

In the afternoon the subject of lay co-operation was introduced in a paper from the Rev. C. Hamilton, and an address by the Rev. J. Thornloe. Much stress, and, as we venture to think, very properly, was laid on two points, (1) that lay co-operation is not so much a privilege to be conceded by the Clergy as a ministry to which every Christian is consecrated in the Sacrament of Baptism and the holy rite of Confirmation; and (2) that it behoves every clergyman to encourage and direct those committed to his charge in the right exercise for the common good of the various talents committed to them by God the Holy Ghost; who, in the distribution of His gifts, divideth to "every man severally as He will." After evensong, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Connecticut, a sermon was preached by the Rev. the Principal of Bishop's College, on the "Signs of the Times." The subject for Wednesday morning was "Missionary Work in the Diocese." Papers were read by the Rev. J. Foster, and the Rev. R. C. Tamb, and an address delivered by the Rev. A. J. Woolryche. The chief points brought out were (1) that those who stand in most urgent need of the missionary efforts of the Church are such as avowedly belong to no religious denomination; and (2) that what is needed for this work is the carrying out into operation of the Church's entire system, together with the establishment of an organized system of lay agency to supplement the scarcity of clergymen. Reference was also made to the necessity of the laity becoming familiarized with the three orders of the sacred Ministry—Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, as engaged in the daily discharge of their respective offices.

Extemporaneous preaching, together with the free expressions of sympathy, was felt, on all hands, to be essential to a Missionary's success.

The subject for the afternoon was "Parochial visiting." Papers were read by the Reverend H. Petry, and the Reverend A. C. Scarth; and an address was given by the Reverend A. W. Mountain. The difficulties and arrangements attending the performance of this arduous part of a clergyman's work, were very thoroughly and graphically described. Regularity and method were shown to be necessary to its satisfactory discharge.

After evensong, the Bishop gave his charge to the Clergy, which was listened to with most respectful attention. Seldom, indeed, have we heard a charge more impressively delivered. As it will probably be published, we think it due to our Diocesan to defer any remarks we may feel ourselves at liberty to make, till we have enjoyed the opportunity of a careful perusal.

On Thursday, the subject was Systematic Instruction. Papers were