

and Canon to which it was moved in amendment by Dr. Davidson, Q. C., seconded by Canon Vonffland, that the name of the Montreal Theological College should be struck out from the Canon wherever it occurred until the clauses in the Trust Deed above referred to had been removed. It appeared that they still remained in force, notwithstanding the understanding arrived at in Quebec. This amendment called forth considerable discussion, but was ultimately defeated by a large majority; some considering that the limitations applied only to the property, and that the College could carry out its work elsewhere, overlooking the almost absolutely controlling influence exercised upon its teaching, whilst the building was occupied, and the almost insurmountable difficulty of removing therefrom when the College possessed no other dwelling place. Others regarded the attainment of any common ground as to the Degree question so important as to overshadow all objections; and the Bishops having announced their concurrence, also doubtless, influenced many. The Canon was adopted almost without consideration; swallowed whole like a nauseous pill. There will doubtless be ample time for repentance should the necessary legislation ever be obtained.

The Memorial from the Diocese of Ontario in regard to Romish aggressions occupied the remainder of the afternoon of the sixth day; the debate thereon being continued to the next day, when the motion to refer it to a committee to report at the next Session was carried. The memorial is in the following terms:

The Memorial of the Synod of the Diocese of Ontario respectfully sheweth:

That a large proportion of the votes of this Dominion is directly or indirectly under the control or influence of the Roman Hierarchy, thus enabling the said Hierarchy to exercise a preponderating influence in the several Legislative bodies.

2. That such preponderating influence exercised by persons appointed by, and subservient to, a foreign Potentate, and not responsible to the people of this Dominion, is dangerous to, and tends to the subversion of, constitutional and individual freedom.

3. That such dangerous influence is becoming increasingly manifest from year to year in certain privileges conceded and allowed to the Church of Rome, and members thereof, as such, which are not allowed to the Church of England in Canada, or to other religious bodies, or to members thereof, as such.

4. That the recent grant by the Legislature of the Province of Quebec of \$400,000 for the settlement of the (so-called) Jesuits' Estates, placed at the disposal of the Bishop of Rome for the use and benefit of various departments of the work of his Church in the said Province, startling as it is, is only one of many instances and tokens showing the aggressive spirit ever actuating the Roman Hierarchy, either secretly or openly, and the powerful control which the said Hierarchy has already acquired over the action of Legislative bodies in this Dominion.

5. That it is incumbent on all good citizens, all upholders of British law and liberty, all who love and value the glorious traditions of the British people, to do what in them lies to hand on to their children the constitutional rights and liberties inherited from their forefathers.

6. That it is especially incumbent on the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Church of England to maintain the rights and privileges of the British people against the aggressions of the Bishop and Church of Rome.

Wherefore your memorialists humbly pray that the whole matter be made by the Right Reverend the Bishops of the Upper House, and the Clerical and Lay Members of the Lower House of the Provincial Synod the subject of their earnest deliberations, to the end that some means may, if possible, be devised for withstanding and neutralizing the dangerous influence of the Roman Hierarchy in and over

the Parliament and other Legislative bodies of this Dominion.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

DIOCESE OF TORONTO.

TORONTO.—An enjoyable Harvest Festival was held at West Toronto Junction, on Friday, September 20th. Evensong was sung by the choir of St. Matthias' Church, Toronto, and a sermon preached by Rev. C. H. Short, Woodbridge. The Church was prettily decorated. The rain, which fell at intervals all day, rather damped proceedings, but the service was very bright and hearty.

The latest "Anti-Ritualistic" Tract, contains a complete description of St. Thomas' Church. It is very remarkable, that as long as a Church is empty, the parson careless, and the service slovenly, nothing is said, but when the service is bright, the parson active, and the Church full, the Protestant agitation comes to the front, simply because the service is offensive to him. When St. Thomas' was a reproach and a scandal to the Church nothing ever appeared in print against it, although devout Church people felt strongly; but when it is revived, then it becomes an object of attack.

A kindly notice of Canadian Church work, especially in Toronto, lately appeared in the *English Church Times*. It is rather a pity that the writer assumed that lights and vestments necessarily meant good work, and it is also a pity that he did not visit more churches. The ones mentioned are prominently before the public, on account of the ritual, but there are other Churches where good solid work is going on, quietly and patiently.

