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THE PROVINCIAL SYNOD, 1889.

The Fourteenth Session of the Provincial Synod was held in the city of Montreal, beginning Sept. 11th. After divine service in Christ Church Cathedral, where an able sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Courtney, Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Synod was opened in St. George's Schoolroom by the Lord Bishop of Montreal, who, in the regretted absence of the Metropolitan, was called upon, as senior bishop present, to discharge that duty, which he did in a few dignified and well chosen words. The Rev. John Langtry was re-elected Prolocutor. Dean Norman was also nominated for the position, but he gracefully declined. He was elected, however, Clerical Secretary, Dr. Leo. H. Davidson, Q. C., being appointed Lay Secretary. At noon on the second day of session the deputation from the American Church were present and delivered very interesting addresses. They were the Rt. Rev. W. Crosswell Doane, D.D., Bishop of Albany; Rt. Rev. W. Dudley, Bishop of Kentucky; the Venerable Dr. Howard, Archdeacon of New Haven, Connecticut; and the Venerable Dr. Stringfellow, Archdeacon of Alabama.

A valuable discussion took place on the subject of rented seats in the House of God, and the decision was arrived at that in the opinion of the Synod the sittings in all churches should be free and unappropriated.

The Synod also passed a resolution against some of the questionable methods adopted now-a-days to obtain money for Church purposes, and the bishops were urged to bring constantly before their people the duty and privilege of Christian giving.

The Report of the Committee on Christian Union elicited many excellent and loving speeches, and directions were given for the committee to continue its good work.

The discussion on the Revised Version, in answer to the memorial from the Diocese of Toronto, recommending its use in public worship was almost one-sided in opposition to it, the Revised Version of the New Testament being very severely criticized by some of the members of the House. It was decided not to recommend the Revised Version

till at least the Church of England herself has adopted it.

The much vexed question of divinity degrees as coming from the various diocesan theological colleges was amicably settled by the acceptance of the plan which provides for a General Board of Examiners, to grant such degrees—all the theological colleges to be represented on such Board.

The question of marrying divorced persons was introduced by Dr. Partridge, of Halifax, in an exhaustive and well considered speech, and was followed by a long and able discussion with closed doors, ending in referring the whole matter to a committee.

All together the session was a useful one, and great interest was shown in the topics discussed.

THE GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Such is the title of the Provincial Synod when it resolves itself into a body for discussing the work of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. This was done, according to Canon, on Friday the 13th of September, when the bishops took their seats on the platform of the House. The Chairman was the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lewis, Bishop of Ontario, and the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Mockridge. The presence of the bishops, who take part in the discussion of questions that come up for consideration, is a pleasing change from the ordinary sessions of the Synod and gives much interest to this "missionary day." The time will come, no doubt, when the work of this Society will be the chief object for the assembling of the Provincial Synod, and rightly should it be so, for it represents the real work of the Church.

After prayers, said by the Secretary, the election of members of the Board of Management was proceeded with and resulted in the choice of the persons whose names are given on page 233 of this magazine. The Bishops, together with the General Secretary and General Treasurer, are ex-officio members.

The Rev. Charles H. Mockridge, D.D., was re-appointed General Secretary, and J. J. Mason, Esq., General Treasurer.

The Secretary read the Triennial Report of the Society, which, together with the Treasurer's Report, will be found in another column of this issue.

After a useful discussion on the question of the Church in Canada undertaking her own direct work in the foreign field, the Rev. Mr. Morley, Chaplain of the Bishop of Madras; the Rev. Mr. Burman, representing the Indians of the North-West, and the Very Rev. Dean Grisdale from the Diocese of Rupert's Land, were invited to address the House, which they did in very excellent and stirring speeches.

A careful perusal of the Report of the Board of Management, to be found in another column, will show that decided progress is being made by the