

to sit separately except at any time by the unanimous consent of both Houses. When the Province of Rupert's Land examined the decisions of the Province of Canada they found, somehow or other, that this did not appear. We did not see that it had been opposed by the Province of Canada. It was simply left out, and in my address as Metropolitan in opening the Provincial Synod I drew attention to that, and I said it probably seemed such a minute matter to the Province of Canada that they took no notice of it whatever, but I added: "I consider it necessary for the independence of the House of Bishops, particularly at the present day, that there should be a distinct utterance upon the question;" and the Province of Rupert's Land came to the unanimous conclusion to maintain this clause of the Winnipeg conference. That is the position in which the matter stands."

The Lord Bishop of Algoma pointed out that there was no intention on the part of the Bishop to prevent further discussion of this matter by the Lower House, since it was quite understood that the Dean of Montreal and others should speak on the subject if they desired, and that only thereafter should the declaration of the House of Bishops be given. The Metropolitan of Rupert's Land replying said that he might have been a little premature, but the Dean of Montreal, Dr. Walkem, Dr. Davidson, Judge Hanington, Provost Boddy and others, expressed their satisfaction, as well with the statement itself as that it had been made early in the day, as they felt sure it accorded with the feelings of the majority of the House, and would prevent useless debate; and it being suggested that the amendment be withdrawn, the Rev. Dr. Langtry said:

"I cannot but regret the decision to which their Lordships have unanimously come. I cannot but feel that it is a mistake in the interest of this Synod. (Laughter.) It would, of course, be nothing but obstinacy and folly to refuse to withdraw the resolution now. I do it under constraint. (Laughter.) I am quite satisfied that if a vote were taken after the utterance of their Lordships it would be defeated by a large majority, but I don't think it would have been defeated last night." ("Yes," and "No.")

The amendment was then withdrawn.

The Metropolitan moved the adoption of clause two, subsection (2), that "the clergy and laity shall vote by orders if required," which after a short discussion was adopted, and after a long discussion, extending into the afternoon session, the following words were added in the interest of the smaller dioceses: "And if the proposition be decided in the negative, it shall be conclusive; but if in the affirmative, any six delegates, two from each of three different dioceses, may then demand a vote by dioceses, when, if the proposition be carried in the negative, it shall be conclusive—the vote of each diocese being determined by the majority of the delegates of that diocese; and in case of equality in the votes of the delegates from any diocese, such diocese shall not be counted."

The next question was, that of the *name* of the *presiding officer*, and this, occasioned a long and interesting discussion, in which the relation of the title Archbishop, as connected with some particular See, was fully explained and affirmed, and ultimately it was resolved that the title be "Primate of All Canada, Metropolitan of his own Province and Archbishop of the See over which he presides," which words were introduced in the first paragraph of clause three, after the word "styled."

The remaining portion of the afternoon was taken up with the discussion of the *powers* of the Synod, and the remaining sections of the constitution, all of which were adopted as submitted in the report, and the Synod adjourned until Monday morning.

News From the Home Field.

Diocese of Fredericton.

ST. JOHN.

The Rev. Canon Pentreath, of Winnipeg, formerly Rector of Moncton, N. B., preached in Trinity Church here on Sunday morning the 24th ult. In opening the rev. gentleman made a brief reference to the grand work accomplished in Toronto last week, the consolidation of the Church of England in Canada into one united body, and to the scene of rejoicing when the east and the west, he from the west clasping hands with the rector of Trinity, joined in the great thanksgiving service in St. James' church.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY opened for the season Tuesday evening 26th Sept., at the Church of England Institute rooms. There was a good attendance of members and associate members. Miss Murray, the president, gave an account of work among the colored people in the Mission School on St. Helena, and also described the terrible cyclone which a few weeks ago desolated the island, drowning many and washing away the crops. Light refreshments were served.

Diocese of Montreal.

MONTREAL.

It is announced that the Rev. L. N. Tucker, M.A., assistant at St. George's church, has been appointed by the Lord Bishop of New Westminster, to the rectorship of Christ church, Vancouver. His many friends in Montreal will regret his departure, and the Church in the diocese will lose an earnest and able parish priest, a good sound Churchman and a valued member of many diocesan organizations. Mr. Tucker also holds the position of Hon.-Clerical Secretary of the Provincial Synod.

