

### The Diocesan Synod.

We published in our last issue an account of the Opening Service, and the Bishop's Address in extenso. We now give an abstract of the business done at the subsequent Sessions.

At the Afternoon Session of Tuesday, May 28th, Notices of Motion were the first order, after which the next item of business was the presentation of Reports of Committees, Colleges, etc.

The Report of the Committee on the Inter-marriage of members of the Church with those of other religious bodies was an extremely interesting one, and showed that though the Church sustained some loss from this cause, yet its gain from the same was very much greater. The Committee held that careful instruction and catechising of the young, and sound teaching should in time remedy the evil.

The presentation of the Report on Bishop's College, Lennoxville, was deferred until next day owing to the death of Mr. Edward Chapman, late Registrar and Bursar of the College.

The Report concerning Compton Ladies' College was presented by Canon Thorneloe and was a very satisfactory statement, showing that although the College had been in exceedingly trying circumstances this year, yet the deficit would be very small. It also showed that the debt on the College had recently been half cleared off, and that, as an educational Institution, it was very successful and stood deservedly high in public opinion.

The amendments to the Constitution moved by J. Dunbar, Esq., Q.C., and seconded by the Very Rev. Dean Norman, were next taken up.

Article I was amended by adding the following; "Provided that in the elections of Clerical and Lay Delegates to the General and Provincial Synods it shall suffice that the elections be made by each order respectively, no concurrence of the Laity in the Clerical choice, nor concurrence of the Clergy in the Lay choice being necessary to the validity of such elections."

While the next amendment was under discussion, the meeting adjourned until 10 A.M. the following morning.

On Wednesday morning, the Report of the Treasurer, Colonel Rolt White, was

received and showed a handsome balance in hand.

The Morning Session was occupied to a great extent by speeches relating to the recent and very much lamented death of Edward Chapman, late Bursar of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. Hon. Judge Irvine, Lieut.-Colonel Forsyth and Mr. Henry Elkins paid very feeling and eloquent tributes to the memory of their departed friend and master, dwelling with a loving, lingering retrospect on the memory of him, who had shown to them, as boys, every kindness and consideration from the fullness of his great and gentle heart.

The Synod then proceeded to again take up the amendment to its Constitution moved by Dr. Heneker and seconded by the Very Rev. the Dean of Quebec. Before doing so, however, John Hamilton, Esq., made a motion, which was at once carried, limiting any speaker in a debate, outside of the mover of a main motion, to five minutes' time.

The amendments to Article III. then came up for consideration, and Mr. R. Campbell moved a further amendment to them, which was lost, proposing to change the elections of Delegates to Synod from triennial to biennial. The main amendment, after short discussion, was adopted. The Article as amended reads as follows:—

Article 3.—The Lay representatives shall be male Communicants of at least one year's standing, of the full age of twenty-one years, and shall be elected triennially at the Easter meetings, or at any vestry meetings, specially called for such purpose by Incumbents, after due notice on two Sundays, and held by each minister having a separate cure of souls. The said triennial elections shall be computed from the Easter election in 1866, and should their be no Incumbent in charge at the time, the meetings may be called and due notice given by the Curate or Assistant Minister, or the Senior Church-Warden, in the order in which they are here named; and all laymen within the cure, of twenty-one years of age and upward, entitled by the laws now in force, or by any Canon of the Synod to be hereafter made, to vote at such vestry meeting, who shall have declared themselves in writing, at such meeting, to be "members of the Church of England in Canada, and to belong to no other religious denomination," shall have the right of voting at the election; but no represent-