes, and upon the good work done by the Teachers' Associations in the Deaneries of St. John, Kingston and Shediac. The Committee recommended that each school should contribute to some specific missionary purpose. From the statistics furnished it appeared that the total number of schools is 112; teachers, 555; scholars, 5,542.

#### PROVINCIAL SYNOD DELEGATES.

The following were reported as elected:—Clergy: Rev. Canon Medley, Rev. Canon De Veber, Rev. G. G. Roberts, Rev. Canon Neales, Rev. Canon Brigstocke, Rev. G. M. Armstrong, Rev. J. R. Campbell, Rev. J. H. Talbot, Rev. J. M. Davenport, Rev. D. Forsyth, Rev. G. O. Troop, Rev. Canon Ketchum. Substitutes: Rev. O. S. Newnham, Rev. L. A. Hoyt, Rev. R. E. Smith, Rev. G. H. Sterling, Rev. J. R. DeW. Cowie, Rev. S. J. Hanford. Laity: Chief Justice Allen, Hon. B. R. Stevenson, D. L. Hannington, W. M. Jarvis, C. W. Weldon, C. H. Fairweather, Hurd Peters, C. N. Vroom, A. A. Sterling, R. T. Clinch, G. R. Parkin, R. B. Haddow. Substitutes: G. A. Schofield, W. F. Dibblee, H. A. Johnston, A. P. Tippett, H. W. Frith, John Sears.

After several notices of motion were given, the Synod took up the canons submitted at last session, the consideration of which occupied the remainder of the day.

#### SECOND DAY.

After the opening proceedings several reports were presented, amongst others one relating to King's College, which the Bishop stated he found in a very satisfactory state and on a sound basis. Appointment was made of Rev. Canon Brigstocke and Rev. D. Forsythe and Messrs. Clinch and Lee as delegates to the Dom. & For. Missionary Society; of Rev. W. F. Vroom and C. W. Weldon as Governors of King's College, and then the discussion of the Mission Chapel matter was taken up.

The Chief Justice (Allen) introduced a long motion, which, if adopted, would have had the effect of binding the Synod to the interpretation of law given by Mr. Bethune, and suggesting a settlement on this basis between the parties; but it very soon became manifest that a large portion of the Synod were not ready to accept this interpretation of law as correct; and a long and spirited debate followed, occupying the remainder of the day. In the afternoon, after several amendments had been made, none of which seemed to meet the views of the Synod, the following amendment made by Mr. Grimmer, seconded by Mr. Hannington, was substituted for the resolutions and adopted after a protracted discussion, by a vote 60 yeas to 29 nays;

*Whereas* The Mission chapel of St. John Baptist was erected within the limits of St. Paul's parish and a clergyman licensed to hold services therein, without the consent of the rector, church wardens and vestry of said parish first had and obtained thereto; and

*Whereas*, a memorial from the said rector, church wardens, and vestry has been submitted to the synod complaining of the said act as an invasion of their legal rights and such proceedings have been taken upon such complaint that the opinion of Mr. Bethune, of Montreal, has been obtained by this synod to the effect that the erection of said church and the licensing thereof were not in accordance with the laws relating to the church in this diocese: and

*Whereas*, The synod believes that the said rector, church wardens and vestry, and the trustees and clergyman of said Mission church, are alike desirous of acting in a conciliatory and Christian spirit in this matter with a view to an amicable arrangement of the difference between them, so as to avoid the scandal of unsightly contests before the civil courts; and

*Whereas*, The synod highly approves and warmly appreciates the disposition manifested by all of said parties towards such mutual forbearance and concessions as shall prove effective for a settlement so desirable for all parties immediately interested, and so beneficial to the welfare of the church;

*Therefore resolved*, That it be recommended that a conference should take place between the rector, church wardens and vestry of St. Paul's church, and the trustees or persons claiming to hold the title of the said Mission

Chapel, and the missionary in charge thereof, and that a settlement should be agreed upon which would, under the circumstances, be reasonably satisfactory to the respective parties immediately interested.

Mr. G. H. Lee, in behalf of St. Paul's parish, gave notice that he reserved his right to appeal to the Provincial Synod, and on the following morning filed a written notice of appeal.

[We regret that we are obliged to hold over the remainder of report.]

ST. MARTINS.—We noticed a paragraph in your last number referring to our parish. Our Rector has given entire satisfaction to this congregation and people. He brought testimonials which place him upon an equal footing with any rector we know of. The ministrations of the Church are excellent. Missionary work is faithfully done at several outposts, and we feel in no way or manner isolated from any members of our own Communion.—*Com.*

#### DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

##### MEETING OF SYNOD—FIRST DAY.

The Synod of the Diocese of Quebec assembled in Quebec on the 29th ult., being preceded by service in the Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. There was a good attendance of the clergy, but the number of lay delegates was somewhat small.

The morning service was full choral, the responses being splendidly rendered by the Cathedral choir under the direction of the talented organist, E. A. Bishop, Esq.

Holy Communion followed the morning service, the Bishop himself being celebrant and the Rev. G. H. Parker and Rev. Dr. Roe acting as Epistoler and Gospeller respectively.

At noon the Synod assembled for business in the National School, and after the calling of the roll, adjourned to 2.30 p.m., when the Lord Bishop delivered his charge, from which we make the following extracts: After referring in touching and most complimentary terms to the death of Dr. Marsden and F. Andrews, Q.C., he announced the following additions to the Clergy List:—

The Rev. T. Adams, Principal of Bishop College; Rev. Joseph Eames, missionary in Labrador; Rev. F. E. J. Lloyd, Rector of Levis; Rev. Joseph Harwood, missionary in Magdalen Islands; Rev. William Price, missionary at Ascot and Westbury; Rev. Charles Trotman, Curate of the Cathedral, and the Rev. Lennox W. Williams, Curate of St. Matthew's.

In referring to the removals from the Diocese, the Bishop thus spoke of Dr. Loblely and the Bishop of Niagara:—

The Rev. Dr. Loblely, who has left the Diocese and returned to England. Ill indeed can we spare a man of his rare attainments and high intellectual power. The noble influence, however, of his Christian character, I rejoice to believe, we retain as a permanent possession.

By the elevation of the Rev. Charles Hamilton to the See of Niagara, the Church in this Ecclesiastical Province has, without doubt, been largely strengthened and invigorated; but we in this Diocese have, with a little doubt, sustained a loss that is, from many points of view, irreparable. You know, we all know, with what unflagging energy, and with what unflinching sympathy he ministered to the souls committed to his care in the parish of St. Matthew, in this city. In that branch of his many-sided activity, he has, I am happy to say, been followed by one well qualified to build upon the foundations he so wisely laid, and so firmly. But in many lines of diocesan administration we miss—and here especially in this Synod we shall miss—the prudence and the foresight, the wide outlook and the grasp of detail, the rare union of unflinching courage and considerate forbearance, which lent at the same time so much weight to his counsels, and so much fruit.