

vincial Synods and receiving a number of most interesting Reports. Besides this there are upon the Agenda paper twelve motions, all of them more or less important.

Captain Carter has a motion of which the intention is to make our Parochial Returns of Statistics, etc., of more practical value to the Diocese. Chancellor Dunbar is proposing to remove some of the limitations in regard to those who are eligible to vote in Vestries. Mr. John Hamilton has a resolution to change Canon VII, so that it may be in conformity with the Church Society's By-law No. XI. Mr. Robert Campbell has given notice of seven motions: In the first he would make the number of Lay Delegates to be elected by a Parish depend upon the average of Easter Communicants since the last regular triennial election, instead of upon the number of those whom the Clergyman certifies as having communicated at least three times within the previous year. In considering this, account will have to be taken of the uncertainty of roads and weather in the country districts at Easter time. Another of Mr. Campbell's motions aims at making other Clergy of the Diocese, besides the Rector of the Cathedral Parish, eligible for the position of Dean of Quebec. By another he would narrow down the right of voting in Vestry upon the ordinary temporal matters of a Parish, to those only who will declare themselves "members of the Church of England in Canada and of no other religious denomination," as well as "regular attendants on the Services of the Church, etc." And his last motion has the laudable object of causing an interest to be taken by the whole of Quebec in the two institutions known as "The Finlay Asylum" and "The Male Orphan Asylum," by extending the governing body, so that it shall be composed of the Rectors and Wardens of all the City Parishes. And the Rev. E. B. Husband has a motion on the

paper in regard to the charging of Burial Fees in certain cases.

On the Thursday evening, the first order of the day is the consideration of the Report of the Committee on Religious needs and progress of the Diocese. It is hoped that the greatest interest will be taken in this, as being the most closely concerned with the spiritual work of the Church.

On Wednesday evening the Lord Bishop has invited all members of Synod and their friends to a Reception at Bishopsthorpe.

We will only add that we trust this important gathering together of Clerical and Lay Representatives of the Church in our Diocese will be fraught with the richest blessings, and to this end, the Bishop requests all to use earnestly at this time, both in public and private, the following Prayer:—

Almighty and everlasting God, who, by the Holy Spirit, didst preside in the Councils of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with Thy Church to the end of the world, we beseech Thee to be present with the Synod of this Diocese now (about to be) assembled in Thy name. Save its members from all ignorance, error, pride, and prejudice; and of Thy great mercy, vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify them in their important work, by Thy Holy Spirit, that through Thy blessing on their deliberations, the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, and the order and discipline of Thy Church maintained amongst us, to the overthrow of Satan's power, and the final establishment of Thy heavenly kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour.—*Amen.*