

it; it would indeed be out of place in a country like ours, where so many facilities are offered to the lowest in rank to raise themselves, by superior abilities or honest industry, to the highest and most honourable positions, and for this very reason, if for none other, the children should be taught cheerfully to concede to others that civility and respect which they may themselves, some day, be in a position to exact, or at least to expect.

A little learning is proverbially a dangerous thing. The children at our public schools are indeed taught to read; but how few of them are taught *what* to read. They devour the sensational trash, published at low and tempting prices, which renders them dissatisfied with their position in life, (especially in the case of domestic servants), instead of learning to elevate their position by their education. Thus, it is quite a common thing for the sons of well-to-do farmers, to throw aside their opportunities of gaining a comfortable livelihood on the farm, for a clerkship in a store, simply, forsooth, because it is *gentlemanly*. *O tempora! O mores!* As if measuring tape, or weighing sugar, could possibly be a more honourable employment than cultivating their own land. But this is a subject for agricultural journals.

What I would suggest to Churchmen, through your columns, is that our children, at least, should learn to be content with the station in which they are placed, (that is, of course, if they are not naturally qualified to raise themselves), to recognize the indisputable fact that they *have* betters, as indeed we *all* have, and to "order themselves" according to the good old rule laid down in the Church catechism. And above all, let them be taught that it is simply a mark of rowdiness, and not of manly independence, to be offensively rude to those who occupy a higher social position than their own.—SIGMA.

#### BISHOP OF TRURO.

AS many amongst the readers of the DOMINION CHURCHMAN are anxious to learn what they can regarding the Bishop of Truro, who has been selected, at a comparatively early age, to be Archbishop of Canterbury, I copy from the London Standard, sent me by a friend, the following remarks regarding him.

T. B. NIAGARA.

Bishophurst, Hamilton,  
6th January, 1888.

"The considerations which have weighed with the Sovereign and Her Prime Minister, in the selection of Dr. Benson, as successor of the late Dr. Tait, have not and ought not to have been rigidly ecclesiastical or exclusively theological. The functions of the chief officer of the English Church are administrative, in the first place, and his responsibilities are national, not sectarian. Dr. Benson answers both of these conditions. He has given proof of high administrative capacity. He has shewn consistency in circumstances which have often been extremely difficult—judgment, moderation and rare good sense. He has combined discretion with zeal, and has uniformly recognized the point at which energy passed into officiousness. The office to which Dr. Benson was promoted five years ago, viz., to the new Bishopric of Truro, afforded an opportunity for the display of gifts of a very unusual character. Cornwall had been for a century and a half one of the chief strongholds of English non-conformity. There is no portion of the United Kingdom where Wesley preached more vigorously, or in which his personal influence has been transmitted with such vividness through so many generations. . . . The spirit of non-conformity has been more powerful in the most westerly county of England than in the midland counties, because it has been more remote, because the great highways of national industry and traffic have not run through it. . . . The situation with which Dr. Benson had to deal, on his consecration as Bishop of Truro, required great tact and firmness. The Cornish clergy, though by no means deficient in many of the qualities that the Church rigidly values in her ministers, had not,

on account of their geographical position, been brought into contact with those agencies which are calculated to develop the best and wisest pastoral and parochial efforts. Dr. Benson, in fact found that his diocese called for vigorous activity in every part. On the other hand, he saw that if Cornish non-conformity was to be won over to the Church, the tactics it was incumbent on him to adopt were those of caution and conciliation. The Primate elect may claim the distinction of having exactly comprehended the facts of the situation. The record of his administration of the diocese of Truro, may be summed up in a few words. He inspired a fresh spirit of activity into his clergy, he did not alienate, directly or indirectly, a single dissenter. The result is, that whereas the Church in Cornwall was weak and distressed six years ago, it is now strong and popular. The Church of England has a hold upon the people of Cornwall at the present time that she never possessed before. This fact constitutes sufficient proof that Dr. Benson is endowed with this prime attribute, which should belong to the Primate of all England."

### Home & Foreign Church News.

From our own Correspondents.

#### DOMINION.

##### NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHNS.—A peal of bells, from Trinity College, lately arrived at St. Johns. The aggregate weight of the bells is 10,340 lbs. They were made by Mears & Stainback, London, and bear the inscription: "In Memoriam; the Loyalists of 1783." The hours, half and quarter hours, will be struck, with clock-work for motive power, with probably hymns at noon and other hours of the day.

#### QUEBEC.

##### THE MEETING OF THE SYNOD—(CONTINUED).

The chief resolutions discussed and adopted, were the following:—

Moved by Rev. Charles Hamilton, seconded by Rev. Dr. Lobley—That a Committee of Synod be appointed to correspond with the "Anglo-Continental Society," and to take such steps as may seem to them most judicious and practical for circulating that information which this Society aims at disseminating concerning the Reformation of the Church of England, and the principles upon which she acted in denying the supremacy of the Popes of Rome, while she continued to be what she had been from the beginning, the Catholic Apostolic Church of England.

Moved by Rev. Robert Ker, seconded by Rev. Chas. Hamilton—That a Committee of this Synod be appointed to take such steps as may be deemed necessary to counteract as far as possible the widespread infidelity and rationalism and to furnish our people with literature dealing with doubts and peculiar to our times, and tending to build up our people in the principles of our Church.

