

Evening, and was numerously attended by members of the Church. The Secretary read his annual report, which was adopted, and a variety of resolutions were passed, after having been ably supported by a number of speakers, among whom were the Venerable Archdeacon Brough, Rev. Messrs. McLean, Caulfield, Sullivan, Gunn, Sanders, and Marsh, and several of the lay delegates.

## FRIDAY.

The Synod re-assembled and continued in session till half-past one o'clock, when it was adjourned in the usual form. Among the few resolutions passed, one was prohibiting ministers from performing the burial service for persons dying in a state of drunkenness; and another to provide accommodation for members of the Press at future meetings of the Synod.

The Church Society held a meeting at two o'clock, and adopted means to defray the expenses of the delegates.

### JOURNAL OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC.

## THIRD SESSION

## FIRST DAY.

The several Committees appointed at our last meeting, to report to our present Session, upon certain points to which I drew the attention of the Synod, are prepared, I believe, to render their respective reports. If the matters confided to their deliberation are not ripe, in every instance, for being brought to a practical issue, they are, for the most part, as I would hope, put in train for satisfactory disposal within reasonable time, and will not be suffered to escape from our view.

It will be remembered that, at our last meeting, a Committee to whom were referred certain petitions presented to the Synod, reported that they had received communication of a proposal made to the *Colonial Church and School Society*, which originated with a member of the Corresponding Committee of that body in Quebec, and in the terms of which I had signified my concurrence, with the view of removing some obstacles which had existed to the full recognition of the operations of that Society within the Diocese. The negotiations on this subject have attained no definite result; but as the matter has been already before the Synod, I am desirous of obtaining the expression of its opinion as to what farther steps it may be for the interest of the Diocese to take. Although the Committee of the Parent Society at home has not been able to see its way for adopting the suggestion of the Corresponding Committee here, I should, for my own part, be satisfied to co-operate with the Society, upon the distinct understanding that, while the rules still stand as they do, its "unvarying practice" (according to its own language) will be "in accordance with" the principles laid down in the written proposal which formed the basis of the negotiation; and that any departure from such practice, (which, however, I do not regard as in the slightest degree a probable event,) must be followed by a severance of my connection with it.

Another aspect of the question will present itself, before it can be finally adjusted, when the proposal shall be brought forward which stands among the notices of business in the Synod, for the establishment of a Diocesan Board of Missions; but it is not necessary for me to enlarge upon this point in the present stage of our proceedings.

I feel it only due to the Corresponding Com-

mittee just above mentioned, to acknowledge the fair and kind spirit which has marked their share of the transactions in which the Episcopal Office has been concerned, as well as in relation to certain changes which have been made, with my own entire concurrence, in the arrangements for the location of their Missionaries. It is proper also to add that the Missionary who, since the date of the last Synod, was placed upon the list of the Colonial Church and School Society, in this Diocese, entitled himself, during his short stay within its limits, by an efficiency and zeal of which I had opportunities to form a judgment, to my fullest approbation.

The number of our Clergy within the year,—including a candidate for Holy Orders, employed as a lay reader till he shall have attained, (in September,) the canonical age,—has been increased by three. It will be seen by the formal returns which I have to make upon the subject, that three new Missions have been opened; but there is a fourth upon the very point of being established at Labrador, the clergyman being appointed to his charge, and just about this moment on his way to take possession of it. We have but few Church people at Labrador, and they have heretofore been cared for, under an arrangement between the Bishop of Newfoundland and myself, by the occasional attention of a Missionary in that part of the Labrador coast, which belongs to the Colony of Newfoundland. But as their numbers appear to be growing, I have prevailed upon the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, which has for some years been obliged to desist from adding to the number of its Missions in my Diocese, to make a special exception in this particular case.

I will trespass no further upon your time, except barely to glance at the sense of thankfulness which, in the midst of all our difficulties and discouragements in carrying on the work of the Church, we ought to entertain for the peaceful condition of things in the Colony, and the free undisturbed opportunity which we enjoy, of conducting the councils and advancing the interests of our Communion. The civil war which now rages in the neighbouring republic, with all its train of unholy excitement and passionate exasperation,—the restless agitations which prevail in Europe, the elements of violent conflict which are there at work, the "wars and rumours of wars" which are continually flying about the face of the earth, the rumbling of the thunder, threatening some terrific storm and presageful of prodigious changes [ultimately, as we hope, blessed changes] in the world,—from all these, in their direct operation, we are, as dependencies of the British Empire, sheltered and protected. And let us only pray that whatever may be those "things which are coming upon the earth," we may be found in such a state as to appropriate to ourselves a share in the blessing conveyed in prophetic words: "Come my people: enter into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself, as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be over-past."

A letter containing an extract from the proceedings of the Vestry meeting of the Congregation in Sherbrooke held last Easter, giving their reasons for not sending a delegate to the Synod, was then read.

Mr. George Irvine then presented, and read the report of the "Committee on rules of order."

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES OF ORDER.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod of this Diocese to prepare rules of order, have the honor to report that they have chosen the following rules which they submit for the consideration of the Synod.

The Report was considered clause by clause and having been amended was adopted.

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the Bishop or other person presiding has taken the Chair, the meeting shall be called to order and no person shall continue standing.
2. Immediately after the Chairman has taken the Chair, the meeting shall be opened with prayer, and the Minutes of the proceedings at the preceding meeting shall be confirmed.
3. No motion shall be considered as before the Synod (excepting such as may be proposed by the Bishop or Committees,) unless it be seconded and reduced to writing.
4. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject, unless in explanation, except the mover of any resolution, who may reply; and any member who in addressing the Synod shall introduce into the discussion matter foreign to the subject, shall be called to order.
5. When a question is under consideration no other motion shall be received except an amendment; unless it be to postpone the consideration of the question under discussion or to adjourn.
6. Motions to adjourn or to postpone the consideration of the question shall be decided without debate.
7. When a motion has been read to the Synod from the Chair, it cannot be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the meeting.
8. When an amendment has been proposed and is under consideration, no new amendment shall be received until the former has been disposed of.
9. All amendments shall be decided before the original motion is put to the Synod.
10. Any member shall have the right to require at any period of the debate that the motion or other matter under discussion be read for his information.
11. Any member called to order when speaking shall immediately resume his seat and shall not again rise until the question of order be determined.
12. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair.
13. Whilst any question is being put from the Chair the Members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse, and when a motion is put no member shall retire until such motion is disposed of.
14. In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall first rise, and then those who vote in the negative; the vote of the Clergy being first taken unless it be otherwise ordered by the Chair. Notice of all business to be brought before the Synod which has not been submitted to the Executive Committee, must be given on the first day of meeting.
15. A question having been once determined shall not again be discussed in the same session.
16. No protest or dissent shall be entered on the minutes of the proceeding; but, when required by any three members, the number of affirmative and negative votes, and the names shall be recorded.
17. No manifestation of feeling such as applause or dissatisfaction shall be allowed.
18. Accommodation shall be provided for persons not belonging to the Synod; provided that the Chairman may at any time require all strangers to withdraw, and suspend the proceedings until they do so.
19. When the Synod is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the Bishop or other person presiding has left the Chair.

The Rev. E. C. Parkin, presented and read the Report of the "Committee to negotiate with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel."