

Diocese of Montreal.

DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Montreal Diocesan Theological college was held on Tuesday 26th ult., the Lord Bishop in the chair. The retiring officers were re-elected, viz., Rev. Canon Mills, B. D.; Messrs. Alex. Johnson, LL. D., and Mr. George Hague.

The principal read his report, of which the following is the substance. After a suitable introduction he traced the progress of the college for the last eleven years, dating from the presentation of the present building by Mr. A. F. Gault. "Eleven years ago there were eight students on the roll; last year there were thirty-two. Eleven years ago there were no students who had taken their degree in arts in the theological classes; last year there were three from three different universities, viz., McGill, Lennoxville and Oxford. Eleven years ago only three students had matriculated at any university; last year there were twenty-two. Eleven years ago the students were not required to matriculate at a university; now all required to do so and to take at least a two year's partial course at the university. Eleven years ago there was no resident tutor; now there is one resident in addition to the non-resident lecturers. Eleven years ago there were no associations among the students; now there are four engaged in various forms of usefulness. Eleven years ago there was no *College Magazine*; last year the first number was issued. Eleven years ago the college was not recognized outside of the diocese; now it stands by authority of provincial synod on the same line with all the other theological colleges in the ecclesiastical province. Eleven years ago it could confer no Divinity degrees, now the Metropolitan is authorized to do this for its students on the same basis as that which is prescribed for all others. Eleven years ago there was room enough in the college and to spare for all our wants; now, though enlarged in the meantime, it is filled to its utmost capacity, standing room is causing serious inconvenience. Eleven years ago there were but four of our Alumni working in the city; now there are ten. Additional statistics are as follows:—

Total number ordained.....	55
Total number in the diocese.....	26
Have taken the "Testamur" of the college...	42
Have taken the B. A. degree.....	24
Have taken the M. A. degree.....	9
Have taken the B. D. degree.....	3
Have taken the D. D. degree.....	1
Have become missionaries.....	1
Have taken university honors and prizes....	10
Have taken honors in theology.....	3

The Principal urged the corporation to adopt measures for increasing the endowment fund of the college as being essential to its proper development and still greater usefulness. He referred to the state of the library and spoke of the condition of the students in respect of their spiritual attainments and theological views, and after mentioning the losses by death sustained during the year, he presented a petition from the students in relation to the use of the library, and the methods proposed by them for its future enlargement."

The date of the annual meeting of corporation was altered to January, and the meeting was closed with the benediction.—*Gazette*.

Diocese of Ontario.

SYNOD NOTES.—The thirtieth session of the Synod opened on the afternoon of the 21st of June in Kingston, and immediately after the

appointment of Clerical and Lay Secretaries R. T. Walkem, Esq., Q. C., Chancellor of the diocese, read an address of congratulation to the bishop of the diocese, expressing the satisfaction felt by the Church that the rest which he had been unanimously requested by the Synod to take, had been productive of such beneficial effects; and expressing the hope that he might long be spared to preside over the diocese and give the Church the benefit of his wisdom and experience. A resolution expressing the same feeling on behalf of the Clergy, was read by the Venerable Archdeacon Lauder. The bishop in acknowledging these tributes, which gave him much satisfaction, stated that he had returned from his trip with his health very much restored, and that he hoped to be able to devote his strength to the work of the Church and of the diocese for many years to come.

The present Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, the Honorable G. A. Kirkpatrick, was formerly a member of the Synod and a resident of Kingston and fittingly a resolution was adopted by the Synod, congratulating him upon his appointment to the honorable and responsible office of Lieutenant Governor, and expressing the loss which the Synod and diocese suffered through his absence.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.—The bishop in his address paid a well deserved tribute to the late Right Rev. Dr. Williams, bishop of Quebec, of whom he said "I knew him to be a bishop of sound judgment, an earnest worker and a ripe scholar: it will be no easy matter to fill his place."

His Lordship also expressed his thanks to the bishops of Toronto and Niagara for Episcopal assistance during his absence. The confirmations during the year had numbered 1288, viz: males 517, females 771.

