

moved, seconded by the Rev. Canon DuVernet, "That a committee be appointed to report whether the expenses of the Synod should continue to be charged to the Mission Fund, and whether each fund shall be charged in proportion to the amount of its management."

The motion was then put and adopted by unanimous consent.

The Rev. R. Lindsay moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Works of Mercy, seconded by the Rev. Canon Norman. Carried.

Moved by the Rev. F. Robinson, "That in clause 1 of the rules and by-laws for the administration of the property, missions and other trusts and duties of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Montreal, all words between the word 'Committee' in the second line and the words 'and such committee,' in the sixth line, be struck out and the following substituted, viz.: 'of the whole Synod assembled for that purpose in executive session only, to be called when so assembled the executive committee.'"

Moved in amendment by Mr. Leo Davidson, seconded by the Rev. Canon Norman, "That consideration of the motion be deferred, and that it remain over to be placed upon the order of business for next year's Synod."

The Rev. Mr. Robertson accepted the amendment, which was agreed to.

The Rev. Canon DuVernet, seconded by the Rev. William Jones, "That, should every clergyman, who has been a regular subscriber to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, find it necessary, from insufficient support or other causes, to remove to any other diocese within the Dominion, such clergyman shall not lose his interest in the said fund, provided he continues his subscription, and provided the diocese to which he has removed accords similar privileges."

It was agreed that this motion be referred to the executive committee.

Moved by Mr. Macrae, Q. C. seconded by the Rev. Canon Norman, "That in view of the differences of opinion with regard to the position and office of Metropolitan and the divergent positions taken by the Provincial Synod, and the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal respectively, and for the guidance of the Synod in further action the whole case be submitted to eminent legal counsel in England in order to obtain an opinion as to whether by the recent action of the Provincial Synod with regard to the election and office of the Metropolitan—the letters patent from the Crown appointing the Metropolitan and constituting Montreal the Metropolitan See of Canada have ceased to have force or effect, and that the Chancellor, Messrs. Edward Carter, Q. C., and L. H. Davidson be a committee to prepare the case to be submitted to counsel through the chairman of this Synod."

Mr. Macrae held that in view of the canon passed by the Provincial Synod relative to the Metropolitan, and which the Synod refused to recognize by an opposite motion passed by a large majority his motion was the only one to regulate existing difficulties. He called attention to the difference of opinion between the Chancellor and Mr. Carter and Messrs. Abbott and Badgley and supposed the case of a Bishop elected from England to be Metropolitan, and after his election finding himself face to face with another authority which told him he was not Metropolitan. He believed the submission of the matter to the best authority in England preferable to testing it before the courts, which he believed would be a scandal.

The Rev. Canon Norman seconded the motion, believing that they might reach some more satisfactory means of solving the difficulty in the discussion it would involve.

Mr. C. J. Brydges opposed the motion for the reason that there were no funds to pay for an opinion, because when it had been received it would leave them precisely where they were before. Besides how could it be said the Synod would accept the opinion when given? An opinion from Messrs. Abbott and Badgley, two most eminent lawyers in the Dominion, had been given to the Synod a day or two ago and the Synod disregarded it. A legal opinion would not settle the question at all. He believed they could not get a legal opinion such as they would listen to short of £250, and would like to know where the mover was to be found.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. J. Constantine, seconded by the Rev. J. Fulton:—That in view of the divergent legislation between the Provincial Synod, and the Synod of Montreal in regard to the Metropolitan of Canada, this Synod do solicit from the law officers of the Crown of England, through his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, an opinion as to the present validity and force of the amended letters patent [in virtue of which the Bishop of Montreal and his successors, the Bishop thereof for the time being, is constituted the Metropolitan, and Montreal the Metropolitan See, in view of the action of the Provincial Synod] in virtue of which Montreal was constituted the Metropolitan See of Canada. 2.—And with a view to giving practical effect to this motion a committee be appointed to formulate the case and to forward it to the Metropolitan: such committee to be as mentioned in the main motion. 3.—That the Metropolitan be requested to communicate such opinion of the law officers of the Crown of this Diocese as soon as he may conveniently be able.

Mr. Macrae accepted the motion of amendment, and a motion was made by Mr. Carter, being the insertion of the clause between brackets as above in place of the succeeding lines at the end of the paragraph.

A long discussion ensued and the motion having been at length put was declared lost.

A motion by the Rev. F. Allan, for the appointment of a clerical secretary at a salary not more than \$1,400, and not less than \$1,000 per annum for the purpose of organizing systematic contributions was put and lost.

Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas moved the official recognition of Mrs. Simpson's labours in the mission field of Algoma, and the appointment of the following committee with whom the lady may confer, said committee to report in writing to the next meeting of the Synod:—The Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, the Rev. Canons Baldwin and Norman, the Rev. R. Lindsay, the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, the Rev. J. P. Dumoulin, the Rev. C. A. Daniel, Messrs. Leo H. Davidson, J. H. Pangman, D. R. McCord, C. G. Geddes, C. J. Brydges, Thomas White, the Rev. Wm. Craig the Rev. S. Belcher, and the mover, carried unanimously.

