

and that Honours' men, who were not required to take Hebrew, would be required to take lectures in some religious subject.

It was also recommended that the Corporation be requested to find means to further the desire of Convocation, that there should be instruction in vocal music, and in elocution.

The Convocation adopted the report of the Committee, and also passed a resolution empowering the Medical Faculty to appoint Lecturers in Dental Surgery, and to confer the degree of D.D.S., thus following the example of Trinity University, Toronto.

### Visitation and Conference at Lennoxville.

The late Bishop Williams inaugurated and for many years kept up the holding of a biennial Visitation, combined with a Conference of the Clergy, whom he received during its continuance as his guests. This plan, of so much importance to the Clerical Body, as Officers of the Church, and to the Diocese which they serve, has just been revived by the present Bishop. As before, the place chosen for this assembly was the pretty little village of Lennoxville. The buildings belonging to the University of Bishop's College, and picturesquely situated at the confluence of the Rivers St. Francis and Massawippi, were devoted to the use of this clerical assembly. The apartments of the main building, and of the Divinity House and the Grammar School, including the lofty and spacious Bishop Williams' Hall, and the capacious dining-room and the beautiful College Chapel, were all placed at the disposal of the Bishop and his guests. Their admirable suitability for the purposes of this gathering was very apparent, and was thoroughly appreciated by all concerned.

The period fixed upon this year was that immediately preceding the renewal of school and college work, whilst heretofore these academic halls were usually taken possession of by the Clergy just after they had been vacated for the holidays. One prime object of these clerical assemblies is connected with an Episcopal Visitation Charge to the Clergy, the other with the mutual help and encouragement to be derived from free and frank declaration and discussion of principles, opinions and sentiments, which have a bearing upon the healthy spiritual life and the material development of the Diocese. The Bishop had apartments at "The Lodge," under the hospitable roof of the Rev. Principal Adams, and here, upon the well-kept

lawn in front of the College, he received his Clergy with a gracious welcome as they arrived on Tuesday evening in time for tea. A special opening Service was held in the Chapel at eight o'clock, and a scholarly and appropriate Sermon was preached by the Very Rev. R. W. Norman, Dean of Quebec. On the two following days the proceedings were as follows: An early Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30; breakfast at 8.15; Matins at 9.30; Conference from 10 to 1 o'clock, then dinner; Conference from 2.30 to 5.30, followed by Evensong and succeeded by tea. At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the Bishop delivered his Visitation Charge to the Clergy. All the services in the College Chapel were rendered impressive and inspiring by the great volume of male voices making the responses in a low-pitched reverent monotone. The Bishop was the Celebrant at both Morning Services, the Epistle and Gospel being read by some of the older Clergy, as were also the Lessons at Matins and Evensong. The Choral Services were intoned by the Rev. A. G. H. Dicker, a former fellow-worker of the Bishop's in England, but now Rector of St. Paul's Church, St. John, N.B. Miss Heneker, of Sherbrooke, very kindly acted as organist.

The Episcopal Charge was a scholarly exposition of primitive Scriptural and historical teaching in reference to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Bishop quoted largely from the New Testament, from the writings of the Early Fathers, the works of the Reformers, and the Prayer Book. The charge will probably appear in printed form after his Lordship's return from England.

The meetings of the Conference were held in the Bishop Williams' Hall. The Right Rev. Chairman had on his right and left the Dean and Archdeacon, with the Canons and Rural Deans. Canon Von Iffland was asked to act as Recorder, but, on his declining, the Rev. Ernest A. W. King was appointed to take notes of the proceedings. These proceedings consisted of the reading of papers, the discussion of them, and the summing-up remarks of the Bishop. The topics put down on the order-paper, and the names of the Clergy held responsible for their treatment, appeared in our last number, and spoke for itself of the present and practical importance of the matters brought under consideration. These will now be taken up more in detail both as to the papers and the discussions upon them.

Fifty-one out of the sixty-four Clergy of