The Treasurer reported that the Consolidated Fund, consisting of investment and cash balance of the Clergy Trust, Sustentation and Widows and Orphans Fund, represented a capital of \$549,981.11, which produced a revenue during the year past of \$31,874.77; about, 5 3/4 per cent. During the year but one bequest had been received viz: that of Robert Sellars of \$400 for the Cathedral poor. In view of the needs of the Mission Board and the several committees, the treasurer expressed a hope that liberal giving would characterize Church members. The Episcopal Fund of the diocese amounts to 58,674.37. The greater portion of the funds appeared from the treasurer's report to be well invested, though, owing to the payment of municipal debentures, it was expected that some \$70,000 would soon be available for investment and mortgage.

Considerable discussion took place in regard to the neglect of a number of parishes of the diocese to pay up their assessments, and finally a special committee to take the subject into consideration and report upon some method for securing payment was appointed, consisting of the Revs. Tighe, Nesbitt, [Rural Dean] Worrell, Bogart and Nimmo and Messrs. Walkem, Q. C., Rogers, Judge Wilkison and Judge Macdonald.

The Venerable Archdeacon Jones and Rural Dean Pollard were appointed clerical representatives on the Inter-diocesan Sunday School Committee.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD.—The following are the representatives to Provincial Synod:—Clerical: The Ven. Archdeacon Lauder, Canon Spencer, the Rev. Rural Dean Bogert, the Venerable

Archdeacon T. B. Jones (Brockville), the Rev. Rural Dean Baker, Rev. Canon Smith, the Rev. Rural Dean Grout (Lyn), the Rev. Rural Dean Nesbitt, the Rev. Professor Worrell (Barriefield), the Rev. Rural Dean Pollard, and Rev. W. J. Muckleston [Ottawa]; substitutes, the Rev. G. J. Low [Almonte], K. D. Carey, A. Austin, W. Lewin, the Rev. Rural Dean Loucks, the Rev. E. A. W. Hannington.

Lay: Judge Macdonald, Dr. Ed. A. Smythe, Q. C., Colonel Mattheson, Judge Senkler, Judge Wilkinson, Dr. Walkem, Q. C., Mr. Rogers, Colonel J. Sumner, James Shannon, Dr. Preston [Newboro], Thomas C. Wilson, E. J. B. Pense; substitutes, Major Chas. B. Mayne, R. M. C., E. Elliott, Judge Reynolds, Dr. Garrett, George Creeggman and C. McNab.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church showed encouraging progress in every department of religious work. The correctness of the figures of the census in regard to Church population was in the discussion of the report called in question by several speakers.

The Committee on Church progress reported through Major Mayne, recommending the appointment of a diocesan lecturer, the establishment of a diocesan magazine, and the organization of a Church Literary Association and a Lay Workers' Association. A start had been made in the latter direction, and the rural districts had responded gladly to the call. Many Kingstonians had also offered themselves as members. Such schemes were important, because they aimed to set before the laity the history and teaching of the Church. The Church was progressing in the diocese, notwithstanding the proselyting efforts of the bodies around her. Among other schemes submitted by the committee was one for the employment of book agents, who would distribute literature through the country, and another for the study of the Bible at home.

The adoption of the report being moved, seconded by Judge Macdonald, it was carried.

CO-ADJUTOR.—On the last day of the Synod a motion was introduced by Rural Dean Bogert for the appointment of a Co-Adjutor bishop and submitting a Canon for the same; but the matter was referred to a committee to report next session.

Diocese of Toronto.

ST. CYPRIAN.

The opening services of the new church of St. Cyprian, in the North West part of Toronto, were continued as stated in our last number during the week past; a different choir and preacher taking each night, and on Sunday 26th, the preachers were Rev. F. G. Plummer, and Rev. A. J. Broughall. The success of the opening services was very much affected by the heavy rain that fell nearly every night, but in spite of every disadvantage the new parish has made a good start, and is blessed with an energetic rector, and enthusiastic laymen. The sisters of St. John the Divine are working in the parish, and are a source of great strength. Rev. Father Beason of St. John the Evangelist Boston, is conducting a retreat for the sisters. Next week he will conduct a quiet day for clergy, and those intending to take Holy Orders, at St. Thomas' Church, and a retreat for women, at the Bishop Strachan school.

The convocation service at Trinity College took place on Monday night week. The chapel was well filled, and an exceedingly interesting and original sermon was preached by Rev.