The Rev. H. Jekill, B.A., has returned from a tour through the Maritime Provinces, where he has been making an appeal in behalf of the Church of England French Mission, Sabrevois. He speaks very warmly of the kindness shown him by both clergy and laity. The collections in those parts considerably exceed those of former years.

The Sabrevois School opened as announced on the 11th Sept., with a good attendance. The year promises to be a very favorable and successful one for the School and Mission.

MONTREAL DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE CONFERENCE.

The fifth annual Conference of the Alumni Association of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College was held in the College Hall, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 19th and 20th Sept. A large number of the Alumni were present, coming from all parts of the diocese, yet several were absent owing to pressing parish duties.

The Conference was opened with the celebration of the Holy Communion by the Rev. Principal Henderson, D.D., assisted by the Rev. Rural Dean Sanders. The sermon to the alumni was preached by the Principal, who delivered an address on Episcopacy, taking as his text Ephesians iv. 2.

On Tuesday afternoon, the conference was opened for discussion, the Rev. Principal presiding. After the opening prayer, the Rev. L. N. Tucker moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Henderson for his able and admirable

sermon of the morning. The motion was carried unanimously.

The regular programme laid down for the meetings was then followed.

Rev. L. N. Tucker read a most able paper on "The Higher Criticism." Having stated that the paper was meant to be an explanation, rather than a discussion, of the subject of higher criticism he passed on to give a glimpse of some of the methods and some of the results of the higher criticism. And in closing his valuable paper, he said: "The Bible could not remain the Word of God as commonly understood if the higher criticism was right. He took it that it was the duty of every minister of the Church and every teacher of the Word to inform himself as to the main positions of the higher criticism, for the lay mind was being widely imbued with its teachings. On this account it behooved them on every question to be able to give an answer for the faith that was in them. The final solution of this far reaching question had not yet been attained; the Church of the living God had not yet spoken its last word upon it. The Athanasius, the Augustine, the Butler, had not yet appeared, and it behooved the Church to wait and trust, and in waiting and trusting he felt that they would not be disappointed. The Bible would remain the incontrovertible Word of God amid the changing scenes and doubtful conclusions of a world of shadows that is passing away."

Discussion followed on this paper, Rev. Rural Dean Sanders, Revs. H. E. Horsey, C. C. Waller, N. A. F. Bourne, G. Abbott Smith, J. A. Elliott, H. J. Evans and W. A. Mervyn taking part.

The next paper was by the Rev. C. Cameron Waller, on "How to Make Bible Study Interesting to the People." It was a very practical contribution, and after pointing out that one of the first essentials in those who would teach the Bible to others was that they must be students of it themselves, it urged, among other things, a thoroughly systematic and consecutive reading of the Bible, and the reading of it with a concordance, so as to find what was said elsewhere about persons and things.

The discussion on the paper was opened by Rev. A. Bareham, and was continued by Revs. J. A. Elliott, H. E. Horsey, L. N. Tucker, Mr. Geo. Hague and others, after which the afternoon session was closed.

(To be continued.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The adjourned quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal was held on the afternoon of the 26th Sept. in the Synod Hall. There were present, His Lordship Bishop Bond in the chair, the Dean, Archdeacons Lindsay and Evans, Revs. Dr. Norton, Longhurst, Naylor, Sanders, Renaud, Cunningham, Brown, Mills and Empson, and Messrs. Bethune, Dr. Davidson, W. W. L. Chipman, Robinson, Drake, Dr. Johnson, E. L. Bond, Richard White and Charles Garth. After the reading of the minutes, the following resolution was moved by Mr. Strachan Bethune, Q.C., seconded by the Dean of Montreal:

The Committee beg to express to His Lordship their deep joy and gratitude at his presence amongst them to-day after a very serious illness through which he has passed, and at the same time to express their thankfulness to Almighty God for his gracious answer to the prayers of His Lordship's people throughout the diocese.

The chair was temporarily occupied by Archdeacon Lindsay, and the feeling words in which the resolution was put before the meeting and the reply of His Lordship will long remain engraven in the memory of those who were present. Kindly reference was also made to the illness and recovery of the treasurer, Mr. Chas. Garth, who had been seriously indisposed since the last meeting of the committee.