

then proceeded to exhort the boys, to make use of this the morning of their life, for laying up such a store of spiritual and mental nourishment as would, by *God's grace*, enable them to fight at no disadvantage in the Battle of Life in this world, and finally to attain to the Life Eternal in the world to come. It was the fact that such an opportunity of acquiring knowledge and intellectual training combined with the purifying and sanctifying influences of religious discipline was offered by this School, that made himself and other well-wishers of the Church look with special interest upon the growth and welfare of Trinity Colloge School. It had been previously announced that the offertory would be devoted to the necessary adornment of the chapel. The call was cheerfully responded to, the morning's collection amounting to \$16.67: that in the afternoon to \$9.60.

BISHOPRIC OF MONTREAL.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD.

According to call, the special meeting of the Diocesan Synod assembled on Tuesday, 10th November, for the election of a Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan. Divine service was held in the Cathedral in the forenoon, the sermon being preached by Dr. Balch, who took as his text—2 Timothy, ii., 16. The Bishops of Quebec, Toronto, Huron and Ontario, were present, as well as a large number of clergy and laity.

At 3 p.m. the Synod met for business in the Cathedral school-room. The Very Rev. the Dean took the chair. Seventy out of seventy-seven Clerical, and one hundred and twenty out of one hundred and sixty-two Lay Delegates were present.

The Dean then delivered the following address:

REV. BRETHREN AND BROTHERREN,—The occasion of this special meeting of the Synod of this Diocese is the selection of a successor to our late much beloved and deeply lamented Bishop and Metropolitan. That the duty, in the discharge of which we are now assembled, is one of the very greatest importance and solemnity, I need hardly tell you; but it is one also of very heavy responsibility; and as we shall have the benefit of the suggestion of the most fit person as the object of our choice by the whole House of our Right Rev. Fathers in God, this should be a great assistance, as well as an alleviation of our responsibility. But be this as it may, we should all fervently pray, after the example of those who elected one to fill the first vacancy that occurred in the ranks of the holy Apostles: "Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show us whether of these Thou hast chosen."

Next in importance to the duty which I have thus briefly endeavoured to impress upon you, is that of good order and decorum in the discharge of our high function. The constitution of our Synod and the canon for the election of a Bishop have only provided, in this respect, that the votes shall be taken by ballot, and arrangements for carrying out the provisions of the canon in such a way as to prevent confusion, and for the preservation of order. For this purpose I took for my guidance the admirable arrangements made at the last election of a Bishop at Toronto; and I sought the further assistance and valuable aid of our Cathedral Chapter. The result has been the adoption of the order of proceeding, a printed copy of which is now, I believe, in the hands of every one who is entitled to vote.

I shall not detain you any longer, but conclude with the words of my venerable friend, the late Bishop of Toronto, on a similar occasion, and ask you, after a fervent invocation of the Holy Spirit, to enter upon and discharge the duty before you in such manner as in your inward souls and consciences you think will most advance the extension of God's Kingdom and the growth of His grace amongst us.

The House of Bishops submitted several names to the Synod, from which to elect a Bishop to the vacant See, but none received the requisite number of votes. After continuing in Session for five days the Synod adjourned until the second Tuesday in May, 1869.

LAST HOURS OF THE LATE PRIMATE.

The London *Guardian* has the following concerning the death of the late Archbishop of Canterbury:—"The good old Archbishop of Canterbury was seized,