

which, of course, had been accepted; but he suggested that for the future, such grants should be declined, and an effort made to send an annual contribution to the funds of the venerable society. The suggestion met with the hearty approval of the meeting.

The *Diaconate* was then discussed, and a general agreement with the opinions of the Rev. J. Carroll's paper expressed.

The Bishop at the close, referred to the Canon on Deacons, passed at the last Provincial Synod by the House of Bishops, and now waiting confirmation in the Lower House. He also expressed his opinion in favour of ordaining Deacons at twenty-one years of age; thus giving three years of probation, before obtaining the order of Priesthood.

*The Desirability of Restoring the Discipline of the Church*, next engaged attention: opinions were generally expressed in favour of such restoration, as far as practicable.

The next subject on the Paper was *The Offertory, &c.*, which, however, had been disposed of under "*Free Churches*."

*The Proper Observance of the Lord's Day*. This subject was postponed.

*The Separate School System*, as advocated by Rev. R. Lewis, was briefly considered. His Lordship, in remarking on the expressed views of some of the Clergy, said that he thought they had not changed their minds as to its advisability, but considered it impossible to carry out the system under existing circumstances.

In the absence of Rev. H. Wilson, the subject of *Closer Spiritual Intercourse between the Clergyman and the several souls under his charge*, was passed over.

Rev. L. Stannage's paper on *The Need of Authority in the Church as well as in the State*, was then briefly discussed; and this concluded the regular business of the Conference.

Moved by Rev. J. Burke, seconded by Rev. F. Kirkpatrick, and resolved:

That the Clergy assembled at the Visitation, desire to express their cordial thanks for the kind reception and hospitality they have received during their stay in Ottawa on the present