##### EASTERN TOWNSHIPS COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

The Committee on the Eastern Townships Colonization Society beg to report as follows:—

They have made a careful examination of the constitution of the said Society, and of the circular prepared by the said Society for issue. They find that the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion have undertaken to publish this circular as an appendix to their pamphlet on the Eastern Townships; and that the project of the Society has been approved by the Quebec Government. The Committee are of opinion that the objects aimed at by the Society being such as are likely to benefit the Church in this Diocese by the settlement of Church families from the United Kingdom, are worthy of encouragement by the Synod.

Therefore the Committee recommend as follows:—

1. That the Synod do approve of the action of the said Society, and that individual members of the Synod, as well as members of the Church generally, be invited to aid in the work of the said Society.

2. That the Lord Bishop be respectfully requested on behalf of the Synod to make known the object of the Society, the great Missionary Societies of the Church and the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, urging on them the desirability of using their best endeavours to have the Dominion Government pamphlet on the Eastern Townships,

with the said Society's circular, placed in the hands of the clergy of the United Kingdom for distribution in their parishes.

That the Lord Bishop be asked further to recommend that the clergymen of the United Kingdom grant letters to emigrants from their parishes, addressed to the officers of the said Society or to any of the clergy of the Eastern townships, recommending such emigrants to their care, and inviting them to aid them by their local experience in the selection of farms, and as to the price of land in their several districts. Such letters should, as far as possible, be not mere formal letters, but should indicate the circumstances and wants of each emigrant.

Then followed reports of the Corporation of Compton Ladies' College, read by Rev. Dr. Roe, and of the Principal, Rev. J. Dinsey, read by himself.

The chief speakers during the morning were Rev. C. Hamilton, Dr. Roe, Dr. Lobley, Isaac Brock, Ernest King, J. Debbage, A. Von Iffland, T. Chapman, G. V. Housman, Mr. Morris, and Dr. Heneker.

##### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Charnock, seconded by Dr. Heneker, moved and carried a motion with a view to holding the Harvest Thanksgiving festival in September or the beginning of October.

Moved by Rev. Principal Lobley, seconded by Rev. C. Hamilton, "That the Lord Bishop of the Diocese be requested to direct that every clergyman having care of souls within the diocese, shall make one annual collection in each of his congregations for the next three years, in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of the Diocese of Algoma."—Carried.

A memorial was presented from the Rural Deanery of Gaspé on the subject of endowments, when it was moved by Mr. M. M. Fothergill, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wurtele, "That Canon xii be amended by adding after the word proviso the words 'or missionaries in charge of missions whose endowment funds shall have been begun during their incumbency and shall have reached the sum which yields \$250 per annum interest.'"—Carried.

Moved by D. Heneker, seconded by Rev. Dr. Roe, "That the members of the Synod desire to express their deep regret at the absence, for the first time from the sessions of the Synod of Mr. H. S. Scott, and their heartfelt sympathy with him in his illness which has kept him from being among us; and their desire to assure Mr. Scott of their prayers that he may soon be restored to his former health and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Scott."—Carried unanimously.

The Rev. Principal Lobley, seconded by Dr. Heneker, introduced a motion on the subject of selecting candidates for the Sacred Ministry to be trained at the University of Bishop's College. After discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

The following clergymen were elected delegates to the Provincial Synod:—Revs. C. Hamilton, Principal Lobley, M. M. Fothergill, G. V. Housman, A. A. Von Iffland, F. J. B. Allnott, I. Brock, A. C. Scarth, J. Foster, Dr. Roe, C. W. Rawson, Dr. Reid.

The following were the Lay delegates to the Provincial Synod:—Messrs. R. Hamilton, R. W. Heneker, J. Dunbar, H. S. Scott, J. B. Forsyth, the Hon. G. Irvine, G. J. Hemming, Hon. H. G. Joly, W. H. Carter, Col. Ready, C. Judge, and L. E. Morris.

The Synod then adjourned.

##### THIRD DAY.

The Synod reassembled at ten o'clock.

After the routine business the Rev. Dr. Roe submitted the report of the Compton Ladies' College. This institution has been steadily gaining ground during the past few years.

The following were declared elected as clerical substitutes to Provincial Synod:—Revs. H. J. Petry, G. H. Parker, G. Richardson, I. Thompson, J. H. Jenkins and A. J. Balfour, together with Messrs. F. A. Andrews, H. J. Patton, Walton Smith, James Patton, R. Campbell and Geo. Lampson as lay substitutes.

The Treasurer's report was adopted.

Rev. C. Hamilton, seconded by Rev. Principal Lobley, moved to amend Canon XIV by inserting an additional section after section 11,—as follows: "Provided that it shall be lawful for the Bishop, when he shall have nominated five clergymen, to notify the Board of Concurrence that he does not propose to submit any additional names, and the appointment if not made within three months from the date of this notification by the Board of Concurrence among the five names submitted shall vest absolutely in the Bishop."

An amendment was offered by Mr. Morris, giving the right of nomination to the vestry.

Both the amendment and the original motion were lost.

The Rev. C. Hamilton, seconded by Dr. Marsden, moved and carried a committee composed of the Lord Bishop, Rev. M. M. Fothergill, and Captain Carter, who shall revise the present forms of reports on Church statistics.