ORILLIA.—At a special meeting of St. James' Vestry, lately held, at which the Rev. R. W. E. Greene, Incumbent, presided, it was resolved that as the action of the last vestry was deemed scarcely sufficient legally to empower the building committee to mortgage the church property, the Incumbent and Churchwardens be authorized to borrow money on mortgage, as required for building the new church. The work will now be pushed forward.

DIOCESE OF HURON.

MITCHELL.—A reception of the members of the congregation of Trinity Church was given by the Rector and Mrs. Taylor at the Rectory, a few days since. Unfortunately, the evening was an unpropitious one, yet a large number assembled. The grounds, which were looking exceedingly pretty, were lit with Chinese lanterns. Various games were indulged in within the house; an abundance of refreshment was provided, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The reading of God's word and prayer brought the gathering to a close. It is not worthy that this parish, though it has lost heavily from removals, has, this last year, taken the position of the seventh parish in the Diocese in its Missionary and Diocesan giving. The previous year it was the fortieth on the list.

DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—Very considerable repairs have been effected in the fabric of the church, including new roofs to the aisles, new guttering, and re-plastering of a good deal of the interior. It is now proposed to re-seat the chancel with choir stalls, and to erect new prayer desks on either side.

VANCOUVER.—St. James'.—The Bishop visited this church on Wednesday, Aug. 21st, and formally admitted the churchwardens, and made the usual examination of the church books, &c., and inspected the building.

A sale of work, under the management of St. James' Guild, will be held in October, the proceeds to be devoted to the reduction of the debt upon the school building.

A set of altar ornaments have been placed in St. James' Church. A massive brass cross and pair of candlesticks; the former presented by Mr. Ashwell, and the latter by Mr. C. G. Johnson, in memory of his son.

St. Paul's, Hornby Street.—A very handsome set of altar furniture—cross, vases and candlesticks—have been presented for use in this church, the gift of some friends in England; some dossal hangings by Mrs. Beckingsale and Miss Bodington; and a cedar fald-stool and a brass altar desk by the congregation of St. Saviour's Cheetham, Manchester.

Christ Church.—The basement of the new church will soon be ready for the opening service, which will be most acceptable to the incumbent and congregation. During the summer months a flower service was held every Wednesday evening at half-past seven, with a special address to children. The services have been well attended and the children have taken the greatest care to bring an offering of flowers which have afterwards been sent to sick parishioners or to the Hospital. The Sunday-school has 142 children registered, and the average is about 100, and 13 teachers.

MOODYVILLE.—Regular services at this place have again been resumed, after a long interruption, owing to the absence of Mr. Edwardes in England, and the heavy stress of work upon the shoulders of the Rector of St. James', Vancouver, which made it impossible for him to do more than give occasional services. There is a fortnightly celebration of Holy Communion, and one service held every Sunday alternately morning and evening. The people of Moodyville show that they value the services of the Church by promising to supply rather more than half of the stipend of the priest in charge, a most creditable undertaking for so small a place. A plain but handsome brass cross, and a brass altar desk and flower vases have been presented to the Church, by the Rev. H. F. Gore-Booth, Rector of Sacred Trinity, Salford, and the congregation of St. Saviour's, Cheetham, Manchester, respectively. The thanks of the congregation are due to Mrs. Wood for her kind and willing, and rather hard work with the organ in the past. Her place is now filled by Miss Randall.

CAPE BRETON.

LUNENBURG.—Rev. T. Fraser Draper desires to thankfully acknowledge the receipt of \$15.00 from Mrs. James A. Morrison, of St. Peter's, C. B., which amount was collected by her towards the building fund of the proposed Mission Chapel in that place.

CONTEMPORARY CHURCH OPINION.

The Living Church says:—

The last issue of *The Catholic Champion* contains an able paper upon the indissolubility of the marriage bond. The subject is one which demands the serious attention of all Christian people, and indeed of all who are concerned for the well being of the nation and the race. The writer argues that the law of Christ is simply the re-enactment of the law which God gave to man in creation; a law which for the hardness of hearts and the corruptions of the age Moses had suffered to be relaxed. That law was and is that marriage can be dissolved only by the death of husband or wife; that separation for any cause whatever does not break the bond, so that either may marry again during the lifetime of the other; that such re-marriage is adulterous and should not have the benediction of the Church. This view has the sanction of Holy Scripture and Catholic tradition; and is unmistakably set forth in the Marriage Service of the Anglican Church. The vow, "till death us do part," is unqualified, and the solemn warning is given, "Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder." Without