The Rev. J. B. Davidson, seconded by the Rev. R. Lindsay, moved for a special committee to find out the present condition of the endowment fund and for a statement of the expenses of the See House. Carried, the committee on Synod expenses being charged with the duty.

Rev. Canon Anderson moved, seconded by the Rev. Canon Baldwin, That this Synod desires to place on record and to convey to the family of the late Rev. Robert Phelps, recently deceased in England and formerly employed in the ministry in the Diocese of Montreal, its expression of deepest sympathy and regret at the loss to the Church of God and to his own family of a brother beloved for his faithfulness, devotedness and zeal. Carried by a rising vote.

Thanks were then given to the *Witness* and *Star*, the railway companies, the Dean as Chairman and the Rev. Mr. Empson as secretary, and the Ven. Archdeacon Lonsdell; and thus closed the Nineteenth Synod with the benediction.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL.—The Rev. Canon Baldwin leaves Montreal on the 29th inst., on a visit to Europe. He has been presented by some members of his congregation with a purse containing \$500. The Rev. Prof. Halpin of London, Ont., and Rev. Henry W. Waters, will officiate in the Cathedral during his absence.

MONTREAL.—The ladies of St. Luke's Church gave a strawberry festival on Tuesday, the 11th inst., in the basement of the church, which was largely attended. In addition to the refreshments provided, vocal and instrumental music served to enliven the proceedings. Mrs. Thornloe charmed the audience by the thoroughly artistic manner in which she sang. Mrs. Calcott, Miss Lorier, and Messrs. John Kirkup and J. Trotter, also sang solos, which were thoroughly appreciated and warmly applauded. The programme was further diversified by violin solos by Mr. T. C. Stratton, and a piano solo, and two quintettes by other

friends. The tables which were tastefully arranged with useful articles were liberally patronized, and in every particular the festival was a decided success.

St. John the Evangelist.—The new church was formally opened on Sunday. At the "service of dedication" quite a large congregation was assembled, the officiating clergymen being the Rev. Edmund Wood; the Rev. A. C. Daniel, and the Rev. Dr. Hall, of the Church of the Advent, Boston. The sermon was preached by the latter, his text being taken from the 22nd verse of the 21st chapter of the Book of Revelation—"I saw no temple therein."

The Rev. preacher spoke substantially as follows:—How very strange do these words sound, occurring, as they do, in the midst of such a glowing description of the heavenly city. In the midst of a description of the greatness of its glory, the amplitude of its dimensions and its security, he says: "I saw no temple therein." How disappointing these words sound at the first hearing. How strange would you think it if some traveler were to tell you of a wonderful foreign city, of the magnificence of its streets, the amplitude of its borders, the greatness of its commerce, and the vast extent of its learning, and yet he were to add: "I saw no temple therein." You, as citizens of this place, would think it more disappointing because of the number of spires that adorn your city, and of the number of places where the God of Heaven is worshiped in lowly reverence. We almost confess to a feeling of disappointment when we read that there is no temple of prayer and praise in that heavenly city. But this is one of those instances where God's goodness far exceeds all we had dared to anticipate or even to imagine, for reading on in the same verse we find the "Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it"—no one place set apart as holy, for into it nothing that defiles can ever enter, and it is all one temple Holy unto the Lord. One unending song of praise resounds there. Not only the Lord God Almighty is the temple of it, but also the Lamb. The glory of God is revealed in the face of Jesus Christ, and all the powers of Heaven gain a new vision of the glory of God through the manifestation of his perfections in a created nature. The presence of the Almighty constitutes the blessedness and sanctity of that temple, but the Lamb Himself is the Temple. There is no temple which can contain God except the humanity of Jesus Christ, and of this temple the saints themselves are lay members. It is built not of lifeless stones as this temple which we dedicate to-day, but the saints are like living stones in its formation. This is the antitype which all our mortal temples are intended to symbolize. See that you lift up your hearts and let the services of this place remind you of that holy temple of which we ourselves form a part. Into it we are already built—gathered in baptism into the body of the incarnate Son, that the Spirit of God may dwell within us. That temple is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone. This spiritual temple is the antitype of the Jewish temple erected by Solomon. David was not allowed by the Lord to build it, for he had raised his hand in war, but Solomon built it. David sets forth our blessed Lord in the days of our pilgrimage, but Solomon sets forth our Lord risen, and reigning in peace upon his throne, distributing gifts of wisdom to his children. This temple rests not upon earth, like the tower of Babel rising from the earth, but it descends from Heaven toward the earth, as John says of the holy city of Jerusalem. In Solomon's temple the materials were all prepared at the quarry and in the forests before being brought to their places in the temple. So for the holy temple of the Lord, the stones are here fashioned, here they are prepared, chiseled and made ready, and there in the unseen world they are noiselessly laid in their places. When the last stone is laid in that fabric, then shall the Holy City come down from God out of Heaven. You are not to look for the perfection of the Church on earth. Here you see it only in the stone mason's yard. From the stones of which this temple is built, much has been cut away. Much more must be cut away from the stones of our hearts before they will be ready for their places in the temple of the Lord. Solomon, in building